

the AGASSIZ WHISTLER

MARCH 1979

COMMUNITY EVENTS

AGASSIZ COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
Weds., March 14 8:00 p.m. in the school library. Agenda: Budget cuts Sacramento Field

AGASSIZ COMMUNITY GARDEN MEETING.
Weds., 7:30 p.m. in the school library March 14th

MARCH RELEASE DAY. Weds. March 14th
No after school program

SPRING CONCERT by the LITTLE ORCHESTRA of CAMBRIDGE. Monday, April 2nd, 7:45 in the school gym. No charge.

AGASSIZ COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

After almost two years of hard work by many in this community the Cambridge City Council voted in favor of the compromise proposal negotiated last spring which changes the two block Mellen St. area from a C-3 zone to a combined C-1 and C-2a. It's not often that a small neighborhood can get 7 votes in favor from the City Council and shows the amount of time and energy that community residents spent on this issue. When it comes time to vote next year remember that Councillors Danehy, Duehay, Graham, Frisoli, Preusser, Vellucci and Wylie voted in favor while Councillors Crane and Sullivan voted against this neighborhood. (see letter on back page)

Agassiz Community School Budget Cuts. On Wednesday, March 14th at 8 p.m. in the school library the Agassiz Council will take up the matter of proposed budget cuts by the City Manager and the impact such cuts will have on our program.

BUDGET CUTS CONT.

The City Manager has chosen to strictly interpret the Governor's proposed budget for fiscal year 1979-1980 beginning July 1st by requiring each city department to submit a budget with a fiscal ceiling or "cap" defined by last year's appropriation. This means that the Community School Program faces a total cut of \$83,000 which represents negotiated raises, salary increments, and longevity awards. The Community School Commission along with the director has decided that each individual school will trim their staff positions down to a 2.5 level and cut their program allotment from \$5,000 to \$3,500. At Agassiz this means a loss of \$4,500 - \$5,000 in salary monies and \$1,500 in program monies. If the Agassiz Community School is to continue providing the same quality and quantity of programs next year some hard decisions will have to be made. We need your help in making these decisions on Wednesday evening. It is also crucial to let the City Manager and City Council know your feelings about this program; the educational, recreational and social implications of possible increased tuition, reduced programs and/or reduced staff that the above cuts may bring about. If you can't come on Weds. evening let the Councillors and City Manager know your feelings.

AGASSIZ COMMUNITY SCHOOL PROGRAM NEWS

Kdg. - 3rd Grade Parents: On Monday, March 26th the third and last term of the After School Program begins. Tuition for this term must be paid by the 26th. You may bring your payment to Julie Snow any afternoon or mail a check to the Agassiz Community School, 28 Sacramento St. Camb. 02138. Checks should be made out to the Agassiz

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Community Council. The one time fee is:

\$12 - 1 day

\$24 - 2 days

\$36 - 3 days

\$48 - 4 days

\$60 - 5 days

Your prompt attention to this will be greatly appreciated. Thanks.

We still need some of the following odds and ends:

wood scraps, fabric scraps, paper towel and t.p. rolls yarn buttons, old jewelry broken appliances. Thanks in advance to anyone who might drop any of the above off with us.

JUDO CLASS FOR ADULTS

The Agassiz Community School is offering a Judo Class for adults on Tuesday evenings from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the school gym. This class, taught by Black Belt holder John Wooten, will be a great opportunity to exercise while learning some valuable self-defense skills. The cost will be \$20 for ten weeks. If you are interested stop by and see the class. Registration before each class.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

FOR SALE:

New VW snow tires. Were \$40 each, will sell both for \$40 plus a spare.

Girls 16 inch bike with training wheels used but with some new accessories - \$20

Tiny girls two wheeler with training wheels - \$15

Two section ping-pong table - regulation size - wooden - \$25

Call 492-2565

LESLEY LETTER

The following is a letter sent to Dr. Orton, President of Lesley College from Brian Kullman, Chairperson, Agassiz Community Council.

Dear Dr. Orton:

After more than twenty months of effort,

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the Mellen St. zoning dispute has been resolved. I sincerely believe that time will show that both Lesley Col. and the Agassiz Neighborhood will benefit from the City Council's action. The City has affirmed its support for the construction of new Lesley Col. buildings along Oxford St., and it has stated that the new C-1 zone should remain part of the larger residential neighborhood in which we all reside. The Agassiz Community Council hopes that Lesley will develop its future plans in accordance with the wishes of the city. We would like to work with you to facilitate such plans. New construction will pose long term design questions and short term space management problems. These issues will become points of conflict or of cooperation. The Community Council for the latter rather than the former.

In the short run, I hope that some form of continuing dialogue can start again. In the not-too-distant future the Neighborhood will develop a design review proposal to operate in the new C-2A zone. We would welcome your input into this process.

Over the long run, I hope that relations between Lesley Col. and the Agassiz Neighborhood can evolve to where we look upon each other as as to our respective environments rather than than antagonists. I know this will not occur overnight. You will have to come to see that Lesley Col. can grow within the limits of the C-2A zone, and we will have to witness that an institution can grow without disrupting its neighbors. Both are possible within the new framework provided by the City Council. I look forward to hearing from you in the future.

Sincerely Yours,
Brian Kullman

GARDEN NEWS

Spring is in the air and it is time to start planning for the Community Garden on Sacramento St. There will be a meeting on Wed. March 14th at 7:30 in the school library to which all are invited. At that time we will discuss improvements to the site, distribution of plots, etc.

As in the past, the available plots will be distributed by a random drawing. Any Agassiz resident interested in a plot can mail their name, address, and telephone number to: GARDEN PLOTS, AGASSIZ COMMUNITY SCHOOL, 20 SACRAMENTO ST. CAMB. 02138. These must be received by March 30 for the drawing will be held on April 1.