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## ANC News

### Notes from the May 20 Annual Meeting ANC Board of Directors

The slate of directors was approved at the **ANC Annual Meeting on May 20th**. Officer terms are one year, director terms are two years.

#### Officers:

Burton Doo, Co-Chairperson  
 Andrea Walsh, Co-Chairperson  
 Denise Dussault, Treasurer  
 Miriam Goldberg, Clerk

#### Directors for two year terms:

Stephen Diamond	Frost Street
Hull Fulweiler	Howland Street
Liz Peoples	Crescent Street

#### Directors in mid term are:

Burton Doo	Prentiss Street
Denise Dussault	Cambridge Trust
Miriam Goldberg	Frost Street
Dave Wood	Gorham Street
Andrea Walsh	Eustis Street

A very special thanks to our outgoing clerk, **Sue Bergin**, who has served on the ANC board since 1993. Sue began as a Mellen Street resident with children in the Agassiz School. She became involved in planning for the new school building, and spent many future hours on the school and a wide spectrum of other community issues. Sue has provided a voice on the board that is full of integrity and common sense. We will miss her passion, her notebook and the hundreds of professional photos and prints donated from her studio, **Magic Wand**.

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## Harvard Construction Update

(Submitted by Mary Power, Harvard University Senior Director of Community Affairs)

### Harvard Law School Feasibility Study

In the past several years, Harvard has been actively engaged in a series of conversations with the Agassiz neighborhood about how Harvard can use its campus to meet academic needs while also preserving and, when possible, enhancing the character of the campus/neighborhood edge.

Harvard Law School is presently conducting a feasibility study to evaluate opportunities to address its existing and future space needs through development of its campus. The Cambridge architectural and planning firm Tsoi/Kobus & Associates is working with Harvard Law School to develop a set of design principles and guidelines that will inform the future development of the campus.

In addition to discussing the feasibility study at a number of Agassiz Neighborhood Council meetings, Harvard held meetings at the Law School with neighbors on March 25 and May 13 and plans a future meeting with neighbors in late June. For further information about the Harvard Law School feasibility study, please contact Mary Power, Harvard's Senior Director of Community Affairs at (617) 495-4955 or via email at [mary\\_power@harvard.edu](mailto:mary_power@harvard.edu).

### North Campus Utility Work

Harvard will be upgrading its utility infrastructure in the North Campus this summer on Oxford Street and Divinity Avenue. A trench across Oxford Street will be dug at the south end of the McKay building (next to the

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ANC Monthly Meeting  
 Tuesday, June 17  
 7:30 p.m.

**Baldwin School Dining Hall**  
**28 Sacramento Street**

**Use Oxford Street Entrance - press buzzer for entry**

### Agenda:

- 7:30 p.m. Brief update on Beacon Street sewer construction (For more information see page 2)
- 7:45 p.m. Harvard Development Issues (See above)

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The ANC would also like to thank **Willie Bloomstein** for his contribution to the board as a director for the past three years. Willie began his neighborhood activism negotiating a traffic calming plan for Oxford Street, and he has worked on many other initiatives since. He currently acts as chair of ACID, the committee on Harvard development, and will continue to serve in that capacity.

## Neighborhood News

### Beacon Street Sewer Work

#### Project Overview

The Beacon Street project area is located in Cambridge and Somerville. The contract area includes Beacon Street between Oxford Street and Museum Street. The project proposes construction of storm water management storage structures and storm drainpipe improvements to help reduce the severity and frequency of area street flooding. This project is a joint effort of the Cities of Cambridge and Somerville and is a continuation of the City of Cambridge efforts in the Agassiz area to eliminate combined sewer overflows to the Charles River and Alewife Brook and to reduce flooding impacts by improving drainage collection and discharge.

#### Why is this project necessary?

When storm water flow exceeds the drainage system capacity, combined sewer overflows and street flooding occur. Flooding of surface roads and buildings containing both storm water and sewage is a pervasive problem throughout the Agassiz area of Cambridge and Beacon Street in Somerville. Several of the lowest topographic elevations within the City of Cambridge are located in this area.

