

# the Whistler

Newsletter of the Agassiz Neighborhood Council

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## ANC

### YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

One of the primary purposes of *The Whistler* is to share meeting minutes and neighborhood and community news. As we did not host Agassiz Neighborhood Council meetings in January, February, or March 2018, there were also no *Whistler* newsletters published during that time. Please join us this April for our first meeting in 2018. The agenda is listed in the gray box to right. We look forward to seeing you!



## Community

### ENROLL IN SACRAMENTO STREET PRESCHOOL

At Sacramento Street Preschool, our aim is to ensure that all students have a joyful first school

experience. Visual and performing arts (music, dance, theater) are integrated into the daily curriculum, and the preschool is licensed by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care (EEC.)



Registration for the 2018-2019 school year is open!

- Children must be 2 years 9 months old to begin the program.
- Families may register for the regular day (8:30 AM–12:00 PM) or extended day (8:30AM–2:30 PM.)
- Lunchtime and extended day options are also available on an as-needed basis for students enrolled in the regular day.

Financial assistance is available.

- We accept vouchers from Child Care Choices of Boston.
- We have a limited number of full- and partial-tuition scholarships.
- NEW in Fall 2018: We are welcoming

### NEXT ANC MONTHLY MEETING



**April 10, 7:30-9:00 PM**

Maud Morgan Arts,  
20A Sacramento Street

#### Agenda

- Learn about the expansion of **Citywide Composting Program**
- **Rising housing costs** in Cambridge: a community discussion of causes, consequences, and what to do

families participating in the Birth to 3rd Grade Partnership program in Cambridge. Priority for scholarships will be given to families who: are at or below 50% of the City of Cambridge median income and/or face multiple challenges that may impact their child's kindergarten readiness. Sacramento St. Preschool has 3 available spaces for Birth to 3rd Grade Partnership scholarship students, and families interested in checking their eligibility and applying should contact Allen Kesten at [akesten@cpsd.us](mailto:akesten@cpsd.us).

For more information, please contact Ashley Yee, Registration Manager, at [registration@agassiz.org](mailto:registration@agassiz.org) or (617) 349-6287 x28.

To schedule a visit, please contact Samantha Eaton, Early Ed. Site Director, at (617) 349-6287 x14 or [seaton@agassiz.org](mailto:seaton@agassiz.org).

Learn more online at:  
<http://agassiz.org/childrens-programs/preschool>

### **About the Early Childhood Task Force and Birth to 3rd Partnership**

Reprinted from Early Childhood Task Force Report 2015

In February 2014, Cambridge City Manager Richard Rossi appointed an Early Childhood Task Force and charged the group with developing a set of recommendations to (a) improve early education and care throughout the community, and (b) ensure that all children receive high quality early education and care beginning with prenatal care and extending through third grade.

Learn more by downloading the report:  
[bit.ly/cambMA\\_early\\_childhood\\_rep](http://bit.ly/cambMA_early_childhood_rep)

### **FLYING ZUCCHINI CAFE 2018**

Every year, children at the Agassiz Baldwin Afterschool transform the Baldwin School cafeteria into a pop-up restaurant called the Flying Zucchini Cafe (FZC).

Using the project based learning model, Afterschool students K-5 work hard to plan and host the event. With teacher support, students create decorations,



plan entertainment, apply for jobs, craft the menu, and prepare the food. We've seen how FZC has given children a huge sense of pride and accomplishment. This year's event will take place over two evenings in early May. The theme is Island Paradise.

FZC is supported in part by donations and partnerships with community restaurants. Cambridge Common, a loyal annual supporter, will host a field trip to provide a behind-the-scenes look at what it takes to run a restaurant.

### **Support the Cafe**

Help us meet our fund-raising goal of \$1,000 by **Thursday, April 26** to cover 30% of the total cost of FZC. We are confident that we can meet this goal with the support



of small donations from families, friends, and the community! Donate online (website below), or send a check made out to Agassiz Baldwin Community (write Flying Zucchini Cafe in the memo line) to 20 Sacramento St., Cambridge, MA, 02138.

Visit: <https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/fzc>

### **MEET THE MAUD MORGAN ARTS ADMIN TEAM**

Recently, Maud Morgan Arts has bid farewell to



and welcomed new team members. MMA Site Coordinator Valerie Mendez joined us in the spring of 2017, supporting then Director Haley MacKeil and the arts center faculty in running

a popular and successful collection of programs, classes, workshops, special events, and providing studio space for independent artists. After Haley's departure this past winter, we were pleased to welcome Cory Shea into the Director role in December 2017.

