COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AGASSIZ NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING: Wednesday, May 11, 8-10 in the Agassiz School Library.

AGASSIZ NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING GROUP MEETING: Wednesday, May 18, 8-10 in the Agassiz Community Center.

MAY RELEASE DAY: May 17, Tuesday, Half-day of school.

MEMORIAL DAY, May 30: SCHOOL HOLIDAY.

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CHILDCARE PROGRAM

The After-School Childcare program located in the community center, (K-2nd grade), still has a few spaces for next year. This is a 5 day afterschool program open 2:30-5:45, (8:30-5:45 on school vacation weeks). For a brochure or more information call 498-9056.

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AGASSIZ NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL NEWS

MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 13 COUNCIL MEETING:

Among the issues discussed at the meeting were the following:

-A citywide organization of neighborhood councils is reviewing proposals for funding from the various neighborhoods. A representative from this community is needed. Please call Smiley (498-9056) if you are interested.

COUNCIL NEWS Cont.

-A high lead level was found in some soil samples taken from area behind the Community Center. More extensive sampling will be done.

-People living near Sacramento Field continue to be disturbed by young adults who use the field at night. Littering is an ongoing problem. It was suggested that the field be closed after dark and that more police presence be requested.

-A discussion of the use of playfields in the neighborhood was proposed.

-Sacramento Field has been sodded and no one should walk on the grass until May

A member of the Mutual Aid group submitted a proposal to the Council for funding for Senior Citizens' activities. It was agreed to set aside some council funds for trips, classes, and other activities for seniors. Smiley will meet with the Mutual Aid group to discuss this further.

A letter will be sent to the Department of Human Services outlining a proposal to start a program for 5th and 6th grade students.
COUNCIL NEWS Cont.

Many complaints were made about the disturbances in the neighborhood caused by patrons of Georgie's. A petition will be circulated, and people are urged to report all incidents to the police.

The Planning Committee reported to the Council the results of the meetings held over the past few months. The concerns about high rise buildings on Mass. Ave. that would reduce light, change the character of the avenue, and displace commercial establishments and services have led the Committee to favor zoning changes. Efforts to increase neighborhood awareness of these issues will continue, and the legal process for the zoning change will be initiated.

The possibility of building housing owned and operated on the Garfield Street site was discussed extensively. It was decided that residents in the immediate vicinity of the proposed building need to be made aware of plans. The Cambridge Housing Authority needs to begin negotiating with the city and the MBTA in order to acquire the site. Future Planning Committee Meetings will work on outreach and obtaining more specific information on both the proposed housing and the zoning changes along Mass. Ave.

"MASS. AVE. CLEAN-UP DAY"

The Business Association of North Cambridge, (BANC), will be sponsoring a clean-up day on Sunday, May 15 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Residents are urged to join local business owners in this clean up of Massachusetts Avenue.

BANC is a newly formed group of business owners on Mass. Ave. from Harvard Square to the Arlington line. Initial objectives of BANC are to beautify the avenue through clean-ups, addition of benches and trees, and improved lighting. This group has the best interests of the Avenue in mind, perhaps we could join them in this effort.

The Agassiz Neighborhood, especially the children, deserve congratulations for showing such great restraint in staying off of Sacramento Field while the sod was taking hold. Special thanks to Ann Strong for acquiring, painting and posting the signs around the field. The new field looks wonderful and is a nice addition to our community.

BABYSITTING:
12-and-a-half year-old boy, experienced and responsible, wants work during school and summer.

I can work on weekdays after school from 3:15 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. I can work on weekends from any time until 1:00 a.m., and during summer vacation, any time.
$1.00 per hour for 1 child, $1.50 per hour for 2 children. If interested contact: Dylan Jones at 491-4684, or at 29 Sacramento St.

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WANTED: Two bedroom apartment to rent for French visitor and his 17 year-old son, from June 20th to July 19. Please call Miriam at 547-8429.

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WANTED: 2-3 bedroom apartment in Agassiz neighborhood. Late summer, by Sept. 1st. Teacher at Tuft's Children's School. Currently living off Wendel St. Call Kristin, evenings, 876-0514.

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WANTED: Woman with 6 year-old child looking for 2 bedroom apt. in the Agassiz neighborhood. Rent about $400.00 incl. util. Call Alden Mount, 491-0417.

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COMMUNITY NOTES

The Agassiz-Peabody indoor soccer team won first place in the recent city wide tournament. Congratulations to Ayano Strickland, Rongai Thompson, Matt Sills, Maggie Super, Dan'l Aronson.

Julie Osherson has been seen around town with her young son Toby. Both are happy and healthy.

The function of the Agassiz Community School Program is to provide quality programming in the human service areas for all members of the Agassiz community. It is part of the City of Cambridge Department of Human Service Programs.

The governing body of the Community School is the Agassiz Neighborhood Council. This Council is open to all members of the community and functions to identify human service needs and issues in the nieghborhood and to recommend programming and other community responses to these needs. Besides overseeing all Agassiz Community School programs, the Council focusses on issues such as: housing and development within the neighbor-hood, crime and safety, open space planning, and the operation of the Agassiz Community Center at 20 Sacramento St. Council meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month in the library of the Agassiz School. The current Council Chairperson is Joel Bard.