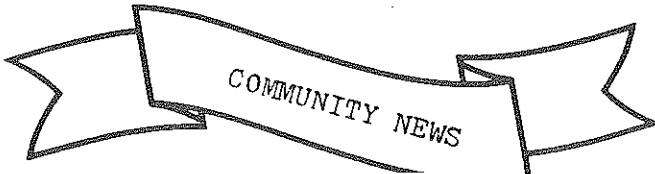




November 1988

The Newsletter of the Agassiz Neighborhood Council



Neighborhood Council Notes.....

Officer Joanne Kloran, Lt. George Donovan and Sgt. Anthony Ferraro of the Cambridge Police Department spoke at our October 12th meeting on crime prevention.

Break Ins

Outdoor lighting is the greatest deterrent. Side and back entrances should be well lit. It is also wise to keep shrubs cut near windows or around the house. Remember that the time is about to change, and people will be returning home after dark, so leave a light on or put lights on timers. Remember to secure cellar doors. Fall and winter are times that break ins become high.

If you put bars on windows be sure that you have an alternate fire escape. They are good for basement windows and bulkheads. One inch deadbolt locks were recommended for doors. (Many other door and window locks were explicitly described in the handout provided). The police department cannot recommend any specific brand of lock or alarm, but be sure to use a reputable company and brand. There are now small cassettes that are battery operated for use in apartments with only one door. The best alarm is one which is connected to police.

Street robberies or assaults or purse snatchings

Do not walk alone, avoid dark areas, and whenever possible walk in the street. Do not carry a handbag, or if you do, carry small amounts of cash and only credit cards you will be using. Keep a record of all your credit card numbers.

next council meeting...

Wednesday November 9 at 7:30 p.m.
Agassiz Community Center 20 Sacramento St.

If you are followed, go to a phone, dial 911 and stay on the line. These calls can be traced immediately. If there is a struggle, give up your wallet. It is dangerous to spray mace since this may provoke violence.

In the supermarket do not leave your purse in the shopping cart. Beware of becoming distracted while another person lifts your wallet or bag. If you lose your credit cards report them immediately, since they are used very quickly.

Bike Thefts

You should know your bicycle serial numbers for identification and proof of ownership. You can register your bicycle at the Police Department, 5 Western Ave., Service Division, and you can engrave these and other property with your name.

A very useful 13 page handout was provided to all present, detailing locks and safety devices. Anyone who would like a copy should call the council office at 498-9056.

Cambridge Trust will soon occupy the building on Mass. Ave. that was formerly the Chang Sho Restaurant (directly across from Garfield St.). They would like to build a drive up window on the parking lot side of the building, but they must first obtain a variance from the Board of Zoning Appeals. Jody Garber, Council Chairperson, met with bank officials and presented the architectural plans at the council meeting. Those present felt that the volume of both foot and car traffic would add more danger, and voted it unacceptable. Jody agreed to advise the bank of the decision.

Harvard University has purchased the Bence Pharmacy block on Mass. Ave. from the north corner of Everett Street about half way to Mellen St. It includes a barber shop, Three Aces Pizza, and a cleaners. They intend to eventually use this parcel of land for Harvard Law School Housing.

The opinion was expressed that it is time to call a special meeting to make city government responsible to the residents of Cambridge. Attention was drawn to other neighborhoods (currently the Binney Street area) in Cambridge who must spend both time and money, hiring lawyers to fight decisions made by the city. We must support the efforts of other neighborhoods, and Henry Shawah has agreed to attend a series of meetings to organize a citywide group. He will report their progress to us.

Other Neighborhood Updates.....

This just in

The neighborhood council was informed that the Post Office, as promised, is currently repainting all the neighborhood mailboxes that were covered with graffiti over the past few months. Thanks to Susan Rioff for helping track down the locations of each box.



CDIA DEVELOPMENT in Porter Square

Porter Exchange has opened beginning with Conran's amid protest from the members of the Cambridge Painters Local 577. The Cottonwood Cafe is scheduled to open October 24, and there will be many other openings for the holiday season. Opening "festivities" are planned for early December.

TOT LOT UPDATE

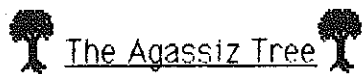
As we all can see the developer (Nick Sacca) has been busy working on the Alden Tot Lot, located on the corner of Sacramento and Oxford Streets. So far all is going according to schedule, and we hope to see it finished next month.

