

# the Whistler

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Ms. Miguel outlined next steps and a schedule for upcoming work:

- Drawings finalized
- Project put out to bid (advertised April 20, 2016)
- City reviews the bids from contractors (approximately 3rd week of June)
- Project likely to begin July 18, 2016
- Both Newport Rd. and Roseland St. completed by fall of 2017 (construction moratorium Nov. 1st to Apr. 1st, due to weather)

Short water disruptions will occur during installation of the new water line on Newport Rd. Residents will be notified well in advance of this work. Barring a water main break, DPW doesn't anticipate any long spells of water disruption.

Work hours are weekdays 7:00 AM-4:00 PM. A Cambridge Police detail will assist when roads

## ANC News

### NOTES FROM THE MAR. 8 MEETING

#### **Project Update: Newport Road and Roseland Street Sewer Separation and Surface Restoration**

The Cambridge Department of Public Works returned to update the Council on sewer/ storm water separation and road surface restoration work on Newport Road and Roseland Street, along the northern edge of the neighborhood. Those in attendance included: Melissa Miguel, PE Supervising Engineer; Eric Breen, Engineer; and Juan Avendano, Traffic Calming Program Manager, accompanied by John Rogers, Civil Team Leader and Kate Maker, Project Manager, of Kleinfelder consulting firm.

Melissa Miguel informed the Council of a correction: Roseland St. does not require a new water line as that work has already been completed.

### NEXT ANC MONTHLY MEETING



**APR. 12 - 7:30 PM**

Maud Morgan Arts  
20A Sacramento Street

#### **Agenda:**

- **Sacramento Field Renovations & Access:** Updates on the community consultation process with Cambridge Community Development
- Update on the **Community Zoning Petition for Mass. Ave. (MaPoCo)** from Cambridge Common to Porter Sq.
- Should Agassiz adopt and become a **Neighborhood Conservation District?** A discussion with **City Councillor Dennis Carlone**

are temporarily closed to traffic or are otherwise blocked.

More project details can be found in last month's edition of *The Whistler* newsletter at: [bit.ly/Whistler-March-2016](http://bit.ly/Whistler-March-2016)

### **Traffic Calming for Newport Rd.**

Responding to inquiries about reducing car speeds on Newport Rd., Juan Avendano stated that the city does not consider speed bumps as a traffic calming option. He explained that, instead of speed bumps, which can damage vehicles, the city installs raised crosswalks and raised intersections to reduce speeds and increase pedestrian safety.

### **'Wish List' Ideas**

DPW responded to residents' 'wish list' suggestions and questions for the project:

- Ms. Miguel confirmed that the new crosswalk planned for Newport Rd. will be raised, as requested. This change from the original plan brings the crosswalk to the same elevation as the sidewalks. (For an example of a similar raised crosswalk, visit Exeter Park at Mass. Ave.)
- There was interest in a sidewalk 'bump-out' for a tree on Newport Road. DPW would entertain the request but requires a majority of abutters to be in agreement with the installation of a bump-out, which would result in the loss of one to two parking spaces. When mentioned during a site walk on Tuesday March 8th, the residents in attendance agreed that consensus would be difficult to obtain and so withdrew the request.
- Residents requested new street trees on Newport Rd., but the street is too narrow to accommodate them. However, the city can assist with planting back-of-sidewalk trees. To learn more, visit: [bit.ly/DPW\\_backofsidewalktrees](http://bit.ly/DPW_backofsidewalktrees)
- New sidewalk details like those on Mass. Ave. can't be installed on Newport Rd. due to the narrow sidewalks. The sidewalk score

pattern on Mass. Ave. ('Demo Block') was designed for sidewalks 12" in width and greater.

- Residents identified an issue with sidewalks cracking beneath the weight of heavy delivery vehicles. DPW will look into addressing this problem.

### **Q&A:**

**Q:** Why can't you just close the street to all traffic and complete the work in a shorter time period?

**A:** It takes many steps to completely close a street, such as carefully assessing how the street functions, discovering whether residents will agree to a complete closure, and coordinating with emergency services. By law, access must be provided. Because it's challenging to close a street, DPW generally avoids doing so.

**Q:** Will the street curbs be updated or replaced?

**A:** Only the corners will get new curbs.

**Q:** Who is the on-site contact?

**A:** Eric Breen will be the city's representative and the contractor will also have a point person on-site. Inquiries can also be directed to Kelly Dunn, Community Relations Manager at [kdunn@cambridgema.gov](mailto:kdunn@cambridgema.gov) or (617) 349-4870.

