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The Newsletter of the Agassiz Neighborhood Council



NO AGREEMENTS YET FOR PORTER SQUARE

After almost a year of delay, there are no signed agreements for either the Slater or the CDIA/Wasserman projects. The September 8th Licensing Commission meeting has been postponed, but the Licensing Commission hopes to have the agreements signed on September 22.

We have invited someone from the Community Development Department to address our council meeting on Wednesday September 16 to update us on the changes in the CDIA project. At that time we hope to learn about plans for the Slater project, which have been changed several times over the year.

Cambridge Community TV SOON TO OPEN

Irwin Hipsman, Director of Cambridge Community TV, will be our guest at the September meeting of the Agassiz Neighborhood Council. He will explain to the community how his organization will fulfill their mandate to provide residents of Cambridge with access to cable TV production and distribution resources. This includes:

- *** Training for individuals and groups
- *** Assistance in program production through access to equipment and production assistance.
- *** Provisions for time and programming on the cable

He will advise us of the various ways we can be involved, and the timetables for these services and programs.

next council meeting . . .

AGASSIZ NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING

7:30 PM Agassiz Community Center

20 Sacramento St. 2nd Floor

September 16 Wednesday

AGENDA WILL INCLUDE:

7:30 PM General Business

8:00 PM Speaker from *Community Development Dept.*
Porter Square Update and development issues

8:45 PM *Irwin Hipsman*, Director Cambridge Community TV,
will discuss public access cable TV opportunities

Tot Lot Renovation

The sum of \$150,000. has been allocated to the Agassiz Neighborhood by the City of Cambridge for a complete and badly needed renovation of the Alden Tot Lot located at Sacramento and Oxford Streets.

Robert Steck, playground designer for the Community Development Department, City of Cambridge, has agreed to meet with the neighborhood at a council meeting sometime later this fall. Mr. Steck would like the neighborhood to provide him with information about the way we use or would like to use the space. He expressed the need for a maintenance fund and plan for the park once it is finished, and agreed to help the neighborhood develop one.

Traffic Counts in July ???

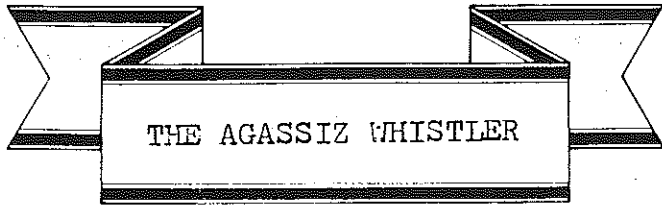
Several residents called the council office this summer to express concern over a traffic count that was being taken on Oxford Street near Wendell. Late summer produces the lowest traffic volume of the year for several reasons. Residents are vacationing, Harvard and Lesley populations are greatly reduced, and this year the Beacon St. Bridge was closed one way for repairs. (The bridge repairs were minor, major repairs are not scheduled until next year.)

On August 3 Alice Wolf ordered in City Council that the City Manager have the traffic department study the area around the bridge to help reduce and slow traffic. We have been advised that there will be another count in the fall when traffic resumes to normal volume.

COMMUNITY SCHOOL FALL PROGRAMS

Afterschool Programs Part and Full time - Each day these programs provide an activity filled afternoon for children in grades K-6 afterschool through 5:45 PM. (There are separate activities for 5-6th graders, and a separate Childcare Program for full time K-2nd graders). Daily activities include dance, karate, video, clay, drama, music and much more. Registration will be held on Thursday and Friday September 10 and 11 from 2:45-4 PM. Come and meet the teachers, ask questions, and see a detailed schedule of daily events. For more information please call 498-9056.

We are sorry but our K-2nd Grade Childcare Program, and our Preschool Morning Programs are full. We will gladly place your child on our waiting list.



Special Activities for Children - In addition to our daily afterschool programming we will have Friday gymnastics, Saturday Karate, and hopefully swimming on Thursdays. Information on these activities will be available in mid September. If you have not previously enrolled, call to receive information at 498-9056.

ADULT PROGRAMMING- This fall we will be offering Pulse Aerobics on Monday and Wednesday (6-7:30 PM) and Saturday (9:30-11 AM). Shotokan Karate taught by Sensei Gabriel Trance will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and Saturdays. Family Folk Dancing will be held once a month on Friday evenings at 7:30 PM. Thanks to a grant from the CAMBRIDGE ARTS COUNCIL, the gallery will have regular hours this fall during shows, and the Reading Series will be co-ordinated with the gallery shows. The first show will open in mid October.

