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### Newsletter of the Agassiz Neighborhood Council

She announced that Roger Herzog, from Community Development Department was on hand to discuss the issues with anyone during the evening.

Sue introduced **Janet Rustow**, newly elected Chair of the ANC. Janet explained the ANC plans to plant a deciduous tree in memory of **JoAnn Hoffman**, who died this April while in the office of Chairperson. The tree will be planted on Sacramento Field. Ross and his boys will decide on the kind of tree once the exact spot is chosen, and the council will advise the community prior to planting.

Janet introduced JoAnn's husband **Ross Hoffman**, who spoke about JoAnn and touched us all remembering her participation, her wit, her kindness and how keenly she was missed. He said the tree will be a place to go and remember JoAnn.

Sue returned to thank Agassiz Principal Eva Paddock, who was currently on sick leave, for all the hard work she had done to build and open the new Agassiz School. Sue recognized the long hours Eva had put in, and the difficult road it had been, all so the entire community could have a new school building. A gift and a resolution authored by City Councillor **Frank Duehay** from the City await Eva when she returns in June.

City Councillor Kathy Born highlighted Eva's achievements. She also remarked on her personal relationship with JoAnn Hoffman, whose death cut short much promise for her participation in city affairs. Kathy noted the grace in the poignant remarks made by Ross in memory of his wife, JoAnn.

## ANC News Notes

### ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

We are in the midst of our annual community fund drive for contributions from Agassiz Community members. You will soon see a letter from us asking for a donation to support our free services, which include *The Whistler*. Please be generous and send your tax deductible contributions to the ANC, 20 Sacramento St. Cambridge 02138. Thank you!

### SUMMER at the ANC

Please Note: *The Whistler* is not regularly published in July and August. However, the offices of the ANC are open all summer long, and the ANC is committed to keeping the community informed when important issues arise.

### May 21 ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the ANC was attended by approximately 50 people including City Councillors **Kathy Born** and **Katherine Triantafillou**. From 7- 8 p.m visitors toured the entire school, while ANC board members manned the library, computer room, science and art rooms, administrative suite and the community level. A reception to meet the board was held after the meeting at 8:00 p.m. A special thanks to **Christa Thomas** and **Sue Bergin** for all their help with organizing the event.

The evening was opened by Secretary **Sue Bergin** with the election of directors and officers to the board for two year terms, officers for one year terms. Elected for two year terms are **Fred Levy**, **Kathleen Manion**, **Sal Sagarese**, **Joan Squeri** and **Fred Willey**.

Sue let people know about the June 11 Council meeting at 7:30 p.m. where there will be a neighborhood discussion of the most recent proposal from Harvard concerning formerly rent control property owned by Harvard. (See page 2 for more information on this issue.)

Next

**Council Meeting**

**Tuesday JUNE 11**

**7:30 P.M.**

**Agassiz School Cafeteria**

**28 Sacramento Street Entrance**

Roger Herzog of Cambridge Community Development will discuss and answer questions about Harvard's most recent proposal regarding their formerly rent controlled apartments and protected tenants. (See Page 2.)

### ANC Board News

The ANC Board of Directors for the 1996-1997 Year are:

Janet Rustow	Chairperson	Sacramento St.
Joan Squeri	Vice Chairperson	Green St.
Sue Bergin	Secretary	Cowperwaite St.
Fred Levy	Treasurer	Eustis St.
Steve Kosslyn	Director	Garfield St.
Paul Lenart	Parent Rep.	Fayerweather St.
Kathleen Manion	Director	Newport Road
Sal Sagarese	Director	Mass. Ave.
Christa Thomas	Director	Prentiss St.
Fred Willey	Director	Sacramento St.

### Neighborhood News

#### Harvard's Housing Proposal

The Harvard proposal regarding sale of formerly rent control property to the City of Cambridge and the future of protected tenants has been negotiated over the past year between the City's Community Development Department and Harvard University. Below is a summary of the proposal and hearing from mid May at the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development Chaired by Frank Duchay:

Three elements comprise the program proposed by Harvard: 1). Long-term continuation of below market rents for 78 currently "protected" households for as long as they remain qualified; 2). The sale of 100 apartment units of Harvard-owned housing to the City (or a City designated non-profit agency) at below market value - less than \$32,000 per unit; and 3). Recognition of Harvard's ability to use the remaining units to house Harvard affiliates. (For a complete copy of the Harvard letter to the City, call the council at 349-6287.)

