

# The Agassiz Whistler

November 11, 1974

YOU ARE ALL WELCOME TO THE  
THIRD ANNUAL  
AGASSIZ COMMUNITY SCHOOL THANKSGIVING FEAST

on Tues. Nov. 26  
from 6:00 - 7:30  
in the school gym

This is a pot-luck affair where we provide the turkey and you bring a dish that will serve your party and 4 more. Any dish is acceptable such as salads, breads, casseroles, desserts, beverages, side dishes, cranberry sauce etc. A chance to share and have fun with your neighbors.

Because of the expected crowd (200-300) we must insist that you let us know in advance how many in your family or party to expect. Please fill in the form and drop it off at the school or mail it to the Agassiz Community School, 28 Sacramento St.

We need 10 volunteers to cook turkeys. If you can help out with this please let Julie Snow know (at 876-9268 after 2:30), see office hour schedule. Help is also needed to set up the gym.

We will be coming to the  
Thanksgiving Feast on Tuesday,  
November 26.

There will be ----- in our party.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## AGASSIZ NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING GROUP

There will be a general meeting, open to all, of the Agassiz Neighborhood Planning Group on Thur. Nov. 14 at 8:00 in the Agassiz School Library. This meeting will state the neighborhoods present situation in regard to the downzoning issue and formulate plans for the future. There will also be a short presentation by Peter Hann of the City Planning Dept. about the comprehensive planning idea and how Agassiz is affected.

## TOT LOT

Several neighborhood residents have expressed concern about the condition of the Oxford St. Tot Lot. If you would like to see that it be kept cleaner and safer (no broken glass etc.) the place to call is:  
Dept. of Public Works  
Mr. Conrad Fagone  
876-6800

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Don't forget the next Council Meet  
Wed. Dec. 4, at 8:00, Agassiz Scho.

AGASSIZ COMMUNITY SCHOOL PROGRAMS

AFTERNOON : ADDITIONS

- 1) Gymnastics- Tuesday 2:30-4:30  
Learn gymnastics (both floor exercises and on the equipment) open to all grades. Class will be split by age and skill. No cost - sign up in advance after school in the Community School Room, or call 876-9268, 2:30-5:00, M-F Starts on Tues, Nov. 12.
- 2) Small Group Trips- Every Friday 2:30-5:00. We will be taking 6-10 kids to places in Greater Boston Area on public transportation. (only cost is for bus etc.) This week - New England Aquarium, Nov. 15 - Camb. Police Station
- 3) Chess- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 2:30-4:30. Library, check out sets in the Community School Room.

AFTERNOON : CORRECTIONS

- 1) Drama at the Ananda Marga House was listed as Wed 2:30-4:00. It is now given on Tues 2:30-4:30 Ananda Marga House is at 63 Wendell Street.

EVENING PROGRAM

- Tues: 6:00-7:30 Gym Hockey grades 2-5  
7:30-9:00 Basketball grades 7 and up
- Thurs: 7:00-10:00 Adult Volleyball open to all, women encouraged to participate
- Thurs: 7:30 Free Yoga Class Ananda Marga House 63 Wendell St. an introductory lecture is given every Sunday at 5 pm.

HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

We are considering running a number of preholiday workshops, open to teens and adults, which will meet 3 or 4 times in December. The possibilities are 1)knitting and crocheting, 2)macrame, 3) stained glass, 4) Christmas card printing 5)embroidery, 6)holiday decorative We need 10 people to form a workshop. Cost will be minimal, to cover expenses. Call Julie Snow if interested, 876-9268, after 2:

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CRAFTS FAIR - DECEMBER 7

The Agassiz Community Child School is planning to hold its annual Crafts Fair on Dec. 7; (the location still to be decided). Parents and teachers from the school, as well as members of the community, are contributing their time and skills individually and in workshops to provide many hand-crafted items for this sale. Such as: children's back packs, stools and chairs, tie-dyed shirts, hobby horses, stuffed animals, puppets, aprons, plants, baked goods and a rummage sale.

The Crafts Fair has been a great success and a lot of fun in the past two years. This year's Fair should be even better with everyone's help and support. Sav

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As the afternoon and evening programs expand the need for volunteers becomes more critical. Take a look at the enclosed schedule and see if you can volunteer a few hours one afternoon a week. If you have a skill to share or a project you would like to do, all the better, but the real need now is for more adults available in the various areas to assist the kids when they need it. The following is a list of programs that could use additional volunteer help.

- Gymnastics- Tuesday 2:30-5:00
- Chess- Mon, Wed, Thur, 2:30-4:30
- Art Room- Tues. Wed. 2:30-5:00
- Gym- Tues. Wed. 2:30-5:00
- Pottery- Thur. 2:30-4:30
- Gym Hockey- Tues evening 6:00-7:30
- Friday Group Trips- 2:30-5:00

CRAFTS FAIR cont.

Your Christmas and all-around gift shopping for the Dec 7th Crafts Fair. Watch for our posters around the neighborhood. For more information, call Meredith Lightbrow or Jack Dickerson - 547-1953.

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PTA NOTES

The PTA meeting originally scheduled for Nov 12 has been postponed until Wed, November 20. The meeting will still be held in the school library at 8 P.M.

