

the Whistler

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ANC News

NOTES FROM THE OCT. 20 MEETING

Candidates' Forum Report

On Tuesday, October 20th, Agassiz Neighborhood Council collaborated with Porter Square Neighbors Association to host a City Council Candidate's Forum. The Forum was held at Lesley University from 6:30 to 9:00 PM.

The event wrap-up below was prepared by John Howard of Porter Square Neighbors Association.

The PSNA/ANC Cambridge City Council Candidates' Forum went off extremely well. There were an estimated over 150 people in the audience, nearly filling the room, and 19 of the 23 candidates participated.

Special thanks go to Lesley University for providing the venue. It was a pleasure to work with both George Smith, Director of Operations, and Communications Director John Sullivan, who stayed with us the entire evening and saw to it that everything went smoothly. The Lesley Amphitheater was an excellent auditorium and

amenities like the AV equipment, tables, and chairs were just right.

Special thanks also to Alice Wolf, former State Representative, City Councillor and Mayor, who did her usual excellent job of moderating. Alice worked closely with John and the steering committee on publicity, planning the schedule, and selecting the questions.



The remainder of the steering committee consisted of ANC meeting chair Fred Meyer, Ruth Ryals (publicity), Susana Segat (time keeping), and Phoebe Sinclair (publicity and arrangements). Thanks to you all!

NEXT ANC MONTHLY MEETING



NOV. 10 - 7:30 PM

Maud Morgan Arts
20A Sacramento Street

Agenda:

- Discover **coUrbanize Cambridge**, a database of development and construction projects in the city
- **Nurtured Heart Approach Practitioner's Panel:** learn how Agassiz Baldwin Afterschool teachers use behavior guidance to help children thrive in an increasingly complex world

The November ANC Meeting is participating in Boston's new social impact festival, CityAwake. Learn more at: www.cityawake.is

Finally, thanks to all the candidates for taking the time out of their very busy schedules. Dennis Benzan, Dennis Carlone, Leland Cheung, Mike Connolly, Mariko Davidson, Plinio DeGoes, Jan Devereux, Craig Kelley, Ilan Levy, Paul Mahoney, Nadeem Mazen, Marc McGovern, Gary Mello, Gregg Moree, John Sanzone, Denise Simmons, Minka vanBeuzekom, Romaine Waite, and James Williamson all participated. David Maher, Kim Courtney, and Xavier Dietrich had unavoidable conflicts.

CCTV taped the event and it can be viewed online at:
bit.ly/PSNA-ANC-Candidates-Forum-2015

Also, check out CCTV's other election offerings on Channels 8, 9, and 96 (see website for viewing schedule) with other similar forums for City Council and School Committee candidates, can be viewed online at:
www.cctvcambridge.org/electioncoverage

View photos from the event on Agassiz Baldwin Community's Flickr page:
bit.ly/PSNA-ANC-Candidates-Forum-Photos-2015



Community

NEW NEIGHBORHOOD MURAL

A new mural is being completed at the corner of Shepard Street and Mass. Ave. Sponsored by the adjacent Starbucks Coffee, the project is a collaboration between the coffee shop, the Art Committee for the Avenue (residents of Agassiz, Neighborhood 9, and Mass. Ave. merchants), and supported by Lesley University and Harvard University.



The project began in February 2015 and is

expected to be completed in the next few weeks. Lesley University College of Art and Design adjunct teacher Percy Fortini-Wright and students Ellie Lukova and Gary Chen created the design, which is intended to reflect the neighborhood.

View more photos online at:



ANNUAL THANKSGIVING POTLUCK

Come to our **44th Annual Thanksgiving Potluck Feast!**

When: Tuesday, November 24,
5:30-7:30 PM

Where: Maria L. Baldwin School
Dining Hall, 28 Sacramento St.

Chefs Needed

Help make Thanksgiving memorable by volunteering to cook a turkey for the Thanksgiving Potluck. We will deliver a free turkey and roasting pan to volunteers' homes the week of the event.



Volunteers drop off the cooked turkey (no stuffing, please) before dinner begins on the evening of Tuesday, November 24th. We need **eight volunteers to cook turkey, and four to help carve** just before and during the event.

To volunteer, contact Phoebe Sinclair at psinclair@agassiz.org or (617) 349-6287 x10.

Come Early, Bring Food

Your contributions are important. Bring a side dish ample enough for your family and a few more to share. Salads, stuffings, cranberry sauce, dessert, and more are **welcome and needed!**

VIP Guest List

That's you! We invite everyone from the neighborhood, Agassiz Baldwin Children's Programs, Living Well Network, Maud Morgan Arts, and Maria L. Baldwin School communities to come together for an evening of celebration, good company, and delicious food.

Please remember that while we will host kids' activities at the event, parents are ultimately responsible for their children.



KIDS ONLY HOLIDAY SALE

Calling all kids! Calling all kids! Come to this December's Kids Only Holiday Sale to buy fun and inexpensive gifts for your family and friends. Need help picking out a gift? Just ask our staff.



- What:** Kids Only Holiday Sale
- When:** Wednesday, Dec. 9th to Friday, Dec. 11, 3:00-6:00 PM
- Where:** Maud Morgan Arts, 3D Studio, 1st Floor, 20A Sacramento St.
- Contact:** Phoebe Sinclair, (617) 349-6287 x10, psinclair@agassiz.org

Proceeds from the sale benefit the Agassiz Baldwin Children's Programs.

City Wide

MUNICIPAL ELECTION - NOV. 3

Vote for Cambridge City Council and School Committee candidates on **Tuesday, November 3, 2015**. Agassiz residents vote at the Maria L. Baldwin School, 28 Sacramento Street. Polls open at 7:00 AM and close at 8:00 PM.

SECRET SANTA FOR SENIORS

The Holiday Season is a joyous time of year for many people, but it can be lonely for many senior citizens. Help the Cambridge Police Department put a smile on a senior's face when they are surprised with a holiday gift.

Agassiz Baldwin Community will be hosting a donation box again this year at 20 Sacramento Street.

Donation suggestions:

- * Socks * Slippers * Hats * Gloves * Cough Drops
- * Dish Towels * Candy Canes * Sweaters * Red Sox, Patriots, Celtics Items * Chocolate * Tea
- * Jams * Crackers * Hard Candy * Lip Balm *
- Blankets * Bath Robes * Gift Cards * Large Print Books


Secret Santa for Seniors is supported by:

- Cambridge Housing Authority
- Mount Auburn Hospital
- CambridgeSide Galleria
- Vineyard
- Pro EMS
- Whole Foods Markets
- Phil's Towing
- MIT

For more information please contact Cambridge Police Department Officer Dan Burroso or Matt Nelson at (617)-349-9354.

Community Calendar

November 2015

Tuesday, November 3		Election Day
Tuesday, November 10	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, November 11		Veteran's Day holiday, ABC Programs and office closed
Wednesday, November 18	6:00-7:30 PM	ABC Board Meeting, 20 Sacramento St., 2nd Floor Public welcome
Tuesday, November 24	 5:30-7:30 PM	44th Annual Thanksgiving Potluck Feast Baldwin School Dining Hall, 28 Sacramento St
Thursday, November 26		Thanksgiving Day Holiday, ABC Programs & office closed through Friday, November 26

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DO NOT FORWARD

VOLUNTEER WITH AGASSIZ BALDWIN

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Details inside . . .



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