Agassiz Neighborhood Council

Next Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, April 24 7:30 p.m.
Agassiz School Dining Hall
28 Sacramento Street Entrance

Agenda:
1. Jarrett Barrios, State Representative, will provide a brief update on state house issues
2. Sewer Construction Update: Crescent & Eustis Sts.
3. A community discussion on the upcoming planning by Harvard for Mass. Ave near Everett St.

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The March 20 meeting was postponed to April 3 at the request of Lesley College. Notes from that meeting will appear in the May edition.

Nominating Committee Meets
Each year the ANC Nominating Committee convenes to prepare a slate of candidates for the board of directors. This slate is presented to the ANC at the Annual Meeting in May. The members of this committee consists of past ANC Board Chairpersons and Directors.

This year members included Richard Griffin, Janet Rustow, Karen Vaters and Kathleen Manion.

❖ Neighborhood News ❖

Sewer Construction

EUSTIS STREET Notes
NStar (formerly known as ComGas) plans to replace their existing cast iron gas main and service lines with new plastic lines in Eustis Street starting Monday, April 2, 2001. This work was postponed from last fall. The procedure is expected to take 4 weeks to complete. The main will be replaced in the first two weeks, followed by service replacement for the last two weeks. The new gas main replacement is a component of the Sewer Separation and Storm Water Management project.

Residents will receive advanced notice of NStar’s replacement since the gas service to homes will be temporarily disrupted. Residents will have to coordinate with NStar to re-light pilot lights prior to restoring service.

ENJOY JAZZ IN THE GARDEN
and Celebrate the Life of Maud Morgan
Sunday MAY 6, from 3-6 pm
Adolphus Busch Hall
27 Kirkland St. (the former Busch Reisinger Museum)

Photo Exhibit from the Boston Public Library Collection
Film by Nancy Raine and Ricky Leacock
Select Work by Maud Morgan

Refreshments and a short program to remember Maud Morgan
This event will run concurrently with the Sacramento St. Gallery Exhibit and Sale of Maud Morgan Prints and Paintings.
Tickets $75.
Proceeds to Benefit The Maud Morgan Visual Arts Center.
Call 547-1647 for tickets and information.
Eustis Street will be open to abutter traffic, and driveways should be assessable during this work with the assistance of police detail officers. Normal traffic patterns will resume at the completion of each work day.

NStar will post “No Parking” signs, where necessary, at least 24 hours before this work begins. Please refrain from parking in these areas during the posted work hours of 7:00a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

If you have any questions or require special assistance during this gas main replacement work, please call Ray Elie, Resident Engineer for S E A Consultants Inc., the City’s engineering consultant at the number listed below, or Owen O’Riordan at 617/349-4845.

**CRESCENT STREET Notes from March 15**

What’s been done –

- Installed New Water Main.
- Complete Sewer Work.

What’s going on now – ending early April

- Installing a 24-inch drain from the bend in Crescent Street to Oxford Street, with catch basins and manholes.

What’s left to do on Crescent Street –

- Surface enhancements this summer –
  - roadway and sidewalk reconstruction
  - re-planting of trees.

Come to the ANC meeting on Tuesday, April 24, 7:30 PM in the Agassiz School Dining Hall, 28 Sacramento Street. The meeting is about the “Crescent/Carver Project Wrap-up.” Topics on the agenda will include: roadway reconstruction and paving, sidewalk materials selection, and the selection and replacement of trees. See the box on page one for meeting details.

**Agassiz Study Group**

The Agassiz Study Group meetings are still underway, and while the members were chosen by the City Manager, the public is welcome to attend the meetings that often provide very interesting neighborhood information. You can review the agendas by going to the ANC website: www.agassiz.org, and click on the Links page, then click on Agassiz Study Group..

You can also contact Venita Mathias, Neighborhood Planner, vmathias@ci.cambridge.ma.us, at 617/349-4603.

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- DPW 24 hour emergency service 349-4860
- Check the kiosk at Agassiz or DPW Web Site for updates: http://www.ci.cambridge.ma.us/-TheWorks/

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❖ City Wide ❖

Kathy Born Retires from City Council

At a March City Council meeting, Kathy Born announced that she will not seek re-election to the council. She referred only to her upcoming 55th birthday, and said she looked forward to a blank slate.

