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ANC News

NOTES FROM THE DEC. 13 MEETING

Sgt. Oppedisano Presents Neighborhood Crime Stats

Community Policing Sergeant Paul Oppedisano joined the council to present the neighborhood's crime statistics. According to the Sergeant, crime remains low in the neighborhood. He also noted that the person responsible for many of the copper thefts in the area has been apprehended.

Several residents asked the Sergeant about incidents in the neighborhood that did not appear in his three-month report; in particular a sexual assault on Story Street. Sgt. Oppedisano explained, "The sexual assault team reported that the alleged assault occurred in the evening, and was the first and only reported incident with no descriptions of the assailant."

At the community's request, Sgt. Oppedisano agreed to include crime statistics from Lesley

and Harvard Universities in his next report to the community. Residents may also contact Tom Lucey of Harvard University at (617) 495-4955 or thomas_lucey@harvard.edu to receive university alerts via email.

Before departing, Sgt. Oppedisano handed out Emergency Preparedness pamphlets compiled by the City of Cambridge. They include suggestions and list supplies for preparing one's family and home in the event of an emergency. Agassiz neighbors may obtain a pamphlet from the Agassiz Neighborhood Council at 20 Sacramento St., from the Baldwin School at 28 Sacramento St., or from the city.

Citizen Advisory Panel

The council pledged its support to Jen Lacroix to join a Citizen Advisory Panel, appointed by the City Manager's office, to assist in the selection process for the next police commissioner. Ms. Lacroix has since applied for the position. For more information, or to learn how to apply to join the Citizen Advisory Panel, please contact the City Manager's office at (617) 349-4300.

RAD Course Update

Jen Lacroix reported that the Agassiz Neighborhood Crimewatch Network (ANCN)

NEXT ANC MONTHLY MEETING



JANUARY 17- 7:30 PM

*Baldwin School Cafeteria - 28
Sacramento Street
(Press buzzer for entry)*

AGENDA

Cambridge Agassiz Harvard Fund Grant Recipient Presentations

Progress Reports on:

-Lesley Development

-Harvard LISE license for chemical storage

-Harvard Law School development.

is looking to hold the Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) course in January or February. She will speak with Harvard University reps about the possibility of hosting the course at an on-campus site near the Agassiz neighborhood. For more information or to sign up for the course, please contact Ms. Lacroix at cambridge_neighborhood@yahoo.com.

LISE Gas & Chemical Storage Update

Director of Environmental Health Sam Lipson joined the council to review and discuss the community's concerns regarding Harvard's application for a fuel storage permit for the Laboratory for Integrated Science and Engineering (LISE) Building, under construction at Oxford Street. Also in attendance were independent consultant Terry Bowers of Gradient Corp, Captain Gerry Mahoney from the Cambridge Fire Dept, Mary Power and Tom Lucey of Harvard Community Relations, and Joseph Griffin, Director of Environmental Health and Safety at Harvard.

The group reviewed several major questions the community posed in regard to the use and storage of arsine gas. These concerns had been addressed earlier at several meetings between representatives of the Agassiz community, Mr. Lipson, Ms. Bowers, and Harvard University representatives. They include:

- Were the standards and assumptions utilized by Harvard in their scenario analysis appropriate?
- Would there be additional risk in the case of a major fire or explosion?
- Who will oversee arsine deliveries and are appropriate safety measures in place for

building operations?

Ms. Bower, who began consulting with the group after Harvard agreed to provide the community with an independent expert opinion, reviewed the air modeling done for the human risk study. She explained that the air concentrations of arsine in a worst-case scenario came in below the health effects level. She added that, exposed to heat, arsine gas quickly degrades into less toxic substances. Ms. Bowers, Mr. Lipson and Captain Mahoney all agreed that, in the event of an explosion, the arsine gas would not pose a health risk to the neighborhood.

One of the questions raised by residents regarding transit and delivery. Mr. Griffin told the council that the university has been interviewing dedicated safety officers for the LISE building, which was specifically designed for this use. The Safety Officer will oversee the arsine deliveries as well as operation safety measures that include storing the gas cylinders in specially designed cabinets and training for personnel who will utilize the material in a restricted and controlled environment.

Captain Mahoney, local Emergency Planning Coordinator for the Cambridge Fire Department, told the council, "The redundancies that are built into these buildings are over-engineered in regard to safety. Also, the Cambridge Fire Department has a hazardous waste task force that will conduct extensive training with LISE staff. While I understand and respect the concerns of the neighbors, I have no reservations about this project." Mr. Mahoney stated that he would oversee the first delivery of arsine to the LISE building.

Concluding the discussion, the council voted to support the license application as long as the terms listed below are included with the approval document:

- The university agrees to implement the strong oversight of deliveries outlined in the public meetings including: supervision by a safety officer, restricting delivery amounts to 8 lbs in a single delivery, and utilizing a



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police detail,

- The university's current use plan includes utilizing 4 lb cylinders to reduce the number of times that the cylinders are changed,
- No more than 16 lbs of arsine gas will be present in the building at one time; and
- A safety officer will be employed in the LISE building whose duties include managing and being present at deliveries of arsine gas.