For accommodations or continuation of special services related to a disability or special need, please contact Melissa Miguel, PE Supervising Engineer at [mmiguel@cambridgema.gov](mailto:mmiguel@cambridgema.gov) or (617) 349-9351.

For 24-hour emergency assistance, please call (617) 349-4800.

### **DPW Project Page**

Learn more online at:

[bit.ly/dpw-newport-and-roseland-improvements](http://bit.ly/dpw-newport-and-roseland-improvements)

### **Nearby Construction Projects**

Residents should be aware of upcoming Mass.

Department of Transportation (MassDOT) work on Beacon St. in Somerville:  
[www.somervillema.gov/beaconstreet](http://www.somervillema.gov/beaconstreet)

### **Introducing Honeycomb Creamery**

Frank Kramer, long-time Cambridge resident, former owner of Harvard Book Store, and co-founder of Cambridge Local First (CLF), a non-profit network of locally owned and independent businesses, introduced Honeycomb Creamery, a small-batch ice cream company applying for a fast food variance to open a store at 1702 Mass. Ave.

Kristen Rummel and Rory Hanlon, the wife and husband team behind Honeycomb Creamery, greeted the Council and shared ice cream samples.



A graduate of Cambridge School of Culinary Arts, Ms. Rummel worked at Union Square Donuts prior to opening Honeycomb Creamery in June 2015. She and Mr. Hanlon create their product entirely from scratch, including cones and all toppings. They source from local food purveyors like Taza Chocolate of Somerville and Carlisle Honey of Tyngsboro, as well as purchase fruits and veggies from farms. Currently, Honeycomb sells at farmers' markets and online.

"The response [to our ice cream] has been great, and overwhelming," stated Ms. Rummel. "So we decided to open up a storefront. We make variants on the classic and create interesting flavors that you can't get at the grocery store. Our menu changes every two to three months --since last June we've offered over 300 flavors!"

The goal for 1702 Mass. Ave. is to both produce on-site as well as sell direct to customers. The menu will include ice cream, ice cream sandwiches, brownies, waffles, honeycomb candy, and more.

In addition to their application to the Cambridge Board of Zoning Appeal, Ms. Rummel is working with Kristen Fernandes of Cambridge Inspectional Services, as well as the Cambridge Health Department. They anticipate that construction in the space would take approximately a month and a half, and they hope to open Honeycomb Creamery in July 2016.

### **Q&A**

**Q:** Will the shop have seating?

**A:** Yes, there will be approximately 10-15 seats inside, and we will provide compostable bowls and spoons for take out. Right now there's a step at the entrance, so we plan to add a ramp for accessibility as well as an accessible bathroom.

**Q:** Will you sell frozen yogurt?

**A:** No, but we make dairy-free and vegan ice cream. The dairy-free is made from coconut milk and our own homemade rice milk. We'll also offer sorbets.

**Q:** Residents can be resistant to fast food establishments due in part to trash. Will you help keep our streets clear?

**A:** Yes. We'll be using reusable and compostable materials, and will be careful about trash.

**Q:** What will your hours be?

**A:** Hours will likely be 12:00-10:00 PM Tuesday through Sunday.

**Q:** How many people do you expect to employ?

**A:** There will be three to four employees in the store at a time. For farmers' markets, we employ seven to eight people.

**Q:** Will you offer small serving sizes for kids?

**A:** Yes.

### **Update**

Honeycomb Creamery will be hosting an open house on Tuesday, April 5th from 6:00-8:00 PM. They will discuss their plans for the space,

answer questions and address concerns, and provide ice cream samples.

The shop's hearing with the Cambridge Board of Zoning Appeal is scheduled for April 14, 2016. Residents who wish to support or comment on Honeycomb Creamery's application should contact the BZA at (617) 349-6100, or send written correspondence to Inspectional Services Department, 831 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, MA 02139.

Visit Honeycomb Creamery online at:  
[www.honeycombc Creamery.com](http://www.honeycombc Creamery.com)  
Contact: [info@honeycombc Creamery.com](mailto:info@honeycombc Creamery.com)

### **Cambridge Local First Community Card**

Support Cambridge Local First and the independent business community by becoming a member. The Community Card aims to shift buying habits in favor of shopping local and costs \$20 annually.

Purchase or learn more online:  
[www.cambridgelocalfirst.org/community-card/](http://www.cambridgelocalfirst.org/community-card/)



## **Community**

### **IN MEMORIAM: DENISE DUSSAULT**

Denise Dussault, formerly of Cambridge, passed away suddenly in January 2016. A graduate of UMass Boston and former longtime employee of Cambridge Trust Bank, Ms. Dussault served as Treasurer and member of the Finance and Strategic Planning Committee on the ABC Board for six years from 2002 to 2008. ABC Board Co-chair Andrea Walsh stated of Ms. Dussault, "Denise served with a deep sense of integrity, financial wisdom, and vision . . . and [was] an invaluable member of our Board."