News from City Councillor Henrietta Davis

Below are excerpts from Davis’s recent news-in-a-letter: Shuttle Service has been approved from Cambridgeport to North Station with a likely summer start. The new $76 million water treatment plant was scheduled to open in March, and a celebration is planned for the spring. There will be a public hearing in April on West Nile Virus Spraying, call 665-3838 for information on the hearing. The public health Dept has recommended public toilets in city squares, and recommendations will be heard in April.

Call Davis at 547-0877 for the complete report.
CRIME REPORTED

The Guidance Center located at 5 Sacramento Street advised the ANC that a locked car had been stolen from their parking lot in broad daylight. There was also a report called in that there had been two incidents of individuals being held up in the vicinity of the Agassiz area during March in the early evening at gunpoint.

RECYCLING NEWS

Recycling Stars Shine at Awards Ceremony

Over 60 people showed up at City Hall to honor this year's recycling award winners, including several groups of students from Cambridge schools. Recycling Advisory Committee members Robert Winters, Judy Nathans, Cathy McCormack and Rob Gogan took turns sharing the meritorious activities of each winner with the audience.

Mayor Gallucio presented each of the twelve winners with a plaque made from recycled plastic, and Councilor Davis presented them with a T-shirt made from 50% recycled cotton. Following the awards ceremony, city officials, winners, and their guests drank coffee from ceramic mugs and ate dessert off ceramic plates. Kids drank their soda out of re-usable cups made from recycled plastic.

Before and after the ceremony guests had the opportunity to view the Massrecyle Recycled Products Exhibit, which will be on Display at the first floor of City Hall through June 9th. Congratulations to all the Recycling Award Recipients: Union of Concerned Scientists, Add Inc., Aryt Alasti, Freedom Baird, George Bruno, Scott Sandberg-Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Fayerweather Street School, Kennedy School and Kitchen Staff, Longfellow School, Kennedy School-Amigos Program, Worthington Place and Cambridge Cohousing.

READ, RIDE, RECYCLE

Newspaper recycling has come to the Central and Kendall Square subway stations, thanks to a partnership between the MBTA and the City of Cambridge.

"When we approached the MBTA with a request to expand their newspaper recycling program to include the Central and Kendall Square stations, we came away impressed by their enthusiasm and follow through," says Jan Aceti, Cambridge Recycling Director. "It has been a pleasure to work with the T on this project."

T riders will now find a newspaper recycling receptacle just outside each of the inbound and outbound turnstiles in the Central and Kendall Square stations. Additional receptacles are located at the southbound ends of the inbound and outbound platforms in Kendall Square station.

Newspaper collected at Central Square will be sent via subway car to Harvard Square, where it will be consolidated with newspaper recycled by Harvard Square station users. Save That Stuff, a paper recycling company, picks up the newspaper from Harvard and Kendall Square, as well as the other stations in the MBTA's newspaper recycling program, and takes it to a recyclables processing facility in Charlestown that handles recyclables from 50 Boston-area municipalities.

Street sweeping will begin again in April. Please note that the first sweep for much of Agassiz would normally be held on MONDAY APRIL 16 which is Patriot's Day, a Cambridge holiday. In order not to miss the first, most important sweep, streets will be posted for sweeping on Monday, April 30, 2001. Remember to move your cars!!!!!!

NEW AREA CODES

On April 2, 2001 area codes will be moving to ten digits. The seven number dial will be a thing of the past. Please remember to reset your modems and speed dials. For more information on this event, go to the websites below.

For home business and business:
http://www.bell-atl.com/areacode/pages/check_home.htm

For residential:
http://www.bell-atl.com/areacode/pages/check_home.htm
Lesley University

Mass. Alliance for Arts Education now at Lesley

MAAE promotes quality arts education policy, celebrates outstanding arts educators through annual awards, disseminates information and, through its membership, brings together the many diverse advocates for education in and through the arts.

The Alliance is now located at Lesley College. They can be reached at 349-8968 for more information.

Job Openings at Lesley

Database Assistant
Enter daily gifts into Raiser’s Edge, maintain records, update files on database, assist with departmental mailings and other projects as assigned, maintain current information on Alumni web site, assist with reunion weekend planning.

