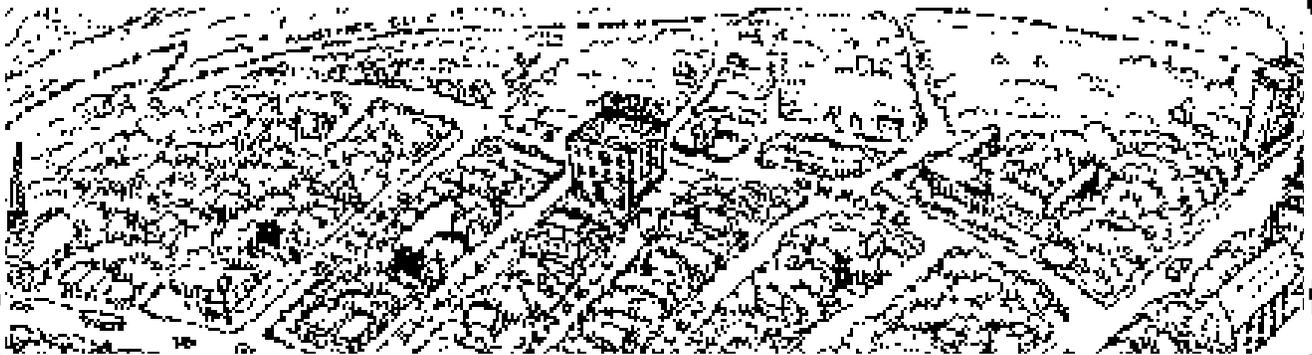


# The Whistler

November 2001



Newsletter of the Agassiz Neighborhood Council

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## v ANC News v

### Notes from the October 16 ANC Meeting

Joan Squeri, ANC Chairperson, opened the meeting and introduced speakers from SEA Consultants. Latest work has included increasing the curb size, adding drainage and activating tanks. The tanks performed well during recent storms. Tree planting and sidewalk installation will occur in spring of 2002. There is a Damage Complaint Project to insure that contractors are addressing all complaints. It includes filing with the insurance company and an assessment of the damage. City Councillor Henrietta Davis, who visited the meeting asked people to contact her with sidewalk completion issues.

Bill Ross noted that all pipe work is installed and all excavation is complete. Ross gave the following updates:

- Electrical deck banks on Wendell Street complete
- Ten individual pumps installed
- Manhole covers to be dug soon
- Sidewalk and curbing on Francis is completed
- Work on Eustis is complete
- Streets are binder paved except Museum

### SEWER CONSTRUCTION - CONTACTS

Chief Resident Engineer	Ray Elie	354-8216
Community Relations	Judy Kavanagh	498-4710

#### Block Captains:

Helen Lambert	Sacramento St.	661-0690
Chantal Fujiwara	Museum St.	661-6488
Kate Frank	Crescent St.	547-5174
Amy Barad	Eustis St.	492-6640

#### DPW 24 hour emergency service 349-4860

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<http://www.ci.cambridge.ma.us/~TheWorks/>

For Gas Emergencies call NSTAR at 1-800 572-9337

For Electric Emergencies call NStar at 1-800 592-2000

- Crescent St. sidewalks will be complete within 2-3 weeks;
- Hammond, Museum, Wendell and Carver Street sidewalks will be complete by December

The contract for the sewer separation work is held by the City of Cambridge and is contracted to SEA. Ross announced that a contract extension has been granted by the City of Cambridge to SEA until May 31, 2002. There was discussion about the need for an extension and the lack of community input. Ross mentioned that current work includes raising castings (which will entail the use of jackhammers) and placement of manhole covers. Community concern was voiced about continuous truck traffic through the neighborhoods for the duration of the winter. Some at the meeting were upset that the contract extension provides leeway to the contractors to avoid compliance with stated December deadlines. Concerns were raised by residents regarding frozen and melting snow on the unfinished sidewalks. This could be a major pedestrian safety issue that must be mitigated by the contractor. SEA noted that temporary sidewalks would be placed in the interim if necessary. The contract extension allows street paving work and tree planting to be done in 2002 since construction work of this nature should be performed in milder weather.