The property to be sold was specifically mentioned, and Harvard tenants at those addresses have been notified of the possible transfer. However, it was clearly noted that nobody would be displaced. The 100 units are located as follows:

Agassiz Property

• 64 Oxford Street	(17 units)
• 9-19 Sacramento St.-odd side	(19 units)
• 23 Wendell Street	(3 units)
• 25 Wendell Street	(3 units)
• <u>84 Wendell Street</u>	<u>(6 units)</u>
Total Agassiz Units	48

Riverside and Mid Cambridge Property

• 50-52 Trowbridge St.	(35 units)
• 22-24 Flagg St.	(5 units)
• 23-25 Athens St.	(6 units)
• <u>27-29 Athens St.</u>	<u>(6 units)</u>
Total non Agassiz Units	52

These units will be sold in as is condition, and they will be targeted for rental to households making roughly 60% of the median income. This would be approximately \$22,000-33,000 for a two person household.

The proposal was favorably received by the City Manager and Agassiz housing activist Joanne Preston. However, Mid Cambridge activist **John Pitkin** and Agassiz resident **Richard Griffin** felt there was more discussion necessary on Harvard's third point, which allowed for affiliate housing in all other previously rent controlled units.

#### Keep Dog Mess Out of Drains


A Sacramento resident has advised the council that several dog owners, who obey the law and pick up their dogs mess on Sacramento Field, have been dumping the mess in the storm drains. This eventually will end up in the Charles River, Please place your dog poop in the regular garbage cans.

#### Noelle's Restaurant Closed

Noelle's Restaurant has closed its doors at 1755 Mass. Ave., and opening soon will be the India Club Restaurant. The prospective buyers are Balbir Saini, who has operated Kohinor of India in Malden and House of India in Worcester, and Bachitter Tamber, who is the chef at Bombay Mahal in Waltham. This information has been provided to us by Michael Kent of the National Restaurant Brokers Inc. located at Union Wharf in Boston.

They plan to be open seven days a week from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. serving a mixture of northern and southern Indian food. They do not plan to make any changes to the location, with the exception of the menu, sign and adding authentic Indian decor. This restaurant holds a full liquor license.

There will be a licensing hearing on June 11 in the Lombardi Building next to City Hall. For more information call the council at 349-6287.



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### Gulf Station Requests Changes

The ANC held a meeting with representatives from the Gulf Corporation and Eli, owner of the Gulf Station at the corner of Mass. Ave. and Garfield St. to discuss changes they plan to make to the station this month. The work should take no more than a few days.

The major change will be new pumps that will allow patrons to choose any gas selection from any pump. Some work around the pumps will also be done. One line of pumps will be self serve; the other full serve. Eli has a thriving business in car repair which is expected to increase. The parking will be for cars waiting to be serviced.

The neighborhood was concerned with repeated rumors that Cumberland Farms, the owner of Gulf, would put in a convenience store and a self serve only gas station. Gulf representative assured neighbors that this was not the case. Eli has a three year lease, and they expect to keep the station as is.

It was agreed that in the license it would be written that no changes to the property would be proposed without explicit written advance notice to the Agassiz Neighborhood Council.

### Summer Construction Hot Line

If you live on or use Sacramento and Garfield Streets be prepared for construction this summer. A new sewer line will be installed on the block of Sacramento St. between Mass. Ave. and Oxford Street. Although the Department of Public Works has already been to visit the council, there will be inevitable inconveniences. Residents will be notified by flyer of street closings and short terms water shut offs, police details will be used, and other efforts will be made to make everything easier.

On Garfield St. the impact of the housing construction on the corner should be less invasive, but there will be heavy equipment, deliveries and trucks.