Please contact Kathleen Fox or Chris Soucy at 349-8783 or by e-mail at kfox@mail.lesley.edu or csoucy@mail.lesley.edu.

Announcements

Agenda for Children Moves Forward

The Agenda for Children announces the hiring of two staff people. They are LEI-ANNE ELLIS and SUSAN RICHARDS SCOTT. Lei-Anne will coordinate programs and resources to accomplish one of the two goals identified by Cambridge as most critical, Literacy. The second goal, Supervised Out of School Time, will be accomplished under the leadership of the second new staff person, Susan Richards Scott.

In addition to the new staff, the Agenda for Children will provide a data base that will provide Cambridge families information on child care and also a wide variety of social service needs. This data base will be available throughout the city and via the internet for easy access to information.

The Agenda for Children is part of the Kid’s Council which has created a unique initiative that brings together a variety of city departments that touch a child’s life: human services, schools, libraries, public health, police and community based organizations.

Family Safety Day Saturday, April 28 at CRLS

This event will be held at Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School, located at 459 Broadway from 10 am to 4 pm. It will support the healthy development of children through a variety of speakers, workshops, panel discussions, demonstrations and information.

Five areas will be covered for parents of children aged 10-14: bullying/harassment; media literacy; youth substance abuse, sexuality; and personal safety.

For more information on this event, please call Chandra Banks Gooding or Kristen Handricken at 349-6776.

Community Garden Plots May be Available Soon

We have been contacted by Ginny Enbody, Garden Coordinator who told ANC that garden plots may become available this spring at the Sacramento Street Community Garden. The garden is located across from the Agassiz Community Center at 20 Sacramento St.

Call Ginny for more information at 661-9716.
Agassiz Community School Programs

OUTBACK SUMMER PROGRAMS

REGISTRATION
Registration is currently underway for our fun-filled summer program for children who will be entering the first through 6th grades in the fall. The program will run for eight weeks beginning June 25 and ending August 17. Outback is in session Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 2:30pm with an extended day option available until 5:30pm. Sign up for all eight weeks, just one week, or any number in between. Applications are also being accepted for C.I.T. positions for youths entering 7th, 8th or 9th grades in the fall. Call 349-6287 for registration information.

Baby and Toddler Groups
You can join one of our free baby and toddler groups any time and enjoy a friendly play space with your child. You’ll have an opportunity to chat with other parents and make new friends. Children from birth through two years nine months are welcome. Each baby must be accompanied by a parent or caretaker. Siblings of the appropriate age are also welcome. There are two groups daily Monday through Friday from 10:00am to 12:00pm and from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. Please drop by North Hall or call 349-6287 for more information. North Hall is located at the corner of Mass. Ave. and Wendell Street.

Sacramento Street Preschool
Registration is now taking place for the 2001/02 school year for children who will be two years and nine months of age by September. The Preschool is full for the current year but if you would like to register your child in the program now, there are occasional openings. To register for next fall or to be placed on the waiting list for the current year call Diane DiMaina at 349-6287.

Agassiz Afterschool
Registration is now taking place for the 2001/02 school year. The Agassiz Afterschool program offers stimulating and enriching activities for children in a safe environment with experienced teachers, augmented by specialists in the arts. Children may register for one, two, three, or five days of after school care.

Space is currently available in the Kindergarten and 1-5 grade programs on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays. You will be placed on a short waiting list if you would like to register for other days. Monthly fees are $279 for five days, $156 for three days, $104 for two days, and $52 for one day. Call 349-6287 for information.

Parents are welcome to visit our programs. Please contact Vicky Ragsdale at 349-6287 for a visit or for more information.

Computer Classes
Introduction to Microsoft Excel,
Wednesdays, April 4 & April 11, 6:30-9:00pm

This two-session course introduces students to the power and usefulness of spreadsheets for organizing, calculating, and displaying data. Introduction to Word Processing or the equivalent is a prerequisite. The cost is $40 for CCTV computer members and $60 for non-members. Pre-registration is required. Classes will be held in the Agassiz School Computer lab, 28 Sacramento Street entrance. For registration information, call CCTV at 661-6900 or visit their website at cctvcambridge.org.

Basketball
Drop in Basketball will end this month. In its place will be a basketball league for teens sponsored by the Cambridge Police and Agassiz Neighborhood Council. For more information contact Vicky Ragsdale at 349-6287.