**Farewell from Haley MacKeil**

For the past four years, I have had the honor and the pleasure of welcoming you and your families to Maud Morgan Arts. Therefore, it is with both sadness and excitement that I will be stepping down as Director of MMA to pursue professional goals as an artist and educator. I will be moving abroad to Berlin to gain more teaching experience and build my portfolio as I prepare for graduate school and further creative opportunities. Thank you for sharing your art, your enthusiasm, and your lives with me.



**Introductions**

We're pleased to formally introduce Cory and Valerie to *The Whistler* community! You can learn more and meet MMA faculty online at: <http://www.maudmorganarts.org>

**Cory Munro Shea, Director**

Cory Munro Shea is a working artist and arts administrator residing in Cambridge Massachusetts. Her artwork has appeared in several galleries across the New England area. In 2016, Cory graduated from Boston University with her Masters in Arts Administration. Most recently she has turned her passion for interior design and vintage home decor into a side hustle, Munro Market, participating in 'Pop Up Shops' around Massachusetts.



When Cory is not coordinating artists, or creating new pieces of artwork, she can be found perusing flea markets with her family, hoarding plants and

lounging with her husband and their small, wild dog, Bruin.

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**Valerie Mendez, Site Coordinator**

Valerie Mendez has a background in art and education, she graduated from Savannah College of Art and Design in 2006 with a degree in Graphic Design. Shortly after, she found a passion for working with children when she moved to Japan to teach English in junior high and elementary schools.



In 2010, Valerie moved back to the United States, and earned a Masters Degree in Art Education from Tufts University. She has worked in both public schools and informal learning settings. Before her position of Site Coordinator at Maud Morgan Arts, Valerie worked as a Museum Educator at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, and as a Lead Art Studio Teacher at four Bright Horizons Preschool and Early Education Centers.

Valerie enjoys exploring and creating new types of art, playing volleyball, running, and making the most of the snowy Boston winters by skiing and snowboarding.

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**MEET THE LIVING WELL NETWORK ADMIN TEAM**

The Living Well Network bid farewell to Colin Barr, who successfully coordinated and helped to develop the program from 2010 to 2016. We welcomed new LWN Coordinator, Diane Martin in the winter of 2017.



Agassiz Baldwin Living Well Network

Below, read Colin's farewell message to the community and learn about Diane Martin and Freeman Deustch, who supports the computer lounge.

**Farewell from Colin Barr**

Six years of teaching, building relationships with members, and creating community in the Agassiz neighborhood while coordinating the Living Well Network program has taught me we are stronger when we work together.



I'm proud of our all of our members, especially those who strive to redefine the definition of aging and who don't use growing old as an obstacle in reaching their dreams and goals.

I'm confident that the next coordinator will take over this role with dedication and passion to continue to building community, helping us all celebrate Agassiz as an exciting urban environment in which to age. I will miss you all.

**Introductions**

We're pleased to introduce the LWN team. Learn more online at: [http://bit.ly/lwn\\_staff\\_volunteers](http://bit.ly/lwn_staff_volunteers)

**Diane Martin, Living Well Network Coordinator**

Diane Martin enthusiastically embraces her role with the Living Well Network, nurturing community and expanding robust programming for area seniors aging in-place. After growing up in Vermont, she lived for 20 years in California where she graduated with a BA from the University of California Berkeley.



Since returning to New England with her family, Diane has worked in both the commercial and non-profit sectors honing her skills in program

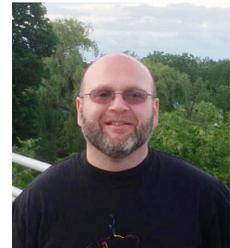
management, communications, and event and conference planning.

A committed Climate Justice activist, Diane enjoys cooking, crafts, nature, travel, and walking the streets of Cambridge.

Contact Diane at: [dmartin@agassiz.org](mailto:dmartin@agassiz.org), (617) 528-0643

**Freeman Deutsch, Computer Technology Advocate**

Freeman Deutsch manages the Living Well Network Computer Lounge Open Lab, offers focused workshops and classes, and conducts Computer Home Visits to assist LWN Members with their home-based computer and technology issues.



He enjoys working with people of varying technical backgrounds, and helping them have fun while they learn, no matter what their level of technical understanding. Freeman loves helping people figure out how to get software and technology to work best for them.

