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 COME TO A PARTY 

THE AGASSIZ NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL would like to invite all neighbors to the Annual Meeting which will take place on April 8 at 7:30 in the Community Center at 20 Sacramento Street.

After the meeting, which will be election of new officers, there will be music, refreshments, and a fond farewell to both Joel Bard, Chairman of the Council for 5 years, and Robin Winter, Community School Teacher for 9 years. Join your neighbors, and get to know us if you don't already.

////////////////////Council News////////////////////

Slate of Officers Announced

At the March Agassiz Neighborhood Council meeting the Nominating Committee, represented by Carol Hantman and Richard Griffin, announced their slate of officers for the April 8th election. They are: Jody Garber for Chairperson, Karen Vaters for Vice Chairperson, Bob Johnson for Treasurer and Barbara August for Secretary.

Carol Hantman also offered some suggestions from the nominating committee for future elections which included more access to the nominating committee for the neighborhood, perhaps including a tear out section in The Whister for nominees and more time for the nominating committee to get a slate together.

Current officers are Joel Bard, Chairperson, Jody Garber, Vice Chairperson, Bill Neukomm, Treasurer and Miriam Goldberg, Secretary.



City Wide Review of Developers

There will be a meeting on April 22 in the conference room of the Community Development Department to which representatives from all Cambridge neighborhood organizations have been invited. The meeting is a positive result of the frustration encountered last spring over Porter Square development. The goal is to establish a citywide process for dealing with development.

A report on that meeting will be part of our May 13 Neighborhood Council Agenda.



How are Schools Assigned in Cambridge ???

The Executive Board discussed the question of Cambridge Public School assignments at their last meeting. The Neighborhood Council intends to investigate the way the open enrollment policy works in regard to its third priority - "proximity". We must research the school department's definition of "proximity" and then learn if assignments are actually made on the basis of that definition. Another cloudy issue is the status of families who register for school during the first possible registration period and do not receive any of their three choices. At that point do they receive any priority or special status?

If you are interested in helping us get some answers so that we may bring our concerns to the School Committee, please call the council office at 498-9056. Because of our annual meeting on April 8th, this issue will be formally addressed with the neighborhood on May 13 at the council meeting.



Changes in the Agassiz Bylaws



The Executive Committee has seen fit to update three by-laws of the Agassiz Neighborhood Council, Inc. The first change adds a requirement that all future changes be published widely in the Agassiz Neighborhood before they can be considered valid. The second change adds nominations from the floor at the meeting one month prior to the elections of officers. The third change extends the boundaries of our neighborhood from Roseland Street to Somerville Ave.

To receive a copy of the revised By-laws, call the

council office at 498-9056, and they will be mailed to you.



Neighborhood 9 Gets Organized Again

The Agassiz Neighborhood Council is delighted to report that the neighborhood which joined with us last spring in our efforts to control development in Porter Square has now become formally organized once more.

Neighborhood 9, directly across Mass. Ave. from Agassiz, is roughly the Peabody School district. Elections were held at the last meeting, and Howard Medwed has become the new president. Howard has spent many long hours working with us on a variety of development issues, and we look forward to working with him and the new organization.

Community Interest

Emily Griffin Winner in Art Contest

Emily Griffin, 2nd grader at Agassiz School, won third prize in the K-2 individual category of the citywide Black History Art Contest sponsored by the Department of Human Services, City of Cambridge.

Emily attended the Black History Family Celebration with her family at the King School during February vacation Week. She received her award at the celebration.



Free Community Dinners

There will be a free community dinner held every Wednesday and Thursday from 6-9 PM at 15 Pearl Street. Although this will be held at the Cambridge Committee of Elders, it is not just for seniors and is open to anyone who would like a hot meal.



Community Gardens to Meet

The Community Gardens will hold its annual spring meeting on March 31. Agenda items include a new fence.

The Community Garden has worked to make their garden an attractive part of our community. They have constructed a platform for garbage, a composter, and they have unsuccessfully tried to convince the city to finance a new fence. If you would like to contribute to the fence, or if you would like further information on the garden, contact Lynn Gay at 491-4263.



Neighborhood Night at Lesley College

Neighborhood Night at Lesely College has traditionally been a time for the Lesley and Agassiz Communities to come together with their families for a barbeque and activities for the children.

This year Neighborhood Night takes place during the Week of the Young Child. There will be many event on Campus throughout the week of interest to community members, professionals and children. Noteworthy is Tuesday May 5 at 12- 1:30 when Nancy Carlson-Page will present recent research on children's understanding of peace and war and their related play.

Many other events are scheduled, but details are not available yet. Flyers will be sent home through the Agassiz School. To receive this information through the mail, call the council office at 498-9056.

Pancake Breakfast April 4



The Agassiz Preschool will host a Pancake Breakfast at the North Congregational Church, 1803 Mass. Ave. on SATURDAY APRIL 4 , 8:30- 11:30 AM. This fundraiser for both the church and the preschool will cost \$1.50 for children and \$3 for adults. All are welcome !

