

the AGASSIZ WHISTLER

FEBRUARY

AGASSIZ NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- * February 6 Wednesday PTA
6-7:30 Science Fair
7:30-8 Chorus
8:00 Dr. Peterkin, Supt. of Schools will speak. Agassiz School Gym
- * February 13 Wednesday-AGASSIZ NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL, 7:30 in Agassiz School Library
- *February 18-22 School Vacation
For Community School Programming, see Community School News
- *February 27 Wednesday, JOINT PARENT STEERING COMMITTEE, Agassiz Community Schools, 6-7 PM, Snacks and childcare available

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH
Celebrate Black History Month with the City of Cambridge when the Department of Human Services presents several events at the ML King School, 100 Putnam Ave. All events are free, and donations will be taken for Oxfam.

* February 12, Tuesday 7-9:30
Sharoll Williams presents a slide show "Black Images in Progression-Past Present and Future" Discussion and refreshments will follow.

*February 20 Wednesday 9 AM-4PM
Childrens Workshops in jewelry making, mask making and instrument making. Refreshments.

* February 21 Thursday 7-10 PM
Final Celebration. Denice Simmons from Civic Unity will be Master of Ceremonies, Fran Cooper- Keynote Speaker, and Entertainment by the Life Symphony with Rumos Barret and more!

AGASSIZ READING SERIES

* February 6 Wednesday 7:30
Elizabeth McKim and Bob Smyth-Poetry

CALENDAR (CONT.)

* February 20 Wednesday 7:30 PM
William McCranor Henderson reading from his recently published book, Stark Raving Elvis.

All readings will take place at the Agassiz Community Center, 20 Sacramento Street.

FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA TO INCLUDE

- ***Lesley College Long Range Campus Plans to be discussed by Jim Slatery, Director of Planning and Jennifer Page, Presidents Office
- ***Changes in Council Bilaws to conform with corporate status
- ***Solicit volunteers to help with Crimewatch 1) to help install or supervise installation of locks and lights 2) to organize blocks into small units and act as captains of blocks
- ***COME 2/13 7:30 Agassiz School Lib.

CRIMEWATCH STATISTICS - Agassiz

Theft from cars this month on:

Mellen Street
Museum Street
Wendell Street
Oxford Street
Prentiss Street
Forest Street

Break Ins this month on:

Sacramento Street
Mass Ave
Exeter Street
Oxford Street
Howland Street
Wendell Street

COMMUNITY NEWS**Council Meeting Notes-January

Joel Bard announced that all papers have been filed, and the Agassiz Neighborhood Council is now incorporated.

A representative from the Harvard Tenants Union, Carl Nagin, advised the council that Harvard has announced plans to sell all of their 2-3 family units in our neighborhood. (Article follows)

Mark Hinderlie, the recently appointed Division Head for the Department of Community and Youth, Department of Human Services, City of Cambridge, spoke to the council explaining some of the services provided by his department. It is clear that our independent status will in no way interfere with the programs and funding provided by his department, and he invited the council to contact him for assistance.

Many dog owners were at the council meeting to argue their case for dogs use of Sacramento Field. (Article follows)

A representative from Cable Plus, the cooperative cable T.V. Company spoke to us on the advantages for a cooperative cable T.V. company in Cambridge.

The last agenda item was the election of officers. The duly elected officers for the year of 1985 are:

Joel Bard - Chairperson
Jody Garber-Vice Chairperson
Sebastian Lockwood - Secretary
Bill Neukomm - Treasurer

TRAFFIC FLASH

In order to get to MID CAMBRIDGE you can now legally take a left turn onto Cambridge St. from Quincy St.

Make an Irving St. resident happy, and use Quincy St.!!

COMMUNITY NEWS CONTINUEDA SPECIAL THANKS

We are very proud of our active and intelligent neighborhood council at Agassiz. The officers deserve a great deal of credit for volunteering their time to make things happen in this neighborhood.

In January Linda Brion-Meisels (Treasurer) and Miriam Goldberg (Secretary) retired their offices. The council toasted in their honor with champagne, and they deserve a special thanks, for they helped see the staff and programs through a very difficult year. We are happy that they were able to leave knowing that we are incorporated, enjoying a good relationship with the City Department of Human Services, and all programs are sound and on an even keel.

Thanks again Linda and Miriam !!!

DOGS ON SACRAMENTO FIELD

There have been many complaints in the past few months regarding the huge amount of dog feces on Sacramento Field. The children do not like to play on it, and sports teams have been moved.

