

the **Whistler**
newsletter of the Agassiz Neighborhood Council June 2005

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MEMBERS IN MID-TERM:

- Burt Doo, 7 Prentiss St.
- Denise Dussault, 1720 Massachusetts Ave.
- Miriam Goldberg, 59 Frost St.
- Andrea Walsh, 80 Eustis St.
- Dave Wood, 63 Gorham St.

2005-06 Board Named at Annual Meeting

At the Agassiz Neighborhood Council's Annual Meeting, held May 18 in the Sacramento Street Gallery, a new Board of Directors was elected for 2005-06. Next year's Board includes the following:

NEW MEMBERS:

- Ellen Friedman, 19 Mellen St.
- Arlene Holtzman, 10 Prentiss St.
- Emily Sample, 1752 Massachusetts Ave.

MEMBERS EXTENDING THEIR TERMS:

- Stephen Diamond, 61 Frost St.
- Hull Fulweiler, 16 Howland St.

Agassiz Neighborhood Council June Meeting

Wednesday, June 15, 2005
7:30 P.M.
Baldwin Cafeteria
(ring buzzer for entry)

AGENDA:

1. Community Development Department analysis of zoning regulations in the neighborhood, along with discussion of new amendment to Zoning Ordinance (see page 2)
2. Report on Harvard Working Committee
3. Townscape Institute - update on sign ordinance
4. Wok & Roll Restaurant- bid for beer and wine license

Mass. Ave. Development Update - New Zoning Amendment

Representatives from three neighborhoods (Agassiz, Porter Square and Neighborhood 9) have been working together to ensure continued vitality of Massachusetts Avenue. At the last two Planning Board meetings, neighbors presented a shared vision that encourages local retail.

"The Cambridge Community Development Department and Planning Board are listening to our proposal and appear to be very receptive to helping us," said Agassiz resident Adriane Bishko.

Already in the works at City Council is a proposal to amend the Zoning Ordinance to require public meetings for any new development with a threshold of 2,000 square feet or more, instead of the current 6,000 square feet. The goal is to have more public participation in large projects.

The proposal will next be discussed at a Planning Board meeting to be held Tuesday, June 7, at 344 Broadway. The meeting begins at 7:30, although this agenda item will most likely not be discussed until at least 9.

Also, the Ordinance Committee has scheduled a hearing on the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance with regard to the Mass. Ave. Overlay District. This hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, June 22 in the Sullivan Chamber, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 795 Mass. Ave., at 4:30 P.M.

The Agassiz Neighborhood Council is seeking donation of an iMac or iBook computer. The donation is tax deductible.
If you would like to help, please contact Rob Watson at 617-349-6287 x 10 or rwatson@agassiz.org

Alden Playground Public Meeting

The Community Development Dept. will be holding its public "kickoff meeting" for this design process on Monday, June 6. The meeting will begin at 6:30 PM and will take place in the cafeteria at the Baldwin School.

At this meeting, CDD staff will describe the scope of the project and give an overview of the park renovation process. For most of the meeting we hope to hear people's thoughts about how the park is used, what does or doesn't work well, and how people might like to see it improved. Over the summer, the staff will work on developing a design for the renovated playground that will incorporate the comments we receive.

More information is available on the project's web page, which will be updated throughout the process:

<http://www.cambridgema.gov/~CDD/cp/parks/alden/index.html>

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Now's the Time to Register for Agassiz Afterschool '05-'06!

Register has begun for the Agassiz Afterschool Program 2005-06. As the '04-'05 school year winds down, Director Barb MacEachern is thrilled that almost all of her staff will be staying on for the Outback Summer Program and through the next school year.

The Afterschool recently bid a fond farewell to 1-3 Site Director Isaac Fellows, who is moving to Colorado. Tanika Odell has taken over his position.

With spring in full bloom, the Agassiz Afterschoolers have taken to a rich program of outdoor activities, utilizing the Alden Playground, Y Field (located behind the Sacramento St. Community Garden) and Cambridge Common.

Currently, Agassiz Afterschool students have adapted their own version of *The Wizard of Oz*, which will be shot on video and turned into a movie. Afterschool teachers Gina Belli and Dan Miller have been working with the kids to create their own version of the classic story.

The Kindergarten program, meanwhile, continues to sell postcards to benefit victims of the December tsunami. The postcards, featuring drawings by kindergarten afterschoolers, are available from kindergarten staff and will be on sale at the June 8 Agassiz Community Center barbecue.

