COMMUNITY EVENTS

AGASSIZ COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING, Weds., Oct. 10, 8:00 in the school library.

COLUMBUS DAY - Oct. 8, No school, no after-school programs.

OCTOBER RELEASE DAY - Oct. 17. Half-day of school; After-School Day Care open 12:30-5:30; After-School Activities Program closed.

CANDIDATES NIGHT, Tues., Oct. 30, 7:30 p.m. in the gym. Come meet all the candidates running for School Committee.

COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWS, cont.

Room. Class limited to 5. 1st class - Oct. 9. Cost: $20.00 - 10 weeks.

THE BARN - OPEN TO 6th - 8th graders. 2:30-4:30

AGASSIZ COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWS

After-School PROGRAM for 4 - 8 graders

MONDAY

Advanced Gymnastics 4th & 5th grades, 2:30-4:00 in gym. (ongoing classes)

"Harriet the Spy" Club 4th & 5th grades. 4:00-5:00, Community Center, Front Room. Class limited to 10. 1st class, Oct. 15. Bring a copy of "Harriet the Spy" and a notebook. Cost: $12.00 - 10 weeks.

THE BARN - OPEN TO 4th & 5th graders. 2:30-4:30

TUESDAY

Guitar 6th - 8th grades, 4:00 - 5:00, Community Center, Front Room. Class limited to 5.

WEDNESDAY

Drama 4th & 5th grades, 2:30-3:30. Community Center, Front Room. Class limited to 12. 1st class - Oct. 10 Cost: $12.00 - 10 weeks.

Drama 6th - 8th grades, 3:45-5:15, Community Center, Front Room. Class limited to 12. 1st class - Oct. 10 Cost: $12.00 - 10 weeks.

THE BARN OPEN TO 4th & 5th graders. 2:30-4:30

THURSDAY

Woodworking 4th & 5th grades. 3:00-4:30, Community Center, basement. Class limited to 10. 1st class - Oct. 11 Cost: $12.00 - 10 weeks.

THE BARN OPEN TO 6th - 8th graders. 2:30-4:30

FRIDAY


Crafts Sampler 4th & 5th grades. 3:45-4:45, Community Center, basement. Class limited to 10. 1st class Oct. 12. Cost: $12.00 - 10 weeks.
COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWS cont.

Fabric Workshop (batik t-shirts, dye fabrics, etc.) 6th - 8th grades. 3:30-5:00. Community Center, basement. Class limited to 10. 1st class - Oct. 12. Cost: $12.00 - 10 weeks.

THE BARN - CLOSED

REGISTRATION FOR COURSES WILL RUN FROM OCT. 2 - OCT. 5, 2:30-5:00 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER. ON WEDS., OCT. 3, MOST OF THE TEACHERS WILL BE HERE TO TELL KIDS ABOUT THE VARIOUS COURSES so if you need more information before making your choices, be sure to come to the Community Center then. Checks (made out to Agassiz Community School) or cash must accompany registration forms for each course. (Note to parents: if fewer than 7 children sign up for a course and parents and children still want the course to run, some adjustment in the fee may be necessary to cover instructors' salaries).

After-School Day Care for 4th graders. Madelene Wright, an Agassiz parent and licensed home day-care teacher is interested in providing 5-day a week afternoon care for 4 - 6 4th graders, from 2:30-5:30. Her program will involve free play and planned activities. Any parents interested in this kind of program should call Madeleine at 661-5664, afternoons and evenings.

For more information, call Julie Snow at 498-9056, M-F, 2:00-5:00.

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EVENING PROGRAM!

Our Evening Program begins on Weds., Oct. 3rd. Here is a schedule of our weekly events:

MONDAY

Open Rehearsals by The Little

EVENING PROGRAM cont.

Orchestra. 7:30-9:30 in the gym.

The Experience of Childhood and Youth - an exploration of childhood (one's own and others) and the process of "growing up" through readings (short stories, diaries, poems, children's books), and creative writing. 7:30-9:30 in the library. Cost: $20.00 - 10 weeks. 1st class - Mon. Oct 15

Teacher: Susan Bernstein

WEDNESDAY

Basketball, 4th & 5th grades 6:00-7:00 in the gym.

Basketball, 6th - 8th grades 7:00-8:00, in the gym.

DISCO DANCING FOR ADULTS!!! Join the fun! Bring a partner, learn all the newest steps! 8:30-9:30 in the gym. Cost: $20.00 - 10 weeks. Registration open through first 2 classes only. 1st class - Oct. 3rd!!! Teacher: Gaylin Cordes.

THURSDAY

Volleyball for Adults 8:00-10:00 in the gym.

