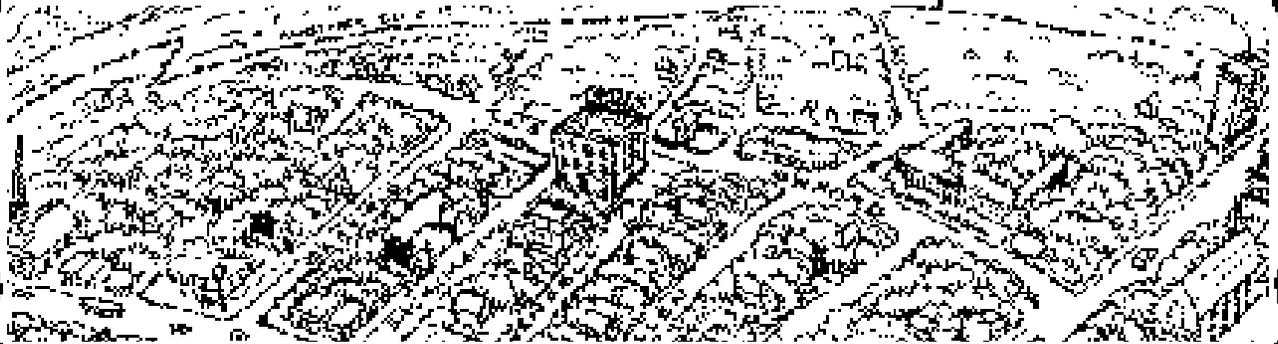


April 2002



Newsletter of the Agassiz Neighborhood Council

As *The Whistler* went to press, the ANC Board of Directors slate of candidates was not finalized. If you are interested in receiving that information prior to publication in the *May Whistler*, contact Terry DeLancey: (617)349-6287x17 or tdelancey@agassiz.org, and the information will be provided to you as soon as it is available. The slate will be voted on at the May 21 Annual Meeting,

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Notes from the March 19 ANC Meeting

Joan Squeri, ANC Chairperson opened the meeting and turned it over to Willie Bloomstein who introduced David Maher, Chair of the City's Council's New Town-Gown Committee, and Henrietta Davis, Vice Chair. They explained that the Town-Gown has yet not begun to work on issues. The committee has been created to better University-Cambridge City Council relations.

They begin with four points:

- Neighborhood protection
- Tax payments
- Development issues
- Improving communication between all parties

Councilor Maher said that the City is concerned with protecting neighborhoods and community interests, and noted that the Universities make the city great. It is important to get all councilors in agreement in order to proceed and the universities must be brought to the discussion table. This includes all the universities and colleges, not only Harvard.

Roberta Miller is a facilitator (and former Watertown city official) who has been brought in to prioritize issues and to decide how to best involve all parties.

Councillor Maher believes it is the city council's responsibility to develop a process that insures Harvard takes the issues to the City Council and now work around them.

The first meeting of the new committee will be facilitated and will include the council and community, not the Universities. This will allow the council to review resident's issues. Two weeks later, another meeting will be held that will add the universities to the discussion of a two year plan.

Councillor Davis said that the process needs to and will include the community in the initial phases. She said that the agenda is still to be determined, and the committee is still discussing how to go about it.

Councillor Davis emphasized better communication, long-term planning, fair taxing and cooperative ventures. She said she would like to hear from residents on what they believe the priorities should be and what the important issues are.

Harvard makes a \$2 million payment to the City in lieu of taxes through a special agreement.(If they paid taxes, it would be \$25M.) There is no similar agreement with Lesley University, MIT or Cambridge College.

Councillor Maher would like to hear the University point of view on what should be done to improve neighborhoods.

Willie Bloomstein thanked the City Councillors and presented them with a packet from The Agassiz Committee on the Impact of Development (A.C.I.D.) that provides a statement of purpose and other information on the issues of Harvard expansion in the North Campus. These packets were also available to attendees. He asked Councillors Maher and Davis to please deliver a packet to each City Councillor. Bloomstein said that Cambridge Public Library will be used as a public depository of information on these issues for all of Cambridge.

