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**ANC News**

**Notes from the June 17th ANC Meeting**

Andrea Walsh, co-Chair of the Board of Directors, welcomed everyone to the last meeting of the year.

**Beacon Street Drainage Improvement Project**

Frank Ayotte, engineer for Montgomery Watson, spoke about the Beacon Street Drainage Improvement Project. The new drainage system installed under Beacon Street will cover an area 800 feet long, 10 feet wide and 8 feet deep. It will hold a half-million gallons of water, enough to accommodate a twenty-five-year, twenty-four-hour storm event of up to 5.5 inches of rain per hour. The project will help minimize flooding along Beacon Street from Miller Street to Museum Street.

Frank said that construction should begin on the west side of Beacon Street in July, and is expected to reach completion twelve months later. One lane of traffic will be closed along the 1000-foot work zone. Construction will begin no earlier than 8:00 AM and end no later than 4:00 PM, and there will be a formal arrangement in place for truck traffic concerns. Please direct questions to Bruno Cardarelli, Chief Resident Engineer for SEA Consultants Inc, at (617) 498-4710.

**Laboratory for Interface Science and Engineering**

Mary Power and Professor Charlie Markus came from Harvard to speak about plans for LISE.

Charlie Markus explained that LISE is a response to changes in the way science is approached. Various fields of science have become integrated, prompting Harvard to create a center of disciplines.

LISE will be 117 feet tall, 20 feet of which is only a fan. There will be five occupiable floors. Two-thirds of the building will be below-grade. The ground floor will be built to

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**Harvard Development Update**

*Courtesy of Mary Power, Harvard University*

**Tom Lucey new Harvard Director of Community Relations**

Tom Lucey has joined the Community Affairs Office at Harvard as director of community relations. Prior to joining Harvard, Tom served as the president and chief executive officer of the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce. He will work with residents, city officials and local organizations to help facilitate communication and understanding about university planning and development activities and to identify ways that the University, the City and neighborhood residents and groups can work together. Mary Power, senior director of community relations for the university looks forward to introducing him to you at upcoming community meetings.

**The Laboratory for Interface Science and Engineering**

Harvard invites you to several upcoming events regarding the proposed Laboratory for Interface Science and

**Next ANC Monthly Meeting**



Tuesday, Sept. 16th

7:30-9:30 P.M.

**Baldwin School Dining Hall  
 28 Sacramento Street**

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

- Agenda: 1. Porter Square MBTA Air-Rights Project  
 2. Harvard and ACID present on Harvard development (see p. 3)

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relate to the other structures nearby, maintaining open air and views, and giving new life to McKay.

Raphael Moneyo, an architect working on LISE, spoke of the complexity of Harvard's science programs. The university wants to provide a place where physicists and chemists can work together. A current missing tool for researchers at Harvard is a Clean Room, a space where computers and machines can remain free of dust and bacteria, and which must be underground to prevent vibrations. The current site for LISE is the only area that could hold a Clean Room, and is seen as an addition to McKay, rather than a separate structure.

Bonnie Solomon asked how the LISE project will affect the Beacon Street Drainage Improvement Project. Mary Powers said that the project is contingent on approvals, and they hope to begin in early 2004. David Zewinsky confirmed that there would be no truck traffic north of Everett Street.

**ACID Surveys**

Members of ACID updated the community on the status of discussions with Harvard on the ACID "Wish List" and Mitigation Package.

After lengthy discussion, the community voted unanimously, 27 (yes) to 0 (no), to support the continuation of the ACID discussions with Harvard as conducted by the four community-appointed representatives: Joel Bard, Ellen Friedman, Miriam Goldberg, and William Bloomstein. The community expressed unanimous support of ACID's work with the following qualifications:

- Make sure the Mitigation Package allows for a process that addresses the environmental, noise, traffic, and other impacts of each project on an individual project basis.
- Present the Mitigation Package in September but give the community a "look and see" period before taking a vote on it.

It was agreed the package would be presented in September and the community would then vote on it in October, providing a 30-day period for review.

**Q&A Sessions on the Impact of the LISE Project with Bagels or Beer**

**BAGELS**

Saturday, September 6, 10-11:30 am  
Harvard campus

Maxwell-Dworkin Room 119

A site tour will follow this meeting for anyone interested.

