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ANC News

NOTES FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING

2011/2012 Board of Directors

The council voted unanimously to approve the 2011/2012 Board slate, listed below:

Officers for a one-year term:

Andrea Walsh, Co-Chair, Eustis St.
Miriam Goldberg, Co-Chair, Frost St.
Hull Fulweiler, Clerk, Howland St.
Gao Wen Shao, Treasurer, Fayette St.

Directors for a two-year term:

Stephen Diamond, Frost St.
Hull Fulweiler, Howland St.
George Hein, Howland St.
Wendy Prellwitz, Wendell St.
Gao Wen Shao, Treasurer, Fayette St.

Appreciations

Andrea Walsh, ABC Board Co-Chair, thanked

members of the ABC community for their hard work over the past year, including:

- Stephen Diamond for serving as an ABC Board Director, Chair of the Agassiz Neighborhood Council meetings, and on the Maud Morgan Building Committee;
- Phoebe Sinclair, Community Liaison, for keeping us connected to news of the community;
- ABC staff Terry DeLancey, Marsha Stewart, Micah Eglinton-Woods, Jacy Edelman, Catherine Kernan, and the Children's Programs, Maud Morgan Arts, and Living Well Network teams;
- Nominating committee members Joel Bard, Willie Bloomstein, and Terry DeLancey;
- and Board Directors Adrienne Bailey, Anna Eckert Byrne, Stephen Diamond, Hull Fulweiler, Miriam Goldberg, George Hein, Fred Meyer, Wendy Prellwitz, and Gao Wen Shao.

ABC is especially grateful to Tavern in the Square at Porter of 1815 Mass. Ave. and Temple Bar of 1688 Mass. Ave. for their generous donations of refreshments.

NEXT ANC MONTHLY MEETING



JUNE 14 - 7:30 PM

Maud Morgan Arts
20A Sacramento Street
2D Studio, 2nd Floor

Agenda

- **Neighborhood Crime Report** with the Cambridge Police Department
- Update on **First Floor Retail** at Lesley University
- **Recycling on City Streets**, a Community Discussion
- **Mass. Ave. Master Plan Update**

The council acknowledges Cambridge City Councillor Sam Seidel for stopping by.

Cambridge Agassiz Harvard Fund Update

Miriam Goldberg, ABC Board Co-Chair, updated the council on the Cambridge Agassiz Harvard (CAH) Fund. Established by Harvard University following the 2004 Harvard/Agassiz Memorandum of Understanding related to Harvard’s North Campus expansion, the CAH Fund supports programs that benefit the greater Cambridge community.

Decisions on grant proposals are made by a team of three Agassiz neighborhood representatives (Hull Fulweiler, Miriam Goldberg, and Andrea Walsh), a representative from Harvard University, a representative from Cambridge Community Foundation (which manages the money), one city representative, and one at-large member of the Cambridge community. After four successful years, the board is currently refining its process for soliciting and reviewing grants.

Recent grants include:

- **Open Space for All** –funding for an inter-generational space beside the Maud Morgan Arts Center, including a bocce court
- **CitySprouts** –new gardens at the Maria L. Baldwin and Cambridgeport schools
- **Building Capacity to Strengthen Collective and Individual Organizational Impact** – support for collaboration between Margaret Fuller House, East End House, Cambridge Community Center, and Agassiz Baldwin Community
- **HEET Youth Energy Partners** –high school students assisted with performing home energy audits in lower-to-moderate-income neighborhoods

To submit a grant application, interested parties should be affiliated with a non-profit organization (501c3) and the resulting initiative/project be open to all Cambridge residents. Preference

is given to pilot projects. For more information, contact cahfund@cambridgecf.org.

Community Updates

Living Well Network

Stephen Diamond, ABC Board Director and ANC meeting chair, provided a brief update on the Living Well Network (LWN), stating, “ABC’s program was conceived of as a way to make it more agreeable for seniors to stay in the community.”

LWN’s current offerings include:

- Computer Lounge and classes
- Yoga classes
- Movie night and discussion series
- Bocce games
- The Living Well Guide
- A neighborhood walking path project organized by Seddon Wylde and other community members. This project includes the creation of a booklet focused on historic, architectural, and artistic aspects of the neighborhood as well as area flora. The Chandler Gallery will feature corresponding art exhibit.