Note Regarding Law School Development

Prepared by Mary Power

Harvard University has undertaken a series of tests initiated by planning for the Harvard Law School's Northwest Corner construction project. The tests indicated the presence of dry-cleaning solvents in water below ground near Story Hall, Wyeth Hall, and Baker House on the campus. In response to these results Harvard has notified DEP and City officials and is conducting a range of tests to develop an understanding of conditions.

Agassiz Neighbors Discuss Law School Development

Community members continued their discussion of Harvard Law School planning, paying particular attention to construction mitigation on Oxford, Everett, and Mellen Streets. They hope to achieve the same level of mitigation support as was agreed upon in the past for other Harvard construction projects. The council reaffirmed its intention to protect residents dur-

ing and after construction, and hopes that Harvard University will continue to discuss and contribute to the future of Mass. Ave.

Other issues still under discussion by neighbors include:

- Traffic & parking during and after construction
- The future of Mass. Ave, particularly property owned by Harvard on the north corner of Everett Street.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY REPORTS

Prepared by Stephen Diamond

Lesley University/Neighborhoods Working Group

The first meeting of the new Lesley/Neighborhood/City Working group was held on Wednesday, December 6th. It began a general discussion of Lesley University's long-range development plans and how they will affect its residential and commercial neighbors.

Their most immediate development plans are for the renovation of the North Prospect Church and construction of a new academic building next to it to meet the needs of the relocating Art Institute of Boston. The university is in the process of engaging an architect to provide plans for the renovation. They have since narrowed down their decision to two local firms.

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Harvard Law School Plans

Harvard Law School has obtained the necessary permission to continue its development process from Cambridge's Historic Commission, Planning Board, and since the last issue of the Whistler, Zoning Board of Appeal. They intend to begin demolition of part of the green-sided wing of North Hall this summer, which will provide a space for the relocation of three Victorian-era buildings currently located on Mass. Ave. just north of Pound Hall.

ANC Community

SNOW REMOVAL SERVICE

The ANC is pleased to announce the start-up of a snow removal service available to ANY resident of the Agassiz Neighborhood AND adjacent neighborhoods (Neighborhood 9, Porter Sq. and Mid-Cambridge) who is 50 years or older.



ANC has contracted with D&M Masonry & Restoration of Brighton, MA to provide snow removal services to local residents including ANY combination of driveway, walkways, sidewalks, stairs and salt/sanding.

Details below -

The service period begins on or after December 15, 2006 and ends on or before April 30, 2007.

There is a fee for this service and a contract to sign in order to enroll.

Residents enrolled in this program will pay monthly to ANC.

Group discounts are available.

D&M Masonry & Restoration is an established, reputable business that is fully insured with general liability and worker's compensation.

In order to enroll & get additional information please call Lynn Landon at Agassiz

Neighborhood Council at (617) 349-6287 x12 or email her at llandon@agassiz.org.

Please pass this information on to anyone you know who is 50 years and older and who might be interested in this new service!

WINTER GARDEN BLOOMS ON FOREST ST.

A lovely winter garden was sighted at 15 Forest St. Its owner has been raising a front-yard vegetable garden for many years, although this winter's mild weather has been especially favorable for his cold-resistant veggies.

Please enjoy these photos of Brussels sprouts, kale, Korean radish, cabbage and other veggies submitted by ANC Meeting Chair Stephen Diamond and Agassiz neighbor Marion Severynse.





Agassiz School Programs

2006 KIDS-ONLY HOLIDAY SALE A SUCCESS

This year we raised nearly \$1000 for ANC's Children's Program Scholarships, thanks to all the children who attended and purchased gifts for family and friends! We hope the kids had a terrific time at our shop and we look forward to seeing them again next year.



Also, the ANC would like to thank Linda Given, owner of Joie de Vivre, for donating such enticing merchandise to tickle kids' fancies. Additionally, we extend special gratitude to an anonymous donor who contributed items for the final days of the sale. We owe the success of the 2006 Kids-Only Sale to the generosity of Agassiz neighbors and kids -thanks again!

AFTERSCHOOL LUAU

Prepared by 1st - 3rd Grade Program Site-Director
Melanie Yuhl

On a chilly December 19, 2006, the 1st through 5th grade Afterschool Program warmed up by celebrating a luau. The Hawaiian-themed party began with a staff Surfboard Race and lasted all afternoon as groups of kids and teachers traveled to each station to participate in a variety of activities.



The favorite activity was a Hawaiian Feast with pizza, pineapple upside-down cake, and tropical fruit juice. The second favorite activity was the surfboard relay races with prizes for winners. Other contests with prizes included a limbo contest and hula-hoop contest. The children also enjoyed making grass skirts and flower leis.

A big thanks to the Baldwin School's gym teacher for accommodating our requests for gym supplies and to the staff and kids for mak-

ing the luau a great success and fun way to end 2006. We look forward to planning our next exciting event for the spring



City Wide

RESOLVE TO RECYCLE MORE IN 2007!