Agassiz Public School

Drama Team goes to the State Dama Festival
On April 28 the 7th and 8th grade Drama Team will performing for the first time in the State Drama Festival in Westboro. The play they will perform was written and directed by Dr. Sybil Knight, and the drama team coach is teacher Margaret Giacoppo.

MCAS Testing at Agassiz in April and May
The state wide achievement testing will take place for grades 3-8 during two periods of one week: April 9-11 and May 14-25. Different grades will be tested in a variety of different subjects.

Important Dates for April
*Room Parents Meeting
April 5th at 8:30 am in the Agassiz School Dining Hall
*School Vacation Friday April 13-Sunday, April 22

Agassiz Neighborhood Yoga
Tuesdays, April 3-May 29. No class April 17.
5:45-6:45pm $80.00 for 8 week session.
For information or to register call Instructor, Isa Matei at 661-6242 or ANC at 349-6287.
Sacramento Street Gallery Presents

an Exhibit and Sale

do Prints and Other Work by

MAUD MORGAN

Opening APRIL 27, FRIDAY

from 5-8 pm

20 Sacramento Street

Gallery Open Weekdays 9-5

through May 24

Prints from the collection of David Murphy

Paintings and collages from the collection of Maud’s family

All Proceeds will benefit The Maud Morgan Visual Arts Center

7th Season of Performing Arts for Kids

Introducing Art:

A Performance Series for Children

Presents on Wednesday, May 9

Underground Railway Theater’s

Raven & the Village Without Daylight

2:00 p.m. Admission $1  Groups Welcome

Agassiz School Stage, 28 Sacramento Street entrance

An Eskimo village where the sun never shines, greedy Sky People who want to keep all the light in the universe for themselves, and a mischievous Raven who sets out on a quest to capture the light for the earth: this is the delightful story that will be presented by Underground Railway Theater in May.

Based on an ancient tale from the Yupik Nation in western Alaska, the humor, vivid characters, and exotic settings of Raven & the Village Without Daylight will delight everyone who attends. This original production features 17 marionettes, rod, and hand–held puppets, along with live music and is staged within a unique “shell stage.

Don’t miss this early–release–day performance. For more information, call 617-349-6287.

Maud Morgan Visual Arts Center in the Media

Over the past few months, The Maud Morgan Visual Arts Center has been in the media many times. The exposure supports the ANC initiative, but also reflects the genuine interest this project has inspired in the arts community.

You can find an article on the Maud Morgan Sale and Exhibit (see above) in the current edition of Arts New England. The Artist Architect Collaborative was reviewed by Christine Temin in the Boston Globe on March 21, and by the Cambridge Tab on March 16. The Cambridge Chronicle announced the Artist Architect Collaborative in a piece on our fall open house.

Look for information on page one about the May 6th Celebration of the Life of Maud Morgan, where the Maud Morgan autobiography and a Morgan print poster will be available.

PLEASE NOTE:
THE ARTIST ARCHITECT COLLABORATIVE currently hung in the Sacramento Street Gallery will be held over through April 20 due to high interest.

This exhibit presents designs by eight Cambridge artists: Gail Boyajian, John Devaney, Phylis Ewen, Linda Lichtman, Mitch Ryerson, Rhonda Smith, John Tagiuri, and Nancy Webb. They have created site specific work for the new Maud Morgan Visual Arts Center that will be fabricated and installed when the center is built.
SIXTH ANNUAL MILLER STREET OPEN STUDIOS
SATURDAY & SUNDAY APRIL 28 and 29th
Noon - 5 pm, 11 Miller Street, Somerville
(adjacent to Beacon St. Star Market) Call 868-8116 for information

Artists Include:
Patty Rosenblatt
Peggy Badenhausen
Gail Martin
Elizabeth Rickert
Karen Aqua
Jeanee Redmond
Nancy Webb
Vicky Citron
Alicia Dwyer

Kata Hull
Helen Hawes
Nyia Yannatos
Liz Marran
Monrud Becker
Judy Kramer
David Durlach/TechnoFrolics
Linda Beers
The Three Ring Binders