With the school year winding down, much of the Afterschool staff is gearing up for the Outback Summer Program, which begins July 5. The program appears to be more popular than ever, as all weeks (except for Week One) had filled up by the end of May.

Registration has begun, however, for next year's program. Registration forms can be downloaded from the ANC website (www.agassiz.org) and mailed in with a deposit check. If you would like to learn more about the program, email Barb MacEachern at bmaceachern@agassiz.org.

3rd Annual Resident Parking Permit Photo Contest

The City of Cambridge Department of Traffic, Parking & Transportation has begun accepting digital photographs of City buildings and historic Cambridge landmarks for the 2006 residential parking permit.

Last year, Cambridge resident David Maloney's photograph of the Weeks Bridge was chosen from 36 submissions. The photo is displayed on the 2005 parking permit.

Photographs may be e-mailed in jpeg format to rppcontest@cambridgema.gov.

The contest began May 15 and will run until July 31, 2005.

The winner's picture will be displayed on the 2006 residential parking permit.

Even if you don't win, your picture may be seen by thousands of people. Last year, many of the pictures submitted were used in the department's resident brochure or on the city's website.

For more information, contact Lenore Lawrence, Parking Services Coordinator, at (617) 349-4709, or Ini Tomeu, Public Information Officer, at (617) 349-4339.



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The Sacramento St Gallery

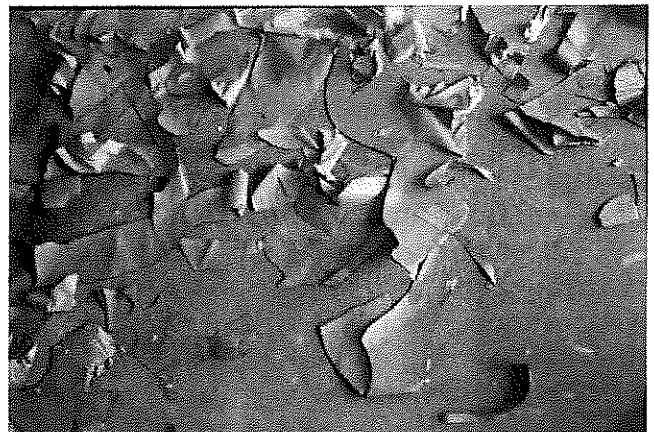
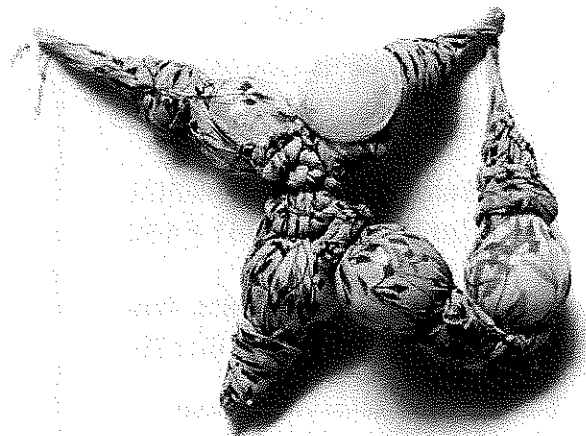
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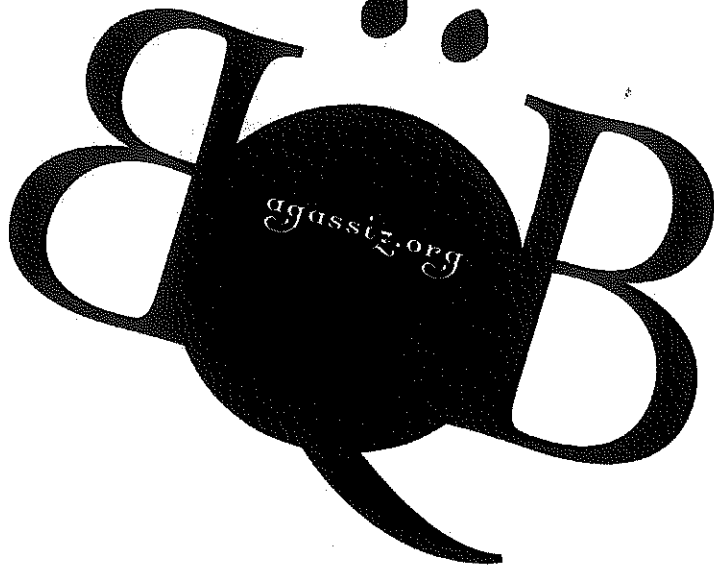
Emerging Artists in Cambridge