**BEER**

Wednesday, September 10, 7-8:30 pm  
Harvard campus

Maxwell-Dworkin Room 119

Non-alcoholic beverages will also be served.

Eat bagels or drink beer your choice of meetings and ask questions. In early September, David Zewinsky, Dean of Physical Resources and Planning for Harvard's Faculty of Arts and Sciences, will host two question-and-answer sessions on the topic of LISE impacts upon the neighborhood.

**Porter Square**

On July 30th, members of the Porter Square Neighbors Association, the Agassiz neighborhood, and other concerned residents attended the Bid Opening for the MBTA Air-Rights Project in Porter Square. For information on the bidding, see this month's insert, or contact Dave Reed, president of the PSNA, at (617) 497-5184.



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## Neighborhood News

PLEASE JOIN US AT THIS IMPORTANT COMMUNITY MEETING ON HARVARD EXPANSION

ANC Monthly Meeting  
September 16, 2003, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.  
Baldwin School Cafeteria

As you know, representatives from the Agassiz Committee on the Impacts of Development (ACID) have been in a series of discussions with Harvard officials regarding the university's expansion plans. We are attempting to build a "win win" relationship with the university that protects the neighborhood, mitigates impacts of construction, and ensures long-term quality of life for the Agassiz community.

As part of this ongoing dialog, we invite you to attend the ANC monthly meeting on September 16, where:

\* ACID will present the preliminary Memorandum of Understanding/Mitigation Package that has been negotiated with Harvard. This document represents the culmination of months of discussions between Harvard and ACID on the recommendations outlined in the "ACID Wish List" approved by the Agassiz community. The document outlines the mitigation measures Harvard has agreed to implement to mitigate short- and long-term impacts of its projects and preserve quality-of-life for our neighborhood.

\* Harvard will present plans for the next project on its construction schedule - the Laboratory for Interface Science and Engineering (LISE). LISE is a proposed new 135,000-square foot facility located along lower Oxford Street. This is the second time the community has seen the LISE project (it was first presented to the community in June).

The Community has waited a long time to see what the results of the discussions with Harvard might be -- come see for yourself on September 16th!

## Lesley University

Lesley University has identified areas of concern on the Lesley Campus. The lit below includes the actions that Lesley has taken to date as well as their proposed actions for those issues not yet completed:

\* The bus shelter and bench at 1627 Mass Ave. have been removed and the landscaping in the area is being

improved and will be finished by next week.

\* The roof and structure on the back of 31 Everett (White Hall) have been repainted and stored materials in the well have been removed.

\* Security Lighting at the back of White Hall has been installed.

\* The exhaust at the rear of 31 Everett (White Hall) cannot be moved because of building constraints. We are looking at landscaping to hide the exhaust. (See landscape below.)

\* The balconies and railings of White Hall have been repainted. The fencing on the bottom balcony must remain for dorm security.

\* Janitorial equipment on the balconies will be stored elsewhere.

\* Our food service provider has been asked to keep all equipment and crates back behind the A/C unit on the back of White Hall.

\* We are looking at a couple of options to best hide the A/C unit and electrical equipment and still allow appropriate access, considering fire / life safety and required space around the electrical. This may be a combination of fencing and landscaping. Pricing is being developed.

\* We have a landscaper and landscape architect looking at several options for 47 Oxford. The main issue is that there is no sprinkler system in the area along the back of the building and no water source close by, which limits the type of planting we can do. If we elect to add some additional trees, they would be planted this fall. Pricing is being developed.

\* The lighting behind 61 Oxford has been pointed down toward the parking lot, minimizing excess light

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 shining out on the buildings across Oxford Street.  
 \* Landscaping to the left of the stairs at 61 Oxford: there is no sprinkler system in this flower bed, but planting will be installed.  
 \* Painting of the back of the dumpster surround has been completed.  
 \* The Newsstand at the Mellen Street entrance has been removed.  
 \* Lesley University decals have been replaced and repainting will be completed shortly at the Mellen Street Entrance/Kiosk.  
 \* Employees have been asked to keep the area at the back of Oxford clean following all breaks.  
 \* Additional patrols along the back of White Hall and 47 Oxford are being made daily for cleanliness and security.

