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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE AGASSIZ NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL



||| Standing Committees in the Neighborhood |||

Currently our major standing committees include Building, Parent Steering, Tot Lot Renovations, and Safety on Oxford Street.

We hope to reactivate our Planning Group, which is the group that spent a great deal of time on the Mass. Ave. Rezoning, which was passed last year. An important new job for this group will be to develop a plan to reorganize the way the city handles developers. In her January newsletter, City Councillor Alice Wolf had some thoughts regarding this committee, and this is what she had to say about Citizen Participation:

"City ordinances and the zoning code should be revised to mandate the following areas of citizen involvement:

Development of a neighborhood plan for each neighborhood that reflects neighborhood goals and specifically focuses on areas of potential conflict, especially between residents and commercial/industrial uses.

Citizen review of proposed large commercial or residential projects within the neighborhood, utilizing standards developed in the neighborhood plan.

next council meeting...

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11
7:30 PM
AGASSIZ COMMUNITY CENTER
20 Sacramento Street

Agenda. Organization of committee to study citizen involvement in commercial or large residential developments

A commitment to zoning recommendations that are developed through the neighborhood process and reflect the neighborhood plan.

City departments and boards should also be required to coordinate their consideration of projects with each other and with the neighborhood plan."

What do you think about this? Come to the next Neighborhood Council Meeting on Wednesday February 11 at 7:30 at 20 Sacramento St., and we will discuss this issue.



TOT LOT UPDATE



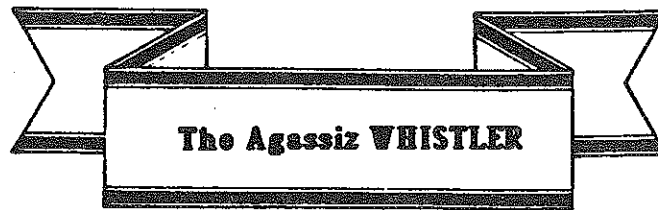
We have some lovely glossy photos of all the dangerous spots on the Alden Tot Lot at the corner of Oxford and Sacramento Streets, and we will be showing these photos to various city councillors so they can actually see how dilapidated the playground really is. If possible we will have councillors visit the park as well.

We have also mounted a serious petition campaign so the city will realize the large numbers and age groups of children using that space on a daily basis.

Please contact the office at 498-9056 if you would like to help. If you can gather signatures on your street, we will gladly send you some petitions.

Sewer Upgrade - Phase 6 and 7

We have been notified by City Councillor Wolf that both phase 6 and 7 of the City's Sewer Rehabilitation project have been funded jointly by the state and the City of Cambridge. This is the project which will separate storm drains from sanitary drains and hopefully discourage flooding, particularly the more odious sewerage, in our neighborhood as well as North Cambridge. More on what that means in next months Whistler.



EVENTS TO CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month Poster Contest and Family Event

The Cambridge Department of Human Services is sponsoring a poster contest for children in grades K-12; individual and group entries are welcome. Posters should stress the importance of historical events, and figures to the Afro-American experience, or the connection between the past, the present and the future. Areas to focus on might include: family, food, sports, music, church, fashion, politics, science, literature, entertainment, technology, art.

Individual entries should be on plain white paper, no larger than 11"x17". Group entries must be on plain white paper but of any size. All entries must have the name, phone number, and school of the person or group submitting the entry. Prizes will be awarded to 3 winners in each of 4 categories, and group entries will be judged in a separate category.

All entries will be exhibited at the Black History Month Family Celebration sponsored by the Department of Human Services on February 27 at 7 PM at the King School, 100 Putnam Ave. Winners will be announced that night, and winning entries will be used to publicize future Black History events and a calendar to be used as a fund raiser.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES FEBRUARY 13 at 5 PM. Entries should be submitted to Terry DeLancey, Agassiz Neighborhood Co-ordinator, 20 Sacramento Street, or you may leave them in the community schools box in the Agassiz School. For more information, call 498-9056.

Children's Workshops

Also planned in celebration of black history by the Cambridge Department of Human Services is a day of Children's Workshops set for Wednesday February 18 to be held at the Martin Luther King School, 100 Putnam Ave. Workshops will include various craft and arts projects. For more information, contact the Department of Human Services at 498-9072

Celebrating Black History at the Musuem of Fine Arts 465 Huntington Ave, Boston 267-9300x300

Activities include gospel music with a talk on gospel's history on 2/22 at 2 PM. Free with museum admission.....Lectures- 2/8 at 3 PM on the role of creative imagination in the Caribbean, 2/22 at 3 PM on motifs from mother Africa to the Black Americas. FREE... 2/17-20 February Vacation activities, call for more information...2/8 2-4 PM Family day open house, folksinging, activities and refreshments, Free with museum admission.



AGASSIZ READING SERIES

On Tuesday February 24 at 7:30 the Agassiz Reading Series presents Bill Henderson reading prose from Wobbestock Nation, 20 Sacramento St in the Gallery. Further readings will be announced in the March Whistler. For more information, or to be on the mailing list, call Sebastian at 492-6857.

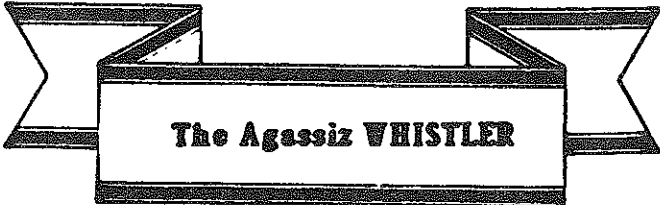
Nicholas Kilmer Opens New Show in the Sacramento Street Gallery

An exhibition of paintings by Nicholas Kilmer will be shown at the Sacramento St. Gallery beginning Thursday February 19. The exhibition entitled "Conversations" is made up of a recent series of large paintings representing couples in an interior setting.

