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 newsletter of the Agassiz Neighborhood Council

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ANC News

Notes from the October 21st ANC Meeting

ANC Board Member Dave Wood welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Neighborhood Sergeant Steven Donahue of the Cambridge Police Department.

Sgt Donahue gave a brief update on crime in the Agassiz neighborhood. As usual, there have been few incidents in the area. In the last three months, there were 17 crimes reported, mostly housebreaks and auto thefts. There was a small spike in housebreaks in September; two arrests were made in those cases. There were 8 automobile larcenies. Sgt Donahue reminded residents to lock car doors and avoid leaving anything of value in sight. Questions were raised about the intersection of Mass Ave and Linnaean St (residents feel it is dangerous to cross there) and noise and traffic complaints related to Harvard and/or Lesley construction. Sgt Donahue said he would let the Traffic Dept know to monitor the Mass/Linnaean site. He urged residents to let the police department know (349-3300) about noise and traffic incidents. Also discussed was the issue of bicyclists riding on sidewalks, where they endanger pedestrians. Sgt Donahue and his colleague Jack Monahan explained that they have been working to educate motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians about the laws governing bicycles and the rights protecting them.

Sgt Donahue also introduced Chris Drew, a consultant working with the Cambridge Police to assess the needs of the department. Chris passed out a Community Members Questionnaire aimed at getting community feedback on what the CPD needs to improve, develop and enhance to make Cambridge a good, safe city to live and work in. If you were not present and would like to fill out a questionnaire, please contact Amy King at 617.349.6287 x19 or

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**Roundtable Discussions
 on the Memo of Understanding
 with Harvard**

Monday, November 10th, 2003
 7:30-9:00 PM

Wednesday, November 12th, 2003
 7:30-9:00 PM

Both meetings will take place at the Agassiz
 Community Center at 20 Sacramento Street, on
 the 2nd Floor.

Representatives from ACID will be present
 to answer questions. All are welcome!

Next ANC Monthly Meeting



Tuesday, November 18th
 7:30 p.m.

**Baldwin School Dining Hall - 28
 Sacramento Street**
Oxford Street Entrance - press buzzer for entry

**Agenda: Memo of Understanding
 with Harvard University**

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aking@agassiz.org.

Dave then introduced Owen O’Riordan of the Cambridge Department of Public Works, who gave a presentation on Sewer Separation and Stormwater Management in the city. Owen explained that the city sewer infrastructure needs to be replaced, as it is 150-200 years old in some places. It is decaying, which causes problems with water quality. The city presently has a combination of combined and separated sewer systems, the goal being to achieve sewer separation throughout the city, as it prevents flooding of streets and basements. The Agassiz neighborhood is still a combined sewer catchment.

The DPW has spent a few years monitoring sewer lines and conducting building inspections to see where sewer lines and roof run-offs go. They want to make sure they first address the needs of those who live in areas that are susceptible to flooding (such as the Crescent/Carver and Scott/Holden areas). Various areas in the city need sewer separation; the entire project is expected to take about fifteen years, no more than two years per area. It will cost in excess of \$130 million.

Owen said that they are beginning to concentrate their efforts on the Sacramento/Beacon intersection. Pump stations and diversion structures will be put in, followed by tanks, with completion expected in May 2004. Mass Highway will come through afterward to rebuild Beacon Street.

Dave Wood then introduced Paul Karoff to update the Agassiz community on Lesley University’s long-range campus planning process. Also presenting were Marylou Batt, Vice President for Administration; George Smith, Director of Operations; and the University’s campus planning consultant, Dick Dober of Dober, Lidsky, Craig & Associates. The presenters emphasized that the presentation was a status report on an ongoing process and that the University is committed to returning regularly to provide further updates and opportunities for community input. Lesley is genuinely interested in sharing its plans at their earliest stage and

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Lesley Development Update

Courtesy of Paul Karoff, VP for University Affairs


Lesley University and the community share a number of goals, including a desire for increased open/green space accessible to all, improved pedestrian friendliness, attractive streetscapes, minimizing the impact of cars on the neighborhood, safety, and maintaining diverse and thriving retail establishments along Mass. Ave.

Lesley’s planning assumptions include the following: that Lesley will remain in Cambridge; that Lesley will maintain the urban quality and the Victorian character of the main campus; that Lesley will seek to meet its needs for athletic playing fields outside of the neighborhood; that the Art Institution of Boston (AIB) will relocate from Kenmore Square to Lesley’s Cambridge campus; and that there will be modest (10-15%) overall growth of on-campus programs, not including the undergraduate residential programs. Regarding the latter, a study is currently under way to determine the future enrollment goals for Lesley College and AIB, with recommendations expected in March.