Bloomstein said that he believes Harvard has truly stepped up to the plate in working with ACID and the ANC. He thinks that positive things have already come from Harvard and

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Next Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Agassiz School Dining Hall

28 Sacramento Street Entrance

Agenda:

Cambridge Police Sector Sergeant Tim Boyle

will discuss crime and safety in Agassiz neighborhood

Lesley University in Porter Square

Representatives will be in attendance to discuss potential Porter Square development including the possible relocation of the Arts Institute of Boston (AIB) to Porter Square. (AIB, acquired by Lesley University last year, is

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Alden Tot Lot Maintenance Done

ANC contacted the Department of Public Works with a list of repairs that Agassiz Afterschool teachers had developed. The repairs for the playground, located at Oxford and Sacramento Streets, included safety concerns. The next day, all the repairs on the list were corrected. A big thank you to **Joe Kovalyan and Greg Garber** (and **Annette Rodibaugh** in the Commissioner's office) for your fast action on all of our requests. (Another list was more recently sent listing concerns at the small tot lot on Sacramento Field.)

The large slide that has been removed will not be fixed since the company does not supply it anymore. The Alden Tot Lot is scheduled for a complete overhaul, and it is expected that planning can begin this fall. *The Whistler* will keep you informed on the planning process.

NOTE TO TOT LOT USERS: Please let the DPW know when you discover that something is broken or dangerous. The ANC will be happy to follow-up on these calls. The phone number is posted on the signs at the entrance.

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Street Cleaning Begins in April

Street cleaning will begin again this year in April. Check the signs on your street to see what days sweeping begins so your car does not get towed. For many Agassiz residents, the first sweep is scheduled for the third Monday, April 15. Due to the Patriot's Day holiday, that sweep will be postponed until Monday, April 29.

Traditionally, a high number of cars get towed, especially during the first week because residents forget or are not aware that street cleaning has begun. As an additional reminder the Police Department's Reverse 911 computer system will call every residential phone in each of the 10 sweeping districts with a recorded message a day or two in advance of street cleaning in their area.

Yard Waste Collection Begins in April

Beginning the week of April 1, leaves, grass, plants, shrub prunings, small twigs and branches (thinner than your thumb and shorter than your arm) must be placed at the curb by 7a.m. the day of your trash pick up, separate from your regular trash.

Please place yard waste in 30-gallon paper bags (available at most supermarkets and hardware stores) or in barrels labeled with city issued yard waste stickers (with labels facing the street). Small twigs and branches can be bundled with string. Call 617-349-4800 to have free yard waste stickers mailed to your home. Please do not use plastic bags, they will not be collected.

Nominate a GoGreen Business Award Candidate

If a business that you know makes an outstanding effort to eliminate solid waste, improve air quality, or reduce traffic congestion, please consider submitting a Go Green Award nomination for them. City Manager Robert Healy says "The GoGreen Award is an excellent way of recognizing Cambridge businesses for their efforts to preserve the environment and quality of life in Cambridge." The deadline for submitting nominations is April 19, and awards will be part of GoGreen Month, Cambridge's annual May celebration to promote environmental awareness and action.

Call Lisa Damon at (617)349-4866 for nomination forms or more information. More information can be found at: <www.ci.cambridge.ma.us/gogreenaward.html>.

Rabies Vaccination Clinic April 6

The Cambridge Animal Commission will be sponsoring its annual Rabies Vaccination Clinic - DOGS ONLY (and they must be leashed) on April 6, at the Department of Public Works, 147 Hampshire Street, from 1-4 p.m. The cost is \$5 per dog.

This vaccination could be good for 1 or 3 years depending on your dogs' last rabies vaccination, so please bring the most recent rabies vaccination certificate to the clinic. Otherwise, the vaccination given at the clinic will be good for 1 year.

Dog licenses for the year 2002 will be available and Micro chipping will also be available for a reduced fee. Contact the Animal Commission for further information 617-349-4376.

Cambridge School Volunteers (CSV) Seeks Help

CSV needs people to work in Cambridge Public Schools from kindergarten through grade 12. Volunteers serve in many roles and departments of the Cambridge schools. They have helped thousands of Cambridge students with language arts, math, science, ESL, and other basic subjects, and with art, music, computer education and enrichment activities.

