

AGASSIZ WHISTLER

May 1, 1977

COMMUNITY EVENTS

AGASSIZ COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING,
Weds., May 4, 8:00 p.m. in the school
library.

AGASSIZ COOPERATIVE KINDERGARTEN
MEETING, Tues., May 10, 8:00 p.m.

P.T.A. MEETING, Weds., May 11, 8:00 p.m.
in the school library.

AGASSIZ PLAYGROUP MEETING, Mon., May
16, 7:45 p.m. at the North Congre-
gational Church.

CAMBRIDGE FESTIVAL WEEK, May 14-21.
(See last page of Whistler for more
details.)

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MAY RELEASE DAY - Tues., May 10.
Half day of school, no community
schools.

MEMORIAL DAY - Mon., May 30.
No school all day, no community
schools.

AGASSIZ COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

We began our April 6th Community Coun-
cil meeting with a review of the WHISTLE
PROGRAM which we are trying to get under-
way in our neighborhood. We have new,
sturdy black police whistles now, and
they can be purchased (for 50¢) at any
Community Council meeting or through
the Agassiz Community School program
at school, any weekday afternoon from
2:30 to 5:00. These whistles should
be carried at all times. In case of
trouble, blow your whistle as loud as
possible. If you see trouble, also

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blow your whistle (even out the window!)
and call 911 and give the exact location
of the trouble. (Call 876-9268 weekday
afternoons, for more information about
this.)

Captain Burke was here from the Cambridge
Police Force and said he would inform the
department about the whistle program.
Allen Korb then made a motion that we
participate in the city-wide community-
police task force activities, and the
motion was passed along with the consensus
that Mr. Korb will attend the monthly
task-force meetings and report back to
the Council about them.

A Dog Officer (from the Cambridge Police
Dept.) also came to the meeting and re-
viewed the current Cambridge Leash Law
and some of the problems of dog control
in the city. Under the present law, a dog
need only be licensed and respond to vocal
commands to be considered "leashed". There
is a new ordinance due before the City
Council which would require that all dogs
be on leashes 10' or less in length. Jill
Herold volunteered to find out more about
the ordinance so that our Council can
draft an appropriate letter of support
for its passage.

For people concerned about dogs creating
a nuisance, they can always call a Dog
Officer. With only 15 spaces for dogs
in the City Pound, however, dogs are rarely
picked up. It is also possible to get
a citation against a barking or biting
dog. A letter must be written to the Chief
of Police who can then issue citations to:
1. muzzle a dog, 2. keep the dog restrained
on its owner's property, or 3. have the
dog disposed of within 24 to 48 hours.

The Community Gardens Project is underway
again. Most of the plots on Sacramento St.

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will be re-assigned to the people who had them last year. The four unplanted plots, and possibly the four badly neglected plots, will be put into a lottery for people waiting for plots. Four people volunteered to form a Community Gardens committee, and they can be contacted for more information about the gardens: Cindy Umans - 547-3056; Victoria Zende - 492-2708; Cynthia Allard - 876-7261; Harry Pskowski - 491-3919.

The CITY-WIDE FESTIVAL (planned by the Cambridge Arts Council) is on its way, and the Agassiz neighborhood is planning its share of special events for that week (May 14-21). (See the last page of this Whistler for more information.)

The May 4th Community Council Meeting will focus on the Community School program again - specifically on planning for this summer's activities and for next year's program. The agenda will include:

1. Planning for Nortons Woods Day Camp.
 - a. Size, hours, tuition.
 - b. Staff. A hiring committee needs to be set up.
 - c. Enrollment and scholarship policies.
2. Other summer activities.
3. Results of survey on program needs for the fall.
 - a. Discussion of program needs/possibilities for k-4th graders.
 - b. Description of program needs/possibilities for 4th-6th graders.

WHISTLES will be for sale at this meeting, and we still need people to flyer the neighborhood about the WHISTLE PROGRAM. So bring your 50¢ if you haven't bought a whistle yet.

Any other general community business should be brought up in the first ½ hour of the Council meeting, so if you have such business, please be prompt. Thanks.

AGASSIZ COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWS

The planning for this summer's Nortons Woods Program is underway, and we will probably begin enrolling kids during the 2nd or 3rd week in May. At the May 4th Council Meeting the specifics of the program will be finalized, and then we will mail out registration forms and all the necessary information about the camp. In the meantime, you can call Ken or Julie at 876-9268, weekday afternoons, if you have any questions.

EVENING PROGRAM NEWS - It is getting too hot for gym hockey, so it will end on April 27th. Starting on May 2nd the evening program schedule will be:

MONDAY: 6:00-7:00 Beginning Guitar
7:00-8:00 Intermediate Guitar
(Both classes will move from Tuesday to Monday nights.)