Community concerns were voiced regarding who is responsible for work on utility poles that are temporarily braced to second poles. Residents said that all of these so-called double poles should be removed and replaced with a single pole installed properly to bear weight without the benefit of additional bracing. George Fernandez, City Electrician, has sent letters to the major utility companies.

Kathy Watkins, from the Community Development Department, discussed traffic calming. She said that due to Agassiz's narrow side streets and parking on both sides, the average speed for Cambridge should be 25 to 30 MPH. The legal

## Agassiz Neighborhood Council

Next Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, November 27

7:30 p.m.

Agassiz School Dining Hall

28 Sacramento Street Entrance

Agenda: As a follow up to the October meeting, Katherine Watkins and Juan Avendano from Cambridge Community Development Department and Sue Clippinger; Traffic, Parking and Pedestrian Director, will be our guests to discuss traffic and speeding concerns on side streets between Beacon and Oxford Streets.

speed limit for most streets in Cambridge is 30 MPH. Taking traffic volume from one street and simply diverting it to another does not solve a problem, it just moves it. Sacramento Street traffic must be managed, not moved. Residents said that traffic on Carver and Wendell, both one-way streets, can often be much too fast; there is a missing stop sign at Museum and Gorham; and there are currently no cross walks there. Watkins noted that preliminary research has shown that posted speed limits in urban environments is just one of many strategies required to manage traffic. Residents also noted that the 20 MPH speed zone around the Agassiz School is not enforced.

There was discussion about the recent petition from Agassiz residents requesting speed humps in the neighborhood. In other parts of the city, this traffic calming design (speed humps) has effectively lowered vehicle speeds. Willy Bloomstein, ANC Board member, noted that Watkins did a great job of working with the neighborhoods on traffic calming. Bloomstein further noted that our neighborhood is currently under siege due to significant major construction involving both infrastructure and building construction that exacerbates everyday traffic issues. Bloomstein wants the neighborhood to continue to work with the Community Development Department and suggested continued community input until the problem is mitigated.

(To be placed on the mailing list for traffic calming issues, please call Jon McMullen at the ANC office: 617-349.6287, X 23.)

Astrid Dodds noted that a potential state law is in the legislative process to reduce the speed limit in Cambridge to 25 MPH. Contact State Representative Jarrett Barrios or State Senator Tom Birmingham to register your input.

Larry Acosta, the City Arborist, will be contacted to review tree removal when necessary for sidewalk construction prior to a public hearing. Fourteen trees were removed from Museum and Carver Streets, and residents want to be a part of the tree planting process. ANC will get information from the City Arborist on tree planting guidelines and send this information to interested residents. Call Jonathan McMullen at the ANC office: (617)349-6287x23.

## v Neighborhood News v

### An Addition

Regarding last month's meeting with Harvard, a neighbor called to ask that The Whistler include an addition. She wanted included that Harvard had agreed to place an instrument that would measure vibrations in her apartment that is near 60 Oxford Street

## Crescent/Carver Area Sewer Separation & Storm Water Management Program



### Overall Schedule

2001				2002					
Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	
									Lower Castings
									Reclaim and Grade
									Binder Pavement
									Raise Castings, Build Manhole Inverts
									Install Curbing
									Install Sidewalks
									Sewer Rehabilitation
									Final Pavement
									Electrical and Mechanical Work
									Private Pump Connections
									Tree Planting
									Final Cleanup
									Project Completion



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## ∨ Announcements ∨

### Flu vaccine . . . when should you get it?

Production of the flu vaccine has been delayed this year. Availability is expected to be limited through October, although more vaccine will be available than in previous years. It is important that people at high risk of serious complications from the flu or those who take care of high-risk people and can spread infection to them are first to get the available vaccine. Click on Flu information at the web site: <<http://www.challiance.org/cphd/>> to see if you are at high risk, according to the Center for Disease Control's (CDC) guidelines, or if you should wait until November, when vaccine will be more plentiful. That way, high risk candidates can get first shot at the limited supply of vaccine in October. If you are not sure if you are at risk, ask your doctor or clinic staff. October and November are the optimal months for receiving flu vaccinations. However, CDC recommends that vaccination continue through December, January and beyond - as long as vaccine is available. A schedule of flu vaccination are also at the web site, click on schedule.