CSV provide a Tutoring Center at the high school, an Intergenerational Literacy and an Intergenerational Math Program, and they staff a citywide Elementary School After-School Learning Center Program.

Tutors, especially in math and science, are always needed, and teaching experience is not required to volunteer. CSV asks for a "minimal" commitment of 1.5 to 2 hours per week during the school year. Tutor one-on-one once or twice a week during the school year and participate in a remarkable learning opportunity.

Call Cambridge School Volunteers at (617)349-6794 or e-mailing: <CSV@cps.ci.cambridge.ma.us> for information or see our web site at <www.CSVinc.org>.

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Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Day
Saturday, April 20, 2002
9:00AM to 1:00PM
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The City of Cambridge will be sponsoring household hazardous waste (HHW) collections on Saturday, April 20, June 22, September 21 and November 2, 2002. The drop off area for hazardous waste is located in the back yard of the Concord Avenue Armory (450 Concord Avenue). For more information or questions, please call the Recycling Hotline/HHW Info Mailbox at (617) 349-4005 or the Cambridge Department of Public Works at (617) 349-4800.

What to Bring!

- Adhesives & Glues
- Oil-based and Latex Paints
- Solvents & Varnishes
- Propane Cylinders
(20 Lb or less)
- Kerosene/Gasoline
- Antifreeze
- Engine Degreaser
- Brake Fluid
- Transmission Fluid
- Poisons/ Insecticides
- Weed Killers
- Wood Preservatives
- Fiberglass Resins
- Hobby Supplies/Art Supplies
- Photo Chemicals
- Chemistry Sets
- Cleaners/Spot Removers
- Swimming Pool Chemicals
- Automobile tires
(max 4 per household)
- Fluorescent Light Bulbs

What Not to Bring!!

- Asbestos
Requires special disposal)
- Smoke Detectors
(Throw in trash)
- Compressed Gas Cylinders
- Ammunition, Fireworks,
Explosives (Call Cambridge
Police at 349-3300)
- Prescription Medicines
(Discard w/container)
- Syringes
- Commercial/Industrial Waste
- Infectious or Biological Waste
- Chlorine Bleach, Ammonia
- Radioactive Waste
- Fire Extinguishers
- Household Cleaners
- Empty Aerosol Cans
- BBQ Grill Gas Tanks

To Ensure Safety, Please:

- Tighten caps and lids
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**The Middle-East Conflict
 in Context: A Forum**

6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 10, 2002
**Marran Theater at Lesley
 University**

Jo-Anne Hart

Specialist in Middle Eastern Politics
 Professor, Technology in Education
 Lesley University

Rami Khouri, Journalist

Nieman Fellow, Harvard University

Denis Sullivan Professor,
 Political Science
 Northeastern University

Paul Fideler, Moderator
 Professor, Humanities Program
 Lesley University

Lesley Purchases Building in Porter Square

Paul Karoff, from Lesley University, has informed the ANC and members of the recently reconvened Lesley-Agassiz planning committee that Lesley has purchased a new building at 815 Somerville Ave. in the Porter Square area. This three-story, commercial building sits adjacent to the building in which Pizzeria Uno is located. It was rebuilt several years ago in the previous location of Putnam Furniture.

It is Lesley's intent to maintain the property as commercial rental for at least the next few years, and issues are currently under negotiation. Lesley leases about the same amount of space in the lower level of the adjacent galleria building. When that lease expires in 2006, Lesley expects to swap leased office space for owned space. Lesley sees this as a strategic purchase, given that the low availability of new space in and around Porter Square where Lesley already has critical mass (Porter Exchange and Mass Ave. building lots).

The property was brought to Lesley's attention unexpectedly. It was not part of the long-range facilities planning process that was begun earlier in the school year with Agassiz residents and officials from the City of Cambridge.

Marketing research is currently underway to ascertain the viability of relocating Lesley's art school, the Art Institute of Boston (AIB), from its current Kenmore Square location to Cambridge. The loss of part of AIB's current space in Boston has forced Lesley to consider a new location. The market research will help Lesley learn if Cambridge would work from a student recruitment and retention perspective. Depending on the results of that research, Lesley will begin evaluating potential development options available to house AIB as well as to address Lesley's other identified facilities needs.