#### What is being done to fix the problem?

Three years ago, the Cambridge Department of Public Works (CDPW) initiated a storm water management program to provide improved drainage service throughout the Agassiz area for storms up to a 25-year, 24-hour storm event. This amounts to a total of 5.5 inches of rain falling over a 24-hour time period. The essential features of the City of Cambridge program include the construction of underground storm water storage tanks combined with new storm drains throughout the area.

The next contract to be built is on Beacon Street. This project will include installation of two underground storm water storage tanks under Beacon Street in the vicinity of Miller Street and Museum Street. As part of this project, new catch basins will also be installed on both sides of Beacon Street to collect street run off from Prentiss Street to Museum Street. Drainage berms will be placed at the intersections of Beacon, Eustis, Forest, Prentiss, Sacramento, and Museum Streets to direct street runoff to catch basins. Localized street runoff collected from the catch basins will be discharged into the existing 48-inch diameter storm drain. Once the 48-inch diameter pipe is full, excess flows will be conveyed and stored in the two underground



Board members at the May 20 Annual Meeting. From left to right: Willie Bloomstein, Andrea Walsh, Burt Doo, Stephen Diamond, Sue Bergin

storage tanks. After the storm event, as capacity in the drainage system becomes available, the storm water contained in the tanks will be pumped back into the Beacon Street 48-inch diameter pipe by two small underground pumping stations.

Following construction, the surface features on Beacon Street will be returned to pre-construction conditions. The City of Somerville will be proceeding in the near future with complete restoration (new pavement, curbs and sidewalks) of Beacon Street from Somerville Avenue down to Inman Square.

#### How will the traffic and pedestrians flow?

During working hours, which are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., one lane of Beacon Street will remain open with a continuous Somerville police detail. At all other times the work area will be covered by metal plates, and the street will be open. Parking will be restricted on Beacon Street between Miller Street and Museum Street. Pedestrian and vehicle access will be available to Star Market at all times. Access will be continuously available to emergency services.

#### Who is responsible for the Beacon Street Project?

Both the Cities of Cambridge and Somerville are responsible for the Beacon Street project. The Cities have entered into an agreement to construct a storm water management system that will minimize the flooding that occurs along this area of Beacon Street and in the adjacent areas of Cambridge and Somerville during heavy rain storms.

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**What is the project's schedule?**

Construction is expected to start in July 2003. The project is expected to take approximately twelve (12) months to build.

**Who will address project impact concerns ?**

Both Cambridge and Somerville DPW's will respond to your concerns. Both Cities are committed to working with the residents and local businesses to ensure this project proceeds with minimal inconveniences to the neighborhoods. Cambridge residents can call Owen O'Riordan, Cambridge Assistant Commissioner of Engineering at 617/349-4845, or in Somerville, David Dow, Somerville Director of Engineering at 617/625-6600, Ext. 5100.

**Special Permit for Art Center June 12**

In March the Board of Zoning Appeals rescheduled a hearing to review ANC's application for a special permit to build the Maud Morgan Visual Arts Center. It will be taken up on June 12, Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Senior Center at 806 Mass. Ave. across from City Hall. The public is welcome. For information call Jonathan McMullen at (617) 349-6287x23.

**Announcements**

**Alice Wolf Local Office Hours June 16**

State Representative Alice Wolf will hold office hours on Monday, June 16th from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Agassiz Community Room located in Harvard Law School's North Hall dormitory. It is at 1651 Mass. Ave. (corner of Mass. Ave. and Wendell Street).