FOOD FOR FREE

There ARE hungry people in Cambridge. Pantries are serving twice as many people as last year - mainly families. The pantry cupboards are almost bare. We will be participating in a city-wide food drive to help replenish the supply for the holiday season and beyond.

Please bring or send with your children non-perishable items, particularly high protein foods such as peanut butter, tuna, dried beans, as well as pastas, rice, canned vegetables, and soup.

There will be a box located at the Agassiz School. The drive will take place November 14-18th during Hunger Awareness Week, and the food will be picked up on November 21st or 22nd. Food can be dropped off Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Please contact the council office for more information at 498-9056.



The Agassiz Tree

A new tree is purchased annually by the Agassiz neighborhood from the city's Committee on Planting, and this year it will be placed on Mellen Street near the Lesley College Buildings. This is a tentative placement, subject to ground condition (including interference by underground utilities) and subject to acceptable maintenance arrangements from Lesley College and/or neighbors.

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION MEETINGS

It's time to remind everyone who has a child that will be four years of age on or before March 31, 1989 to attend a kindergarten informational meeting. Your child will be eligible for kindergarten in SEPTEMBER 1989. These meetings are extremely important for those parents who are not familiar with Cambridge's SCHOOL OPEN ENROLLMENT POLICY. Registration will take place in January, and it is very important that you understand your options.

The informational meetings are set for November 2nd at 10 a.m. in the Central Square Library, November 3rd at 7:30 p.m. in the Fitzgerald School, and November 9th at 7:30 p.m. in the Harrington School. FOR KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION CALL the Cambridge School Department at 491-6200 or 498-9254.

CAMBRIDGE COMMUNITY TV TRAINING WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Registration for a variety of workshops in video will begin on October 31. Topics include Camcorder, Edit Room 1 and 2, Amiga Character Generator, Scripting, Edit Effects, Remote Lighting, Remote Audio, 3-Chip Camera, Studio Production, Studio Audio, and Studio Lighting.

Call Cambridge Community TV between 9-10 a.m. and 4-6 p.m. for more information at 225-2500.

FORUM TO EXPLORE THE SALVADOREAN COMMUNITY

On Wednesday November 30th there will be a forum on THE SALVADOREAN COMMUNITY presented by a group of Cambridge Agencies for the benefit of all Cambridge residents at the Cambridge Community Center, 5 Callender St. 7:30-9 p.m.

This is one in a continuing series of forums designed to explore cultural diversity. Future forums include The Haitian Community and The Black Community. For more information call Sheli Wortis at 498-9200 x9518 or Hap Tierny at 623-5096.

EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMUNITY FORUMS

On Wednesday, November 16th the topic of the Early Childhood Forum will be: Methods for increasing parent teacher communication and appreciating cultural diversity. It is free and will take place in the Harrington School cafeteria from 6-8:30 p.m. A buffet dinner (\$4. charge) and childcare are available for those who pre-register. For more information on this forum or others in this year's series of six call Sheli Wortis at 498-9200 x9518.

Studio space available. Porter Square near T. \$15 per hour for 1,000 sq ft. basement and darkroom space, too. Presently being cleaned out. Call 547-5024.

CRIMEWATCH

This is a list of crime in the Agassiz Neighborhood

.....September 21-October 18, 1988.....

- Divinity Ave..... Bicycle theft (10/10)
 Eustis St..... Break and entry (9/30)
 Forest St..... Hit and run property (9/20), Malicious
 destruction of property (9/24) Car theft
 (10/4)
 Francis Ave..... Break and entry (9/26)
 Mass. Ave..... Commercial break and entry (9/29),
 Oxford St..... Hit and Run property 11/15, Car theft
 (10/1)
 Prentiss St..... Malicious Destruction of property (10/1)
 Sacramento St. Bicycle theft (9/26)
 Wendell St..... Larceny 10/11

Note: Regarding the break in on Garfield St. 9/18 from last month's crimewatch—an arrest was made.

Crime has been down but when the time changes, there is a **DRAMATIC INCREASE IN BREAK AND ENTRY. KEEP LIGHTS ON.** For crimewatch information, see neighborhood council notes.

Special programs from the ANC

Storytelling

Robin Winter is back at Agassiz with storytelling in the Community Center on Saturday November 12th at 2 p.m. She will tell the stories of "Jake and Annie" and other adventures. Concurrent with her storytelling will be a show in the Sacramento St. Gallery of ongoing childrens work from three separate afterschool art classes.