Please call the **Agassiz Construction Hot Line: 497-4388** to report any concerns you may be having with the construction. The council will be in daily communication with the D.P. W., and your concerns and questions will be handled on a daily basis.

### Announcements

The ANC has a notary, Kelly Tyler. For the summer schedule, Kelly is at the council office week day mornings, and she will be happy to notarize documents for community members. Please call her at 349-6287 before you come to guarantee her attention.

School Committeewoman Susana Segat will be available to meet with Cambridge residents on Thursday June 13 6-8 p.m. Agassiz Community Center, 20 Sacramento St. to discuss Cambridge Public School issues

## Lesley College

### Variance for Mellen Street

A variance has been sent to the Board of Zoning Appeals that will permit Lesley College to use two of their buildings on Mellen Street as offices. The spirit of this agreement was worked out in meetings with members of the Agassiz neighborhood and Neighborhood Nine. Lesley will sell their property on Washington Street in Neighborhood Nine and offices will be moved to Mellen Street. Classrooms formerly at Washington Street will be relocated to the Porter Exchange Building.

Lesley has agreed to reroute the bus from Mellen Street to Oxford for one block between Everett and Wendell. The stop will be on Mellen.

### Summer Work at Lesley

Dave Erlandson, Director of Operations has provided the ANC with a list of properties that will be renovated during the summer months. They include 6 Sacramento, 23 Mellen, 29 Everett, 47 Oxford and 18 Wendell Streets.

The list only identifies the larger construction and renovation projects that have some potential impact on the neighborhood. As in the past, work will proceed from 7-7 Monday through Friday. Saturdays will be used sparingly.

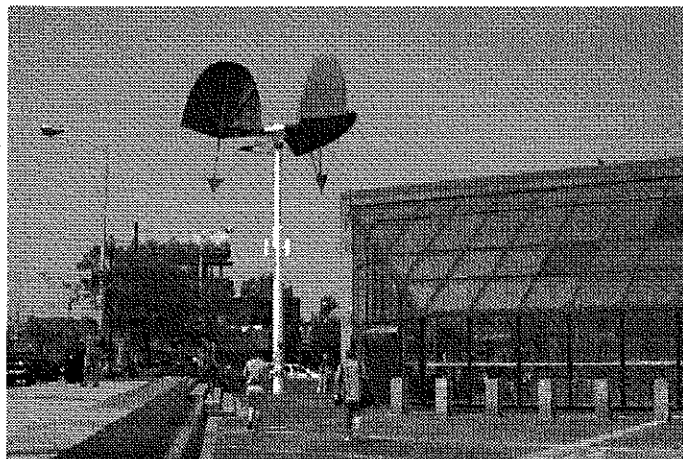
For specific information on any of the above projects with respect to scope and time frame, please call the council office at 349-6287.

### Library Summer Hours

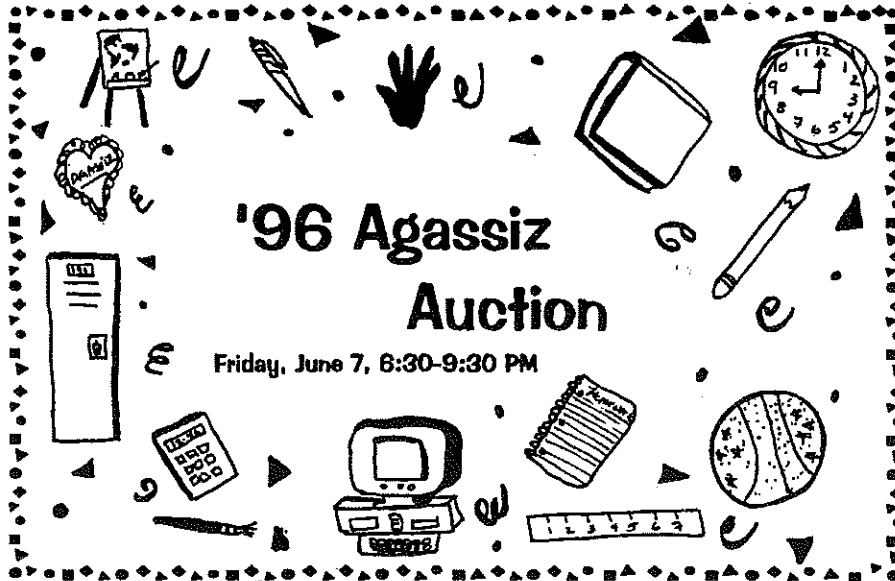
From June 3-August 25 Ludcke Library Hours will be:  
Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-11 p.m.  
Friday 8:30-6 p.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Sunday CLOSED