Come to the April ANC Meeting on April 23 at 7:30 pm in the Agassiz School Dining Hall, when Lesley should have the results of their marketing survey. Lesley representatives will then provide more information on



Maud Morgan Visual Arts Center News

Later this month a new edition of the Maud Morgan Visual Arts Center newsletter will be published to provide an update on the many important things that have already happened and the exciting things that are being planned.

If you have not received our past newsletters, and you would like to receive future editions, please contact us at maudmorganarts@agassiz.org or call Jonathan



Moms and babies relax together

Babies Groups

You can join one of our free baby and toddler groups any time and enjoy a friendly play space with your child. You'll have an opportunity to chat with other parents and make new friends. Everyone from any neighborhood with children from birth through two years nine months are welcome. Each baby must be accompanied by a parent or caretaker. Siblings of the appropriate age are also welcome.

The groups meet in North Hall which is located at 1651 Mass. Ave. (the corner of Wendell Street and Mass. Avenue). Call Jenna Webster, Administrative Director at 617 349-6287x19 for more information on group meeting times or for other information. Groups are co-ordinated by Emily Winston.



Agassiz Community

OUTBACK SUMMER PROGRAM

DON'T MISS OUT! REGISTER NOW FOR SUMMER

The Outback Summer Camp has been part of ANC programs for thirty years. Children entering first through entering sixth grade can enjoy summer fun by the week, up to eight weeks in all. The program runs from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm with an option until 5:30 pm. Activities include drama, dance, arts, sports and more with weekly special events and weekly bus trips to beaches and other summer destinations.

FALL PROGRAMS

Registration is now going on for Agassiz Afterschool and Sacramento Street Preschool. The Directors will be happy to send you a brochure, schedule a tour and answer any questions you may have about our well-run programs.

For Sacramento Street Preschool, contact Diane DiMaina at (617)349-6287x11 or email ddimaina@agassiz.org. For Agassiz Afterschool or Outback Summer Program, contact Dawn Brown at (617)349-6287x10 or email her at dbrown@agassiz.org.

More information on our children's programs (and more about the ANC and its activities) can be found at our website: www.agassiz.org/childrensprogram.html.

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Joint ANC Agassiz School PTO Meeting April 10

Join interested people on Wednesday, April 10th to hear a panel present information regarding Harvard University's development plans for North Campus (beginning at Hammond St., just a few blocks down Oxford Street from the Agassiz School).

This meeting will offer the Agassiz school community information on the impact of the proposed construction. One important concern in the neighborhood has been the decommissioning of the cyclotron building. Other issues of concern include traffic, noise and safety/health. Refreshments and child care will be provided. This meeting is being co-sponsored by the Agassiz Neighborhood Council.

Contact Parent Liaison Mark Kelsey for more information. Email: Mark_Kelsey@cps.ci.cambridge.ma.us or call 617-349-4377.

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Sacramento Street Gallery presents "A Chair With a View" Photographs by Mary Violette

On view now weekdays 9am-5pm through April 19. Artist's Reception Saturday, April 6th from 5-8pm

Peering into one of Violette's photographs, one enters into the world of dream scape. The places look familiar – a lake, the seashore, an apple tree in autumn – but one is quickly taken into a place inhabited by symbols or even the surreal. In one black and white image, for instance, a chair floats mysteriously on the surface of a pond. It is only after the viewer delights in the magic of this that one begins to wonder how the chair landed there in the first place.

Violette's chair project began in 1999. At first she placed her own chairs into the landscape. After she found a discarded and broken chair on the street in Cambridge, the chair as found-object and ultimate framing device became the subject of her work.

Mary Violette teaches The History of Photography at Emerson College. Her work has been influenced by Arno Minkinen, Frank Gohlke, Barbara Norfleet, Jack Lueders-Booth, and Jane Tuckerman.