Robin's stories are suitable for school-age children, and there will be no charge.

Folk Dancing

Jill Gleim will lead a series of eight family folk dance nights for the community in the Agassiz School. The dance sessions will be held monthly on Fridays- November 11th and December 9th. The cost will be \$2 per person. For more information contact the neighborhood council office at 498-9056.

A comedy - "King of the Nerds" to open 11/18

A new play entitled "King of the Nerds" will be performed by the Agassiz Afterschool Players on Friday, November 18 at 7:30 p.m. in Baldwin Hall, Agassiz School, 28 Sacramento St.

The AAP's are directed by Carol Hantman. The eight week program allows children to write, stage and perform the play, and this term we will see a comedy that deals with power and the abuse of power. Rich Curran is the art director, and a crew of children will design and build scenery for the play.

The Agassiz Afterschool Players are Melina Avery, Ned Colby, Jonah Goldschlag, Emily Griffin, Kim Dervis, Tove Hermanson, Neil Kadaathur, Ben Leff, Tamar Leffert, Christian Little, Michael Rosenberg, Rafi Soifer, Henry Towsner, and Evan Ziesel

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Massachusetts Arts Lottery as administered by the Cambridge Arts Council.

Agassiz Youth Chorus performs on Dec. 2nd

A Winter Celebration will be held on Friday night December 2nd between 5 and 9 p.m. at the Children's Museum. Admission will be \$1.

The chorus will be carolling the 3rd floor of the museum with songs to go with the exhibits including:

Boston Irish circa 1913

Hanukah

Kwanza

St. Lucia-Sweden

Japanese New Year

Dia de los Tres Reyes (Three Kings Day)

Solstice

and possibly Native American

Please join the chorus at the Children's Museum on December 2nd!

LESLEY COLLEGE News and Events

Lesley Holds Ribbon Cutting for Lesley Commons

Lesley College friends and officials will officially open Lesley Commons, the renovated dining hall and student activities center with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday, October 27, at 6 p.m. Lesley President Margaret McKenna will host the twilight ceremony and reception for students, faculty staff, donors and dignitaries.

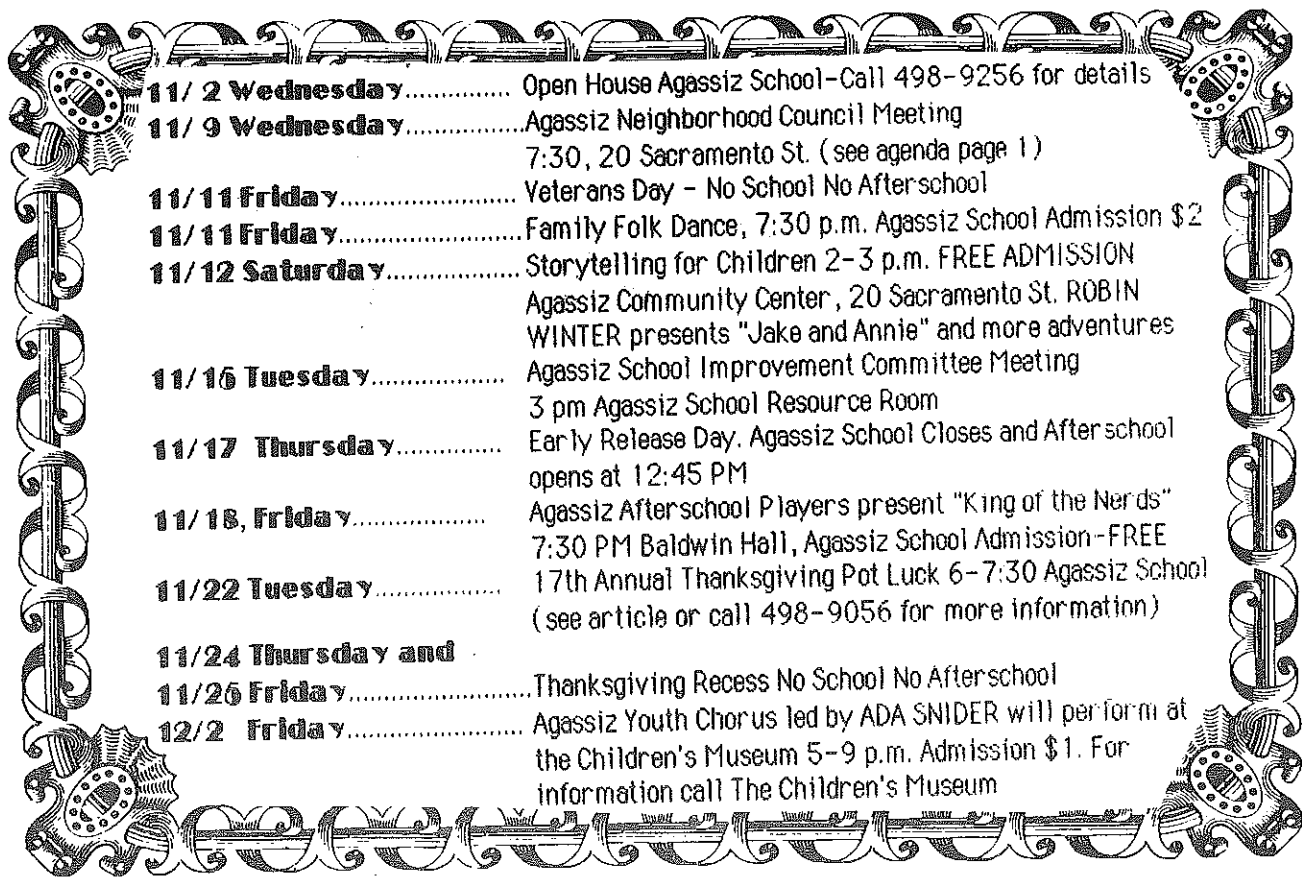
The \$1 million facility was designed by Bruner/Cott and Associates, Inc., and the builder was Barr and Barr. The new design transformed the 1958 cafeteria into an attractive dining area and multipurpose community meeting space.