For detailed information on any of the above programs, please call 498-9056.

Programs of Interest to Agassiz

Cambridge Performance Project

From the brochure of a program sponsored by the Cambridge Department of Human Services...

"Our fall program in dance and theatre is full of exciting opportunities for Cambridge kids (ages 5-13) to get professional training and performing experience.

You can come and join us for an evening of fun ...find out more by attending dance and theatre demonstrations at the following locations:

- Kennedy School, 158 Spring St.
Tuesday September 22, 7 PM
- OR
- Peabody School, 44 Linnean St.
Wednesday September 23, 7 PM

So if you want to be part of a city-wide performing arts project, now in its third year, which brings together kids from all over Cambridge to create plays and dances, call Judy Bibbins, Program Manager at 498-9072. Classes begin the week of October 5, 1987."

PEABODY COMMUNITY SCHOOL ADULT PROGRAMS

The Peabody School, a much larger and newer facility than the Agassiz School, has a good variety of adult evening classes to offer. New this fall are: handwriting analysis, dream interpretation and yoga. For information and a brochure call Mary Ellen Ryan afternoons at 498-9065.

Bunker Hill College Extension Courses in Cambridge

Fitzgerald Community School, 70 Rindge Avenue, will hold college credit classes on Monday and Thursday evenings in areas such as English, Math, Business, Spanish and Sociology beginning September 14th.

Walk in registration will be held on September 8th and 9th at the Fitzgerald School between 6-7:30 PM. For more information call Pat Daley at 498-9057.

CRIMEWATCH

This is a list of crime in the Agassiz Neighborhood for the months of June, July and August 1987

- Wendell St..... Car thefts(7/4 and 8/9);
Break and Entry (6/30 and 7/17)
- Irving St..... Unarmed Street Robbery (7/23); Car
theft (6/3)Break and Entry (8/13)
- Holden St..... Car theft (6/3); Malicious destruction
(7/13)Theft from locked car (7/2)
- Mass. Ave..... Car thefts (7/18 and 8/3);Break and
Entry (7/24)
- Kirkland St..... Malicious destruction(6/21);
Trespassing (8/13)Bicycle theft (6/9)
- Francis Ave..... Break and entry (7/24); Theft from one
locked, one unlocked car(7/3 and 8/13)
- Scott St..... Car theft (7/20)
- Garfield St..... Car thefts (two on 8/11); Break and
Entry (7/8, 7/14 and 7/17) Hit and
Run to property 7/23)
- Oxford St..... Theft of car (8/9)Theft from unlocked
car (7/17); Break and Entry 7/28)
- Sacramento St..... Break and Entry (6/19); Theft from
unlocked car (7/10)
- Sacramento PL..... Theft from locked car (7/4)
- Crescent St..... Bicycle theft (7/16)
- Eustis St..... Theft from unlocked car (6/9)
- Gorham St..... Malicious destruction (6/20); Theft
from unlocked car (6/20)
- Hammond St..... Car theft (7/10); Break and Entry
(6/19, 8/1, 8/8)
- Museum St..... At Carver St. -Unarmed Street Robbery
(6/11); Break and Entry (8/7)
- Everett St..... Car theft (7/21); Theft from locked
car(8/8)

**There were 12 cars stolen in Agassiz this summer

Wanted: SCRABBLE PLAYERS TO FORM AN EVENING GROUP-
Call 498-9056.

Events and Announcements**GARAGE SALE SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12**

Visit the garage sale at the Alden Tot Lot (located on the corner of Sacramento and Oxford Sts.) on Saturday September 12 from 9 AM - 5 PM.

Sellers will be 8-10 neighborhood families who don't have a garage of their own for a sale. Sellers will be taken on a first come-first served basis, and there will be a small fee which will be donated to the neighborhood council to begin a maintenance fund for the tot lot. If you are interested in selling please contact Rich Curran at 868-0685.

US CONSTITUTION 200th ANNIVERSARY

September 17th is the 200th anniversary of the signing of the US Constitution, and Cambridge Mayor Walter Sullivan has proclaimed the week of September 13-18 as Constitution Week in Cambridge.