## Porter Square

Porter Square Neighbors Association will hold its next meeting on the third Thursday of June from 7-9 p.m. at the Metro Baptist Church, 16 Beech Street, corner of Orchard. For more information call 547-2531.



# AGASSIZ PUBLIC SCHOOL



You are cordially invited to  
**The Agassiz Auction**  
 Friday, June 7, 6:30-9:30 PM  
 at The Agassiz School Cafeteria

Some Items to Consider:  
 Gift Certificates to Local Establishments  
 \$1,000 Travel Certificate(\$500 min. Bid)  
 Home Baked Treats  
 YMCA Health Club Membership

Entrance: \$3/1 person, \$5/2 people  
 Raffle ticket included in entrance fee

Child Care will be provided

Please come support our school!

### Principal Search Still On

After the resumes were in for the Agassiz School Principal position, it was agreed that the pool of candidates was not wide enough. At this time a search firm has been hired to help seek out good candidates.

It is hoped that this will not hinder the placement of a principal for the September opening of the school.

Eva Paddock, Principal of the Agassiz School, is currently on a medical leave until early June. Her substitute has been Fran Foley, previously Director of Elementary Education for Cambridge, now retired.

### Come to the Agassiz Auction June 7

The Parents' Auction Committee of the Agassiz School present an annual fund-raising event in our new building at 28 Sacramento Street. The auction is on Friday, June 7, beginning at 6:30 p.m. with music and refreshments. Proceeds will support classroom projects, field trips and extra-curricular activities. This year's items include a \$1,000 travel certificate, entertainment, theater tickets, professional services, restaurant certificates, art objects and more. Admission is \$3 for one person, \$5 for two people, with a raffle ticket included in the entrance fee. Child care is available, and the auction is wheelchair accessible. For more information call 547-3203.

### Freedom Supper a Big Success


The Agassiz Freedom Supper on Saturday April 27 was a wonderful celebration of the community's resources and spirit. Close to 130 people filled the school cafeteria. We shared food, talk, music, poetry and art. Events included story telling and gospel music from Janice Allen and students from Concord Academy; poetry, music and

shadow puppets by Agassiz Students coordinated by Lydia Garcia and Debbie Side; a paper Freedom Quilt made by children and now hanging in the school; a wonderful slide show by parent Allen Counter; and readings by Agassiz students.

Special thanks are sent to Agassiz staff and parents who worked hard to make the evening real: Uma Mulukutla and Lorraine Brewer worked with staff members Jon Belber and John Clark as key members of the planning committee; and many other parents and staff helped during the evening. Special thanks also to staff who attended one more event on a Saturday night, and to Eva Paddock for her consistent support.

If you would like to help make this an annual event, please contact Uma or Lorraine through the school at 349-6525.

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## AGASSIZ COMMUNITY SCHOOL

### Barbecue

June 20  
5:30~7 p.m.



20 Sacramento St.  
in the Backyard

The Agassiz Community School will hold its **Annual Barbecue** on Thursday June 20 from 6-7:30 p.m. Everyone in the Agassiz community is welcome to stop by the backyard at 20 Sacramento St. and have a hamburger or hot dog. Participants will provide the side dishes, so please bring something that can feed your group plus 4.

Kids are welcome, but they must be accompanied by an adult. Call 349-6287 for more information on this outstanding end of the year event.

### Fall Registrations

The **Sacramento Street Preschool** and the **Agassiz Afterschool Program** are currently accepting registrations for the fall. Call 349-6287 for a brochure, to visit the programs and more information.