A Message from the Public Works Department (DPW)
Dec. 21, 2006

Did you know that every household in Cambridge produces about 1,580 pounds of waste each year?



Currently, Cambridge residents recycle about 32% of their trash, yet half of all household waste can be recycled in the curbside program. The Public Works Department is calling on people to think about the waste created every day and make a New Year's resolution to "Recycle 40% in 2007."

Recycling Director, Randi Mail said, "Recycling is easier than ever and for paper, remember, if it rips, recycle it! Recycling saves the city money and reduces climate change."

To recycle 40% of your trash, keep all paper, cardboard, and rinsed glass, metal and plastic containers out of the trash. For paper, there's no need to remove staples, plastic windows on envelopes or the plastic spout on milk or juice cartons. Place paper together in a paper bag and containers loose in your bin. For containers, there's no need to remove labels, just the cap so it's empty. And, the easy way to flatten a cardboard box is to find the "weak point" on one of the inside corners and rip apart at the seam.



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RECYCLE OLD PHONE BOOKS

Prepared by Cambridge Public Works Department (DPW)

Delivery of 2007 phone books will begin soon! Remember to recycle old phone books and any unneeded new ones. Just remove the plastic wrap.



Place phone books on collection day with mixed paper in a paper bag next to your blue bin or in a paper "toter" on wheels.

If every Cambridge household recycles an old phone book or a new one that is not needed, we could recycle about 225,000 pounds of paper. That's almost 2000 trees!

Remember, recycling paper is easy: If it Rips, Recycle it! This includes:

- paperboard (cereal/tissue boxes, towel rolls)
- magazines & newspapers (glossy paper is ok)
- phone books & junk mail (no CDs or plastic wrap)
- milk/juice cartons (aseptic containers are ok)
- soft cover books
- all office paper (no blueprints)

curbside christmas tree collection

- ✓ **Remove stand and decorations.**
- ✓ **Do not put in a plastic bag.**
- ✓ Weather permitting, bare trees will be collected for recycling on your regular pickup day.
- ✓ Remember that collection is delayed one day during holiday weeks.

simplify the holidays!

- ⊗ use the comics as gift wrap
- ⊗ send e-cards
- ⊗ donate to charity (in your friend or relative's name)
- ⊗ give gifts of time (babysit, dinner, or theater)

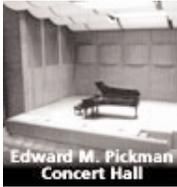


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LONGY SCHOOL OF MUSIC PRESENTS

Longy Faculty Artist Recital - Longy faculty pianist Robert Merfeld and guest tenor Frank Kelley present a concert featuring Franz Schubert's song cycle Schwanengesang and Moments Musicaux. Free Admission.



Date: Thursday, January 25, 2007
Time: 8:00 PM
Location: Edward M. Pickman Concert Hall, Longy School of Music, 27 Garden St, Cambridge

Modern Music Marathon: Music of the Americas - This day of concerts features 20th and 21st century music from North, South, and Latin America performed by Longy students and faculty. Free Admission.

Date: Sunday, January 28, 2007
Time: 1:00 - 5:00 PM
Location: Edward M. Pickman Concert Hall, Longy School of Music, 27 Garden St, Cambridge

Longy Faculty Artist Recital - D'Anna Fortunato, mezzo-soprano. Free Admission.

Date: Sunday, January 28, 2007
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Edward M. Pickman Concert Hall, Longy School of Music, 27 Garden St, Cambridge.

For more information, or to learn about other Longy concert events, contact Priscilla Bennett, Director of Communications at (617) 876-0956 x500 or visit www.longy.edu.



AMERICAN REPERTORY THEATRE PRESENTS "THE ONION CELLAR"



Now don't tell anyone, but there's a rumor that the punk cabaret duo from Boston, Dresden Dolls, may be appearing at a bizarre underground club somewhere in Cambridge - an Onion Cellar, where the audience peel onions for emotional release, where you never quite know who's sitting next to you, where your life could change forever.

Date: December 9, 2006 - January 13, 2007
Location: Zero Arrow Theatre, corner of Arrow Street and Massachusetts Avenue in Harvard Square
Ticket Sales: Call A.R.T. InfoLine at (617) 547-8300 or visit www.amrep.org.



Sacramento Street Gallery

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Dates: January 28 - March 16, 2007
Times: 9:00 to 5:00 PM, M - F
Opening Reception on Sunday, January 28, 3:00 to 5:00 PM



Community Calendar

January 2007

Monday, January 1		Happy New Year!
Wednesday, January 10	6:00 - 7:30 PM	ANC Board Meeting, 20 Sacramento St, 2nd Floor Public welcome
Monday, January 15		Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Baldwin School & ANC Closed
Wednesday, January 17	7:30 - 9:00 PM	ANC Monthly Meeting (see page 1 for agenda) Baldwin School Cafeteria, 28 Sacramento St. All are welcome

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