

AGASSIZ COMMUNITY CALENDAR

POSTER-MAKING WORKSHOP FOR JUNE 12
DISARMAMENT DEMONSTRATION IN NEW
YORK, Sat., June 5, 10:00 a.m. to
4:00 p.m. at the Sacramento Street
Gallery, 20 Sacramento Street.

FILM SHOWING: "CAMBRIDGE WOMEN'S
ORAL HISTORY FILM" (about older
women's lives and experiences in
Cambridge), Monday, June 7, 1:00
p.m., in the parlor of the North
Congregational Church (corner of
Roseland and Mass Ave.); sponsored
by the Mutual Aid Project.

AGASSIZ SCHOOL GRADUATION, Tues.,
June 8, 9:00 a.m. No school all
day; no Community School Activity
Programs; After-School Day Care
will be open from 8:30-6:00 p.m.

AGASSIZ COMMUNITY GARDENS MEETING,
Tuesday, June 8, 7:30 p.m. in
the Agassiz Community Center, 20
Sacramento Street.

AGASSIZ NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
SUBCOMMITTEE ON LOW-INCOME HOUSING
MEETING, Weds., June 9, 7:00 p.m.
in the Agassiz School library.

AGASSIZ NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING,
Weds., June 9, 8:00 p.m. in the
Agassiz School library.

SACRAMENTO STREET GALLERY BENEFIT:
SPRING INTO SUMMER! DANCE AND PARTY,
Saturday, June 19, 8-11 p.m., in the
Agassiz School gym.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK FOR SENIOR
CITIZENS, Thurs., June 24, starting
at 11:30 a.m. in the parlor of the
North Congregational Church (corner
of Mass. Ave. and Roseland).

CITY BUDGET WORKSHOPS

The City's budget: how is it put together?
By whom? How are program issues addressed?
How can I get involved?

The Citywide Coordinating Committee (CCC),
the association of Cambridge's 14 Neigh-
borhood Councils, is sponsoring 2 budget
workshops in June. The CCC is organizing
these informational sessions so that we
will all be better prepared for the next
round of budget drafting in the latter part
of this year. Those of us concerned about
community and human service programs
hope that some education on the budget
process will make us better advocates.

There will be 2 workshops. The first
is WEDS., JUNE 9, from 7:00-9:00 p.m.
The main feature will be City Manager
Robert Healy, describing the municipal
budget process. The second meeting is
THURS., JUNE 17, also from 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Letters have been sent to all nine City
Councillors inviting them to attend this
meeting. Among the items for discussion
is the perceptions of Councillors of
the role of Neighborhood Councils and
local human service programs. Both
meetings will be held at 51 Inman Street.

This is an opportunity to learn first-
hand about the City budget and to impress
City officials with the importance of
the Department of Human Service Programs
and its mandate to develop neighborhood
control over and input into community
programming for Cambridge residents.

Needless to say, a poor turnout could
hurt our cause. We are hoping that each
neighborhood will have at least 2 residents
in attendance. Unfortunately, June 9
is also the night of our monthly Council
meeting, but we can certainly spare a
resident or two to go to these very im-

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portant City meetings. Please call Julie Osherson, any afternoon between 2:00 and 6:00, at 498-9056 if you are interested in attending one or both of these meetings. Thanks.

- Joel Bard
Agassiz Neighborhood
Council Chairperson

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COMMUNITY GARDENS

A Community Gardens meeting was held on May 12th, but it was not well attended. Another organizational meeting will be held on Tuesday night, June 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Agassiz Community Center. Garden policies concerning the garbage, the fence and trees, and watering will be discussed. We look forward to seeing you all.

SACRAMENTO STREET GALLERY NEWS

ABOUT THE OPEN SHOW - The plan to repeat the open community art show this year has been modified. On June 12 many will be at the United Nations (in New York) to demonstrate support for nuclear disarmament. The Gallery will be involved in helping this effort in two ways:

-All people making art in the community are invited to a poster-making workshop on Saturday, June 5, 10 to 4 p.m. These posters will be mounted on standards and carried by demonstrators on the March for World Peace at the U.N. on June 12.

-There will be a showing/sharing of these works at the Gallery after the March.

For more information on this, call Wen-Ti at 547-2965.

ABOUT THE BENEFIT - "SPRING INTO SUMMER" will be a neighborhood dance (for adults) to benefit the Gallery. Before the busy summer starts, join your friends and neighbors for

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a relaxed evening of dancing and conversation. Saturday, June 19, 8-11 p.m. in the Agassiz gym. Admission: \$2.00.

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AGASSIZ NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL NEWS

Minutes: Agassiz Neighborhood Council Meeting, May 12, 1982:

Community Announcements:

- funding to weatherize houses is available to those who are income-eligible. Contact Julie Osherson for more information.
- There will be a very important Red Cross Blood Drive on Sunday, May 30th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. at the North Congregational Church, located on the corner of Mass. Ave. and Roseland St.

