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Newsletter of the Agassiz Neighborhood Council

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ANC News

NOTES FROM THE MAY 19 ANNUAL MEETING

Mass. Ave. "Cityscape" Improvements

Council members were invited to read the draft of a report suggesting improvements to the Mass. Ave. corridor between the Cambridge Common and Porter Square. The report, which will be discussed in more detail at the June 16 ANC meeting, was created by a group of residents from Agassiz and Neighborhood Nine. You can download it from ABC's website at www.agassiz.org (click on Neighborhood Council.)

The report addresses various practical concerns, including:

- Pedestrian crossings: availability and safety
- Traffic at intersections
- Sidewalks: quality and character of paving

- Street trees and plantings: improving the quality and number of trees and ensuring their continued health by creating better irrigation

"Although we've been lucky to have many local businesses and a very walk-able neighborhood, the visual and physical quality of the Ave. has suffered for many years," stated ANC meeting chair Stephen Diamond. "The city has been working with us and is supportive of our efforts."

The group's goals include restoring Mass. Ave.'s character in connection with development on both ends: the new Harvard Law School building and the Maud Morgan Visual Arts Center at one end and the Art Institute of Boston at the other. The group would like to see Mass. Ave. become an "Avenue of the Arts" with new independent businesses supporting both students and the arts.

NEXT ANC MONTHLY MEETING



JUNE 16 - 7:30 PM

*Maria L. Baldwin School Cafeteria
28 Sacramento Street
(Please use Oxford St. entrance)*

AGENDA

- *Sacramento Field Usage with Cambridge Police Deputy Albert and Paul Ryder of Parks and Recreation*
- *Neighborhood Crime Report with Police Sgt. Oppedisano*
- *Upcoming Renovations to Cambridge Common with Bill Deignan of Cambridge Community Development*
- *Trees, Sidewalks, and Safety: Improvements to Mass. Ave. Corridor between Cambridge Common and Porter Square*

Mr. Diamond added, "We're putting this plan out as an idea; we hope everyone will join in to support and think about it."

Thoughts or suggestions? Contact Ron Axelrod at ronaldaxelrod@aol.com.

Read more in the April 2010 edition of *The Whistler*.

2010/2011 Board of Directors

The council voted unanimously to approve the 2010/2011 Board slate, as listed below:

Officers elected for a one-year term:

Miriam Goldberg, Board Co-chair
Andrea Walsh, Board Co-chair

Directors nominated for a two-year term:

Adrienne Bailey
Anna Eckert Byrne*
Fred Meyer

Continuing Directors:

Gao-Wen Shao*, Treasurer
Hull Fulweiler, Clerk
George Hein
Wendy Prellwitz

*Parent Representatives

Special Appreciations

Andrea Walsh, ABC Board Co-chair, thanked a number of people for their hard work over the past year:

- ABC Executive Director Terry DeLancey for an incredible year. MMVAC is her vision and the art center is coming together more every day;
- Stephen Diamond for wearing multiple hats in serving as the ANC meeting chair, as a board director, and as chair of the MMVAC building committee;
- Community Liaison Phoebe Sinclair for her talents that are invaluable to the organization and for keeping us connected to news of the community;
- Board director Wendy Prellwitz for her

long-term vision, persistence, and generosity in the MMVAC project;

- Board Co-chair Miriam Goldberg, Clerk Hull Fulweiler, Treasurer Gao-Wen Shao, and directors Fred Meyer, Anna Eckert Byrne, and George Hein;
- Joan Squeri, Marsha Stewart, Micah Eglinton-Woods, PCA architect Mark Eclipse, Ben Rogan of Highland Development;
- Former board director Ellen Friedman and the staff of Keller Williams Realty for landscaping the front of 20 Sacramento Street with plants and materials donated from Mahoney's Garden Center, Pemberton Farms, and Tags Hardware;
- This year's nominating committee: Joan Squeri, Anna Eckert Byrne, and Joel Bard.