It is the intention of Lesley University to continue to be sensitive to the neighbors surrounding the campus. Please contact ANC Community Liaison Amy King at (617) 349-6287 x19 if you wish to discuss these or other matters.

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 Engineering (LISE) building, and the field of nanoscience that is behind the proposed laboratory. LISE is a research facility for Harvard's physics, engineering, chemistry, and biology departments that was presented at the June 17 ANC meeting. 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.

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The design for the project (which was presented at the Agassiz Neighborhood Council meeting last spring) will be on view at Baldwin School kiosk through September 16th. Also, because there has been interest in learning more about the project, Harvard has scheduled two informal information sessions. You are also invited to visit the Museum of Science, Boston, to hear a presentation on nanoscience by Harvard science faculty. Information about each event follows:  
 \* LISE Building designs by Rafael Moneo on view at the Baldwin School kiosk August 27 - September 16  
 \* Q&A Sessions on the impact of the LISE project. David Zewinski, Associate Dean for Physical Resources and Planning for Harvard's Faculty of Arts and Sciences, will host two question-and-answer sessions on the topic of LISE impacts upon the neighborhood. See page 2 for details.  
 \* Learn about Nanoscience - Family Fun Night at the Museum of Science, Boston -- Friday, September 19, 7:00 PM, Current Science and Technology Center, First Floor of the Blue Wing. Harvard teams up with the Museum of Science during Friday Family Fun Night. Professor Charles Marcus will join Joel Rosenberg of the Museum's Current Science and Technology Center (CS&T) for a discussion about the field of nanoscience - the science behind the Laboratory for Interface Science and Engineering. This "nanotalk," geared for children ages 12 and up, is being offered during Family Fun Night when the Museum stays open until 8:00 PM. Admission is just \$2 per family. Show up any time after 5:00 PM and look for the Harvard table near the ticket lines where you can pick up a family coupon.

**Garage Construction**

Harvard has hired William A. Berry & Son, Inc. to assist with construction management in the North Yard. Charles Connor is Harvard's construction mitigation manager. To reach him please use the following numbers:

Construction Mitigation Hot Line: 617-496-0857  
 Charles Connor telephone 617 496-0859  
 Charles Connor cell phone: 617 839-1064  
 Fax 617 496 5986 Email cconnor@berry.com

**Public Involvement Plan Meeting for the Oxford Street Garage site**

Harvard's Oxford Street Garage site has been designated a Public Involvement Plan (PIP) site under the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP) regulations. The draft Public Information Plan for the garage site will be presented at a public meeting tentatively scheduled to take place at the Baldwin School at 7pm on 18 September 2003. Copies of the PIP will be placed in document repositories at the Cambridge Public Library, the Agassiz Neighborhood Council, Cambridge and at the Harvard office of Community Affairs, 77 Brattle Street. The public is encouraged to attend this meeting.

For further information, please contact Thomas Lucey (617) 495-4955 or Thomas\_Lucey@harvard.edu



Agassiz Community School  
Programs

### Agassiz Afterschool

#### Welcome to New Staff!

Sharon Reidbord has joined the Agassiz Neighborhood Council as Director of Programs. She will oversee the Agassiz Afterschool, as well as the Sacramento Street Preschool, Outback Summer Program and other programs. Also new at the Agassiz Afterschool is Pascha Marlin Griffiths, our new Site Director for the 1st-5th Grade Program. Emily Raine will relocate to 20 Sacramento Street, where she will be Site Director for the Kindergarten Program. We bid a sad farewell to Julia Garcia, Afterschool Director, who has left us to pursue graduate work at Harvard. Good luck, Julia!



Sharon Reidbord, left, chats with Charles Greene.

#### Enroll Now!

The Agassiz Afterschool has openings for Kindergarten through 5th Graders for the 2003-2004 school year. For more information or to receive a registration form, call Sharon Reidbord, Director of Programs, at (617) 349-6287 x10 or email sreidbord@agassiz.org. Afterschool starts September 4th -- we hope to see you there!