The event will be celebrated in Cambridge with a Concert at the Cambridge Common on Sunday September 13 at 3 PM which will be hosted by Mayor Sullivan. The other major event will be an interfaith service at St. Paul's Church in Harvard Square (Bow and Arrow Streets) at 12 Noon on Thursday September 17. Mayor Sullivan has requested that all church bells in Cambridge be rung simultaneously at that time for three minutes.

TENNIS COURTS AT LESLEY COLLEGE

The administration at Lesley College has advised the community that the tennis courts will now open on weekends and holidays at 8 AM instead of 9 AM. All other times, rules and regulations will remain the same.

If anyone has any objections regarding the earlier openings or for a copy of the rules and regulations, please call 498-9056.

CANDIDATES NIGHTS TO BE HELD IN OCTOBER

Neighborhood 9 will be holding a forum for City Council Candidates on Thursday October 8 at 7PM in the Peabody School Auditorium (Walker St. Entrance Only). The Agassiz School PTA will again hold a forum for School Department Candidates, and the Agassiz Neighborhood Council will join their efforts this year. Look in the October edition of The Whistler for more information.

SHARE YOUR HOME SPACE WITH A HOMELESS TEEN

Become a houseparent for youth who need a home base and a little support temporarily. Become part of a new group giving temporary shelter to homeless young people.

TEENS IN TRANSITION RESOURCE CENTER can give you more information about their program to support and house youth between the ages of 16-19 years of age. They are in need because they belong to a homeless family, or are unemployed, or have just left long term state care from a group or foster home.

Teens In Transition will provide jobs and counseling for the youth, and support for you. They are a program of Cambridge Family and Children's Service. Call them at 661-4700.

RACISM? IN CAMBRIDGE ???

The Human Rights Commission is planning to hold a community hearing about racism on Saturday October 17 at the Cambridge Rindge and Latin School.

The commission will provide a forum at which members of the community will feel free to testify about their experiences within Cambridge. They hope to raise public consciousness and provide a basis for action to deal with problems that exist especially in the area of housing, street harassment, violence and employment. There will also be speakers and question and answer time.

For more information you can contact the Human Rights Commission at 498-9049. Details regarding the event will be in the October edition of The Whistler.

PRIME TIME HAS MOVED

Prime Time, the employment agency for Cambridge residents 55 years or older, has moved to 51 Inman Street, and they can be reached by phone at 498-9039.

ART BEAT * DAVIS SQUARE ARTS FESTIVAL - Sept. 19**

The Somerville Arts Council has organized its first annual arts festival, ART BEAT, in Davis Square. It will be held Saturday, September 19 RAIN OR SHINE between 12 Noon and 6PM.

There will be events for children including a magician and comedians. On the main stage there will be such noteworthy performers as: The I Tones, Billy Novak and Guy Van Dusen, Art of Black Dance, and Tony V. Videos will be shown in the Somerville Theatre all day.

Take a walk to Somerville and check it out!



Community Calendar

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- September 7 Monday.....Labor Day
- September 10 Thursday.....Cambridge Public Schools Open
Agassiz Afterschool Registration 2:45-4 PM
20 Sacramento Street
- September 11 Friday.....Agassiz Afterschool Registration 2:45-4 PM
20 Sacramento Street
- September 13 Sunday.....Mayor's Concert on the Cambridge Common in
Celebration of Constitution Week - 3 PM
- September 14 Monday.....Afterschool Programs and Sacramento Street
Preschool Open
- September 16 Wednesday.....Agassiz Neighborhood Council Meeting
7:30 20 Sacramento St. (see agenda pg. 1)
- September 17 Thursday.....Interfaith Service of Thanksgiving in
Celebration of Constitution Week
St. Paul's, Bow and Arrow Sts. - Noon
- September 19 Saturday.....Davis Square Arts Festival 12-6 (see article)
- September 29 Tuesday.....Public schools close, afterschool opens 12:45

ROOM WANTED

Serious young man wants a room to rent in the neighborhood
Call Lucy at 492-7256

PIANO LESSONS with Agassiz resident, New England Piano
Teachers Association member and New England Conservatory
masters candidate Chris Chalfant. Classical repertoire,
technique, composition and improvisation. Recital
opportunities. All levels, ages five and up. Exce^t
references. 492-4529

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