## ∨ Lesley University ∨

### Planning Group to Convene

Paul Karoff of Lesley has contacted ANC to work with Lesley and convene a small university-neighborhood discussion group to discuss long range facility plans being developed by Lesley. This planning includes the Mellen Street campus and the Porter Square campus. Volunteers must make a commitment to regular meetings and must be willing to work in a constructive way at the meetings with Lesley.

Currently volunteers include Helen Lambert from Sacramento Street, Ellen Friedman from Mellen Street, Joel Bard and Glen Leblanc from Wendell Street. Anyone interested in joining that group should call (617 349-6287x17) or email Terry DeLancey at <[tdelancey@agassiz.org](mailto:tdelancey@agassiz.org)>.

### Lesley Receives Extension for 10 Sacramento

On October 11, the City's Board of Zoning Appeal granted Lesley University's petition for a 30-day extension of their December 10 deadline for returning the dormitory at 10 Sacramento Street to residential use. The deadline originated in a zoning variance granted for Lesley to convert 3 units at 13 Mellen Street and 16 Wendell Street to institutional use in 1996, in exchange for Lesley's returning 3 units at 10 Sacramento to residential use within 5 years. The 30-day extension will allow the students who now reside in the building to complete their fall semester without disruption. Lesley plans to sell the building very shortly, and the Board also amended the proposed future use of the property from 3 units to "2 or fewer units", in conformity with the current zoning of the district."

(Report courtesy of Helen Lambert)

### Find *The Whistler* on the Web

*The Whistler* can be found at the Agassiz Neighborhood Council web site <[www.agassiz.org](http://www.agassiz.org)>. Just click on *The Whistler* in the contents, and it will take you to a page to download the current issue and many issues from this and the past year as pdf files.

While you are at the ANC web site, take a look and see what is there. Many points of interest are covered, and there will be much more to come in the future.

In the contents if you click on Links, you will be taken to an interesting assortment of Cambridge City links. More are added all the time, and if you have one to suggest, email us at <[whistler@agassiz.org](mailto:whistler@agassiz.org)>.



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School Programs**

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**SACRAMENTO STREET PRESCHOOL**

The preschool is a program that serves children from ages 2 years nine months through 4 years of age, from 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. each day. Many time and day options are available. The fall term is currently full, but future parents are encouraged to visit the program and meet the Teacher/Director Diane DiMaina who can discuss the program and the availability of spaces. Call Diane DiMaina or Jenna Webster, Administrative Director, at (617) 349-6287 to visit the program, for more information or make an appointment.

**Basketball**

Teen drop in basketball takes place on Tuesday evenings from 6-9 p.m. at a cost of \$1. per session. Adult drop in basketball takes place on Wednesday evenings from 6-9:30 p.m. at a cost of \$2. Programs run in the Agassiz School Gym, 28 Sacramento Street entrance. Call Jenna Webster at (617) 349-6287x19 for more information.

**OUR CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS NEED:**

- cameras that take 35 mm film
  - Polaroid cameras that take 600 film
  - blender/toaster oven/food processor with blade attachments
  - chefs knives
- CALL OR EMAIL JENNA WEBSTER, Administrative Director at: (617)349-6287x19 or email: [jwebster@agassiz.org](mailto:jwebster@agassiz.org) to donate.

**Baby and Toddler Groups Open House November 9**

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.

**Come to an OPEN HOUSE on Friday, November 9 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** in North Hall, and learn more about the various groups and meeting times available for you and your baby. North Hall is located at 1651 Mass. Ave. at the corner of Wendell Street. Call Jenna Webster, Administrative Director at 617 349-6287x19. Groups are co-ordinated by Emily Winston.

**KIDS ONLY HOLIDAY SALE  
DECEMBER 4-8**

*Weekdays 3-5:30 pm and Saturdays 10 am - 4 pm*

Kids only are admitted to this sale held in the  
**Sacramento Street Gallery**  
20 Sacramento Street  
Gifts for parents, brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, grandparents and friends at affordable prices.

Help your child write a list and staff will help with purchases and math.

ALL KIDS ARE WELCOME!!!!

Most gifts are from \$1-\$5

Call Kelly Tyler (617) 349-6287x12 for information.

