

April 1, 1978

COMMUNITY EVENTS

AGASSIZ COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING, Wednesday, April 5, 8:00 p.m. in the school library.

COMMUNITY GARDENS MEETING, Wednesday, April 5, 7:30 p.m. in the school library.

FOLK DANCING FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY, Tuesday, April 18, 7:30-9:00 p.m., in the gym. 75¢ per individual.

AGASSIZ SCHOOL OPERETTA, "H.M.S. Pinafore," Wednesday, April 12, 7:30 p.m., in school gym.

APRIL VACATION - APRIL 17-21. (See Community School News for Schedule of Activities).

AGASSIZ COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWS

K-3RD GRADERS PROGRAM - Dear parents, registration period for the last term of After-School has come and gone. Please if you haven't registered and paid for this term, could you do so as soon as possible. Thanks.

Here is a schedule of current activities in the K-3rd grade program:

MONDAYS: Outdoor Activities (3-5)
Puzzles and
games - Library,
Making and Using
Art Materials -
Community School
Room

COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWS, Cont'd.

TUESDAYS: 3rd Grade Club
Gym sports (4-5)
Science Club-Sanctuary
Art Project-Community
School Room
Music and Movement-
(4-5) - Sanctuary

WEDNESDAYS: Outdoor Activities (3-5)
Puppet Making-Library
Kid-planned activities -
Community School Room

THURSDAYS: Basketball - Gym (3-5)
Slide Making - Library
Science Club - Sanctuary
Art Projects - Community
School Room

FRIDAYS: Outdoor Activities (3-5)
Stories, Quiet Times -
Library
Messy Science - Community
School Room
Gymnastics - (3-4) (4-5)
Brownies (3-4)

Unless noted in parentheses, these activities happen between 3 and 4. We still have free time between 4 and 5 every day.

NORTONS WOODS - We are planning for our summer programs and will soon be advertising for staff for our Nortons Woods program. Any parents interested in being on the hiring committee should contact Julie Snow by April 15. Thanks.

PARENTS, STUDENTS, FRIENDS! - We desperately need more help in our K-3rd Graders after-school program, especially as we approach the end of the college year. If you'd like to help out any afternoon doing sports or art or just hanging out with kids, call Julie at 876-9268 to volunteer.

COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWS (Cont'd)SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES FOR
APRIL VACATIONMONDAY: Holiday, no programTUESDAY: Red Sox vs. Brewers
Baseball game. Game
time - 2:00, leave school
at 12:30. Tickets \$1.00.
We need parents to drive
and chaperone. Sign up
and pay with Julie, by
Friday, April 14.Folk Dancing for the whole
family. This event gets
better every time! 7:30-
9:00 in gym; 75¢ per
individual.WEDNESDAY: Off Broadway Theater
presents "Greatest Kids
Show in the World" - Inman
Square. Meet at school at
9:45, back at 12:15, bring
20¢ for public transporta-
tion.THURSDAY: WAL-LEX Trip. \$1.50.
Meet at school at 8:45
a.m., back at school at
12:30.FRIDAY: Drop-in/Open Gym.
At school. 9:30-12.AGASSIZ COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

At the Council Meeting of March 1:

Brian Kullman began by discussing the possibility of initiating a discussion with the Agassiz Pre-School program vis-a-vis its relationship to the rest of the community schools program. The pre-school program is becoming more orientated to the general Cambridge area rather than the Agassiz neighborhood, and it is necessary to discuss the degree and nature of our financial support of the program.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS, Cont'dThe Mellen St. down-zoning
petition was discussed.Sacramento Field - The city
has out contracts for two
independent appraisals of the
value of the field. These
appraisals should be completed
by April. The city will prob-
ably not take any action on
taking the land until after
July 1, when the Block Grant
money actually becomes available.
The Block Grant money will prob-
ably only lower the acquisition
costs, so any improvements will
probably have to wait for
another year.Street Trees - We are trying to
work with Mr. Scaglioni, science
teacher at Agassiz, in having
Agassiz students make a survey
of the trees around the Agassiz
School. We are trying to get
Block Grant funds for street
trees in the neighborhood, and
this survey should help deter-
mine where the need is.Space Problems at Agassiz School
were discussed.Norton's Woods - Brian Kullman
said that he talked to Robert
Campbell, an architect who is a
consultant on this project to
the American Academy of Arts
and Sciences. Campbell will soon
be setting up meetings with
various neighborhood groups to
discuss the Academy's plans for
the site. Although the Academy
has not made a final decision to
build in Norton's Woods, they do
favor that site over the others
which they have considered.Police Task Force Program - The
LEAA, a federal agency, has funds
available for community-based
law enforcement programs. If
there was sufficient interest,
this community could submit a
proposal for funding a community
anti-crime program. Approximately
\$124,000 is available for the
entire city.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS (Cont'd)

