

the AGASSIZ WHISTLER

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AGASSIZ NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

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Neighborhood Flooding

The rain storm on the night of July 31 caused serious flooding and loss of property all over Cambridge. In our neighborhood residents from Crescent, Carver, Wendell and Sacramento Streets met on 8/8 with David Sullivan, City Councillor, and Jerry Lucey, Supervisor of Sewers. People at the meeting had as much as 5 feet of sewer water in their homes, and they wanted some answers from the city regarding the chronic flooding and drainage problems on our streets.

There were no answers that night. Sullivan, however, agreed to write a letter to City Manager Robert Healy to back up the letter which was sent by the group. A summary of the four questions presented to Healy by Sullivan in his 8/12 letter follow:

1. What is causing the serious drainage problem ?
2. What effect will the city's sewer reconstruction plan have on these streets, and when will that work be completed ?
3. What other areas of the city are affected ?
4. Can the city retain an outside consultant to identify difficulties and propose remedies ?

Flooding (cont.)

Come to the next meeting of the Agassiz Neighborhood Council at the Community Center, 20 Sacramento St. Wednesday September 11 at 7:30, and David Sullivan will be there, hopefully with a response from the City Manager. We will also give you an update on our actions so far. We would also be interested in any other sewer or drainage problems that have occurred in our neighborhood.

If you have had any flooding problems and cannot come to our meeting, please call 498-9056, and let us know by phone.

What is "THE WHISTLER" ?

For those of you who are new to the Agassiz Community, 'The Whistler' is our community Newsletter published by the Agassiz Neighborhood Council each month, and hand delivered throughout the neighborhood.

It is our aim to familiarize you with all the programs we provide, and to keep you updated on all the events that will effect the Agassiz Neighborhood.

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SEPTEMBER MEETING AGASSIZ NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
7:30 PM AGASSIZ COMMUNITY CENTER
20 Sacramento Street
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 11

David Sullivan, City Councillor, will be there with an update on the recent flooding issue.

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"Whistler" Cont.

Call us or write if there is something you'd like printed. And remember our council meetings 2nd Wednesday of each month, Agassiz Community Center, 20 Sacramento St., 7:30 PM. If you live in the Agassiz Neighborhood, you are a member. Come and bring a friend !!!

Crimewatch Statistics

As our regular readers know, every month we publish the police crime statistics for our neighborhood. Due to vacations and deadlines we were unable to get the statistics in time for the September issue of "The Whistler". Next month we will have them, along with any commentary that we get from the police on the kind of crime that is happening and the best way to avoid it.

SACRAMENTO STREET GALLERY To Feature Reading Series and Visual Arts

The Sacramento St. Gallery will be having regularly scheduled shows again this year. We hope to combine these visual arts shows with the Agassiz Reading Series. While you are listening to prominent authors read their own work, you can be surrounded by the works of high quality visual artists.

The plans sound fresh and exciting, so if you are interested, call or write to the Agassiz Neighborhood Council Offices to be on the new Gallery mailing list. Monthly listings of upcoming events will also be published in "The Whistler".

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NEWS

Registration for Fall Programs September 5th and 6th

Childcare K-2 - There are only a few spaces left in this program. Call right away if you are interested in registering for this program.

Activities K-4 - Some innovations include a ballet teacher on Mondays, Janine Parker from the Ana Roje School of Russian Style Ballet in Boston. On Tuesday, Art, and Wednesday, Theatre Arts, both taught by Artist, Nancy Ostrovsky. Piano lessons will be taught on Tuesdays by Steve Cummings. He has taught piano for many years to students at Friends School, and he is the Composer of the Leapin' Lizzie score, our summer camp theatre piece. There is much more ! Call for a brochure.

****NEW****

Activities Grades 5-6th - This is the newest addition to our ongoing afterschool programs. There will be rooms with teachers, film making, cartooning, sports, and much more. Call for a brochure

Special Programs - These include old favorites such as swimming, gymnastics and girl scouts. For 5-8th graders there will be a ten week club which will include swimming, arts and T trips. For 7-8th graders ArtiCulture Youth Theatre will return to train kids in music, dance and drama.

FOR INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER:

Call 498-9056, or come to our in person registration on Thursday and Friday September 5th and 6th, Agassiz Community Center, 20 Sacramento St., 2nd floor.

COMMUNITY INTEREST

New Games Training

A group of Cambridge people interested in "new games", which are non-competitive group games for children and adults, would like to train any interested people in "new games".

They would like the trainees to then take part in the dedication ceremonies of some new parks in Cambridge by leading new games at the new parks.

If you are interested, call Laura Garton at the Department of Human Services at 498-9072.

A New Dance Project at Graham and Parks School

In the meetings we have had with parents, over and over we have heard the need for dance programs. The City of Cambridge Department of Human Services is sponsoring the Children's Dance Project for 6-13 year olds. All kinds of dancing will be taught, and it is intended for students who will be able to attend two dance classes per week beginning in October.

If you are interested in this program, please attend the dance demonstration to be held on Tuesday September 17 at 7 PM. Both students and parents are invited to see the dance and hear more at the Graham and Parks School, 15 Upton St. (off Magazine St. close to Central Square) Classes will be taught by Joan Green, and if you have any questions feel free to contact her at 492-8994

Girl Scout Leaders Wanted

The Patriots Trail Girl Scouts is currently looking for a leader (or the Junior Troop (4-6th grades) which will meet on Saturdays from 9:30- 11:30. Please call 498-9056 if you are interested. You do not have to be a parent, and college students are welcome !

COMMUNITY INTEREST

7-8th Grade Council

In September Susan Kenny, Youth Specialist, City of Cambridge will be visiting Agassiz School Classrooms to interest students in an Agassiz 7-8th Grade Council.

The council will meet afterschool to plan a fall event for 7-8th graders after school hours. The council will be originally formed and guided by Kenny, but she intends to stress student input and the development of leadership skills.

We hope for the final product to be a student driven council with an adult facilitator which will be an ongoing program for 7-8th grade students at the Agassiz School every year.

The council will plan an event of their choosing, including costs, transportation, chaperones, cleanup, publicity, etc. Terry DeLancey, Community Co-ordinator will be working closely with Kenny and the council in their planning.

If the fall event is a success, the council will be able to organize other events throughout the year.

Community Schools Steering Committee

Our Parent Steering Committee is a good example of what can be done by a committee without long excessive meetings. The steering committee meets once per month, 6-7 PM (various days). Childcare is available, and a light dinner is provided for adults and children. If you want a real voice in Community Schools, please join us. For more information, call 498-9056. Terry DeLancey, Steve Winter or Robin Winter can tell you more.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- September 2 Monday-Labor Day
- September 5 Thursday-First Day of School-Cambridge Public Schools
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and
- September 6 Friday-Registration for Afterschool Programs, 20 Sacramento St., 2nd floor, 2:45-5:00
- September 9 Monday-First day of Activities and Childcare Afterschool Programs
- September 11 Wednesday 7:30 PM AGASSIZ NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING
David Sullivan will advise us regarding the recent flooding in our neighborhood. Come to the Community Center, 20 Sacramento St., All residents are invited
- September 16 Monday-Rosh Hashanah. Schools open
- September 17 Tuesday-First Released Day. Schools close at 12:45, Afterschool Activities and Childcare open at 12:45.
- September 25 Wednesday-Yom Kippur Schools open
- October 2 Wednesday-Joint Parent Steering Committee, Agassiz Community Schools. Agassiz Community Center, 20 Sacramento St., 6-7 PM, Snacks and childcare. All interested persons are encouraged to attend.

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