**∨ Agassiz Public School ∨**

**Status of the Agassiz Name Change**

Agassiz School Principal Sybil Knight has sent us a message on the Agassiz School name change. People with questions or concerns should contact a member of the Agassiz School Advisory Committee. Jenna Webster is the ANC representative, and she can be reached at (617) 349-6287x19.

Special thanks to everyone who took the time to respond and share their thoughts and ideas. This has been a year long process of dialogue and feedback which has been conducted with respect and civility.

There were approximately 125 responses collected from the Agassiz community. 88 or 70% of the responses were "yes" to the name change of Marie Baldwin; 27 or 22% "No"; and 10 or 8% "Neutral".

Therefore, a recommendation will be going forward to the School Committee in November.

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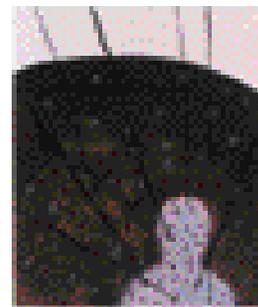
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Paul Shakespear  
Henry Shawah  
Jill Slosburg-Ackerman  
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Elaine Spatz-Rabinowitz  
Brenda Star  
Mark Steele  
Ellen Stuttman  
Thalia Tringo  
Tabitha Vevers  
Nancy Webb

and . . .  
Alicia Dwyer  
Jane Kamine  
Andrew Magdanz  
Susan Shapiro  
John Tagiuri



Ellen Driscoll



Brenda Star

**Eighth Season**

**Introducing Art:**

A Performance Series for Children Presents

**November 15, Thursday  
Gulliver's Travels**

by the Poobley Greegy Puppet Theater

2:00 p.m. Agassiz School Stage, 28 Sacramento Street Entrance  
Admission \$1.00 For information call Jenna Webster at (617)349-6287x19



**Other Local Cultural Events and Programs**

**DO IT YOUR DAMN SELF!!**  
**National Youth Video and Film Festival**  
**Friday November 16, 2001**  
**Youth Screening and Discussion**  
BARTOS THEATER FREE ADMISSION  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Media Laboratory Wiesner Center Building  
20 Ames Street Cambridge, Massachusetts  
Viewing from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm  
Lunch & discussion from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

The teen media program received 214 entries which they have narrowed down for this screening. The youth audience will watch all the pieces then break up into small discussion groups to discuss the work. These discussion groups will be co-facilitated by a media professional, a TMP Youth Member, and a visiting youth producer. Presented by the Community Art Center, Inc.'s Teen Media Program and featuring youth producers from across the country.

**A Dance Collective Event:**  
**Beyond the 4th Wall**  
**November 2 and 3**  
**8 pm**

New works by Artistic co-directors, Dawn Kramer and Micki Taylor-Pinney & Guest Choreographers Sean Curran and Ruth Benson Levin. At the Tsai Performance Center, Boston University, 685 Commonwealth Avenue in Boston. For more information call (617)353-8725 or visit them at [www.dancecollective.org](http://www.dancecollective.org)

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Jaqueth Hutchinson	Joseph Wheelwright
Frederick H. Illingworth	Fred Willey
Perrin Ireland & Tom Ramey	Marjory Wunsch
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## SANDERS THEATER NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

**Memorial Hall, 45 Quincy Street, Cambridge, MA**  
**Telephone: (617) 496-2222**

**NOV. 2, Friday 8:00 PM *Harvard Radcliffe Collegium Musicum*** presents Brahms, Debussy, Britten  
 Tickets: \$16 and \$12 adults; \$8, \$6 students

**NOV. 3, Saturday 8:00 PM *Radcliffe Pitches and Harvard Veritones*** Fall Concert. Tickets: \$10 general admission, \$7 students

**NOV. 4, Sunday 7:00 PM *Glory Bound!*** a folk tribute show  
 Tickets: \$28, \$22

**NOV. 10, Saturday 8:00 PM *Harvard Din & Tonics***  
 Tickets: \$10, \$7 students

**NOV. 11, Sunday 3:00 PM *Masterworks Chorale present Mozart's Requiem in D minor***, Tickets: \$35, \$24, \$16

**NOV. 11, Sunday 8:00 PM *Arlo Guthrie***  
 Tickets: \$32.50, \$27.50

**NOV. 15, Thursday 7:30 PM *Boston Philharmonic Orchestra*** presents Discovery Series  
 Tickets: \$49, \$38, \$27, \$16; \$4 off students & seniors