Freeman worked in the Science Education Department at Harvard College Observatory for over 10 years creating the first software that allowed students to totally control robotic telescopes over the WEB. When not focused on technology, Freeman likes to cook and travel. Plus he gets excited about a really good cup of coffee. He lives in Cambridge, MA with his wife, Jessie Saacke, and their cat Willow.

Contact Freeman at: [fdeutsch@agassiz.org](mailto:fdeutsch@agassiz.org)

**HIP HOP FESTIVAL RECAP**

The 22nd Annual Hip Hop Festival featured returning favorites Community Art Center Dance Crew, OrigiNation, FloorLords, Agassiz Afterschool Dance Crew, The Hip Hop Transformation Project, and DJ Daz One, as

well as welcomed newcomers Intrigue Boston.

Many thanks to Ana Balbino, Micah Eglinton-Woods, Phoebe Sinclair, our guest photographer Anyeli, and other Agassiz Baldwin team members for organizing the event. Special thanks to all the kids, parents, and hip hop enthusiasts who attended.

View more photos online at:  
<http://bit.ly/hip-hop-fest-photos-2018>



## **NEW HAIM GOLDBERG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Excerpted from a message prepared by Miriam Goldberg, ABC Board Director and Agassiz resident

On this anniversary of Haim's death it seems fitting to inform you of the scholarship that has been announced today by McGill University in his memory and as a tribute to his values and achievements. As Haim had the opportunity to develop his interests and talents at an excellent university for a very modest tuition, it is hoped that this scholarship will provide possibilities for other generations of students to have similar experiences.

## **Professor Haim Goldberg Physics Scholarship**

The McGill Faculty of Science and Department of Physics proudly announce the establishment of the Professor Haim Goldberg Scholarship in Physics for promising entering undergraduate students. The first ever student recipients will be selected in June/July 2018 for the 2018-2019 academic year.

This scholarship has been created by Haim Goldberg's family to honor his memory as a McGill undergraduate passionate about physics, an internationally-recognized physicist, a gifted researcher and teacher as Emeritus Professor of Physics at Northeastern University for a half century and, first and foremost, a model humanitarian and mentor to all who had the good fortune to come into contact with him.

It is most noteworthy that in addition to their valuable support to McGill physics, Haim's family also had the vision to establish this fitting tribute to his inspiring legacy as an endowed scholarship thereby ensuring that future generations of undergraduate students in physics at McGill will forevermore have access to a world-class learning and research experience to set them on their paths of scientific inquiry and discovery.

Those wishing to contribute to the scholarship fund can do so by contacting Robert Davis, Director of Development at McGill University - Faculty of Science at [rob.davis@mcgill.ca](mailto:rob.davis@mcgill.ca).



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## **SMALL WORKS SALON 2018: PERSONAL GEOGRAPHIES**

Curated by Heidi Whitman

**When:** March 26-April 20, 2018,  
Weekdays 10:00 AM-5:30 PM

**Where:** Chandler Gallery,  
20 Sacramento St.

At the Chandler Gallery's Small Works Salon 2018, cartography points in new directions.



We begin with a Rand McNally World Atlas. A copper tube twists over, around and through the book, with numerous severed ends poking up through the cover. Like this sculpture, "Maps of Future Pipelines" by Steven Muller, the pieces in the Chandler Gallery's upcoming "Small Works Salon 2018" encompass, pierce and skewer maps and map-making.

Juror Heidi Whitman, an artist and the teacher of "Mapping: Painting and Drawing" at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts at Tufts University, has chosen works that repurpose maps to address concerns beyond physical geography."

Read more about the exhibit:  
[http://bit.ly/chandler\\_gallery\\_current\\_exhibition](http://bit.ly/chandler_gallery_current_exhibition)

### EVIDENCE: PHOTOGRAPHS BY KRISTEN EMACK

The Community Artist Spotlight Space, a new exhibition venue at Maud Morgan Arts, presents Evidence: Photographs by Kristen Emack.

**When:** April 3–30, 2018  
**Where:** MMA, 20A Sacramento St  
**Hours:** Monday-Friday, 3:00–6:00 PM

The artist states:

Primarily, my project is a running record of a daughter growing up. I want to capture her moments of imagination, boredom and feminine providence as they unfold. It's shot with the intimacy of a single parent, and with the urgency of middle-age, since my relationship with mortality, the passage of time, and the

inevitability of loss are more pronounced.