6:30-7:30 Beginning Piano

7:30-9:30 Rehearsal of the Little Orchestra

TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY: NO PROGRAM

THURSDAY: 6:45-8:00 Folk Dancing and Games

8:00-9:00 Modern Dance

AFTER-SCHOOL NEWS - Any parents who have not re-registered and paid for the last term of the after-school program, please do so immediately. Thank you, thank you.

Also, parents, please try to come to the May 4th Community Council meeting. We need your help and feedback in planning for this summer and for next year. See you at 8:00 in the school library!

DON'T FORGET THE P.T.A. MEETING ON MAY 11th. The topic of the meeting will be "Children and Violence", and there will be a short movie and resource people present for a discussion.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY AND THE AGASSIZ COMMUNITY - MEETING, April 13th.

Dr. Shapiro outlined for community residents the current use of the cyclotron and the radiation levels attributed to leakage at the facility (located at the corner of Hammond and Gorham Sts.). At present, it is used for the treatment of prostate cancer, and the leakage levels are low enough not to warrant any undue concern. Residents of the neighborhood were concerned about the leakage, however, and the possible increase which might result from increased use of the facility. It was learned that the radiation level increased 15% last year, and a continued increase is projected for the future. It was also discovered that there are no Federal guidelines or regulations governing this particular facility, and there are differing opinions within the scientific community about the safe levels of radiation. While it was shown that the levels of radioactive leakage at this facility are very low, there remains the broader issue of why an urban community should be subjected to any more harmful exposure than is already present in the atmosphere and why experiments or procedures of this nature could not be done in less populated areas. Since Harvard has no intention of moving this cyclotron, it is up to the community to make sure that this type of experimentation does not become excessive and that radiation levels remain as low as they are now.

Donald Moulton and Lewis Armistead represented the University in the land use part of the discussion. It was discovered that:

1. Harvard has no plans to divest itself of any property in the Agassiz area until the Sacramento Field issue is settled.
2. Harvard has talked to Lesley College about selling the college the property on Mellon St. This was strongly objected to by the Council because of Lesley's refusal to discuss its future growth with and into this neighborhood.

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3. Harvard has offered to lease to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences two acres of Nortons Woods on which they would build an academic facility. This was also strongly objected to by the Council.

A task force has been set up of interested residents in this neighborhood to follow up on this meeting and to try to bring together the City Planning Department, Lesley College, Harvard, and representatives from this neighborhood to discuss the future of the Agassiz community. If you are interested in being part of this, please call Ken Basler at 876-9268.

NOTICES

My VW is still for sale! It's in running condition but needs work. I'll sell it for the best offer. Call Annie mornings at home (263-4268) and afternoons at Agassiz (876-9268).

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Julie Snow will be appearing with John Stevens at Reflections Coffeeshouse, 10d Mt. Auburn St. on May 11th and 12th. Music starts around 8:30.

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GET READY FOR THE FIRST

CITY-WIDE

SPRING CELEBRATION

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NEIGHBORHOOD FESTIVALS

May 14-21

Throughout the city there will be music, dancing, painting, planting, cleaning, film festivals, exhibits, street theater.

THE CAMBRIDGE RIVER FESTIVAL

May 21

The first annual celebration of the city and its people. A city-wide parade to the banks of the Charles River - kites, floats, banners, boats, environmental art, and a HUGE POT-LUCK FEAST !!!!

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NOW, YOU CAN HELP US MAKE IT HAPPEN IN THE AGASSIZ NEIGHBORHOOD. WE CAN SHARE IDEAS, ENERGY, TALENTS TO CREATE A WEEK THAT CELEBRATES AND BUILDS COMMUNITY. SOME OF THE SPECIAL EVENTS WE'RE PLANNING FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD INCLUDE:

- a '50s Dance and Talent Show.
- a Bike Race for Kids.
- Mural Painting and Planting at the School.
- After-school Events including Story-telling, Kite and Banner Workshops, Music, Clowns, Juggling.
- A FAIR with Food, Games, Rides, Information Tables about our Whistle Program, Housing, Child Care, etc.

WAYS YOU CAN JOIN IN AND HELP MAKE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD FESTIVAL HAPPEN:

- Discuss your ideas for the festival in your household, your class, with your neighbors, at the P.T.A. meetings, church, etc.
- Contact Ken Basler (876-3472), Lyn Lazar (354-7348), Mary Shepherd (492-7881) about your ideas.
- Come to the Community Council Meeting on May 4th with your ideas.
- Fill in the coupon below and bring or send it to the Agassiz Community School, 28 Sacramento St., Cambridge, Mass. 02138.

I am interested in the Spring Celebration and want to help make it happen:

Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____

I am interested in the following events _____

I have special resources to share _____

By working on the celebration I hope to _____