ABC extends a special thank you to Petsi Pie of 285 Beacon Street and Tavern in the Square, Porter of 1815 Mass. Ave. for their generous donations of hors d'oeuvres and baked goods.

The council also thanks State Representative Alice Wolf for her attendance.



Community

ABC BOCCÉ BALL TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER

On Saturday, June 12, join ABC for a bocce ball tournament and bake sale to support the creation of a community bocce court. The new bocce court will be located behind 20 Sacramento St., to the left of the Maud Morgan Visual Arts Center building in new passive-use open space.



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Entrance is \$10 per person, which includes entry in a drawing to win a \$75 gift certificate to West Side Lounge. All ages are welcome! Enjoy:

- Bocce tournament played on three

- grass courts at Sacramento Field
- Live DJ playing Italian classics and accordion
- Bake sale to benefit bocce court construction
- Activities for children include face painting, horseshoes, and croquet (please be aware that child care is not available, parents will be responsible for their children)

What: Bocce Ball Tournament Fundraiser
When: Saturday, June 12, 1:00-3:00 PM
Where: Sacramento Field
Tickets: \$10 per adult, children free!
Information: (617) 349-6287

A Few Good Bakers

Want to help out? We're accepting donations of baked goods. Contact Jacy Edelman at (617) 349-6287 x11 or jedelman@agassiz.org.

HARD HAT TOURS A SUCCESS

On the weekend of April 24 and 25, Agassiz Baldwin Community welcomed visitors to enjoy hard hat tours of the Maud Morgan Visual Arts Center.



Visitors were guided through four studios on two floors (print making, ceramics, painting and drawing, and three-dimensional work), shown the locations for site-specific artwork created by nine local artists, and were treated to a screening of "Light Coming Through," a short film about Maud Morgan.

Missed the tours but want to sign up to receive a course catalogue for fall Maud Morgan Visual Arts Center programs? Contact Micah Eglinton-Woods at (617) 349-6287 x19 or mwoods@agassiz.org.

KELLER WILLIAMS REALTY RED DAY

Prepared by Ellen Friedman

A crew of about twenty realtors and associates from the Cambridge/Somerville office of Keller Williams Realty spent the morning of May 13 beautifying the gardens of Agassiz Baldwin Community. The agents donated not only their labor, but also materials for the project.

The landscaping of ABC was chosen by the local realtors as their Red Day project, a Keller Williams Realty service initiative in which Keller Williams agents throughout the United States and Canada are asked to donate their time and resources to improving their local communities. In addition, plants and materials for the landscaping were donated by Mahoney's Garden Center, Tag's Hardware, and Pemberton Farms.

The project was coordinated by Anne Fantasia and Ellen Friedman, a long-time Agassiz resident and former member of the ABC board, working with Marsha Stewart, ABC Director of Administration and Finance.



CITYSPROUTS BLOOMS AT BALDWIN

Prepared By Erin Katz, Intern at CitySprouts

With the sun shining and garden season just around the corner, CitySprouts is excited to start a new season and new garden at the Maria L. Baldwin School! The Baldwin school built a garden with four beds, soon to be full of veggies, fruit, herbs, and flowers.

Teachers will be able to expand their classroom curriculum to include the garden with the help of Louise Forrest. Louise is the CitySprouts garden coordinator for the Baldwin school. She will be helping teachers find ways to utilize the garden to teach the current curriculum, from math to art and everything in-between.

Louise is extremely excited for the growing season. She says, "I have seen some amazing things gardening with children in their own schools."

CitySprouts is a non-profit organization that works with public schools connecting the curriculum to the garden in all subject areas. The Baldwin school garden is one of two new gardens introduced this year and CitySprouts is eager to begin working with the teachers, parents, community, and especially the students who will make the garden come alive.



