

# AGASSIZ WHISTLER

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## NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING

The Agassiz Community School Neighborhood Council will meet on Wed., April 11, 1973 at 8 PM in the school library. The topic of concern will be planning for summer activities. This will include:

- Norton's Woods Program
- Traveling Science Van
- Basketball Camp on Sacramento Field
- Summer Cookouts
- Family Bike Outings
- any other program you would like to suggest

Please come with ideas

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## PAINTING COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ROOM

On Sat., April 14, starting at 10 AM, we will be painting the Community Schools Room. We will supply the paint, but we need help with brushes, rags, turpentine, pans or large cans. We will be using oil-base paint, which means wear your oldest clothes and something to cover your head. We will supply disposable gloves for those who want them. Because of the turpentine, no children will be allowed to paint. There will be films in the gym for children. Please come; WE NEED HELP.

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## CHILDREN'S FILMS

On Sat., April 14, from 10 AM to 1 PM there will be free children's films in the Agassiz gym. The films were chosen primarily for kids ages 3 to 8 and will coincide with the painting of the Community Schools Room for adults. We will need some adult help with supervision of the films.

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## SWIM MEET

On Thurs., April 19, there will be a meet open to all Camb. kids ages 5-18 at the War Memorial Pool. Sign-in is at 12:30, trials at 1 PM and finals at 6 PM. There will be many different meets, including one for physically handicapped. For more information, call 492-0735.

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## FREE SWIMMING LESSONS

The Camb. YWCA is offering free swimming lessons for beginners during April vacation from Tues. the 17 to Fri. the 20. The classes will meet at 9 AM for girls 6-12 who cannot swim. You must register in advance. Call YWCA 491-6050.

## AGASSIZ APRIL VACATION SCHEDULE

Regular afternoon classes cancelled.

Evening classes as usual.

Special Activities:

Tues. April 17--Bike Repair Workshop 10-1:00

Get your bike ready for spring with a check-up and minor repairs. This is a do-it-yourself workshop under expert guidance.

Weds. April 18--Gymnastic Exhibition and Workshop

3-3:45 Two gymnasts from B.U. will give an exhibition of floor gymnastics (tumbling etc.) open to all ages, free of charge

4-5:30 The gymnasts will teach some of the gymnastic routines. This is limited to kids from 4th to 10th grades ONLY. Wear loose clothes, tights or shorts. Also free of charge.

Thurs. April 19--Bike Trip to the Mystic Lakes

Leave school at 10 AM. Bring your lunch to eat there. Back at school by 4 PM. This is a 6 mile round trip with plenty of rest time at the lakes.

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## PEABODY COMMUNITY SCHOOL APRIL VACATION SCHEDULE

Tues. April 17

9-11AM Puppetmaking ages 7 & up

Bring buttons, yarn, scraps

Cost: 10¢

2-4:30PM Senior Citizen Crafts and Bingo

8-9:30PM Visit to a Square Dance Club

Ages 8-13

Free of charge

Weds. April 18

1 PM Senior Citizens Pot Luck Luncheon

Please bring a donation or 99¢

9-11AM Recreation Dept.: Phys. Ed. Workshop

Ages 10-14

Please wear sneakers

Free of charge

Thurs. April 19

3-4:30 PM Egg Decorating

Ages 7 & up

Cost: 10¢

Register in advance:

Call 547-1431 or 354-9760

2:30-5 & 7 - 9:30 M-F

Peabody Community School

44 Linnaean St.

AGASSIZ SUMMER PLANS

The Agassiz Community School is developing plans for four major summer programs that will not only be available to this community but also will affect other communities in Cambridge:

A. Norton's Woods Morning Program

Day camp program for Agassiz children ages 5-8 and 9-12. This will be a similar program as last year but with more emphasis on age separation and small group activity.

B. Traveling Science Van

A grant of money from Cambridge Community Services to the Agassiz Community School and the YMCA will bring about the proposed traveling science van for this summer. This van will visit various sites in Cambridge on a regular basis, bringing projects and science materials that kids ages 5-12 can do in and around the sites.

(The following programs are still in the planning stages, and help is needed to develop them further. If you have ideas or interest in the summer programs please come to the council meeting this Weds. evening at 8:00 in the school.)

C. Norton's Woods Afternoon Program

We hope to involve teenagers from other areas of the city in a program that will introduce them to the woods and give them beginning skills in forestry, conservation and ecology. The idea is to have a variety of specialists work with them on projects that will enhance the woods and their knowledge of it.

D. Sacramento Field Athletic Program

Extensive use of Sacramento Field this summer is now in the planning stages with a variety of programs from track and field events to a basketball camp being discussed. More ideas are welcome.

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EARTH DAY - APRIL 28

MEANS

CLEAN UP NORTON'S WOODS DAY

This will be a joint effort between the Agassiz Community and the bordering Somerville Neighborhood. If you haven't thought about Earth Day or what it means, come to the Norton's Woods on the 28th and help get the last piece of wooded area in the city clean and ready for summer use.

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ADULT EXERCISE

Every Monday and Wednesday in the school gym starting at 7:00 PM. Join us and get your body in shape for the coming Spring and Summer.

AGASSIZ PTA NOTES

The April meeting of the Agassiz PTA was held at the home of Ms. Diane Malin on April 4.

A discussion of students' rights and responsibilities will be held at the Agassiz School on Weds., April 11 at 3 PM, Ms. Katherine Cox, Master, announced. A committee of students, teachers and parents will participate in the discussion and pass their recommendations on to Superintendent Cheatham.

We welcome to our school Lincoln Community students who live in the Walden Apts. Ms. Cox announced at the meeting that 10 new children have registered in recent weeks, and up to 50 may be expected by September, 1973.

Ms. Queen, who teaches art at the Agassiz, asked for expansion of the art program to include an area specifically for art work instead of classrooms, as well as a rotation system for individual students to work on projects rather than a whole class at a time. Ms. Cox promised to consider these suggestions.

Plans for utilizing the available space in the school gym/auditorium were discussed once again. An architect has offered to design a creative play space in terms of a structure which would be built by parents and volunteers from scrap materials.

In view of the recent school budget cuts which are city-wide, it appears that fund-raising may be a more serious need for the next year than it has been. As a result, a Spring Fair for the sale of books, plants and food will be held on May 5 at the Holiday Inn parking lot on Mass. Ave. Plans for this important event will be discussed on Weds., April 25, at 8 PM at the home of Ms. Gail Slater, 11 Everett St. If you have any suggestions for the Fair, please come to that meeting and share your ideas. Or, call Ms. Jancis Long 354-5963.

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CORRECTION

The public hearing on the proposed zoning change affecting this community will be held this Wednesday, April 11 in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 4:00 PM. We need to keep our community from becoming a high cost, high rise, high density area that will prevent families older residents, and working people from living here. Come and voice your support for this zoning change.