**Hazardous Waste Collection June 14**

The City of Cambridge will be sponsoring a household hazardous waste (HHW) collections on Saturday, June 14 (also on Sept 6, and October 25). 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 (you can find out what is and is not considered hazardous waste), please call the Recycling

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**Harvard Construction Mitigation  
Call Center  
617-496-0857  
Monday to Friday, 6 AM to 6 PM**  
For emergencies during non-work hours,  
please contact Harvard University Operations Center  
617-495-5560

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Science center) in late June through July. The summer timing for this project is advantageous because there is less overall traffic in this area. Two-way vehicular traffic as well as pedestrian traffic on Oxford Street will be maintained at all times with the help of police details.

Divinity Avenue will have limited pedestrian access this summer as utility work ends and construction for the Biological Research Infrastructure (BRI) begins. The BRI, a new underground research space to be located beneath the Biological Laboratories courtyard, will provide laboratory space for biological and medical research.

**Partnership between Harvard and  
CRLS Life Sciences**

Harvard University has donated 31 research microscopes and support over the next 4 years to Cambridge Rindge and Latin School (CRLS), advancing a partnership that is bridging the gap between research in the life sciences and high school science curriculum. The lab features 31 research-grade microscopes for science classroom use and a laptop computer, cameras, VCR, and LCD projector and computer software and videos that will enhance the classroom learning experience. The equipment and technical support for the next four years are a gift of the Harvard University Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology.

**Laboratory for Interface Science and Engineering**

Harvard is planning a new research facility for the physical sciences in the North Campus that will be discussed at the June 17 ANC meeting. The Laboratory for Interface Science and Engineering (LISE) is a research facility for Harvard's physics, engineering, chemistry, and biology departments. It will be located adjacent to the Gordon McKay building along Oxford Street. The majority of LISE will be underground beneath the courtyard between Gordon McKay, Paine Music Hall and the Science Center. The below grade portion of the building will house facilities such as microscope rooms, a clean room for running experiments, and a machine shop. The remaining portion of LISE will be five floors built adjacent to McKay which will include office space, measurement laboratories, classrooms, and common areas for collaboration in research and teaching. For further information about the Laboratory for Interface Science and Engineering, please contact Mary Power, Harvard's Senior Director of Community Affairs at (617) 495-4955 or via email at mary\_power@harvard.edu

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Hotline/HHW Info Mailbox at (617) 349-4005 or the Cambridge Department of Public Works at (617) 349-4800 or check the website at: <http://www.cambridgema.gov/~TheWorks/hazwaste.html>.

**About City Trees**

The City of Cambridge street tree inventory consists of 11,118 trees. Parks, schools and tot lots, when surveyed, will add another 2,500 to 3,000 trees to the tree inventory.

**The Client Tree Program**

This program is a public-private partnership in which Cambridge citizens pay for the purchase price of a tree and the city hires a contractor to plant it in the public way. For an application and information call (617) 349-6433 and leave your name and address and an application will be mailed to you.

**Commemorative Tree Program**

The City of Cambridge has adopted a new program aimed at helping beautify the community and providing a lasting means for remembering a loved one or an important event. Administered by the Department of Public Works and coordinated through the Urban Forestry Division, the Commemorative Tree Program helps anyone plant a tree on City-owned property.

The cost of a Commemorative Tree is \$200. Call the Committee on Public Planting at 617-349-6433 and leave your name, address, and zip code and you will receive an application for the program in the mail. Please indicate that your request is for the Commemorative Tree Program. The species selection will be made from the Client Tree Program list developed by the Committee on Public Planting. Your City Arborist will approve both the site and species selection. A letter and a handsome certificate of notification along with a tasteful numbered marker inserted in the soil at the tree site are included. Also included is a registry of commemorative trees kept in a conveniently located place for public viewing.

Apart from the environmental benefits that trees provide, in one year a mature tree can absorb as much carbon as is produced by a car driven 26,000 miles. Trees can be part of the living memory of our past.

**Tree Removal**

Tree removal occurs when trees are dead, dying, diseased, or hazardous. Public trees are protected by Massachusetts State Law Chapter 87. The removal of a healthy public tree requires an advertised public hearing. If a tree is declared by the Tree Warden to be an immediate hazard to the public, a hearing is not required.

