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AGASSIZ NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

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** Council Meeting Notes...

The Trustees of Lesley College have adopted a Master Plan for their long range campus planning. The plan was presented at the February Council Meeting by Jennifer Page, V.P. for Administration and Jim Slattery, Director of Planning, Lesley College.

The three part plan includes:

1. Consolidation, 2. Restoration, and 3. New Building. The consolidation would be divesting itself of all buildings which do not fall within the "institutional zone" which is: Oxford St. to Wendell St. to Mass. Ave. Harvard and Lesley meet at Everett St. which is the boundary of Agassiz Neighborhood, but still the institutional zone. Restoration is the notion of keeping existing buildings in the style of the original, and keeping buildings in tune with the residential style of the Agassiz neighborhood.

The new building will take place within the institutional zone, and within that zone, Lesley College wishes to acquire a great deal of property.

The Council was especially concerned with the plan to remove the old house at the corner of Mellon and Oxford Streets, move it to the area where the tennis court stands, and replace it with a very large, new athletic center. There was enough concern in general to organize a committee which will meet regularly with Lesley Planning Personnel to insure input for the Agassiz Neighborhood.

Lesley College has no timelines or dates for the execution of these plans. While the council is pleased

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that Lesley presented their intended plan to the community, it will be necessary for this community to be informed of their progress and to take part in the planning as it effects our neighborhood.

Anyone interested in helping with the committee which will work with the Lesley College planners should call the Agassiz Council at 498-9056.

The last bit of business at the February Council Meeting was the adoption of new bylaws for the Agassiz Neighborhood Council, Inc. Copies of the new Bylaws are available by calling 498-9056.

MARCH COUNCIL MEETING

*3/13 Wednesday 7:30 PM
AGASSIZ SCHOOL LIBRARY

Gerard Frank will present plans for the renovation of the backyard of the Community Center.

Special Meeting

A special meeting has been called to discuss the lack of maintenance on Sacramento Field and the Tot Lot on Sacramento and Oxford Sts.

Commissioner Kennedy from the Cambridge D.P.W. will be there to hear our concerns.

Please come. The City spent \$50,000. several years ago on renovations to Sacramento Field, and without maintenance it will be ruined.

March 20, Wednesday
8:00 Agassiz Community Center

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**** Crimewatch Progress**

Our neighborhood was hit by tire slashings on two consecutive weekends- 26 incidents on Wendell and Sacramento Streets and streets in close proximity to them.

An arrest was made, and we hope the problem has been solved. In addition to the car vandalization, two cars were broken into for car stereos.

The arrest was made because someone called 911 and reported suspicious actions.

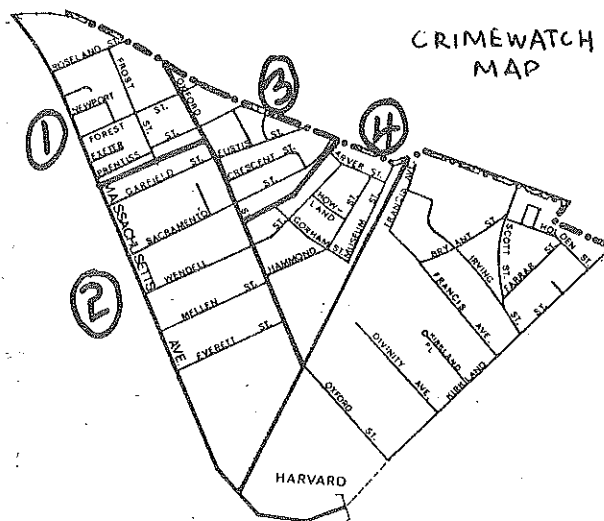
That is how YOU CAN HELP! Be aware of what is happening, and don't be afraid to call the 911 number when you suspect something. The police presence will deter this kind of crime.

With the Spring come reports from residents of drinking, reckless driving and excessive noise from the Tot Lot on the corner of Oxford and Sacramento Sts. Again, do not be afraid to call 911. The police presence will intimidate these folks, and they will not return.

The map that follows has subdivided the Agassiz Neighborhood into four areas, or Crimewatch Districts, for which we need block captains. The block captains will work with the community council to organize meetings for information and for neighbors to get to know each other.

Please call 498-9056 for more information or to find out more about becoming a block captain.

**** AGASSIZ READING SERIES** will continue. The audience has been growing, and the quality of work very high. The dates for March and April were unavailable as the Whistler went to print. Please call 498-9056, and you will be advised of forthcoming Reading Series dates.