**NOV. 16, Friday 8:00 PM** Boston's accomplished pan-Latin group ***Sol y Canto meets the Boston Modern Orchestra Project***  
 Tickets: \$35, \$30, \$25

**NOV. 17, Saturday 8:00 PM *Legends of Women's Music***  
 Folk concert. Tickets: \$25, \$21

**NOV. 18, Sunday 3:00 PM *Boston Philharmonic Orchestra*** presents Bach, Berg, and Brahms Program  
 Tickets: \$58, \$45, \$32, \$18

**NOV. 18, Sunday 7:30 PM *Boston Chamber Music Society*** presents Kirchner/ Verdi/ Strauss  
 Tickets: \$58, \$45, \$32, \$18;

**NOV. 23, Friday 7:00 PM** Baptist Churches of Greater Boston presents ***Worship of the Nations***  
 Tickets: \$15

**NOV. 24, Saturday 8:00 PM *Capitol Steps***  
 Tickets: \$30, \$27, \$21

**NOV. 25, Sunday 3:00 PM**  
***Pro Arte Chamber Orchestra*** presents Schuller and Sherman  
 Tickets: \$39, \$29, \$19, \$9

**DEC. 1, Saturday 8:00 PM *Harvard Krokodiloes and Harvard Opportunes*** Tickets: TBA

## Poetry Events at Lesley (P.E.A.L.)

November 7

7:00 p.m.

Alumni Hall,

P.E.A.L. presents Dr. Rafael Campo who is on the faculty of Harvard Medical School and practices at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. He serves a diverse patient population, many of whom are HIV-infected, Spanish-speaking only, and /or gay. A reception will follow the reading.

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# Community Calendar November 2001

## VOTE NOVEMBER 6 ELECTION DAY

Most Agassiz residents live in Ward 7 and vote in the Agassiz School. Call (617)349-4361 for more information.

Monday, November 12		Veteran's Day - School Closed
Thursday, November 15	2:00 pm	<i>Gulliver's Travels</i> by the Poobley Greegy Puppet Theater Presented by Introducing Art Children's Performance Series Agassiz School Stage, 28 Sacramento St. Entrance (See page 6)
Tuesday, November 20	6:00-8:00 pm	Annual Thanksgiving Pot Luck Dinner Agassiz School Dining Hall 28 Sacramento Street entrance (See below for information)
Tuesday, November 27	6:30 pm	ANC Board Meeting - Public Welcome - 20 Sacramento Street
Tuesday, November 27	7:30 pm	ANC Monthly Council Meeting (See box page 1 for information) Agassiz School Dining Hall, 28 Sacramento Street entrance
December 4-8 Tuesday through Friday	3:00-5:30 pm	Kids Only Holiday Sale-Inexpensive gifts for children to buy Sacramento Street Gallery 20 Sacramento Street
Saturday	10:00 am-4:00pm	Call Kelly Tyler (617)349-6287x12 for more information

Coming in December - An Art Show of Children's Work from Tibet, Nepal, Guatemala and more.  
This show will exhibit rarely available work directly from children and adults who create art in programs abroad.  
It will be presented by Agassiz Neighborhood Council in conjunction with Project Guggenheim.

The Whistler is published monthly September - June by the Agassiz Neighborhood Council, distribution 2,000. Call 349-6287 to be on the mailing list. Items of interest to the neighborhood may be submitted for consideration to address below, no later than the 15th of the month prior to publication date.



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30th ANNUAL

## Agassiz Thanksgiving Feast

Tuesday, November 20 - 6-8 p.m.

Agassiz School Dining Hall, 28 Sacramento St.



Turkey and cranberry sauce will be waiting .  
Bring a pot luck side dish big enough for your family plus .  
(ethnic or family favorites are most welcome)  
Children must be accompanied by an adult.  
Volunteer to cook a turkey! We will deliver a  
fresh medium size turkey to you on Monday, November 19  
for you to cook and bring to the dinner Tuesday evening.  
Call Jonathan at 349-6287x23 for information  
or to cook a turkey.

**ALL Members and friends of the  
Agassiz Community are WELCOME !!!  
Come Early - The food goes fast**