**Cambridge Tree Pruning Cycle**

A four-year pruning cycle should address most safety and tree health issues, as well as give us an opportunity to update our tree inventory data base.

Twenty-four hours before work begins, trees will be posted for No Parking. We ask that you assist us in making as much progress as time and weather will allow by honoring the No Parking signs. Spaces will become available at the end of the day or as soon as forestry crews complete a section of the street.

For details, volunteer opportunities or more information call your City Arborist at 617-349-6433. *This information was taken from the City of Cambridge website <<http://www.cambridgema.gov>>.*



Shown are Agassiz Neighborhood Council sponsored activities for kids and families at Harvard Square Business Association's **May Fair** held on Sunday, May 4.



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### Agassiz Afterschool & Sacramento Street Preschool\*

Register for fall now! The Afterschool for grades 1-5 is located in the Baldwin (formerly Agassiz) School at the corner of Oxford and Sacramento Streets. The Afterschool Kindergarten and Preschool are both located in the Agassiz Community Center, 4 doors down from the school, a space that provides an intimate, home-like setting and a large, private backyard for outdoor play.

**Afterschool** programs focus on the arts, staffed by teachers who provide traditional after school activities like cooking, sports, arts, crafts, and clubs. Each day there is a specialist (at no additional cost) so your child can take weekly classes in drama, dance, visual arts, music, martial arts, sewing, chess and MORE. A free professional performance is provided on each early release day, and special events and programs are always added throughout the year. Children are welcome from all public schools, and are bussed to the Baldwin School.

The **Preschool** is a cosy and diverse program of 20 children who are at least 2 years and 9 months. The focus is developmental with a strong social component, and children are from diverse cultural backgrounds. The program opens at 8:30 a.m. with several options for part time. Next year there will be an extended option until 2:45 p.m.

Contact Amy King to arrange a visit, get a brochure or ask any questions: [aking@agassiz.org](mailto:aking@agassiz.org) or (617) 349-6287x19.

**\*New preschool extended hours run to 2:45 p.m.!**

### Youth Soccer Register Now for Fall 2003

Fall Cambridge Youth Soccer begins on Saturday, September 13th. Registration forms are available at Cambridge Public Libraries, the Cambridge Department of Recreation, 51 Inman Street, and on the web site <[www.cambridgeyouthsoccer.org](http://www.cambridgeyouthsoccer.org)>. Contact Cambridge Youth Soccer, P.O. Box 390215, Cambridge, MA 02139-0003, 617-491-4958.



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Drama abounds in the kindergarten Afterschool production of *Jackie and the Beanstalk*

### New Superintendent of Schools

Thomas Fowler-Finn, formerly Fort Wayne Community Schools Superintendent, has been named Superintendent of Cambridge Public Schools, effective this summer. It is expected that he will begin work in August.

He was previously the superintendent of Haverhill Public Schools for seven years. Prior to that he served as superintendent in East Aurora, N.Y. and as assistant superintendent in the Forest Hills School District in Cincinnati, Ohio. Fowler-Finn comes from Pittsfield, MA, where he began his career in education as a teacher. He graduated from Boston University with a MEd in educational administration from Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts. He earned his doctorate in instructional

# Cultural Happenings

Call 349-6287 for information

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Engraved bricks will be placed in the walkways surrounding the new art center to honor people, provoke thought and inspire all who visit.

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### Other Local Cultural Events and Programs

#### 25th Cambridge River Festival

Saturday, June 14, 2003 (Rain or Shine)

12:00 Noon - 6:00 pm

Memorial Drive, between Western Avenue & JFK Streets

The Cambridge River Festival is an annual outdoor celebration of the arts drawing more than 100,000 enthusiastic festival-goers to the banks of the scenic Charles River to enjoy a day of music, dance, poetry, food and visual art. Festival highlights include stages for Jazz, Folk, Gospel