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The Cambridge Chorus is looking for residents over 50 years of age. The practices are held in Christ Church in Harvard Square on Monday mornings at 10-11:30. For more information call Donna Johnson at 498-9076.

The Agassiz Neighborhood Council would like to update its mailing list for seniors. If you would like to be on our mailing list, call 498-9056, and you will receive various flyers and information for Cambridge Seniors.

**** Cambridge Guidance Center**

The Cambridge Guidance Center announces the beginning of three new groups:

1. Girls Support Group-Ages 14-17
Thursdays 3:30-4:30
Contact John Kaplan
2. Fathers Discussion Group
Contact Larry Abrams
3. Parenting Course
Monday 7-9 beginning 3/25
Contact Judy Osher or Debi Phillips

The Center is located at
5 Sacramento St. Phone 354-2275.

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**** Community Gardens**

Lynn Gay, new Coordinator for the Community Gardens, has announced the Spring Meeting for all gardeners who have plots currently.

The meeting will be at the Community Center 20 Sacramento St March 19 at 7:30 PM.

New gardeners are chosen by means of a lottery. If you wish to be in the garden lottery, please leave your name, address and phone number with Terry DeLancey at 498-9056.

COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWS

**** The Afterschool Activities Program has a new telephone number :**

497-4284

Please make a note of it. Robin and Smiley can be reached at that number between 2-6 PM.

A new Boys Gymnastics Class is being formed by Carlo Rizzo, Agassiz's Gymnastics teacher. It will be held on Fridays from 3:45-4:45, and it is not for real beginners but boys of intermediate skills or 2-3rd grade. If you have a question or wish to enroll, contact Terry DeLancey at 498-9056. The cost is \$12. and the session is now in progress and will run through early May.

We have a volunteer for a photography course for children ages 9-11. Ray Rivera from the Harvard Hand program is eager to work on techniques of photography with a few interested students who have access to a 35 mm camera. Please call 498-9056 for more information. He is available Monday-Wednesday after school.

**** Summer Camp Outback**

The Agassiz Neighborhood Council again will sponsor Outback, a summer camp for children entering 1-6th grades.

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**** Summer Camp Cont.**

Entering kindergarteners are admitted if they have a sibling attending camp at the same time.

Boys and girls entering 7-9th grades are encouraged to apply for positions as counselors in training (CIT's).

The camp will be directed by Steven Winter. The program will run for eight weeks from July 1-August 2. The regular camp program hours will be 8:30-2:30, and the aftercamp program, 2:30-5:45.

Registration materials will be available sometime in early April, and the materials will be sent home through school and afterschool. Please call if your child does not attend Agassiz, and we will put you on our mailing list.

Those interested in CIT positions should call for an application: 498-9056.

COMMUNITY INTEREST

**** Traditional Cambodian Court and Folk Music will be held on Saturday, March 23, 8:00 PM, Paine Hall, Harvard University. This is an ensemble of seven Cambodian musicians and three dancers.**

Tickets are \$10, \$20 for reception after in Wm James Hall penthouse. Concert benefits North Charles Mental Health Research and Training Foundation. Tickets and information: David Karoff 864-0941

**** Needed: Adults to be Girl Scout Leaders in Cambridge**
Qualifications: Be willing to work with a girl scout troop helping the girls plan and carry out activities which help them explore the world around them and grow into mature contributing adults. Meetings are held after school on weekends or early evening. Contact Susan Farabe or Ellen Chahey, Patriots Trail Girl Scout Council 482-1078

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- March 7 Agassiz PTA Budget Discussion
7:30 Community Center
- March 11 CITY STEP-dance and drama
performance by 5-6th graders
from Agassiz and other school
Loeb Drama Center- a small
admission will be charged
- March 13 Agassiz Neighborhood Council
Meeting 7:30 Agassiz School
Library
- March 14 School Committee Public Hear-
ing on the Budget 7:30
CRLS (High School) Rm. 222
- March 14 Agassiz School Released Time
School closes 12:45
- March 15 Lesley Agassiz Resource
Committee 8:45 AM Alumni Hall
Lesley College
- March 18 Evacuation Day -
No School or Afterschool
- March 19 Community Garden Spring
Meeting 7:30 Community
Center
- March 20 Parent Steering Committee
Agassiz Community Schools
6 PM Community Center
Childcare and snacks
- March 20 Special Meeting to Discuss
Maintenance of Sacramento
Field with DPW Commissioner
Kennedy 8:00 PM Community
Center.

Pro Arte Chamber Orchestra of Boston has launched a campaign to increase special needs audiences at their concerts. It provides transportation and complimentary tickets to persons with special needs.

For information and concert schedules, contact Beth Kanter 661-7067

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