

# AGASSIZ <sup>the</sup> WHISTLER

December 1, 1977

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

AGASSIZ COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING, Wednesday, Dec. 7, 8:00 p.m. in the school library.

P.T.A. MEETING - date to be announced.

SPECIAL CONCERT by THE LITTLE ORCHESTRA, Monday, December 12, 7:30 p.m. in the school gym.

CHRISTMAS VACATION - Friday, December 23 through Monday, January 2.

## AGASSIZ COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWS

Here is our schedule of special events during Christmas vacation:

MONDAY: school closed, no program.

TUESDAY: "Peter Pan" (the movie, at the Harrington School.)

Meet at school at 12:30 to walk to bus in Harvard Sq. Bus leaves at 1, we should be back at Agassiz by 4. Sign up ahead of time with Julie in the science room, afternoons.

WEDNESDAY: Roller Skating and Bowling at Wal-Lex.  
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Bus from Agassiz, be

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at school at 8:45.  
Cost - \$2.25 per person. We'll be back by 1:00. Sign up with Julie in the science room by Dec. 16!

THURSDAY: Film and Gym Games  
at school 1:30-3:30.

FRIDAY: Puppet Show at the Tobin School. 10:30-12:00

Be at school at 10:00. We need parents to drive kids to this event; parents and children should sign up ahead of time with Julie in the science room.

WE NEED PARENTS TO COME WITH US ON TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY. Please call Julie (876-9268, afternoons) or come by to sign up to help before vacation begins. THANK YOU.

THERE WILL BE NO EVENING PROGRAM DURING CHRISTMAS VACATION, including Monday, January 2nd.

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The second term of the K-3rd graders' After-school Program begins on Monday, December 12th. All payments for the term should be made by that date. You may bring your payment directly to Julie Snow any afternoon in the science room or mail it to Agassiz Community School Program, 28 Sacramento St., Cambridge, Mass. 02138, attn: Julie Snow. When you pay, please notify Julie of any change in days, phone numbers or addresses on the initial registration form. Thanks.

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(The cost for the k-3rd graders' program is: \$10 - one day, \$20 - two, \$30 - three, \$40 - four, and \$50 - five, paid once at the beginning of each term. Those families with scholarships should pay the previously agreed upon amounts.)

**PARENTS:** For all the things which people have already brought in to the after-school program, thank you. For the future here are some things we can always use:

- milk cartons
- yarn
- old sheets
- large and small pieces of fabric
- soft wood scraps
- shoe boxes
- clear plastic bottles
- detergent bottles
- cardboard tubes
- old Bic pens
- coffee cans
- Quaker Oats boxes
- shells

**THANKS AGAIN!**

After-School II (4th-7th grades)

The space at Sanctuary is complete with new paint and rugs, a bumper pool table, comic corner, board games and general chaos! We still need chairs (fold-up) and card tables and maybe a couch. All the courses are filled with the exception of Karate, which meets on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7:30.

We are in the planning stages for winter ski-trips and are looking for adults willing to take 5 or 6 kids to nearby ski areas for days of skiing. We've worked out a deal that will provide the kids all equipment and lessons for \$4 per child. All we need now is transportation and supervision. If you're interested, we'll pick up your lift ticket.

We are also looking for an adult to take a group of kids to the skate-boarding emporium, "Zero Gravity", in Central Square. This does not have to be a regular commitment but would entail driving on a Thursday to and from, from 2:30 to 5:00. If you can help out, get in touch with Julie Snow or Ken Basler at 876-9268.

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**THE LITTLE ORCHESTRA** will give a free concert for the Agassiz Community on Monday, December 12th at 7:30 in the school gym. This concert is for everyone, all ages, come and enjoy some beautiful music!

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**CHRISTMAS REVELS - SPECIAL RUN-THROUGH.** The Agassiz Community School has a limited number of tickets to a special presentation of the Christmas Revels at Sanders Theater on Thursday, December 15 at 7:30 p.m. The Revels, this year, will be a Christmas celebration in dance and song and drama from the Victorian era, including audience participation. If you were not able to get tickets this year, here is another chance and, with many thanks to the Revels, this one comes free of charge.

To get tickets, please contact Julie Snow at 876-9268 (afternoons) and sign up. Because of popular demand, a lottery will be held on December 9th to determine who gets the tickets.

AGASSIZ COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

Minutes from our November 2nd meeting:

Julie Snow explained how people are now canvassing the neighborhood

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in order to promote the WHISTLE PROGRAM and sell whistles. To make the program truly effective we must distribute 500 to 600 whistles. Anyone who is interested in distributing whistles should call Lynn Lazar or Hyatt Mauch since some streets have still not been covered.

John Hixson of the Community Development Department explained the route change in the Beacon Street bus. Because of the six ton weight limit on the Beacon Street bridge, the bus must now run partly down Somerville Ave. Although this inconveniences local residents, there does not appear to be any alternative routes. The bridge will not be rebuilt for at least two years, so this change will last at least two years.

It was suggested by Jean Farrington that Oxford Street be closed to automobile traffic during rush hours. This proposal was favorably received and Mr. Hixson suggested that we propose it to the Traffic Department.

Some of the new people at the meeting suggested that we should give wider publicity to the existence and aims of the Council. It was pointed out that if you have no connection to the school, there is no way to become aware of the Council.

The proposed zoning change on Mellen Street was discussed. Apparently, the city planning department will only support a down zoning from C-3 to C-2 rather than the C-1 zoning which the residents desired. The important factor is that C-2 allows an 85' height limit, while C-1 allows only 35'. Unfortunately, no one from the neighborhood showed up for the August meeting with the Planning Department. It was suggested that people

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from the area get up a meeting with David Vickery of the Planning Department and make a fresh start on it.

Bill Mitchell announced that due to personal commitments he cannot continue in the position of Council chairperson. Steve Leff and Brian Kullman expressed interest, and it will be announced in the next Whistler (this one) in case anyone else is interested. Should more than one person be interested, an election will be held at the December Council meeting.

AGENDA for December 7th meeting:

1. Either election or announcement of new Council chairperson.
2. Progress report on the WHISTLE PROGRAM.
3. Feedback on the first terms of this years' after-school programs.

SEE YOU ALL ON DECEMBER 7th !

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COMMUNITY GARDENS - Several people have recently asked about getting a garden for next year, and we want to be sure that everyone knows how this is done. The gardens have been run by the Community Council for the past three years, since Harvard University destroyed the house on the property in March of 1975. It has been agreed that the most effective way of operating the gardens is to allow people to keep their plots from the previous year if they wish to do so, and to distribute the available plots among interested residents of the Agassiz neighborhood. Last year, 25 of the 64 plots were included in a lottery, and almost everyone who wanted a garden was able to get one.

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We will probably have an organizational meeting in early March to plan for the coming year. At that time we will also take application for the lottery, and would hope to have the drawing by April. If you would like more information please call Harry Pskowski at 491-3919.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

EXPERIENCED FOURTH GRADE GIRL would like to babysit Thursday afternoons and alternate weekends. Call Elynn 354-3290. 75¢ an hour.

**FOR SALE:**

Brand new boy's ten speed bike. American made, \$75. Call Tracy at 661-0600.

Brand new beginner's guitar, Also call Tracy at 661-0600.

Also New bicycle rack for car. \$20. Call Tracy at 661-0600.