Update on Sacramento Field:

- water will be installed for drinking and watering in the field and Community Gardens.
- sod will be laid down on the field in early fall.
- trash cans need to be requested.

All work on the field should be beginning by the middle of the summer, although there is a new bidding process which the Community Development Department must use, which is slowing their progress.

A report was heard from the Neighborhood Planning Committee which is a group serving as an ongoing forum for neighborhood planning that will consult on specific proposals and anticipate future development. The group will report to the Council, and the Council can convey messages to the group. Issues presently being considered by the Committee include the following:

- development of the site of the Wicker Shop on Mass. Ave.
- development of the parking lot on Frost Street, between Roseland and Forest St.
- planning for the site on the corner of Garfield and Mass. Ave. (presently a T construction site).
- the future development/introduction of

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low-income housing in the Agassiz neighborhood. (A Council subcommittee is currently being formed to prepare a set of community guidelines on this matter, which will then be presented to the Council for its approval and adoption.)

- the adequate protection for moderate income persons so that they can continue to find housing in this community.

Another housing issue was raised pertaining to the building on the corner of Sacramento and Crescent Sts. Residents fear that the building will be sold and they will be evicted. People living in the building were urged to meet and send a representative to the Council.

Five of the security guards at Lesley College have been deputized, which means that they have the power of arrest anywhere in Cambridge. They will not carry guns.

Karen Boatmen, Chairperson of the City-wide Coordinating Committee, talked about her group, which is serving to coordinate Neighborhood Councils and attempting to improve the quality of Council functioning. The CCC is working to familiarize more people with the fundamentals of city budgetting (see the article on page 1) and to enable Councils to apply for funding through grants.

The results of a city-wide survey done earlier this year were reported. Agassiz community concerns centered on crime, sub-way construction, and the quality of City services. Services that were felt to be lacking were housing assistance, health care and foster care. People also wanted more programs for teens and the elderly and more community social events, such as parties.

THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE ON WEDS., JUNE 9, 8:00 pm in the Agassiz library. Items on the agenda will include:

-a representative from the Cambridge Housing Authority will be present to

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give us more information on the CHA's attempt to purchase a house on Wendell Street for a community residence for mentally retarded adults and to discuss issues of low-income housing with us.

-a report from the Agassiz Neighborhood Planning Committee, primarily on its dealings around the development plans for the Wicker Shop and the site on Frost St.

-an update on summer planning for teens in the Agassiz neighborhood (and the North Cambridge cluster.

-feedback/ideas about adult and senior programming for next year.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THEN!

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AGASSIZ NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE ON LOW-INCOME HOUSING - PRELIMINARY MEETING

The Agassiz Council is still eager to generate interest in this subcommittee. The goal of this committee would be to try and develop some guidelines and priorities for the introduction of low-income housing in the Agassiz community.

The Council is in favor of a diverse and economically mixed neighborhood and well aware of the dwindling supply of affordable, rent-controlled units in our community. It is the Council's hope that in a finite series of meetings, the subcommittee would address these issues and develop a policy statement which would constitute a "neighborhood viewpoint" towards low-income housing in the neighborhood.

If you would like to help us with this important effort, please come to our preliminary meeting, before the Council meeting, on June 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the Agassiz library. Call Julie Osherson for more information about this (498-9056) or to sign up for the committee.

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NATURAL VISION IMPROVEMENT WORKSHOPS

This summer the Agassiz Community Center will offer two month-long vision training

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workshops, one for teens and adults, and one for children 7-14 years old. These workshops offer a set of safe and comfortable techniques designed to improve or stop the progression of vision problems such as: nearsightedness, farsightedness, astigmatism, wandering eyes, or night blindness. The teacher, Lynn Marran, trained in the Bates Method, offers a multi-disciplinary wholistic approach to improving vision problems. Exercises will take place indoors and outdoors.

Courses will meet from July 6 - 30:

Teens and Adults Tues. & Thurs.
7:30-8:30

Children 7-14 Tues. & Thurs.
5:00-6:00

Cost: \$45.00 (8 classes total)

(Said one former student: "I am glad that I took the course in that I got the monkey off my back that glasses have always been. If I lost my glasses

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before I would go into a panic. I have also learned to play sports without them, actually playing better because my whole body reacts.") Call Julie Osherson at 498-9056 or come by the Community Center to sign up for these workshops (before June 18th please).

COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

Neighborhood mother of 7 and 9 year-olds interested in caring for children of similar age during summer; especially good for parents who need help on the days between school and camp. Times and fees negotiable. Call Evelyn at 354-6680.

Yard Work - The Community Center needs a summer worker to do general yard work, mowing, clipping, clean-up, etc. This is a very part-time job. \$4.00/hour. Call Julie at 498-9056 if interested.

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THIS IS THE LAST WHISTLER UNTIL SEPTEMBER. Have a good summer! See you in the fall.

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