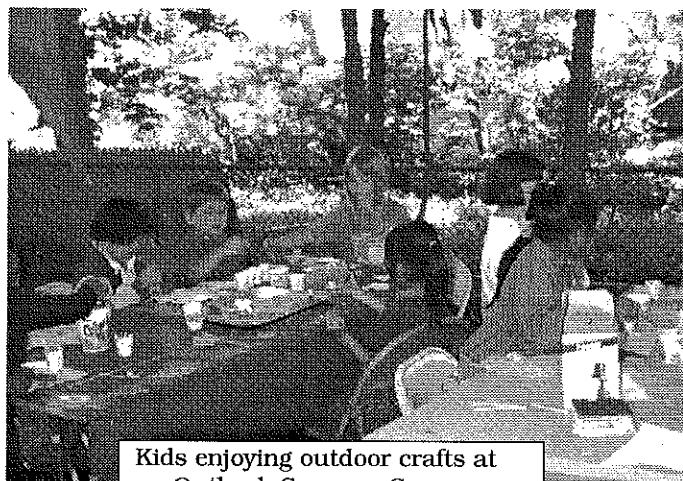
### Summer Activities

Adults and families are welcome to join the **OUTBACK Summer Camp** on their weekly trips to the beach. For information on these trips, call the council, and information will be sent to you.

### Outback Summer Camp

Registration is still going on for the ANC eight week summer day camp program **OUTBACK** that provides outdoor activities, trips and special events for school age children Monday through Friday from 8:30-2:30 with an extended day option until 5:30.

Space is limited and some weeks are almost full, so call as soon as possible for a brochure or more information: 349-6287.



Kids enjoying outdoor crafts at Outback Summer Camp

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Join us for a neighborhood Yard Sale and Recycling Fair on the corner of Mass. Ave. and Garfield St. ~ - the site of the upcoming Garfield Place housing development.



**Saturday June 8 (Rain date June 9)  
corner of Garfield St. & Mass. Ave.  
11~a.m. to 3 p.m.**

- Multi-family yard sale
- Recycling opportunities
  - Recycling information
  - Recycling for kids
  - Art from recycled materials
  - Bins to drop off plastic bags, household batteries, clothing, styrofoam
- Display of the new housing plans for the site
- Food I
- Fun I



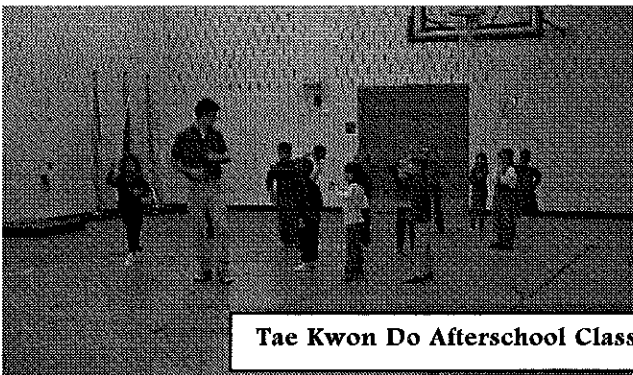
Garfield Street lot will hold event June 8 before construction of housing

## Cultural Happenings

### Afterschool Arts Festival Open House May 30

The Agassiz Afterschool will open its doors and show off what it does every afternoon on May 30, Thursday. A special performance by the Magician **BONAPARTE** should be a big draw for the children, as will refreshments and balloons.

The afternoon will include short performances in dance, martial arts, woodworking, drama and much more by the students who have taken classes in these specialties. It will also give visitors and parents a chance to meet the specialists.