#### New Classes for 6th-8th Graders!

Our new 6th-8th Program will offer children a wide variety of fascinating classes to fill their afternoon hours!

### Sacramento Street Preschool

Sacramento Street Preschool serves children from 2 years, 9 months to 4 years of age, concurrent with the public school calendar. Hours are 8:30 a.m. and now run until 2:30 pm, with shorter day options available. Choose from 2, 3 or 5 days per week. Space is available now. Call to meet Preschool Director Diane DiMaina and schedule a visit: (617) 349-6287 x11 or ddimaina@agassiz.org.

### Baby Groups

Calling all new parents! Groups for babies and their caregivers will once again begin for the fall. For days, times, and more information, call or email Diane DiMaina at (617) 349-6287 x11 or ddimaina@agassiz.org.

### New Health and Human Services Database Launched

On June 11th, City of Cambridge Assistant City Manager for Human Services Jill Herold announced the availability of a new online database, [www.CambridgeSomervilleResourceGuide.org](http://www.CambridgeSomervilleResourceGuide.org), established to serve as a helpful resource to residents looking for information on health and human services available in the area. Users can choose from about two dozen general service categories, including Children and Youth Services, Housing, Health Care, Recreation, Elder Services and Employment Services. The database can be accessed from home computers as well as from computers at the Cambridge Public Library and local Community Technology Centers.



2003 campers at the Outback Summer Program pose with Drama Specialist Molly Kelleher.

The Staff at the Outback Summer Program would like to thank Outback Kids and Parents for a Wonderful Summer!

Cultural Happenings - Call 349-6287 for information



# Sacramento Street Gallery

*Tales of Two Towns*  
*Cambridge/Nantucket*  
by John Devaney

September 3 - 29, 2003  
Reception: Friday, September 12  
6:00-8:00 PM



"Harvard Square" by John Devaney. 24" x 42" photo by David Caras

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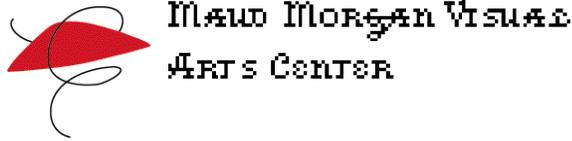
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## Family Day

Saturday, October 18th, 2003

In the Backyard of the  
Agassiz Community Center  
20 Sacramento Street

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call Amy King at (617) 349-6287 x19

or check next month's *Whistler!*

## Crescent Street Tag Sale

to benefit the Maud Morgan Visual Arts Center

Sunday, September 28th, 2003

Date tentative -- please confirm with Amy King at the  
ANC, (617) 349-6287 x19

## Other Local Cultural Events and Programs

**Sunday, September 28th  
is Harvard Museums Community Day!  
Free Admission to all six Harvard Museums.**

### September 2003 Events at the Longy School of Music:

Saturday, September 6th:  
**Instrument Petting Zoo**

Wednesday, September 10th:  
**Longy Chamber Singers Community Sing**

Friday, September 12th:  
**Opening Night, SEPTEMBERFEST 2003**

Saturday, September 13th:  
**Piano FEST, SEPTEMBERFEST 2003**

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## Community Calendar

<b>TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND</b>		<b>Cambridge Public Schools: First Day of School!</b>
<b>THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH</b>		<b>First Day of Agassiz Afterschool First Day of Sacramento Street Preschool</b>
<b>FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Artist's Reception: Tales of Two Towns: Cambridge/Nantucket Paintings by John Devaney Sacramento Street Gallery, 20 Sacramento Street</b>
<b>TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>ANC Board Meeting* 20 Sacramento Street 2nd Floor</b>
<b>TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>ANC Monthly Meeting (See pages 1 &amp; 3 for agenda) Baldwin Dining Hall, 28 Sacramento Street</b>
<b>TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>INTRODUCING ART presents: Tara Ahmed performs Classical Indian Dance Baldwin School Stage, 28 Sacramento Street</b>
<b>FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH</b>	<b>SUNDOWN</b>	<b>Rosh Hashanah (through sundown on Saturday, September 27th)</b>

\* For other important meetings relating to Harvard development, see page 3.

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