Kristen Emack is a photographer and educator who lives and works in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She holds a degree in Latin American and Caribbean Studies, and although she took some undergraduate course work, she is primarily a self-taught photographer.



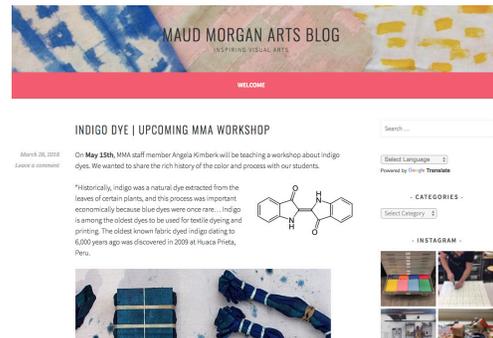
### NEW MAUD MORGAN ARTS BLOG

Maud Morgan Arts is excited to announce a new blog! Our goal is to share information with our participants, artists and community members.

Stay tuned for:

- Teacher Features
- Workshop and Class Announcements
- Project Highlights
- MMA Fundraising

<https://maudmorganarts.wordpress.com>



### TAKE A WORKSHOP OR CLASS AT MMA

Workshops, spring, and summer registration are OPEN at Maud Morgan Arts! See what's on offer for all ages and ability levels at: <http://maudmorganarts.org>

## City Wide

### CURBSIDE COMPOST EXPANSION

In 2009, the City set a goal to reduce residential trash disposal by 30% by 2020, and by 80% by 2050. With that goal in mind, the City has committed to expanding the current curbside compost program to all residential buildings with 1 to 12 units beginning April 2018. This will increase the program from 5,200 households to 25,000 households (8,100 buildings.)



Sign-up is not required; all eligible buildings will be receiving supplies. Weekly curbside collection begins citywide the first week in April.

By composting our food scraps, we can:

- Reduce our climate change impact. Instead of landfilling food waste, we can create clean energy from our compost.
- Grow more food. Composting helps make fertilizer for New England farms.

Residents will receive:

- 1 curbside bin per building (keep it locked!)
- 1 kitchen bin per unit (please distribute kitchen bins to other units in your building)
- 75 compostable bags
- Instructions

For info: <http://CambridgeMA.Gov/Compost>

### FREE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE FOR CAMBRIDGE RESIDENTS

Prepared by Eva Breitenbach

Looking for a therapist for yourself or a loved one? Sophia, a new Boston-area service, can help. Sophia works to match you with the right mental

health therapist quickly and effectively, and at no cost. To find a therapist, you'll fill out a five-minute questionnaire about your needs and preferences. The Sophia team will find your best matches from our network of 150 Boston-area therapists, and send you their profiles. Once you choose a therapist, our team will connect you to set up an initial appointment.

If you or a loved one are interested in using our service, or in learning more, you can sign up at <http://www.trysophia.com>.

Read more in Scout Magazine Cambridge at: [http://bit.ly/scoutmag\\_sophia](http://bit.ly/scoutmag_sophia)

### CHECK OUT A BOOK AT THE HUMAN LIBRARY

Prepared by Cambridge Public Library

The Human Library returns to the main branch of Cambridge Public Library in a partnership with Cambridge Community Television on May 5th.

**When:** Saturday, May 5, 1:00-4:00 PM  
**Where:** Cambridge Public Library,  
449 Broadway

The event will offer patrons an opportunity to challenge the stigma and stereotypes of fellow community members with many different backgrounds, that volunteered to be an open book on their topic. (*Whistler* editor, Phoebe Sinclair, and the LWN Coordinator Diane Martin have both volunteered to be 'books' in the Human Library!)

Learn more at:  
<http://www.cctvcambridge.org/node/548294>

# Community Calendar

## Winter-Spring 2018

<b>Tuesday, April 10</b>	<b>7:30-9:00 PM</b>	ANC Meeting (see page 1 for agenda) Maud Morgan Arts, 20A Sacramento St. All are welcome, please join us!
<b>Wednesday, April 11</b>	<b>6:00-7:30 PM</b>	ABC Board Meeting, 20 Sacramento St, 2nd Floor Public welcome
<b>Monday, April 16</b>		Patriot's Day Holiday
<b>Tuesday, April 17</b>		Agassiz Baldwin Afterschool Vacation Week, through Friday, <b>April 20, 2018</b>

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