Council Activities

The Council has experienced several achievements and developments over the past year:

As part of scheduled work on Forest, Frost, (and possibly the northernmost section of Oxford Street) soon to start, the Cambridge

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Department of Public Works plans to reconstruct the traffic calming table at Garfield/Oxford. The rebuilt platform will include white “zebra stripes,” which neighbors consider an improvement over the previous design. The Wendell/Oxford raised table will also be re-constructed, associated with a different contract. These changes were brought about in part by actions taken by members of the Agassiz community. Future traffic calming tables in the city will be built to the new standards.

Residents from Agassiz and Neighborhood 9, collaborating with the city, have been working to create a Master Plan to improve pedestrian and vehicle safety along Mass. Ave. between the Cambridge Common and Porter Square, as well as create a sense of identity and cohesion. Thus far, the city has enthusiastically endorsed the initiative of the two neighborhoods, holding two well-attended community meetings at the Maria L. Baldwin school to gather residents’ opinions. The Master Plan will inform improvements over the next decade or so as projects get completed in association with other road work.

The landscaping of ABC was chosen by the local realtors as their Red Day project, a Keller Williams Realty service initiative in which Keller Williams agents throughout the United States and Canada are asked to donate their time and resources to improving their local communities.

The project was coordinated by Anne Fantasia, Dino Confalone, and Ellen Friedman, a long-time Agassiz resident and former ABC Board Director. The agents were fortified by coffee and delicious bagels and cream cheese imported from Brookline by ABC Community Liaison Phoebe Sinclair.

TAGS Hardware and Mahoneys Garden Centers also donated supplies.

ABC UPDATE

It has come to the agency’s attention that there has been irresponsible use of the backyard. Please be reminded that the space at 20 Sacramento Street is for program participants. For more information, contact Phoebe Sinclair, Community Liaison, at (617) 349-6287 x10 or psinclair@agassiz.org.

FARM SHARES AVAILABLE

Beginning Thursday, June 2, Enterprise Farm Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) “farm shares” will be available for pick-up at 20 Sacramento Street. CSAs provide a weekly supply of vegetables and fruits, grown locally. Enterprise Farm offers two different size shares, the smaller of which is suitable for a household of one or two people.



KELLER WILLIAMS REALTY RED DAY

Prepared by Ellen Friedman

A crew of about twenty realtors and associates from the Cambridge/Somerville office of Keller



Williams Realty spent the morning of May 12 beautifying the gardens of Agassiz Baldwin Community. The agents donated not only their labor --cleaning up the winter debris, pruning, planting new plants, and mulching-- but also plants and other materials for the project.



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COMMUNITY PLAY DAY

Come celebrate the arts at the Agassiz Baldwin Community on Saturday, June 11.



See how your support and leadership turned an old carriage house into Maud Morgan Arts, an innovative, thriving art center that is a community magnet to make, learn, and share art. Come listen to the laughter and see the delight of kids and adults as they play with the giant Imagination Playground blocks, explore the grounds, participate in activities in the studios, and talk about what the arts mean in their lives.

- Build with the new giant Imagination Playground blocks.
- See the afterschool children’s gallery show.
- Join in making a community portrait mural.
- Hunt for Fay Chandler small sculptures on the grounds.
- Explore the Garden of Totems, a sculptural installation.
- Drop in on studio activities in printmaking and ceramics.
- Hear what the community is saying about Maud Morgan Arts.

What: Community Play Day
When: Sat., June 11, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
Where: 20 Sacramento Street

We’ll be there, rain or shine!

WATCH SOUL FOOD AT LWN MOVIE NIGHT

The LWN Movie Night and Discussion series

continues on Tuesday, June 28 at 7 PM at the Maud Morgan Arts Center. We will be showing Soul Food (rated R), continuing our popular theme of food and cooking. Join us for the film and friendly discussion afterward!

What: LWN Movie Night
When: Tuesday, June 28, 7 PM
Where: Maud Morgan Arts, 2D Studio, 2nd floor

For more information or to suggest a film, please contact Colin Barr at cbarr@agassiz.org or (617) 349-6287 x10.

