



Special Neighborhood Gathering Thursday, Feb. 7, 2019 at 7:00 PM

Andover Hall of Harvard Divinity School Sperry Room

(at the S.E. corner of 1811 stone Gothic building)

Special Meeting of the Agassiz Neighborhood Council at 45 Francis Ave.

(accessible from Museum St.)

This is how the room where we'll be meeting looked long ago, shortly after Harvard bought this building from Andover Theological School [now Andover Newton Seminary (the oldest graduate school in the nation, now affiliated with Yale)]. The Andover-Harvard Library, the largest theological library in the country, is adjacent. There are many interesting historical exhibits on display for us in the adjacent long hallways. I suspect many in our neighborhood will really enjoy seeing the inside of this historic building, the only Gothic structure left on today's Harvard campus.

At our last meeting in January, there was widespread objection to Harvard's plans to tear down the large oak tree by the Library entrance on the Museum St. side. As a result, Harvard has hired Bartlett Tree Experts as its new arborist, to advise it on how much land will be needed to build around the tree, as well as to advise on how best to nourish and safeguard the tree. It has also asked its architect to study new plans. The results (as yet unknown to me) will be unveiled at this meeting. I have learned that the previously-presented plan would require a variance from the Board of Appeals (which is very used to respecting our neighborhood's wishes at its hearings.)

So, please come, if you can. Last time, Harvard provided refreshments, before and later. I suspect they will again.

Hoping to see you soon,

Fred Meyer

Moderator, Agassiz Neighborhood Council