Butterfly visits CitySprouts Baldwin School Garden



Agassiz Baldwin Children's Programs

SACKLER MUSEUM INSPIRES AFTERSCHOOL ART

Prepared by Alice Vogler, 1-5 Site Director

For the past month, children all over Cambridge have been creating artwork inspired by ten pieces from the collection of Harvard University's Arthur M. Sackler Museum. These art pieces will be featured in Agassiz Baldwin Afterschool's Community Art Show.

Participating afterschool programs include:

- King Open Afterschool
- East End House Afterschool
- King Afterschool

At Agassiz Baldwin Afterschool, we've been busy making and collecting artwork and can't wait to see all the other pieces that have been created!

In addition to the art show, Sunny Hitt, our dance specialist, created a dance class inspired by the Sackler collection. Each week for seven weeks, Sunny and her group walked to the museum to view different pieces, sometimes with a museum docent and sometimes on their own. They then returned to afterschool and participated in a dance/movement activity inspired by the works they saw.

We hope our collaboration with the Sackler Museum will continue to grow and flourish in the future.

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What: OPENING reception for parents, students, and teachers
When: Monday, June 14, 5:30-7:00 PM
Where: Harvard Sackler Museum, 485 Broadway, Cambridge

What: CLOSING reception
When: Monday, June 21, 5:30-7:00 PM
Where: Sacramento Street Gallery, 20 Sacramento St., Cambridge

NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP FOR OUTBACK SUMMER PROGRAM

Beginning on July 6 and running through August 27, Outback 2010 promises to keep children engaged and inspired through a variety of arts activities, as well as physical activities, in our shady backyard. Families from all neighborhoods of Cambridge, the Greater Boston Area, and beyond are invited to sign up!



Outback is open to students entering kindergarten through sixth grades in September of 2010. Children will enjoy dance, drama, the visual arts, and sports, as well as several special events, performances, and weekly field trips to area beaches.

Tuition rates for the Outback 2010 Summer Program are as follows:

- Regular Day: 8:30 AM-2:30 PM
\$240.00 per week
- Extended Day: 8:30 AM-5:30 PM
\$300.00 per week

The registration fee is \$50 per family and the deposit is 50% of the tuition for registered weeks. Outback registration fills quickly, so we encourage families to send in their registration forms and deposits as soon as possible.

To learn more about the program and to download an application, visit our website at www.agassiz.org. For program questions, please contact Jacy Edelman, Director of Children's Programs, at (617) 349-6287 x11 or by emailing jedelman@agassiz.org.

SPRING ACTIVITIES AT SACRAMENTO STREET PRESCHOOL

Prepared by Priscilla Browne, Preschool Lead Teacher

May has been very busy at Sacramento Street Preschool. The children have adjusted well to Sarah, our substitute teacher while Kim Lambert is away on maternity leave, and are having a great time. We've changed the daily schedule to allow for more outside time earlier in the day.



Sarah has been supplying the children with a small art project to complete during free playtime in the morning. The children have also been interested in planting, so we planted flowers in the front of 20 Sacramento Street, are growing grass in the sensory table in the kitchen, and each child was given a choice of planting either a pea or pansy seed in his or her own small pot. Those plantings are currently growing on the windowsills.

The construction of the Maud Morgan Visual Arts Center has also been of great interest to the preschool children. Everyday we watch out the back window to see what will happen.



City Wide

OPEN YOUR DOOR TO OPPORTUNITY

Prepared by the U.S. Census

On May 1, the U.S. Census Bureau will start its next phase of operations to ensure that everyone in the nation is counted, even if they missed the opportunity to mail back a 2010 Census form. In this phase, called "Nonresponse Follow-up," up to 650,000 temporary workers nationwide will go door-to-door to collect information from households that did not return the form.

Census takers are sworn federal employees who take an oath for life to protect the confidentiality of your personal information. Cooperating with census takers helps ensure the most accurate count. Since census data determine congressional apportionment, state redistricting, and how more than \$400 billion in annual federal funds are distributed, opening your door to a census taker ultimately means getting your community's fair share of political representation and funding.