FOREST STREET SPRING VEGETABLES

Please enjoy the photos below, provided by resident Stephen Diamond, featuring his neighbor Pong Paek’s front yard vegetable garden.



ANC INTERN

Prepared by Phoebe Sinclair

Although readers may not have been aware, there was something a little unusual about the past few Whistler newsletters: they feature the writing of Robert Burns, a Mass Art student. Rob, who holds the distinction of being the first ANC intern dur-



ing my time here at ABC, worked part time in the afterschool and part time with me from January through May, supporting the Council and Living Well Network with his writing, designing, and organizing skills.

This past May, Rob graduated with a BFA in Art Education. We wish him the best in his future endeavors!

WHISTLER CORRECTION

In the May Whistler article titled “Remembering Helen Lambert,” we accidentally omitted that Ms. Lambert served on the ABC Board, as a Director and then Vice Chairperson, from 1998 to 2001.



AFTERSCHOOL COMMUNITY ART SHOW PRESENTS “MOBILES!”

Join Agassiz Baldwin Afterschool on Wednesday, June 15 at the opening reception for “Mobiles!”. Inspired by the work of Alexander Calder, Dale Chihuly, and Olafur Eliasson, the show features art created using hangers, fishing wire, coffee filters, sticks, dowels, and more.

Students were invited to tell a personal story, make use of light, and experiment with balance and movement. Come see the results on display

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in the Chandler Gallery from June 10th to June 24!

What: Opening reception for “Mobiles!”
When: Wednesday, June 15th, 3:30-5:30 PM
Where: Chandler Gallery, 20 Sacramento Street

NEW MAUD MORGAN ARTS WEBSITE

Drop in for a virtual tour of Maud Morgan Arts on our new website! Thanks to your feedback, the online registration system is now better than ever, with more updates on the way.



At www.MaudMorganArts.org, you can register for:

- Eight weeks of Summer Art Workshops for 7th-9th grades students
- A four week mini course in Carborundum Collagraph for adults
- Other new workshops



Agassiz Baldwin Children's Programs

PRESCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR

Prepared by Priscilla Browne, Preschool Director

A few months ago, the Preschool classroom began to show an interest in transportation vehicles --airplanes, cars, trains, and more. When discussing how to incorporate the Cambridge Science Festival into our curriculum, teachers Kim Lambert, Dolores Cuccovia, and I tapped into the children's fascination by exploring how vehicles relate to science.

We discussed the various parts of vehicles, took apart a seat belt, and visited a gas station. The children enjoyed racing cars on various ramps and inclined planes, and experimenting with velocity, height, and speed.

The Preschoolers then began observing other kinds of machines. We looked inside a coffee machine, a radio, clock, and computer, as well as experimented with simple machines such as a pulley, eggbeaters, and wheel and axle.

Finally we explored robots as machines that are similar to humans. We read various stories about robots, watched video clips, and created our own. Throughout all of our scientific discoveries, the teachers supported children's exploration through asking questions such as:



- “What happens when we raise the ramp?”
- “Which car will travel faster?”
- “What happens to the ball when we try to roll it with paint covering it?”

SACRAMENTO STREET PRESCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAM

Families from all neighborhoods and cities are welcome to join us for six weeks of preschool play and exploration.



Children must be two years, nine months through five years old at their start date to be eligible. This program is a great choice to either extend your child's preschool year or allow your child to adjust to their upcoming preschool year in a relaxed and intimate environment.

Enrollment is weekly, July 5th through August 12th. The program will operate on a Monday-Thursday schedule with hours from 8:30 AM-2:30 PM.

We will:

- Explore visual arts: painting, drawing, sculpture
- Dance and move to music

- Explore nature through neighborhood walks
- Enjoy special visitors/guests from the community
- Splash in the sprinklers
- Play games, climb, and jump on Sacramento Field

For more information, contact Jacy Edelman, Director of Children's Programs, at (617) 349-6287 x11 or jedelman@agassiz.org. Download the registration form at: www.agassiz.org/childrens-programs/preschool.

City Wide

LONGFELLOW COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY SCHOOL FACE UNCERTAIN FUTURE

Reprinted from Mid-Cambridge News

The future of the Longfellow Neighborhood Council and its popular Community School is in jeopardy, as the forty-year-old program will be without a place to conduct its programs when the School Department closes 359 Broadway from September 2011 until at least the fall of 2012. The building is to become a “swing school” for several elementary schools as they close temporarily for renovations over the next decade.