Tae Kwon Do Afterschool Class

### ARTSPACE-ARTWORKS Show for Kids

ARTSPACE students, under the direction of Carolyn Boriss-Krimsky, exhibited their work in May at Harvard's Gutman Library. The work of these pre-teen and adolescent art students was created over a two year period, and they are:

Umayyah Cable  
Katie Clark  
Kat Cummings  
Amanda Gass  
David Hoffman  
Kate Hoffman  
Sarah Jefferson

Ben Marrone  
Eli Levin-Goldstein  
Leah Levin Beeferman  
Alex Maziarz  
Alex Reifman Wheeler  
Sarah Reifman Wheeler  
Justin Sanders

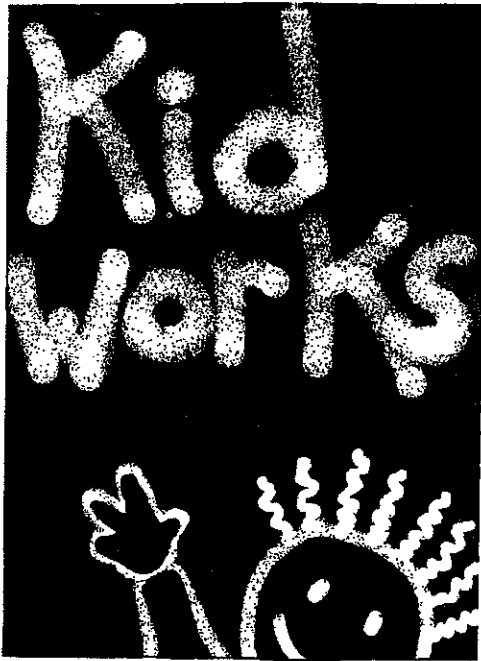
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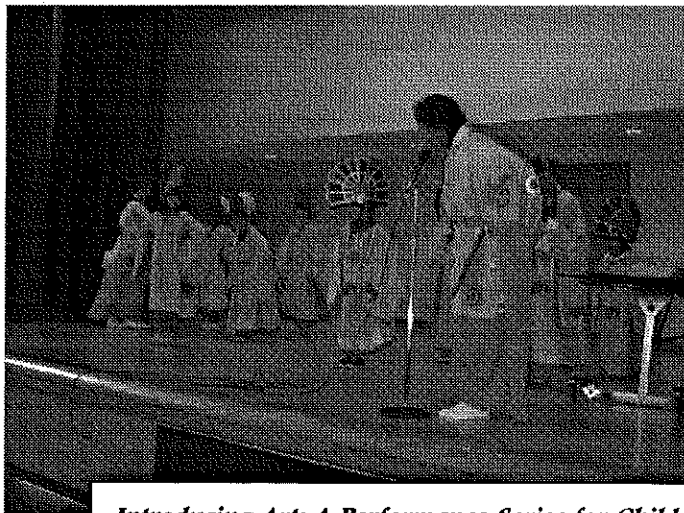
### *Kids Works opening June 6*

Children in grades K-8 from the Agassiz Afterschool Programs will show their work through June 28 at this special gallery event just for kids.

Curated by artists and teachers Dave Flood and Cortney Skinner, this show will be representative of the visual arts done throughout the year in the Afterschool Programs.

The show can be seen in the Sacramento Street Gallery at 20 Sacramento Street from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.


Everyone is welcome to come and take a look at the work the Afterschool children have done this year.



*Introducing Art: A Performance Series for Children* hosted Arawana Hayashi and JO HA KYU Performance Group on May 9. They introduced the children to Japanese court dance and the beautiful costumes and masks

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR JUNE 1996

June 7, Friday	6:30 p.m.	<b>Agassiz Auction</b> - School Fund-raiser Agassiz School, 28 Sacramento St. (See page 4)
June 8, Saturday	11 a.m.-3 p.m.	<b>What Goes Around Comes Around Celebration</b> Corner of Garfield and Mass. Ave. (see page 6)
June 11, Tuesday	6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	<b>ANC Board Meeting</b> (Public Welcome) <b>ANC Monthly Meeting</b> (See page 1-2) Agassiz School, 28 Sacramento St. Entrance
June 14, Friday		<b>Agassiz 8th Grade Graduation</b>
June 20, Thursday	5:30-7 p.m.	<b>Community School Barbecue</b> -All Welcome Backyard at 20 Sacramento St. (See page 5)
June 22, Saturday	8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	<b>Sacramento Street Yard Sale</b>
June 27, Thursday		<b>Last day Cambridge Public Schools</b>
July 1, Monday		<b>Outback Summer Camp</b> Opens

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