CAMBRIDGE FARMERS' MARKETS 2010

Shop for delicious, locally grown fruits and vegetables at Cambridge farmers' markets this summer and fall. All Cambridge farmers' markets accept WIC/senior coupons.



Cambridge Center Farmers' Market

May 19-October 27

Date/Time: Wednesdays, 11:00 AM-6:00 PM

Location: Main St., near MBTA

Central Square Farmers' Market

May 24-November* 22

Date/Time: Mondays, 11:30 AM-6:00 PM

Location: Bishop Allen Dr. by Norfolk St.

*Note: In November, market closes at 5:00 PM

Charles Square Farmers' Market

Fridays: June 11-November 19

Sundays: May 23-November 21

Date/Time: Fridays, Noon-6:00 PM;
Sundays 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

Location: Charles Hotel Courtyard at
Harvard Square

Cambridgeport Farmers' Market

June 12-October 30

Date/Time: Saturdays, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

Location: Morse School parking lot,
Magazine St. & Memorial Dr.

Harvard University Farmers' Market

June 15-October 26

Date/Time: Tuesdays, 12:30 PM-6:00 PM

Location: Near Sanders Theatre, corner of
Oxford and Kirkland Sts.

Kendall Square Farmers' Market

June 10-October 28

Date/Time: Thursdays, 11 AM-2:00 PM

Location: 500 Kendall Street, Kendall Sq.



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GREEN STREETS 10 IN 2010 MBTA BUS CHALLENGE

Prepared by Green Streets Initiative

When you Go Green, you have options. Walk, bike, and take 10 of the 30 bus lines in Cambridge in 2010. Take the bus with your family and your friends and we'll all meet up in January 2011 to celebrate and share our stories.



You can download our 10 in 2010 Bus Challenge "Passport" from our website (or contact us for a hard copy) at www.gogreenstreets.org.




Sacramento Street Gallery

FIFTH ANNUAL BALDWIN SCHOOL ART SHOW

Enjoy the highlights of a year of art at the Maria L. Baldwin school. The art was created under the direction of Art Teacher Lillian Martinez with the support of the Baldwin Art Committee. The Sacramento Street Gallery will feature students' small works.

What: Maria L. Baldwin School

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When: 5th Annual Art Show
May 27-June 8, 2010

Gallery Hours: Weekdays 10:00 AM-5:00 PM

SECOND ANNUAL AGASSIZ BALDWIN AFTERSCHOOL COMMUNITY ART SHOW

Sacramento Street Gallery presents the Second Annual Agassiz Baldwin Afterschool Community Art Show. Participating afterschool programs include:


- King Open Afterschool
- East End House Afterschool
- King Afterschool

Ten chosen artworks from Harvard University's Arthur M. Sackler Museum collection were the inspiration for this exhibition. The students' artwork on display will support the notion that the Sackler's historic art collection continues to inspire and communicate to current and future generations.


Please join us for our the closing reception for parents, students, and teachers.

What: Community Art Show closing reception
When: Monday, June 21, 5:30-7:00 PM
Where: Sacramento Street Gallery, 20 Sacramento St., Cambridge

Gallery Hours: Weekdays 10:00 AM-5:00 PM



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Community Calendar

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Wednesday, June 9	6:00-7:30 PM	ABC Board Meeting, 20 Sacramento St., 2nd Floor Public welcome
Saturday, June 12	1:00-3:00 PM	ABC Bocce Tournament Fundraiser, Sacramento Field, Everyone is invited! \$10 suggested donation, kids free
Wednesday, June 16	7:30-9:00 PM	ANC Meeting (see page 1 for agenda) Maria L. Baldwin School Cafeteria, 28 Sacramento St. All are welcome
Monday, June 21		First day of summer
Wednesday, June 23		Last day of school (full day) Maria L. Baldwin School and ABC Children's Programs

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DO NOT FORWARD

Note: The Whistler newsletter is not published during July or August. Similarly, scheduled ABC Board and ANC Community meetings are in recess. Newsletter publication and meetings will resume in September. Have a safe and splendid summer!