The represented dog owners feel that their dogs need to exercise there, stressing that they do clean up after the dogs. However, the field is posted that dogs must be leashed, and anyone with an unleashed dog is subject to a fine.

The dog owners complained that the fence is broken and that the gate does not close, so the field is subject to roaming dogs. Also, the garbage is not picked up on a regular basis, and there is a great deal of broken glass.

The council agreed to contact the DPW to correct the situation, but what can you do to alleviate the dog mess??

Approach offending dog owners, and advise them that legally they must pick up their dogs leavings.

COMMUNITY NEWS CONTINUEDDogs on Sacramento Field Cont.

Check dog licenses, of unleashed dogs and contact Ginger Gay, Police Department Dog Officer at 498-9041.

If you are a dog owner who would like to form a committee for responsible dog use of Sacramento Field, contact Terry DeLancey 498-9056, who will put you in contact with other dog owners.

Harvard U. Announces Intention to Sell 2-3 Unit Real Estate in Agassiz Neighborhood

Many Agassiz residents have looked forward to the day when Harvard would sell its real estate in the neighborhood. Carl Nagin, for the Harvard Tenants Union and a resident of Hammond St. explained the problems for our neighborhood that this move could make. Harvard owns some of the most economical housing (due to rent control) in Agassiz.

The plans to sell their 2-3 unit housing also includes giving Harvard faculty first choice to buy the property. This would happen any time a unit was vacated, leaving the remaining tenants to face their rent being doubled or tripled or to be evicted.

On January 20 the Harvard Tenants Union met with the Cambridge City council. There was no representation from Harvard at the meeting. The City Council's ideas were: 1) Present a non binding referendum letting Harvard know how the council feels, 2) Send D. Bok a registered letter, along with Harvard Real Estate, Inc. requesting that they attend these meetings 3) Check to see if the policy of selling to faculty is discriminatory 4) Changing rent control laws, so that if Harvard sells to affiliates, rent control laws remain in effect.

For more information contact Carl Nagin 661-6636 or Michael Turk 864-3171.

COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWS

*News from the Joint Parent Steering Committee

The committee is working toward a new contract and personnel policy for the staff. This will include regularizing the calendar for childcare for the year.

The committee will be sending out a questionnaire to see what priorities parents have for spending some monies on the childrens programs.

* We have a new staff member in the afterschool Childcare Program. Her name is Carol Cohen, and she is currently studying Russian at Boston University.

*February vacation programming:

There will be no school or programming on Monday February 18. Tuesday, February 19-22, during school vacation, Community Schools will be in session 8:30-5:45.

If you wish to enroll your child for this week, get a registration form immediately from the program (The forms have been placed in your mailboxes).

On Wednesday 2/20, the children will be bussed to King school where they will participate in the workshops on Black History. That will be from 9:30-11:30. In the afternoon there will be a free swim at the YWCA for all children from 3:30-5:15. On Thursday 9-12 the children will go ice skating in Cleveland Circle at the MDC rink. On Friday at 1 PM we will be showing "Escape to Witch Mountain" in the school Library.

If you have any questions, please contact Terry DeLancey at 498-9056.

GARDENING MEMBERS

The Department of Food and Agriculture for the state is sponsoring a Fruition Program to encourage fruit and nut planting on public access land. If the community gardens is eligible, they will provide information on this type of gardening and plants.

Please contact Terry DeLancey if interested, and we can apply.
(phone 498-9056)

For Sale

2 Table Looms
J.L. Hammett Rigid Heddle 15" wide
8 E.P.I. \$15
Schacht Spindle Co. Tapestry loom
18"wide \$10

Both in new condition, call Evelyn Vignola 354-6680

Help Wanted

The Afterschool Activities Program is looking for a teachers aid, 2:45-5:45 to assist with activities and help in program. For more information, call Terry DeLancey 498-9056

THEATRE ARTS PROGRAM

The ArtiCulture Program, which is scheduled to begin in a few weeks, still has spaces. This is a free theatre arts program for teens, and

it will be held in the Music Room at the Agassiz School Tuesdays and Thursdays 4-6 PM. Please contact Geraldine Guardino at 623-5510 or Terry DeLancey at 498-9056 for details.

Lesley College will list you with their housing listings if you want to provide room and board in exchange for babysitting or other services. You can call 868-9600 and ask for the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs.

BABYSITTERS WANTED

The Afterschool Programs and others in the neighborhood often call the Community Schools Office looking for babysitters. If you would like to be listed with us, please call 498-9056 and ask for Terry DeLancey. When leaving a message, remember to leave your address!

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