Dance, World and Children's music, New England folk and traditional art demonstrations, temporary public art, a variety of hands on art-making activities for children and vendors selling food and imported crafts from locations around the world. CRF activities take place along Memorial Drive and the banks of the Charles River between historic Harvard and Central Squares. Events at the Cambridge River Festival are exciting, interactive, edu-



## SUMMER FAMILY DAY TRIPS

at the Harvard Museum of Natural History, 26 Oxford Street  
**Mineral Safari**

**Saturday, July 12 from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

Journey with us to the famous Blue Hills region of New Hampshire to visit an excellent collecting site not open to the general public. We'll start the day with a morning session at the museum, focusing on how minerals form, how to identify them, and proper collecting techniques. Once on site, we'll discuss the fascinating geology of this region as you search for beautiful apatite, mica, feldspar, quartz, and other mineral specimens. Combining education and recreation, this trip offers you a perfect opportunity to see and learn about geology in an informal, interactive setting - all under the guidance of museum scientists and educators! Transportation provided. Minimum age is 8 years old; 16 without adult. Fees: \$50 non-members (\$45 members). Call

the Education Office at 617-495-2341 to register. Payment confirms registration.

## Seashore Safari

**Saturday, August 9 from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

Join us for a hands-on exploration of our New England seacoast. From sponges and sea stars to octopus and anemones, an abundance of marine life thrives on our shores. We'll begin the day at the museum, with a hands-on introduction to marine biology. Then it's off to the coast, to discover marine life first hand at a diverse site not open to the general public. We'll explore life in rocky tidepools as we collect and study a wide variety of marine creatures - and learn their amazing secrets to survival in the sea. Combining education and recreation, this trip offers you a perfect opportunity to see and learn about natural history in an informal, interactive setting - all under the guidance of museum scientists and educators! Transportation provided. Minimum age is 8 years old; 16 without adult. Fees: \$50 non-members (\$45 members). Call the Education Office at 617-495-2341 to register. Payment confirms registration.

## Boston Landmarks Orchestra INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Boston Landmarks Orchestra is looking for summer interns to assist with the production and promotion of our busy concert series! Duties will include: assisting with community outreach and marketing campaigns in and around performance sites, on-site public relations, and concert production (assisting with the set-up and breakdown of concerts). This is a very hands-on opportunity and is great experience for anyone looking to learn about the workings of an orchestra. Also, much of the work will be outside!


This will be a 10-week, 15-20 hours/week internship (June-August) and compensation and/or credit will be offered. Most hours will be nights and weekends. Transportation and computer skills (Excel, Word) are desired. If interested, please contact Dan Gay @ 617-520-2202 or via e-mail @ dg@landmarksorchestra.org.

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- June 6, Friday 5-7 p.m. Recent Paintings of Ireland and Cambridge by Roby Fader-through June 2.  
Artist's Reception, Public Welcome  
Sacramento Street Gallery, 20 Sacramento Street
- June 12, Thursday 7:00 p.m. Board of Zoning Appeals Hearing  
Maud Morgan Visual Arts Center, 20 Sacramento Street  
806 Mass. Ave. (Senior Center), across from City Hall
- June 15, Sunday Father's Day
- June 16, Monday 6-7:30 p.m. State Representative Alice Wolf Office Hours-All Welcome  
1651 Mass. Ave. (Agassiz Community Room at North Hall)
- June 17, Tuesday 7:30 p.m. Agassiz Neighborhood Council Monthly Meeting  
Baldwin School, 28 Sacramento Street, see box page 1
- June 18, Wednesday Cambridge Elementary Schools close for summer  
Schools reopen Tuesday, September 2.
- June 30, Monday Outback Summer Camp Opens - Enroll now, space limited  
8 weeks of fun for school age children through August 22

The next regular edition of *The Whistler* will be available in early September, and the next regular monthly council meeting will be held on September 16th. Special editions of *The Whistler* and/or special neighborhood council meetings will be scheduled if necessary. Information may be found on the website: [www.agassiz.org](http://www.agassiz.org)

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