At the beginning of the meeting, we will talk briefly with Jim Herold, parent and architect, about the possibilities for improving the grounds around the school. A subcommittee will be formed of people interested in working to develop a master plan which will be presented to the School Department in the Spring.

We will also be talking with Dr. Daniel McCarthy of the School Department and Mary Ellen Preusser of the Office for Children, about Law 766 (which provides services for physically, emotionally and perceptually handicapped children). This new law affects us all, whether we are parents of children with special needs or of children who will be learning in classes with them. A short film on work being done at Agassiz with children with perceptual handicaps will help to give us a clearer picture of the law's impact on our school. The discussion promises to be both lively and informative, and we hope you won't pass up this opportunity to learn about "766".

If you have another item you want on the agenda, please call me (Ginny MacLean) before the meeting at 354-4097.

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OFFICE HOURS

Julie Snow, the new Community Liason person has now established her office hours:

Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri. 2:30-5:00  
Tuesday 6:00-9:00

She is the person to call if you have any questions about Community School Programs- 876-9268.

DUES, PTA , DUES, WE NEED YOUR DUES

- for a petty cash fund for teachers to buy small materials like magic markers

- to send teachers to educational workshops not run by the School Dept (these are the only ones Cambridge pays for)

- to fund special classroom projects (e.g. we bought the film for an 8th grade slide show)

- many other school needs that would otherwise go unfunded

Dues are only \$2.00 a family and can be mailed to the Treasurer: Brenda Heryer, 8 Sacramento St. Cambridge, Ma. 02138.

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OFFICE FOR CHILDREN BOARD ELECTION

Congratulations are in order for John Norton of Garfield St. and Mary Platt of Eustis St. who were elected to the Cambridge board of the Office for Children as Community School consumers and parents. Ken Basler, Pre-teen Coordinator at Agassiz was also elected to the board as Community Schools staff representative. Looks like a sweep for Agassiz!!

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The Agassiz Whistler is published mid monthly by the Agassiz Community Schools Program for the entire neighborhood. If you have any information, want ads, services etc. that you would like to have printed in the Whistler, please call 876-9268.

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If you have any issues that you would like brought up at the next Council Meeting, Dec. 4th, at 8 PM, please call Julie Snow, the Community Liason staff person, at 876-9268. It can then be placed on the agenda.

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Don't forget to ask for your Whistler if you have not been receiving it. Just call 876-9268 or 491-5655.

LETTERS TO THE WHISTLER

- letters can be mailed to:  
28 Sacramento St. 02138

October 29, 1974

Dear Ms. Snow,

Was delighted to receive the Oct. 23 edition of the Agassiz Whistler with its varied Community news.

I wish to comment on the short on page 4 - "Let's - etc - Public Works". I'm impressed with the effort the Public Works Dept. has made to improve the appearance of our streets. Now, - isn't it up to us to think in relation to clean sidewalks - barrels removed from sidewalks after trash day, and a clean-up job on back yards also?

How about naming one particular day (before trash collection day) as clean-up day for yards. A few containers full of debris - leaves, nuts etc. removed from the area would make for a much more attractive and safer neighborhood.

Its a job for all - young and old. Let's not pass the physical jobs on to others. Let's all "dig-in"!!!!!!

An Observer

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NEIGHBORHOOD BULLETIN BOARD

Note: For further information on community related notices please call Julie Snow, the new Community-Liaison staff person, at 876-9268, during her office hours.

Goings On:

We have tickets for the Brown vs Harvard game, Sat, Nov. 16. If you're interested call Julie Snow during her office hours, 876-9268.

Neighborhood Needs:

Volunteers Needed: We need volunteers for after school and evening programs. If you have a skill you would like to share; leather craft, jewelry making, chess etc., or would like to help out in the existing programs; art, gym, pottery, game room etc., please get in

touch Mon-Fri 2:30-5:00 at 876-9268 or stop by the Community School Room. We are able to provide the variety of programs at little or no cost because of volunteers. If we are to continue we need your help.

Skates Needed: To beg, borrow or buy. The Coop Kindergarten needs single runner skates, childrens sizes 10-12 for skating days. Call Julie Snow if you have any. 876-9268.

Future Whistlers: In order to print the monthly Whistler efficiently, need your help! We need people to write or suggest articles, help fold and address the paper (even every other month) and suggest improvements. If you can help out with any of the above, please call Abby Clark at 491-5655. Also if you have not received a Whistler and wish to, please call.

Want Ads:

Neighborhood resident wants quiet apt. in neighborhood. One bedroom or larger. Excellent references. Call 491-5655.

Services:

Joan Concannon offers Day Care 2:30-6:00. She has a large space off Brattle St. and can provide transportation for children. There is room for 4 children ages 5-8. Call 354-3463; eves. 876-6595.

After School Playgroup for Girls, ages 6-8. Trips, cooking, art work. Tues, Wed or Thur afternoon, 2:30-5:30. Call Ms. Michel Lindsley 868-2038.

Experienced Babysitter: Carl Bauer available 7 days/wk from about 7-11. Call 492-5837.

Note: List of babysitters available at Community Schools. Call 876-9268 to be put on list, if you need a babysitter.

Piano Lessons: Good foundation in piano technique and music theory taught by Harvard Grad. Student. I accept both children and adults. Flexible schedule. Cheap rates \$4.00/half hr, \$7.00/hr. Please call Lionel at 492-5424.