

the AGASSIZ WHISTLER

APRIL

AGASSIZ NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

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COMMUNITY NEWS

** Council Meeting Notes...

In March the Agassiz Neighborhood Council was presented with plans for the Renovation of the Agassiz Community Center backyard. Gerard Frank, Architect, presented a master plan which divided the yard into four major projects. Two of these projects were the restoration and redefinition of the main playspaces. Plans included planting, mulching, and a general overhaul of existing play structures.

The third project was to build an outdoor stage and theatre area behind the barn. This simply would be a deck with a step and railroad ties for seating.

The fourth project proposed was the area directly behind the Community Center building. It would become a patio for seating and eating, or other quiet activity.

These projects were designed not only for the existing use of childrens playspace. We would like to extend the community use of the Community Center, and the theatre area could be a space for adult readings. The patio area could make a good pot luck dinner space, or other community social or cultural events.

The council decided to persue the matter in several ways. Harvard, as our landlord, will be approached to help provide fencing. Another committee will draw up a list of priorities and costs, and from there organize a community work day.

We will have reports for the Council at the April Council Meeting. For further information or a copy of the plan, call Terry DeLancey at 498-9056.

COMMUNITY NEWS

April 10 will be the Agassiz Neighborhood Council's FIRST ANNUAL CORPORATE MEETING. Come and enjoy entertainment, refreshments and yes, even prizes. We will attempt to do some business from 7:30-8:30, agenda below, and at 8:30 the festivities will begin. Please come and join us!!

** Crimewatch Update

During the month of March we had four thefts from motor vehicles on Prentiss St, Carver St., Museum St., and Forest St.

There were four break-ins, one on Oxford St. and three on Everett St. Lieutenant Donovan advises us that there were arrests, important ones, made in relation to these crimes.

Remember, call 911 if you see anything or anyone suspicious, and let the police decide if there is a real problem.

REZONING IS A COMMUNITY ISSUE
THAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT
NOW!!! SEE PAGE TWO

APRIL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday April 10 7:30 PM

- 1) Rezoning - we will be voting on a Council position
- 2) Backyard renovations update
- 3) 1985-86 FY Budget- will be presented and approved unless discussion is necessary, copies available by calling 498-9056
- 4) Election of Officers- due to new bylaws
- 5) A Video Presentation "Scenes from the Underground"

See articles for more details !!!!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS"Scenes from the Underground"-Harvard Square Video

No, its not about the latest Cambridge Radical Movement. It concerns a subject which has had a profound effect on our recent lives-- the construction of the Red Line in Harvard Square.

At the April meeting of the Neighborhood Council (Wednesday April 10) we will be showing a 40 minute video documentary of the construction of and the people who built the new subway tunnel in Harvard Square. It was made by Barry Strongin, a teaching assistant at Harvard, who will be available to discuss the video with us.

Most of us have spent the last 5 years (at least) looking down into the various man made caverns around Harvard Square as the Red Line Construction progressed. Here's our chance to watch the underground work, an experience which should be especially enjoyable now that it is completed.

Artspace Exhibit at Lesley College

An exhibition of art works of children through adults will be held at the Heterick Lounge in front of Welch Auditorium. The opening is SUNDAY MAY 12 from 12-2:30. the works were done in studio art classes called Artspace. Painting, drawing and sculpture are the primary media. All classes are taught by Carolyn Boriss-Krimsky. For further information call 547-8444

AGASSIZ READING SERIES

The reading series is a program of authors in our neighborhood reading their own works of prose or poetry. There is no charge. All sessions are held at the Community Center, 20 Sacramento St. at 7:30 in the gallery. For information call 498-9056.

April 9 Tuesday- Jane Brock and Sebastian Lockwood reading poetry

April 24 Wednesday- Alfie Alcorn reading from his forthcoming book, Pull Of The Earth

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reading Series Continued.....

April 30 Tuesday- John L.B. Bockman and Fred Marchant reading their poetry

**Do You Get The Whistler Monthly ?

As you may know, in the past few months we have established a delivery system for The Whistler. Teens and school groups cover the Agassiz neighborhood on foot, and hopefully deliver to each home in our neighborhood.

If you have not been receiving your newsletter regularly, please let us know. It is our hope to reach all of you every month!

Please call Terry DeLancey at 498-9056, and we will either place you on our mailing list or we will be sure delivery is being made in your apartment or on your block regularly.

COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWS

The Joint Parent Steering Committee will be discussing the budget at our next regular meeting. Please come if your are interested.

OUTBACK (Agassiz Neighborhood Council's Summer Camp) brochures should be reaching you by April 12. If you have not received one by then, please call 498-9056.

If you wish to enroll your child in our Vacation Week (4/16-4/19) please ask your afterschool teacher for a registration form. Trips include Drumlin Farms and Candlepin Bowling. There will also be a Feature Film !

We have received some returns from the questionnaire which was intended to get your ideas about spending some money on childrens programs. The Backyard Renovations seems to be the most popular item by far. We will be collecting them until April 10, so return them if you have not yet.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

APRIL 5 Friday NO SCHOOL
 Good Friday
 April 9 Tuesday 7:30
 Agassiz Reading Series
 (See announcements)
 April 10 Wednesday 7:30
 Community Council Meeting
 Agassiz School Library
 April 10 Wednesday Early Release Day
 School closes 12:45
 April 15-19 NO SCHOOL-Vacation Week
 Childcare Program 4/16-4/19
 April 24 Wednesday 7:30
 Agassiz Reading Series
 (See announcements)
 April 24 Wednesday 6-7
 Joint Parent Steering Committee
 Agassiz Community Schools
 Childcare and snacks
 All parents invited

April 27 Saturday
 Art from Mexico
 Painting on bark- for
 details contact 498-9056
 April 30 Tuesday 7:30
 Agassiz Reading Series
 (See announcements)

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Need to get away ??
 Agassiz Neighborhood mother
 looking for babysitting jobs -
 Weekends and overnights. Can stay
 in your home or bring child(ren)
 to mine.

References available
 Call evenings 354-2324
 Donna Treece Jacobson

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