AT THE SACRAMENTO STREET GALLERY APRIL 26-MAY 21

NoCa: Art from a Cambridge Neighborhood OPENING APRIL 26th from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Work by: James Banks, David Borrus, Marci Davis, Catherine Ezell, Jennifer Fuchel, John Heymann, Janet Hobbs, Kathy Jenkins, Daniel Kamman, Vicki Kocher Paret, Joan McCandish, K.D. Mernin, Jeannie Motherwell, Kaz Naganuma, Donald Quincy, Deborah Silverstein, and James Zell. NoCa Arts will be holding their **Fifth Annual All Arts Open Studios on May 4 and 5** where more than 20 artists will open their doors to

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to life. Sponges, mops, and even garbage cans are transformed into all the characters and settings of the show: toilet bowl scrubbers become a forest, a sopping sponge becomes an enchanted frog. A Washington Post critic has written of Foerder: "Foerder is gentle with his young audience, but raucous in his invention...his puppetry for children is...creatively complex, as the puppeteer reveals the potential transformation of each ordinary object. 'Grimy' implies that the whole physical world is full of hidden potential yet also--disturbingly--unstable, deceptive, not what it seems." For more on the puppetry of Preston Foerder check out:

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Judy Kramer



Karen Aqua, "Nine Lives" animation

Culture for Kids at Club Passim

On April 16th from 3:30-5:30 pm Club Passim will present Bulgaria with the Shadow Puppeteers of the Luna Theater. Children will make puppets and help prepare a traditional Bulgarian meal. At 47 Palmer Street in Harvard Square. Call Laura at (617)491-2382 for reservations or information.

Súgán Theater Company Presents *The Molly Maguires*

Súgán Theater, bringing the best of contemporary Irish and Celtic plays to Boston, presents *The Molly Maguires* by Jon Lipskey from April 4-20. The show chronicles how one family, caught in the middle of the labor wars, is forced to choose between ties of blood and vows of honor. All performances are at the Boston Center for the Arts, 539 Tremont Street, Boston. For information call (617) 497-5134.

Ford Hall Forum Presents Noam Chomsky

On April 23 at 6:30 p.m. Noam Chomsky will speak on "The Emerging Framework of World Power" in the Blackman Auditorium, Ell Hall, Northeastern University. This is the nations oldest free public lecture series. For more information call Tom Formicola at (617)373-5800.

Harvard Celebrates 30 Years of Jazz

An event will be held in Sanders Theater at 45 Quincy Street on April 6 at 8 pm. "Mood Crimson: 30 Years of Jazz at Harvard" will showcase a broad range of compositions, arrangements, and orchestrations commissioned over the years for the Harvard Jazz Band. \$12 for the general public.

Call (617) 495-8676 for more information on this event.



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 Saturday, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
 Sunday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR APRIL 2002

Saturday, April 6	5-8 pm	Mary Violette "A Chair With A View" Photographs Artist's Reception, Sacramento Street Gallery 20 Sacramento St. Cambridge (See Page 6.)
Tuesday, April 9	7:00pm	Harvard Meeting to discuss Law School Development Pound Hall, Harvard Law School. (See page 2.)
Wednesday, April 10	TBA	Agassiz PTO/ANC Meeting on Development and Safety Agassiz School, 28 Sacramento Street entrance (See page 5.)
April 15-19		Patriot's Day Monday Holiday/Cambridge Public School Vacation
Tuesday, April 23	6:00 pm	ANC Board Meeting-Open to the Public 20 Sacramento Street
Tuesday, April 23	7:30 pm	ANC Monthly Council Meeting (See agenda on page 1.) Agassiz School Dining Hall, 28 Sacramento Street entrance
Friday, April 26		A Spring Celebration of Art - Barefoot Books (See page 7 for hours.) 1771 Mass. Ave. in support of the Maud Morgan Visual Arts Center
Friday, April 26	5:30-7:30 pm	NoCa "Art From A Cambridge Neighborhood" (See page 6.) Artists' Reception Sacramento Street Gallery, 20 Sacramento St.
Saturday, April 27 Sunday, April 28	Noon - 5 pm	Miller Street Studios Open House, 11 Miller St. Somerville (next to Beacon St. Star Market (See page 7.)

Coming May 4-5 NoCa Open Studios - See page 6

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