Leah Gadd
Anni Irish
Kazuhito Naganuma
Paige Catherine Largay

Opening reception: Friday May 13, 7 - 9PM
Exhibition: May 13 - June 30, 2005
open weekdays 9 - 5



*Watch
Out!*



For the Agassiz Neighborhood Council
Annual Community Center

Bar-“Bee”-Que

June 8, Wednesday

5:30—7:30 pm



@ the agassiz community center BACKYARD

20 SACRAMENTOst

Hotdogs+Hamburgers+Drinks are provided

please bring any of the following:

SIDE DISH/SALAD/FRUIT/DESSERT/CHIPS

EVERYONE IS WELCOME,

children must be accompanied by adults

ANC Welcomes Assistant Director Lynn Landon

The ANC is very pleased to welcome Lynn Landon, our new Assistant Director, who joined us June 1. Lynn has taken over for Kelly Tyler.

Lynn has almost 30 years of experience in the human services field. Immediately prior to



joining the ANC staff, she worked as the Community Investment Director for United Way of North Central MA and United Way of Broome County. She brings with her a wealth of experience working with community organizations and has extensive background in human service administration and nonprofit management.

Her additional work experience includes Director of Programs for Volunteers of America and caseworker with Broome County Dept of Social Services both located in Binghamton, NY.

Lynn is currently living in Leominster, MA, and plans to be move to Cambridge soon. Lynn has one son, Michael, whom many of you may remember as the sports specialist and counselor in the Outback Summer program in 2003.

Please stop by Lynn's office when you have a chance to introduce yourself and to welcome her. She will be overseeing the day-to-day operations at ANC and will welcome your input and suggestions. You can reach Lynn at (617) 349-6287 x 12 or llandon@agassiz.org.

Please encourage your neighbors to shop locally. In support of this campaign, the Community Development Department (CDD) has created post-it notes that say: Be loyal. Buy locally.

West Side Lounge to Extend Hours

The West Side Lounge, at 1680 Mass. Ave., has applied for a license to serve alcohol until 2 A.M. on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, as well as Sundays when Monday is a holiday. The current closing time is 1 A.M.

The License Commission is scheduled to consider the matter on a hearing June 7.

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This Month's Local Cultural Events

Ripple Ripple

June 18, 2005
12 noon - 6:00 pm

For the 26th year, the Cambridge River Festival will celebrate the ripple-effect of creative energy that makes this area such a great place to live, work and play.

For 25 years, the Cambridge River Festival has drawn more than 100,000 enthusiastic festival-goers to the banks of the scenic Charles River to enjoy a day of music, dance, poetry, food and visual art. Festival highlights include music (Jazz, Folk, Gospel, World), family entertainment, temporary public art, a variety of hands-on art making activities, and vendors selling food and handmade arts & crafts. Activities take place along Memorial Drive between historic Harvard and Central Squares. Events at the Cambridge River festival are exciting, interactive, educational and offered free of charge to the public. Celebrating the diverse cultural life that makes Cambridge a stimulating place to live, work and play, the festival is produced by the City of Cambridge with the help of hundreds of volunteers. In 2005, the festival will take place on Saturday, June 18 from 12 Noon to 6:00pm ~ Rain or Shine!

Cambridge Arts Council Presents: Summer in the City

Wednesday, June 23 at 7:00pm



Enchanted Circle Theater: Sounds and Rhythms of the Caribbean, a high-energy performance of music and dance. Co-Sponsored by Passim's Culture for Kids. The performance precedes the monthly movie presented by the Friends of Raymond Park.

Raymond Park (Upland Street at Walden and Raymond Streets)

Rain Date: Wednesday, June 30

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8	5:30 - 7:30 PM	COMMUNITY CENTER BARBECUE 20 Sacramento St.
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15	6 PM	ANC BOARD MEETING 20 Sacramento St.
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15	7:30 PM	ANC MONTHLY MEETING Baldwin School Cafeteria
FRIDAY, JUNE 24	7:30 PM	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

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