Kindergarten Conference to be held at Lesley College

On November 19 Lesley College will host the New England Kindergarten Conference which consists of 2,500 educators around New England. November 17-18th other sessions will be held in Randolph MA. For more information on the conference call 868-9600 x 282.

WORKOUT AEROBICS

Sessions of Aerobics in the Agassiz Gym at 28 Sacramento St. on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:15-7:45, Saturday mornings from 9:30-10:45. For information call Elise at 262-9236 or Stephanie at 267-2847



11/ 2 Wednesday..... Open House Agassiz School—Call 498-9256 for details
11/ 9 Wednesday..... Agassiz Neighborhood Council Meeting
 7:30, 20 Sacramento St. (see agenda page 1)
11/11 Friday..... Veterans Day - No School No Afterschool
11/11 Friday..... Family Folk Dance, 7:30 p.m. Agassiz School Admission \$2
11/12 Saturday..... Storytelling for Children 2-3 p.m. FREE ADMISSION
 Agassiz Community Center, 20 Sacramento St. ROBIN
 WINTER presents "Jake and Annie" and more adventures
11/16 Tuesday..... Agassiz School Improvement Committee Meeting
 3 pm Agassiz School Resource Room
11/17 Thursday..... Early Release Day. Agassiz School Closes and Afterschool
 opens at 12:45 PM
11/18, Friday..... Agassiz Afterschool Players present "King of the Nerds"
 7:30 PM Baldwin Hall, Agassiz School Admission-FREE
11/22 Tuesday..... 17th Annual Thanksgiving Pot Luck 6-7:30 Agassiz School
 (see article or call 498-9056 for more information)
11/24 Thursday and
11/26 Friday..... Thanksgiving Recess No School No Afterschool
12/2 Friday..... Agassiz Youth Chorus led by ADA SNIDER will perform at
 the Children's Museum 5-9 p.m. Admission \$1. For
 information call The Children's Museum

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THE WHISTLER

Thanksgiving Pot Luck

The **SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL** Thanksgiving Pot Luck Dinner is around the corner. Come and join other Agassiz families and friends while we sit down together in Baldwin Hall (the gym) between 6-7:30 PM, and enjoy a dinner together on **TUESDAY NOVEMBER 22**.

This is how it works: you can either bring a pot luck big enough to feed your family plus 4, or you can volunteer to cook a fresh medium size turkey, which the Agassiz Neighborhood Council will purchase and drop off at your house the day before the dinner.

Everyone appreciates the ethnic specialties that continue to be a part of our dinner, although traditional side dishes are welcome.

If you would like to volunteer to cook a turkey for us call the council office at 498-9056 for details.