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The Newsletter of the Agassiz Neighborhood Council

COMMUNITY NEWS

Georgie's Development - Continuing Saga

The company (H.J.Davis) proposing to construct a new building on the site of Georgie's returned to present a third proposal at the January 8 Neighborhood Council Meeting. A brief description: 50-55' high, 20 residential units (1 and 2 bedrooms), 20 parking spaces on the ground level, small retail shop on Mass. Ave., 1 driveway, 2.5 FAR. The facade facing Mass. Ave. would be of brick (2 colors) and limestone with several very large windows. The side facing Wendell Street would be long and uniform in design.

While this proposal is smaller than the earlier ones, it still requires the same significant variances. The rear part of the building exceeds the permitted height (35') for the residential zone. The density, measured by FAR, is approximately 75% greater than permitted.

The council listened to the developers on January 8 and decided to meet, without the developers, to discuss it further. At that meeting held January 21, the unanimous agreement was to oppose the project. Several reasons were given but the main ones were: the project is too big for the site, and the developers have never tried to conform to the zoning limitations.

next council meeting...

FEBRUARY 12, 1986
7:30 Agassiz Community Center
20 Sacramento Street

"Traffic on Oxford Street" Ideas and solutions to the traffic problems, especially speeding, will be addressed by the community.

The developers will proceed with this proposal and apply for variances before the Cambridge Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday, February 6. Their case has been scheduled for 7:20 PM in the Ackerman Room, City Hall

Over the course of four meetings on this subject over 50 Agassiz and some Peabody residents have listeded to various proposals. Given the uniform neighborhood opposition, the Neighborhood Council will attend the February 6th meeting and oppose this proposal.

A few people are planning to attend, but more is better. Please come. If you are interested but cannot attend, leave a letter or statement at the community center (20 Sacramento St.), and we will bring it.

Flood and Sewer Update

At the last neighborhood council meeting we discussed the importance of the sewer (phase 6) engineering study, and that it must be in the budget for fiscal 1986.

We have been advised that a proposal has gone before City Manager Healy requesting that the study begin before the new year which begins in July. If this is the case, work might begin sooner than had been expected on the plans. An update will appear when we have some definite information on the status of that proposal.

Gallery News

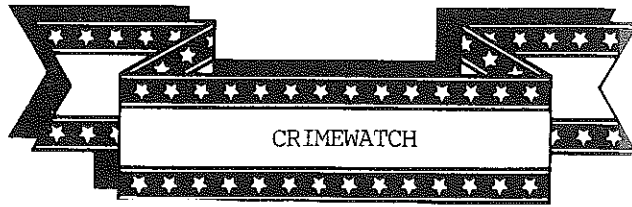
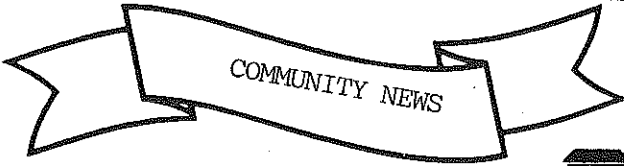
The Sacramento Street Gallery will host Scott Bruce and his White Fat Man Gallery for three months beginning some time in February. Three shows are scheduled, and it should prove to be an interesting series of avant-garde shows. Scott previously ran the Basement Gallery in Boston, and he will be producing other shows at other locations simultaneously in the Boston and Cambridge area.

For mailings call 498-9056.

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Just-A-Start Employment Program



Just A Start program is looking for qualified participants in the Cambridge area. They offer participants full time employment, job counselling, and GED (unemployed 16-21 year olds.) Jobs are available in housing renovation and carpentry with on job training. Salaries are \$140-159 per week, and new jobs start immediately.

If you know anyone who might want to participate or if you know of a teen program that could send participants, call Molly at 492-7900.

Seniors

Are you getting "Newslines"? This is a monthly newsletter just for Cambridge seniors and includes a variety of activities, programs and special interest articles.

This month there was an invitation to visit the Mutual Aid Group on Mondays at 1 PM at the North Congregational Church, 1803 Mass. Ave. Also that site is the one in our neighborhood where a hot lunch program is provided for seniors. For details please call John McQuard at 497-2115.

American Cablesystems Hosts Jobs Fair

American Cablesystems of Cambridge will host a job fair/workshop on Saturday February 15 at the Central Square Branch of the Cambridge Library, 10 AM - 1 PM.

Jobs that are available in each department will be described to all by the department manager. After a question and answer period, the group will break up into smaller groups to exchange more specific information concerning the available jobs.

Regularly American Cablesystems sends notices of available jobs to the community center, and they are posted on the second floor bulletin board. If you are interested in more information concerning the job fair, please contact American Cablesystems at 876-5005

Our most frequently committed crime, that of larceny from a parked car, was very prominent this January. There were six incidents on Forest, Prentiss, Traymore, Eustis, Garfield and Irving Streets. KEEP YOUR CARS LOCKED, AND AVOID LEAVING VALUABLES IN YOUR CARS !!

Two cars were stolen, both from Mass. Ave. There were two cases of malicious destruction of property on Howland and Wendell Streets, and there was one bicycle stolen from Sacramento Street.