The next Community Council meeting is Wednesday, April 5, at 8:00 p.m. Topics on the agenda will include: The future of Nortons Woods, Mellon Street Down-zoning efforts, and planning for Community School summer programs. See you all there.

COMMUNITY GARDENS

There will be a meeting in the library of the Agassiz School on Wednesday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m. for everyone interested in the community gardens on Sacramento Street. As in the past, those who had gardens last year may keep them and the remaining gardens will be distributed by a lottery. All those who had a garden last year should attend this meeting since we will be discussing matters of common interest. There are several new proposals: to charge an annual fee to cover our expenses; to rent a roto-tiller; to build a common compost bin; to set up a bulletin board. We need your ideas on all these proposals and hope to see you at the meeting. We will also be taking the names of people interested in signing up for the lottery. You may also do so by leaving your name, address, and telephone number with Julie Snow in the Community School Room any afternoon after 2:30 p.m.

Anyone interested in getting a garden at one of the other city plots should call Nancy Bellows at City Hall at 876-6800. As far as we know, the City will be operating the plots at Gorham and Museum Streets this year.

SENIOR CITIZENS

The following is a schedule of free activities in April, sponsored by Articulture for Senior Citizens in Cambridge:

APRIL

- 3 - Steve Gluzband, 2:00 p.m.
Vernon Hall Nursing Home
- 6 - Charles Seneca, 8:30 p.m.
Lyndon Baines Johnson
Apts.
- 13 - Madrigal Singers, 2:00 p.m.,
Prospect Street Nursing
Home
- 16 - Meb Boden, 2:00 p.m. Chester
Manor Nursing Home
- 18 - M.I.T. Folkdance Group,
6:30 p.m., Peabody Community
School
- 18 - Michael Czitron, 2:30 p.m.,
Cambridge Nursing Home
- 27 - Martha Leader, 1:30 p.m.
Harvard Manor Nursing Home

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Metropolitan Wind Symphony will give its 7th annual Sanders Theater Concert on Sunday, April 2, at 3:00 p.m. Included on the program will be works by Copland, Gershwin, Nelhybel, and many more. For ticket information please call 876-8506 or 288-6948. Join us!

Stan Strickland and Sundance will be appearing at the Agassiz Community Children's School, 1803 Mass. Ave., Friday, April 7, 8:00 p.m. Please come for an evening of fine jazz and dancing. A light supper will be available. Tickets \$2.50.

New Play Group starting soon. Some all day sitting possible. Call Madelyne 661-5664.

The Wendell/Mellen/Everett Street Downzoning Petition is alive and well. A new date, April 4, has been set for our Planning Board hearing, so that a City Council hearing should take place around May 1. Be sure to come to the Council hearing, and bring your friends, children, pets, and your voices! The Whistler will publish the exact time and date.

It's vitally important that we continue to get signatures on our petition to the City Council. If you didn't sign the copy in last month's Whistler, please take the time to clip the one below, and send it to Peter Desmond, 10 Mellen Street, Cambridge 02138. Have your friends sign as well. This is your issue too!

We are organizing a letter and phone campaign to persuade councillors to adopt our petition. If you'd like to use this opportunity to get your 2¢ into local politics, call our organizer, Paul Kolodner, at 491-8414. Your mass support is crucial!

If you would like any information or if you can offer any help, please call: Peter 547-6434; Joani & Paul, 491-8414; or Susan, 864-0892. Thank you for your support.

Cut on the dotted line. Sign the petition, fill in the blanks, and send to Peter Desmond, 10 Mellen St., Cambridge 02138.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED RESIDENTS OF CAMBRIDGE, SUPPORT THE PETITION TO DOWNZONE THE WENDELL/MELLEN/EVERETT ST. AREA FROM C3 TO C1.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Are you a homeowner?</u>	<u>Are you a registered Cambridge voter?</u>
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