Although the city has appropriated funds for the director and the program to continue through fiscal year 2012, it is still unclear where the program will operate during the 2012 school year when the Longfellow School building is scheduled for closure.

Concerned residents should contact Cambridge City Councillors Sam Seidel and Ken Reeves, both Mid-Cambridge residents, at sseidel@cambridgema.gov and kreeves@cambridgema.gov, or other City Councillors at council@cambridgema.gov.

To learn more, visit www.mcna.org.

VISIT A FARMERS' MARKET THIS SPRING

Go local at nearby Farmers' Markets this spring, summer, and fall! Enjoy fresh produce, baked goods, garden plants, food truck lunches, and more.



Farmers' Market at Harvard

June 14 through October 25

Date/Time: Tuesday, 12:00-6:00 PM

Location: Lawn between the Science Center and Memorial Hall

Website:

http://bit.ly/harvard_farmers_market_info

Charles Square at Harvard Square

May 22 to Nov 20

Date/Time: Fridays 12:00 PM-6:00 PM and
Sundays 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

Location: Charles Hotel Courtyard at
Harvard Square

Cambridgeport Market / Morse School

June 4 to October 29

Date/Time: Saturday 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

Location: Morse School parking lot,
Magazine St. and Memorial Dr.

PARENTING WORKSHOPS AT CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Helping Children Understand Differences and Overcome Prejudice

All children are born free of prejudices, but grow up in a society full of biases. This workshop helps parents and childcare providers find ways to assist children in resisting prejudice and avoiding stereotyping. This workshop will be led by Families First Parenting Educator La Verne R. Saunders.

Ms. Saunders is a Parenting Educator for Families First, specializing in the areas of violence prevention, anger management and bullying prevention. She has worked in direct service and management positions in human service

organizations for twenty-five years.

When: Wednesday, June 15 at 6:30 PM

Where: Main Library Children's Room,
449 Broadway

Free childcare will be provided, but is limited. Registration is required. For more information or to sign up, please call (617) 349-4409.

This workshop is sponsored by the Greater Boston Early Childhood Resource Center of the Cambridge Public Library and the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care.

Engaging Cooperation: Problem Solving with Children

Disagreements occur in all families. Join us to learn practical ways to resolve conflicts with your children and gain their cooperation. This workshop will be led by Families First Parenting Educator Marilyn L. Buckler.

Ms. Buckler is a licensed educational psychologist and parent educator with over thirty years of experience working with children and families in a variety of settings. She currently serves as a Parent Program Consultant at the Stone Center, Wellesley College.

When: Wednesday, June 22 at 6:30 PM

Where: Main Library Children's Room,
449 Broadway

Free childcare will be provided, but is limited. Registration is required. For more information or to sign up, please call (617) 349-4409.

COMPOST FOOD SCRAPS BY BIKE

Sign up for a bike pickup service of kitchen food scraps through two local companies that will compost for you! Learn more at:

www.metropedalpower.com/soilcycle
www.bootstrapcompost.com

Community Calendar

June 2011

Wednesday, June 8	5:30-7:00 PM	ABC Board Meeting, 20 Sacramento St, 2nd Floor Public welcome
Saturday, June 11	11:00 AM-3:00 PM	Community Play Day, 20 Sacramento Street
Tuesday, June 14	7:30-9:00 PM	ANC Meeting (see page 1 for agenda) Maud Morgan Arts, 20A Sacramento St., 2D Studio All are welcome
Wednesday, June 15	3:30-5:30 PM	Reception for "Mobiles!" at the Chandler Gallery, 20 Sacramento Street
Thursday, June 23		Last day of school Maria L. Baldwin School and ABC Children's Programs
Tuesday, June 28	7:00-9:00 PM	LWN Movie Night, Maud Morgan Arts, 20 Sacramento St.

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DO NOT FORWARD

Note: The Whistler newsletter is not published during July or August. Similarly, ABC Board and ANC Community meetings are in recess. Newsletter publication and meetings will resume in September. Have a safe and splendid summer!