Nicholas Kilmer is a resident of Cambridge, whose most recent exhibition, in 1984, was at the Museum of ART in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

The exhibition at the Sacramento Street Gallery will be open Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 5 PM, and on Saturday and Sunday from 2-6 PM. The Gallery is located at 20 Sacramento St.

"Conversations" by Nicholas Kilmer are powerful and dramatic paintings. Each piece holds an intense moment between two people, a tension that is displayed in the sudden execution and the play of light and bold color within the paintings. A must see!" - Sebastian Lockwood



CRIMEWATCH

- Sacramento Place - Breaking and Entry
- Mass. Ave. - (between Garfield and Wendell) stolen car, breaking and entry, hit and run property, traffic violation
- Carver St. - Breaking and entry, malicious destruction of property.
- Scott St. - Unarmed street robbery
- Wendell St. - Breaking and entry
- Oxford St. - Hit and run property
- Gorham St. - Larceny from unlocked car
- Everett St. - Assault and battery, receiving stolen property, larceny from a person
- Francis St. - Hit and run to property
- Irving St. - Attempted break and entry

STORYTELLER JAY O'CALLAHAN AT LESLEY COLLEGE

Jay O'Callahan, well known storyteller will perform two of his strongest shows in repertory at Lesley College in the Welch Auditorium on three consecutive weekends:

Edge of the Sea

- *February 13-15
- *February 20-22
- *February 27- March 1

The Gouda

- February 15, 2 PM
- February 22, 2 PM
- March 1, 2 PM

- *Friday and Saturday 8 PM
- Sunday 7 PM

VOLUNTEER VISITOR PROGRAM TO AID ELDERS

Sandra Kahn, Co-ordinator of Volunteers for this project, has thanked us for the response from her last call for volunteers

Once again the Cambridge Council on Aging seeks volunteers to serve as visitors to the homebound elderly to chat or take short neighborhood walks. Meet an interesting new friend who will really value your companionship. The volunteers offer friendship, enrichment, and assistance to older people on a one to one basis. They receive training, supervision and on-going staff support. Call Sandy at 498-9039

ADS

Apartment for Rent - Agassiz neighborhood, 8 rooms, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, heat, all appliances, shared back yard, \$1,600 mo. Available now through June. Call Julia Wallace, 864-6047.

The Neighborhood Council often receives calls from neighborhood residents who are being displaced from their apartments and cannot find affordable housing. If you have an apartment or room to rent at a moderate rate, and would like to help residents stay in their neighborhood, call the council, and we will refer you to them. 498-9056.

Students - Earn money \$\$\$ when it snows by helping senior citizens shovel out. Call Steve Winter at the Neighborhood Council, 498-9056.

NEEDED UTILITY DISHWASHER with some experience. Excellent wage and working conditions. In private academic organization in Agassiz neighborhood. Call Ingrid at 492-8800.

PULSE AEROBICS FOR EVERYBODY - is held in the Agassiz Gym on Mondays and Wednesdays 6:30-7:50 PM, Saturday from 10:30-11:50. Per ten week session cost are: for two times per week \$72, for three times per week, \$102. Single classes will cost \$5. For more information call Elise at 742-5342.

WasherWomen - Agassiz based home cleaning service for the Cambridge area. Call 497-7885.

Learn conversational Spanish at the Maynard School for \$1 per class on Thursdays from 7-8:30 PM. Enroll for a 15 week course beginning February 5. Call Deborah Goodman at 498-9067.



POT LUCK DINNER FOR SINGLE PARENTS AND CHILDREN AT AGASSIZ COMMUNITY CENTER

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11
6:30 PM
20 SACRAMENTO STREET

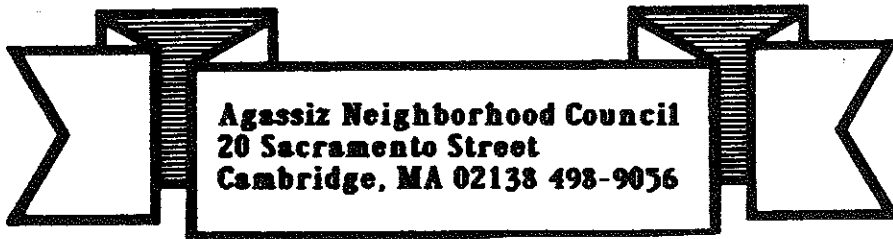
Come to meet and eat ! R.S.V.P. Lesley Warner at 354-2168.

DEADLINE FOR WHISTLER articles, ads and information is the 25th of each month for the next months issue.



Community Calendar

- FEBRUARY 5 Released day. Agassiz School closes, Afterschool opens at 12:45
- FEBRUARY 11 Agassiz Neighborhood Council Meeting
7:30 PM, 20 Sacramento St.
- FEBRUARY 11 Parent Steering Committee Meeting
6-7 PM, Snacks and Childcare, 20 Sacramento St.
- FEBRUARY 16-20 NO SCHOOL FEBRUARY VACATION WEEK
- FEBRUARY 17-20 Agassiz Community School Vacation Childcare
(preregistration required)
- FEBRUARY 18 Children's Workshops in Honor of Black History Month
M L King School (see article for more details)
- FEBRUARY 19 Gallery Opening "Conversations" by Nicholas Kilmer
(See article for details)
- FEBRUARY 24 Agassiz Reading Series, Bill Henderson reading prose
from Wobblestock Nation
7:30 PM, 20 Sacramento Street
- FEBRUARY 27 Family Celebration of Black History Month presented
by Cambridge Department of Human Services
7 PM M L King School (see article for details)



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