AIB’s relocation to Cambridge will most likely be to Lesley’s Porter Square campus. AIB would become the anchor of an arts hub, to also include other existing arts-related programs at Lesley. Other significant projects that are highest priority in Lesley’s long-range campus plan are replacement of existing science labs and construction of additional residence hall space. Among these, the most detailed planning has been done around potential creation of science labs on the main campus in the area between Lesley institutional buildings that is today’s quadrangle. Lesley is studying a plan to excavate this area, build the labs underground, and then cover the site with a new, landscaped plaza. Lesley will provide additional details on this project as they are developed.

So far most of Lesley’s efforts have been data gathering -- conducting a thorough inventory of buildings and land owned, establishing a consensus view of long-range needs, classroom utilization analysis, studies of future demands for libraries and student life. The current phase of this work is to begin matching identified campus needs with available

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receiving feedback from the Agassiz (and Porter) neighborhoods that will help inform the University's campus planning decisions.

Paul explained some of the university's development goals. Marylou reviewed Lesley's planning assumptions, and spoke about plans for the Art Institute of Boston's move to Cambridge, proposals to build science labs under the Lesley quad, and Lesley's growth expectations. George Smith outlined the campus planning process to date. Many studies are being conducted to determine the best plans for the college. Consultant Dick Dober explained that Lesley has, in effect, two "precincts" to its campus: the northern "precinct" at Porter Exchange and the southern in the Agassiz neighborhood. Dick then talked about the different ways those two campuses could be used by the college.

For details about Lesley development, see article on page 2.

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development or renovation opportunities on Lesley-owned property.

Lesley effectively has two campuses (in the Agassiz neighborhood and at Porter) linked by Mass. Ave. and approximately 10 minutes walking distance apart. The University has considered two conceptual options for future development. One option is to make the south campus mostly residential with some academic components and the north campus mostly academic. The second option is to create mixed-use "living and learning" clusters at both the north and south campuses. The latter option would introduce student housing in the Porter Square campus.

Lesley-owned parcels available for potential development or renovation include: the parking lots on the west side of Mass. Ave. opposite the Porter Exchange building; the parking lot behind the Porter Exchange building; the second floor of the Porter Exchange building for which the Smithsonian's lease will expire at the end of 2005; the two floors of 815 Somerville Ave. that are currently leased to tenants; the air rights over the commuter rail track at Porter if Lesley is able to secure development rights for this parcel; 1636 Mass. Ave. (current site of the Alamo/National car rental); Lot B at the end of Mellen Street; parts of Lot C between Mellen and Wendell Streets; and the in-fill area beneath the current quad area. The next stage of Lesley's planning process is to begin to match identified needs to "opportunity sites."

Lesley will continue to keep the Agassiz neighborhood briefed on this process. Anyone with specific questions or concerns is encourage to contact Paul Karoff at 617 349-8522 or via email at pkaroff@mail.lesley.edu.

Flu Shot Clinic Schedule

Please note: While there is no charge to the public for a flu shot, we are able to bill Medicare and Medicare HMOs. Please help us to recover some costs of the program by bringing your Medicare Health Insurance card with you. We do not need any other health insurance cards.

Monday, November 3, 2003, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Manning Apartments, 237 Franklin Street

Monday, November 3, 2003, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Putnam Square Apartments, 2 Mount Auburn Street

Monday, November 10, 2003, 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Cambridge Hospital, Third Floor, Learning Center
1493 Cambridge Street

Wednesday, November 12, 2003, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Senior Center, 806 Massachusetts Ave., Central Square

Wednesday, November 12, 2003, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Graham and Parks (formerly Peabody) School
44 Linnaean Street

Saturday, November 15, 2003, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Cambridge Hospital, Third Floor, Learning Center
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Wednesday, November 19, 2003, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Cambridge City Hall, 795 Massachusetts Avenue



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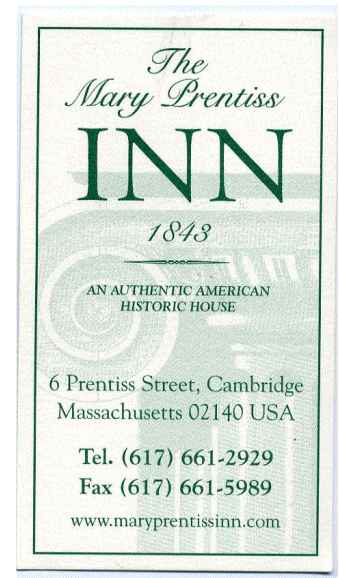
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October 2003

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Agassiz Community School
Programs

"Lights On! Afterschool" Rally

On Thursday, October 9th, a delegation of ten students and three teachers from the Agassiz Afterschool participated in the "Lights on! Afterschool" rally at Cambridge City Hall. The event was part of a nation-wide, month-long celebration of afterschool education, organized by the Afterschool Alliance, a national advocacy group. Representatives from almost every afterschool program in the city attended the rally, along with Cambridge families, local media, and public officials. Those present carried handmade signs identifying their programs, participated in chants and songs touting the importance of afterschool programming, and heard speeches by Mayor Michael Sullivan and Deputy Superintendent Carolyn Turk, among others. Our staff and students had a great time, and especially enjoyed seeing friends from other afterschool programs throughout the city. Fifth graders Joey Faretra, Raha Talebinejad, and Sophia Barney-Farrar even made it into a photo in the October 15th *Cambridge Chronicle* (look for them in the lower right-hand corner). We look forward to sending an even larger group to next year's rally!