Of Interest to Seniors

The Somerville Cambridge Elder Services is sponsoring NEW HORIZONS-NEW NUTRITION RECIPE CONTEST. You must be 60+ years old and live in Cambridge or Somerville to enter. The contest will be held at the Assembly Square Mall on Thursday May 7, but the deadline for submitting a recipe is April 8.

For more information call Somerville Cambridge Elder Services at 628-2601, or there are entry blanks available through the Agassiz Neighborhood Council office. Call 498-9056.

Community School News



Robin Winter to leave Community Schools

We have been fortunate to have had Robin as a teacher in the Agassiz afterschool and summer camp programs for the past nine years. It is with a big thanks that we say good bye to Robin as she moves on to a full time job working at a adolescent treatment center as their video specialist.

You will have a chance to say good bye to Robin at the Agassiz Neighborhood Council Party on April 8th which will honor the outgoing board and Robin.

Swimming Lessons at War Memorial

The Agassiz Community School in connection with the

Cambridge Recreation Department is offering Red Cross Certified swimming lessons on Thursdays for children in grades 1-6. Transportation is provided, and the cost is \$35 for ten lessons.

This pilot program has limited spaces available this spring. However, in the fall we should be offering an afternoon long program that will include swimming and other activities at the War Memorial Building, and there will be plenty of spaces available in the fall.

ARTS ALL DAY CAMP at Agassiz School

The Neighborhood Council is happy to offer another program for children this summer. Arts All Day Summer Camp, directed by dancer Jill Gleim, is a five week program emphasizing performing arts. It is available to any child with a strong interest in the performing arts and a willingness to work for an intensive five week program.

The program will take place in the Agassiz School, and it will be offered in addition to OUTBACK Summer Camp. Teachers will include Steve Cummings and Susan Periale. For information and a brochure, call Jill at 876-1194, or you may pick up a brochure at the Council Office, Agassiz Community Center, 20 Sacramento St., 2nd floor



Girl Scouts Wish to Place Troop in Agassiz

The Patriots Trail Girl Scout Council will send representative Flora Rodriguez to a meeting of the Agassiz Community School's Parent Steering Committee on Wednesday, APRIL 29th at 6 PM to discuss girl scouting.

If you are interested in learning more about the girl scouts and what they can offer your children afterschool, please come to the meeting. After the presentation, the committee will discuss the merits of a troop and decide on beginning a troop at Agassiz either afterschool or on Saturday mornings.

This meeting is open to anyone interested in Girl Scouts.




Register for Preschool Now

The Sacramento Street Preschool has only limited spaces still available for the fall. Be sure to register soon if you are interested. The Sacramento Street Preschool is available to children who will be 2.9 - 4 years of age in September. All children must enroll for 5 days a week from 9 AM to 12 Noon, and the cost will be \$125 per month.

Please call 547-1062 between 9 AM and 12 Noon for

information or to make an appointment for a visit.

 Please note: Outback Summer Camp Brochures are available now. To receive one, please call 498-9056.

CRIMEWATCH

Oxford Street..... Theft from unlocked car, 3/7, 6 AM; Malicious destruction of property 3/17, 1:20 AM; Theft from unlocked car 3/12, 10 PM

Crescent Street..... Theft from unlocked car on 3/8 at 10 AM

Garfield Street..... Malicious destruction of property on 3/10, 9 PM

Sacramento St..... Car stolen , 3/12 at Midnight

Mass. Ave..... Hit and Run to property 3/12, 9:30 AM; Commercial break in 3/6, 5 PM

Hammond St..... Attempted car theft 3/10, 10 AM, theft from unlocked car 3/12, 9 PM

Carver St..... Malicious destruction of property 3/11, 6 PM

Gorham St..... Assault and battery 3/18 at 3 AM; Attempted break in on 3/20 at 2 AM

Howland St..... Theft from unlocked car 3/21, 9 PM

Wendell St..... Malicious destruction of property 3/19 at 11:30 AM

APRIL COMMUNITY CALENDAR

APRIL 4 SATURDAY..... PANCAKE BREAKFAST 8:30- 11:30
1803 Mass Ave. Agassiz Preschool
Benefit- Adults \$3, children \$1.50

APRIL 7 TUESDAY..... READING SERIES -7:30 20 Sacramento St
See Schedule

APRIL 8 WEDNESDAY ANNUAL MEETING Agassiz Neighborhood
Council-SEE ARTICLE

APRIL 8 WEDNESDAY Released Day. School Closes, afterschool
opens 12:45 PM

APRIL 17 FRIDAY-

APRIL 24 FRIDAY..... NO SCHOOL APRIL VACATION
APRIL 21-24..... Afterschool Childcare Vacation Week
Preregistration Required
APRIL 28 TUESDAY..... READING SERIES - 7:30 20 Sacramento St
See Schedule
APRIL 29 WEDNESDAY Parent Steering Committee-Discussion of
Girl Scout Troop Formation 6-7 PM,
20 Sacramento St.