

the AGASSIZ WHISTLER

February 1, 1977

COMMUNITY EVENTS

AGASSIZ COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING, Weds., February 2nd, 8:00 p.m. in the school library.

AGASSIZ PLAYGROUPO MEETING, Tues., February 15th, 7:45 p.m. at the North Congregational Church.

FEBRUARY RELEASE DAY, Tuesday, February 15th - half day of school.

FEBRUARY VACATION, Feb. 21st through Feb. 25th.

AGASSIZ COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

At the January Council meeting, Bill Mitchell, the Council chairperson, opened the meeting with an announcement that the Cambridge Guidance Center has offered our After-School Program observation and/or consulting services. The staff of the Community School Program will meet and decide how best to use these services.

Once again, the ineffectiveness of the Police Task Force was discussed and the Council reiterated its decision to exclude Cambridge Police Task Force representatives and business from the Council meetings. It was felt that this move would serve to demonstrate to the City Council and to the City Manager our dissatisfaction with the Task Force, which appears to many Council members to be simply an exercise in public relations.

It was then decided that on our own, we would initiate a WHISTLE PROGRAM

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in the Agassiz neighborhood. The Council will purchase and have on hand at the February 2nd Council Meeting 50 whistles to sell to people in the neighborhood. These whistles should be carried or worn, especially at night, and blown in case of danger. Other members of the community, upon hearing a whistle, should do two things immediately: 1. Call the Police immediately and give the location of the trouble, and 2. blow their own whistles out doors and windows, hopefully thereby scaring off the trouble-maker(s). These measures, taken collectively and consistently, have been proven to help diminish street crime in other cities and areas of Cambridge, itself. IN ORDER FOR THE WHISTLE PROGRAM TO WORK, EVERYONE MUST HAVE A WHISTLE AND KNOW THE EXACT PROCEDURES FOR USING THEM, SO PLEASE JOIN US AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd, AT 8:00 pm IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY.

Next, the Council voted to pay the after-school assistants, Annie Lawrence and Steven Brion-Meisels, their weekly salaries out of tuition funds. They had been being paid out of city funds, but the paper work involved resulted in delays of weeks and sometimes months. This way, the after-school program will pay their salaries and then be reimbursed by city funds in periodic lump sums.

The Agassiz neighborhood Block Grant proposal to purchase Sacramento Field from Harvard and renovate it for community use has not been decided on, but it can be said that this neighborhood's need for open space is attracting considerable attention from the City Community Development Department. A decision on the proposal is due in the near future.

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To date there is no new news on the Porter Square Down Zoning petition, since there has been a delay in bringing it before the City Council, and it will have to go before the Council three times before any decision is made.

At the February Council meeting, there will be elections for the 1977 Council officers. Bill Mitchell will be the nominee for Council chairperson, Harry Pskowski for Treasurer, Julie Snow for Secretary. We still need a Vice Chairperson so if you have an idea for a nomination or want to volunteer for the position yourself, be sure to come to the February meeting.

AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Implementation of neighborhood WHISTLE PROGRAM. (Bring \$1 for your whistle)
2. Council elections.
3. Discussion of other possible goals and functions for the Community Council.

SEE YOU ALL THERE!

AGASSIZ COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWS

WE HAVE ENOUGH HATS, MITTENS, GLOVES, SWEATERS, YES AND EVEN JACKETS TO CLOTHE A FAMILY OF 12 FOR TWO WINTERS! OUR LOST AND FOUND IS OVERFLOWING AND ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14th WE ARE GOING TO PACK IT ALL UP AND TAKE IT TO GOODWILL. Consider this fair warning and PLEASE come and take what's yours in the next two weeks. THANKS.

Parents of children who use our after-school program, we need your help! On Saturday, January 29th, we have planned a collective clean up and fix

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up of our new rooms at Sanctuary at 20 Sacramento Street. These rooms will be used for special activities such as the Brownies, photography, drama as well as badly needed office space. WE NEED YOUR HELP WORKING ON THIS SPACE so if you can, please join us this Saturday at 10 a.m. Bring brooms, paint brushes, paper towels, and lots of energy! Thanks.

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THE LITTLE ORCHESTRA IS GIVING A CONCERT! On Monday, February 28th at 7:30 in the Gym. This concert is FREE and FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY! The program of music will include:

- "Eight Russian Folksongs" by Liadov
- "Three Slavonic Dances" by Dvorak
- "Two Songs" by John Bavicchi
- "Reflections" by Eugenia Lombard

Mark it on your calendar! Feb. 28th. at 7:30 p.m.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

P.E.T. CLASSES - Classes in Dr. Thomas Gordon's Parent Effectiveness Training will begin the week of February 8th at 13 Arlington Street in Cambridge, across from Sears. The classes will be taught by Audrey Entin.

P.E.T. teaches parents skills needed to communicate effectively with their children, to really listen to their children, and to work through conflicts so that both parents and children get their needs met. The course also helps parents learn how to communicate their values to their children. For more information, call 547-4872.

APARTMENT NEEDED BY JUNE - Mother and two children need 4-5 room apartment. Rent around \$200. Call Ann Pastreich at 547-1589 (work) or 661-0538 (home).