Patty Rosenblatt will unveil her model for “Seeds of Change,” a proposed earthwork for Deer Island. Peggy Badenhausen exhibited paintings and montypes at two shows in Italy. Gail Martin had a solo exhibit in the Firehouse Center in Newburyport, and Elizabeth Rickert was invited to Santa Fe for a three month residency. Animator Karen Aqua has just returned from residencies at the MacDowell and Millay Colonies. Jeanee Redmond exhibited clay work in a solo and at the National Cup Show at the Society of Arts and Crafts. A new collaboration had been created by sculptor Nancy Webb and violinist Vicki Citron. Webb built a sculpture which can double as a musical instrument, incorporating a drum, gong, chimes and harp. Citron's students watched the sculpture evolve, and composed pieces for violin and sculpture. Compositions will be performed on Sunday.

Opportunities at Arlington Center for the Arts
41 Foster St. Arlington, MA 02474.

Studio Available
Available April 1 or May 1, approximately 800 sf., shared by four artists, several sinks and private bathrooms. Only tenants who use a minimum of solvents and non-toxic materials. Email Pam Shanley at arlctrarts@aol.com, or call her at 781/648-6220 during the hours of 9-2 on Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday.

Call for Artists: Re/Dressed
Postmark Deadline: April 13, 2001
Seeking artists for an exhibition around the image/icon of the dress, the costume, and/or adornment in general. Why has the dress, the costume, bodily adornment been a recurring image in art? How do artists use and interpret the images today? Artists in all media encouraged to apply. Email: oneal_l@hotmail.com or call Lauren at 781/648-6220 Mon-Thurs. Slide deadline: April 13, 2001 to L. O'Neal.

Attention Playwrights: Call for Plays
Seeking scripts for a play reading series Fall, 2001. One act scripts 30 minutes or less are preferred. Plays should be unproduced and require minimal props and sets. Playwrights will help arrange casting and direction. Submit two copies by May 1 to New Theater Works Festival.

Call to Artists: Lucy Hammerman Memorial
The Cambridge Multicultural Arts Center (CMAC) wishes to honor the memory of Lucy Hammerman with an original design memorial plaque. Ms. Hammerman was an artist, community activist for the arts, ad founder and board member of CMAC. A $500 honorarium will be awarded to the artist whose design and fabrication is selected by the Hammerman Memorial Committee. Proposals must be submitted by April 30. For specific proposal requirements, call Kelly Masu at 617.577-1400x12, email: office@cmacusa.org

CLUB PASSIM’s Culture for Kids Program
Visit Club Passim on May 14th between 3 and 5 pm with your school age children for a Brazilian Celebration that includes music, crafts and food. Club Passim is located at 47 Palmer Street in Harvard Square. Call 617.491-2382 for information and reservations.
### Community Calendar April 2001

**through April 20 daily**  
9 am to 5 pm  
**Artist Architect Collaborative**  
A Show of site specific designs from eight artists for The Maud Morgan Visual Arts Center  
Sacramento Street Gallery, 20 Sacramento St.

**Tuesday, April 3**  
7:30 p.m.  
**Postponed ANC March Meeting**  
Lesley University/Agassiz Neighborhood Issues  
Lesley University, 18 Mellen Street

**Friday, April 13**  
**Good Friday, School Closed; reopens Monday, April 23**

**Tuesday, April 24**  
6:30 p.m.  
ANC Board of Directors Meeting - Open to the Public  
7:30 p.m.  
ANC Monthly Meeting (See page one for agenda)  
Agassiz School dining Hall, 28 Sacramento St. entrance

**Friday, April 27**  
5-8 p.m.  
*Exhibition and Sale: Maud Morgan Prints and Other Work*  
Sacramento Street Gallery, 20 Sacramento Street  
(through May 24)

**Sunday, May 6**  
3-6 p.m.  
*Celebrate the Life of Maud Morgan (See page one.)*  
Adolphus Busch Hall, Harvard University  
(the former Busch Reisinger Museum)  
27 Kirkland Street Cambridge  
* Proceeds to benefit The Maud Morgan Visual Arts Center

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**The Whistler April 2001**

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Prints from the 1960’s and 1970’s and other work  
Opens April 27, Friday  
5-8 pm (through May 24)  
20 Sacramento Street Gallery.

**PROCEEDS WILL FUND CONSTRUCTION OF THE MAUD MORGAN VISUAL ARTS CENTER**