

# the AGASSIZ WHISTLER

May

The Agassiz Community School Newsletter

1983

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AGASSIZ NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
MEETING: Wednesday, May 11,  
8-10 in the Agassiz School  
Library.

AGASSIZ NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING  
GROUP MEETING: Wednesday May 18,  
8-10 in the Agassiz Community  
Center.

MAY RELEASE DAY: May 17,  
Tuesday, Half-day of school,

MEMORIAL DAY, May 30!  
SCHOOL HOLIDAY.

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## CHILDCARE PROGRAM

The After-School Childcare  
program located in the community  
center, (K-2nd grade), still  
has a few spaces for next year.  
This is a 5 day afterschool  
program open 2:30-5:45, (8:30-  
5:45 on school vacation weeks).  
For a brochure or more information  
call 498-9056.

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## AGASSIZ NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL NEWS

MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 13  
COUNCIL MEETING:

Among the issues discussed at  
the meeting were the following:

-A citywide organization of neigh-  
borhood councils is reviewing  
proposals for funding from the  
various neighborhoods. A rep-  
resentative from this community  
is needed. Please call Smiley  
(498-9056) if you are interested.

## COUNCIL NEWS Cont.

-A high lead level was found  
in some soil samples taken  
from area behind the Community  
Center. More extensive sampling  
will be done.

-People living near Sacramento  
Field continue to be disturbed  
by young adults who use the  
field at night. Littering  
is an ongoing problem. It was  
suggested that the field be  
closed after dark and that more  
police presence be requested.

-A discussion of the use of play-  
fields in the neighborhood  
was proposed.

-Sacramento Field has been  
sodded and no one should walk  
on the grass until May

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A member of the Mutual Aid  
group submitted a proposal to  
the Council for funding for  
Senior Citizens' activities.  
It was agreed to set aside some  
council funds for trips,  
classes, and other activities  
for seniors. Smiley will meet  
with the Mutual Aid group to  
discuss this further.

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A letter will be sent to the  
Department of Human Services  
outlining a proposal to start  
a program for 5th and 6th  
grade students.

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COUNCIL NEWS Cont.

Many complaints were made about the disturbances in the neighborhood caused by patrons of Georgie's. A petition will be circulated, and people are urged to report all incidents to the police.

The Planning Committee reported to the Council the results of the meetings held over the past few months. The concerns about high rise buildings on Mass. Ave. that would reduce light, change the character of the avenue, and displace commercial establishments and services have led the Committee to favor zoning changes. Efforts to increase neighborhood awareness of these issues will continue, and the legal process for the zoning change will be initiated.

The possibility of building housing owned and operated on the Garfield Street site was discussed extensively. It was decided that residents in the immediate vicinity of the proposed building need to be made aware of plans. The Cambridge Housing Authority needs to begin negotiating with the city and the MBTA in order to acquire the site. Future Planning Committee Meetings will work on outreach and obtaining more specific information on both the proposed housing and the zoning changes along Mass. Ave..

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"MASS. AVE. CLEAN-UP DAY"

The Business Association of North Cambridge, (BANC), will be sponsoring a clean-up day on Sunday, May 15 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Residents are urged to join local business owners in this clean up of Massachusetts Avenue.

BANC is a newly formed group of business owners on Mass. Ave. from Harvard Square to the Arlington line. Initial objectives of BANC are to beautify the avenue through clean-ups, addition of benches and trees, and improved lighting. This group has the best interests of the Avenue in mind, perhaps we could join them in this effort.

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The Agassiz Neighborhood, especially the children, deserve congratulations for showing such great restraint in staying off of Sacramento Field while the sod was taking hold. Special thanks to Ann Strong for acquiring, painting and posting the signs around the field. The new field looks wonderful and is a nice addition to our community.

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BABYSITTING:

12-and-a-half year-old boy, experienced and responsible, wants work during school and summer.

I can work on weekdays after school from 3:15 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.. I can work on weekends from any time until 1:00 a.m., and during summer vacation, any time. \$1.00 per hour for 1 child, \$1.50 per hour for 2 children. If interested contact: Dylan Jones at 491-4684, or at 29 Sacramento St

WANTED: Two bedroom apartment to rent for French visitor and his 17 year-old son, from June 20th to July 19. Please call Miriam at 547-8429.

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WANTED: 2-3 bedroom apartment in Agassiz neighborhood. Late summer, by Sept. 1st. Teacher at Tuft's Children's School. Currently living off Wendel St. Call Kristin, evenings, 876-0514.

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WANTED: Woman with 6 year-old child looking for 2 bedroom apt. in the Agassiz neighborhood. Rent about \$400.00 incl. util.. Call Alden Mount, 491-0417.

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COMMUNITY NOTES

The Agassiz-Peabody indoor soccer team won first place in the recent city wide tournament. Congratulations to Ayano Strickland, Rontsi Thompson, Matt Sills, Maggie Super, Dan'l Aronson.

Julie Osherson has been seen around town with her young son Toby. Both are happy and healthy.



The function of the Agassiz Community School Program is to provide quality programming in the human service areas for all members of the Agassiz community. It is part of the City of Cambridge Department of Human Service Programs.

The governing body of the Community School is the Agassiz Neighborhood Council. This Council is open to all members of the community and functions to identify human service needs and issues in the neighborhood and to recommend programming and other community responses to these needs. Besides overseeing all Agassiz Community School programs, the Council focusses on issues such as: housing and development within the neighborhood, crime and safety, open space planning, and the operation of the Agassiz Community Center at 20 Sacramento St. Council meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month in the library of the Agassiz School. The current Council Chairperson is Joel Bard.



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