*Emily Raine, K Site Director
Agassiz Afterschool*

Drop-In Basketball is Back!

Starting November 18th, the Baldwin gym will be open for adult basketball on Tuesdays from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. Men and women welcome; cost is \$2.



Supervised teen basketball began on Wednesday, October 29th and will be open every Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Baldwin gym. Cost is \$1.

Questions? Sharon Reidbord 617.349.6287 x10 or sreidbord@agassiz.org.



Children in the Agassiz Afterschool's Kindergarten program learn yoga every Friday with specialist Ben Cohen.

Baby Groups

Baby Groups have begun! Playgroups will meet on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the North Hall Community Room, at the corner of Mass Ave and Wendell Street. Moms, dads, caregivers and children under 3 are welcome! Starting soon, playgroups will also be open on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Contact Sharon Reidbord, 617.349.6287 x10.

CLUB PASSIM CULTURE FOR KIDS 2003

Multicultural community program
for children 8-12 years

November 15th (1:00PM-2:00PM):
A Culture for Kids afternoon in the Brazilian Rainforest with Ricardo Frota at Springstep- Center for Traditional Dance & Music 98 George P. Hassett Drive, Medford
Tickets are \$5 for children/\$10 for adults/\$20 for families. Call (781) 395-0402 for reservations.

November 24th (3:45PM-5:00PM):
Soundscience
at Club Passim, 47 Palmer St, Cambridge
Find out how sound is made through this interactive and exciting program taught by local singer/songwriters Chris & Meredith Thompson. Limited to 35 children. Free for children, \$5 suggested donation for adults.

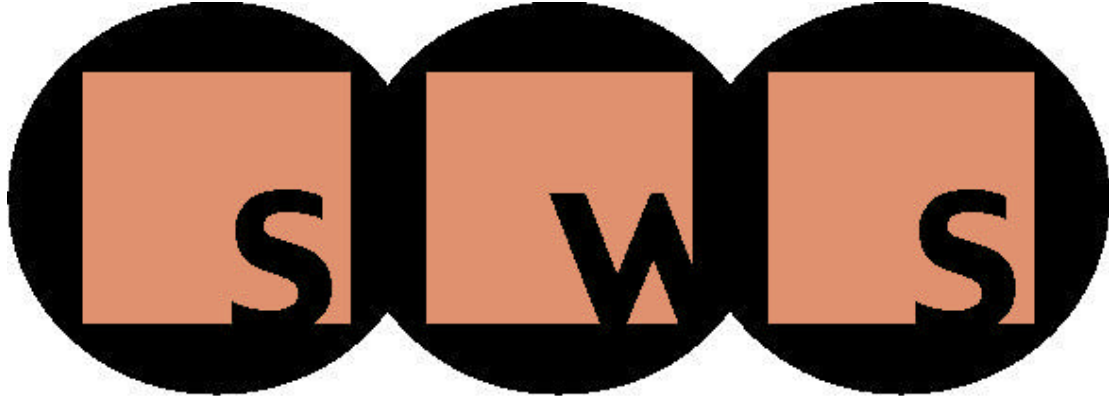
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Maud Morgan Visual Arts Center

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Below, left: Children at the clay table. Center: The finished mural on the carriage house, site of the future Arts Center. Right: Families hard at work on the mural.



Other Local Cultural Events and Programs



If you have questions or would like to cook a turkey, call Amy King at 617.349.6287 x19

Please join us at the
Agassiz Neighborhood
32nd Annual
Thanksgiving Put Luck Feast

Baldwin School Cafeteria
28 Sacramento Street
Tuesday, November 25th
6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Please bring your family's favorite side dish. The ANC will provide a dozen turkeys, cooked by volunteers.

We will provide children's activities, though parents are responsible for their children. All children must be accompanied by adults.

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH		VETERAN'S DAY (ANC CLOSED)
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH	2:00 PM	INTRODUCING ART presents: BIG NAZO Lifesize Puppet Theater Baldwin School Stage, 28 Sacramento Street
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH	5:30-8:00 PM	OPENING RECEPTION for SMALL WORKS: CAMBRIDGE ARTISTS SUPPORT THE MMVAC Show runs through December 10th Sacramento Street Gallery, 20 Sacramento Street
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH	6:00 PM	ANC Board Meeting 20 Sacramento Street 2nd Floor
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH	7:30 PM	ANC Monthly Meeting (See page one for agenda) Baldwin Dining Hall, 28 Sacramento Street
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH	6:00 -8:00 PM	ANNUAL THANKSGIVING POTLUCK Baldwin Dining Hall, 28 Sacramento Street
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH		THANKSGIVING (ANC CLOSED 11/27 & 11/28)

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