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to St. John's the Evangelist Church, 2254 Mass. Ave., North Cambridge, MA 02140.



## **Agassiz Baldwin Children's Programs**

### **ABC CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS SPRING FAIR**

Play in our big back yard, meet the teachers, and explore in the space. Families with toddlers, preschoolers, and Kindergartners are encouraged to attend.

**When:** Saturday, April 9, 10:00 AM-12:00 Noon, rain or shine  
**Where:** Agassiz Baldwin Community, 20 Sacramento St., Cambridge  
**Cost:** FREE!

Activities include:

- 10:30 AM – Family Yoga with Marlene Boyette
- 11:00 AM – Storytime with story teller Doria Hughes
- Ongoing – Art activities for multiple ages; garden activity

Questions about ABC Children's Programs? Contact Molly Juhlin, Director of Children's Programs, at (617) 349-6287 x11 or [mjuhlin@agassiz.org](mailto:mjuhlin@agassiz.org).





# Maud Morgan Arts

## HIGH SCHOOL ART IMMERSION WORKSHOP: THROW IT / PRESS IT

Join two local artists, Printmaker Julia Talcott and Ceramicist Rachel Eng, in this week-long exploration of two versatile mediums. For four hours each afternoon, high school students will immerse themselves in the subjects of ceramics and printmaking alongside two talented artists.

**When:** Tues. Apr. 19-Fri. Apr. 22, 1:00-5:30 PM

**Where:** Maud Morgan Arts, 20A Sacramento St.

**Cost:** \$205 + \$50 materials and firing fee; register online at: [www.maudmorganarts.org](http://www.maudmorganarts.org)

Full and partial scholarships are available, contact Haley MacKeil, MMA Site Dir., at [hmackeil@agassiz.org](mailto:hmackeil@agassiz.org) or (617) 349-6287 x29.

## FAMILY WORKSHOP: POP-UP CARDS FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS

Teacher Kelly Kraehe leads this multi-age workshop to create surprising and fun cards that transform from two dimensions into three when opened. These can be just for fun or for a special occasion or special person. The workshop is open to all ages (participants 12 and under should attend with an adult.)



**When:** Saturday, May 7, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

**Where:** Maud Morgan Arts, 20A Sacramento St.

**Cost:** \$10 drop-in

# City Wide

## ENVISION CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

Envision Cambridge, the citywide planning process, wants to hear from you! Tell us what matters most to you, and what you want the plan to address.

### Next Event

**When:** Sat. April 2, 1:30-3:30 PM

**Where:** Senior Center, 806 Mass. Ave.

To learn more about the project, visit [www.cambridgema.gov/citywideplan](http://www.cambridgema.gov/citywideplan)

## BALDWIN BLOOMS FUNDRAISER

Take part in an evening supporting and celebrating the Maria L.



Baldwin School

-children, educators, parents, and community.

The Tenoch Mexican Food Truck will be serving up tacos and tortas all night long, and we will also have a great selection of beer and wine, and yummy desserts. From Red Sox Tickets, to vacation homes and everything in between, we have gathered some amazing auction items.

Proceeds from the event will be used by the Friends of Baldwin for all field trips.

**When:** Saturday, May 14, 2016 6:00 PM-9:30 PM

**Where:** Maud Morgan Arts, 20A Sacramento St.

**Tickets:** \$30 at: [baldwinblooms.com](http://baldwinblooms.com), adults only

Unable to attend? Please consider making a donation at: [baldwinblooms.com](http://baldwinblooms.com)

# Community Calendar

## April 2016

Saturday, April 9	10:00-12:00 PM	ABC Children's Programs Spring Fair 20 Sacramento St., back yard
Tuesday, April 12	7:30-9:00 PM	ANC Meeting (see page 1 for agenda) Maud Morgan Arts, 20A Sacramento St. All are welcome, please join us!
Wednesday, April 13	6:00-7:30 PM	ABC Board Meeting, 20 Sacramento St., 2nd Floor Public welcome
Tuesday, April 19 - Friday, April 22	1:00-5:30 PM	MMA April Vacation Week High School Art Immersion Workshop: Throw It / Press It 20A Sacramento St., register: <a href="http://www.maudmorganarts.org">www.maudmorganarts.org</a>

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