Please REPORT ANY CRIMES. This keeps the police keyed into our neighborhood and on the lookout for those crimes.

There was a letter written by Lt. Donovan of the Cambridge Police to Commissioner Kennedy regarding the darkness of the Tot Lot on the corner of Oxford and Sacramento and requesting the reinstatement of lights. There has been no response to this request so far.

AGASSIZ ADS *****

* FOR SALE - Piano, great student piano, under \$1,000., best offer, call 492-4529

* Our house is being sold. Mother and daughter long time residents of Agassiz, looking for 2 bedroom apt. in area. Call Pat Keegan evenings 547-8566.

Deadline for "Whistler" Articles



We will print any information that is of interest to the Agassiz Community in the newsletter. Please have any articles or ads in by the 25th of the month for the following months edition.



Afterschool Activities Program



Term III of the Afterschool Activities Program will begin on Monday, February 10. All those currently registered will receive re-registration materials in the mail. Anyone interested in registering may call for information and registration forms, which include a list of daily activities and costs.

February Vacation Program



Agassiz Community Schools will offer childcare during the February School Vacation week (2/18-2/21). Children must be enrolled in either childcare or activities programs, and registration must be in advance. Deadline for registration is 2/7.

Video and Pizza Party for 7th Grade

The Agassiz Community Schools hosted a party in the Agassiz Community Center on Friday January 24 from 7-10 PM.

Plans are in the works for another pizza and video night for the 8th Grade. Interested parents are urged to call for more information.

Campfire for Boys and Girls



Campfire will begin a program on Thursdays afterschool at the Agassiz Community Center for children in Grades 1-3. A variety of activities are planned by the leaders from Campfire. Call for further details.

Program Information



If you are interested in any of our programs but do not receive information by mail, please call and we will be sure you receive information on our afterschool activities and summer camp.

Longy School of Music

The Longy School of Music will begin afterschool classes in Dalcroze Eurhythmics for a variety of ages from 3 up. Classes are offered on weekday afternoons and Saturday beginning the first week in February. They are located at One Follen Street, and for more information call 876-0956

Youth Theatre Project

The Department of Human Services presents a theatre project for 10-14 year olds. There will be two locations, King School and Fitzgerald School. There will be a sliding fee scale, and a demonstration before signing up. Demonstration at the King School will be on Thursday February 6th at 7:00 PM for parents and students (it will be on Tuesday February 4th at the Fitzgerald). A workshop edition will be held on Saturday February 8th 10-11 AM at the King (11:30-12:30 at the Fitzgerald)

Classes at the King will be held on Fridays, and at the Fitzgerald on Wednesdays from 3-4:30 beginning the last week in February for 12 weeks.

The teachers will be Susan Periale from Boston Arts Group and Elizabeth Appleby from the Alley Theatre. For more information call Laura Garton at 498-9072.



Preschool at the Community Center

This year the community center has hosted a toddlers playgroup in the afterschool childcare space during the morning. There has been some interest in beginning a preschool in that space when the toddlers graduate.

The space is available from 9 AM to 12 Noon on weekdays when public school is in session. The age range being considered is 2.9 - 5 years of age. Any person interested in sending a child or in helping organize the venture should call Terry DeLancey at 498-9056

Community Calendar

- February 1 M.A.P.S. Presents Orfeo Au Go Go Festival, Boston Premiere, THE VIOLINIST for violin, voice, piano, percussion, body and movement by Chris Chalfont, Ricardo Frota and June D'Angelo-call 492-4529
- February 3 Charlie's Tap Monday Night Poetry Readings, Rain House reading poetry of Julian Beck, Chris Chalfont, piano 492-4529
- February 5 Public Hearing, MASS AVE ZONING, Masonic Temple in Porter Sq. (1950 Mass. Ave.) 7:30 Cambridge Community Devt.
- February 6 Zoning Board of Appeals-Hearing on Georgie's Site 7:20 PM Ackerman Room City Hall
- February 6 Released day, school closes and afterschool opens 12:45
- February 9-11 WMFO radio, Tufts, Second Silence, Chris Chalfant, feature, with Katie Redmond, 11PM
- February 12 Agassiz Neighborhood Council Meeting 7:30 Agassiz Community Center, 20 Sacramento St.
- February 17 Presidents Day- NO SCHOOL OR AFTERSCHOOL
- February 18-21 February Vacation Week-No school, Vacation Childcare 8:30-5:45, Agassiz Community Center-Preregistration Required
- February 24 Agassiz Reading Series-See Schedule below

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 20 Sacramento Street
 Cambridge, MA 02138
 498-9056

AGASSIZ READING SERIES

20 SACRAMENTO ST. CAMBRIDGE
 Monday Evenings 7:30

- Jan 6 *Cheridge KNIGHT* POETRY
TOM O'LEARY
- Jan 20 *BRIAN BELLOW* Talk & Slides
The W. King of Mass Ave
- Feb 24 *ELLEN WILBUR* SHIRY STONEZ
- March 3 *JANE KACZENIK* DRAWN TO ART
 Reading & Slides
- March 17 *PAUL QUAIN* Talk & Slides
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- April 7 *YOLU LIPSKY* PLAYRIGHT
- April 24 *VANE BROK* POETRY



Information: call Sebastian 492-685