"BEING PARENTS/BEING PEOPLE" A course on parenting, (see below for more information). 7:45-10:00 - front room, Agassiz Community Center 20 Sacramento St. Oct. 11 - Nov. 15. 1st class Oct. 11. Cost: $25.00 Teachers: Nancy Hawley and Wendy Sanford (two of the Co-Authors of Our Bodies Ourselves and Ourselves and Our Children).

"BEING PARENTS/BEING PEOPLE" is being offered to discuss such questions as:

- How can I pay attention to my needs as an adult when I'm so busy being
parent and a worker?
- How do the different stages my kids go through interact with where I am in my life?
- How does having children affect a couple's relationship?
- What are the special parenting issues in different kinds of family forms - for single parents, step-parents, communal parents, nuclear families?
- Who can I get help from and how do I ask?
- How can schools and other institutions be made to be more supportive of me as a parent?

Although the course has been designed as a brief series of sessions, Nancy and Wendy hope the group will develop into an ongoing support group for those parents who want it.

More about Nancy and Wendy: Nancy Hawley is the remarried mother of two children ages 13 and 10. She lives in the Agassiz neighborhood, where she works as a therapist and organizes ongoing Ourselves and Our Children workshops and courses. Wendy Sanford lives in Cambridge with her son. A writer and editor, she is completing a Masters degree in Theological studies, and plans to work this year editing a book for teenagers about sexuality and relationships.

REGISTRATION FOR ALL COURSES FOR WHICH THERE IS A FEE WILL TAKE PLACE 1/2 HOUR BEFORE THE 1st CLASS, WHEREVER THAT CLASS MEETS!!

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR K-3rd GRADES

Both the After-School Day Care Program and the After School Activities have OPENINGS for more children. If you are interested in enrolling your child for either of these programs, call 498-9056 and come to the Community Center at 20 Sacramento St. between 2:00 and 5:00 any weekday afternoon and speak with either Ken Basler or Julie Snow.

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS, K-3rd, cont.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS!
Before you head for the trash can or Goodwill, remember the Agassiz After-School Programs! We can always use:
- recyclable paper tubes, cartons, containers
- glass jars
- clothes and accessories for dress-up
- old furniture (especially a comfy easy chair or two)
- garden tools
- kitchen utensils
- inner tubes (even with holes)

AGASSIZ COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, Oct. 10, 8:00 p.m.

Agenda:
1.) Report on Sacramento Field and Housing Patterns in Agassiz neighborhood by Tufts University Urban Planning interns.
2.) Description of Re-Organization of Human Services within Cambridge city-government, and its effects on Community Schools (by Jill Herold).
3.) Update on Community Schools programs.

THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE AGASSIZ COMMUNITY.
SEE YOU THERE!!!!

**** REGISTER TO VOTE!!!!!!!****
Wednesday Oct. 3rd, in the Agassiz School (corner of Oxford and Sacramento streets) 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

To register to vote in Cambridge you must:
1.) be 18
2.) be a U.S. citizen
3.) reside in Cambridge at the time you register - NO MINIMUM!
4.) Bring something with your
VOTE cont.

name and address on it.

* City Council and School Committee election - Nov. 6, and Presidential Primary in March.

VOTING IN NOVEMBER: PR EXPLAINED

When you enter the polling place this year, you will be given two ballots, one for the City Council and one for the School Committee. Each ballot lists the names of all the candidates running for office. (Be prepared for long ballots. As many as thirty names may appear on each list.)

You choose candidates on each ballot in the order of your preference by marking a "1" beside the name of your first choice, a "3" beside your third choice, and so on down the entire ballot. Obviously, the man you mark as "Number 1" is the candidate you would most like to see in office. If that man doesn't need your vote to be elected, or if he can't win even with it, then your vote will go to your second choice (or third, or fourth, and so on).

When the total number of votes is known, "quotas" or the minimum number of votes necessary for election are established. For example, the City Council has nine members, hence the quota is one tenth of all votes cast plus one; thus, in 1963, when 31,968 ballots were cast for the Council, the quota was set at 3197.

The election clerks who count the ballots sort them in piles according to first-choice votes; that is, every candidate who wins a first-choice vote gets a little pile of his own. If, after the first counting, one or more candidates have reached their quotas, then they are declared elected and any ballots they have received in excess of their quotas are placed on the piles of the candidates marked as "Number 2" on the surplus ballots. The quota ballots of an "elected" candidate are retired and not disturbed again.

At the next count the candidate with the fewest ballots is declared defeated, and his ballots are redistributed to the second-choice candidates, indicated on them. This redistribution, of course, results in a new vote total for the remaining candidates, and if one should then reach his quota, he, too, is declared elected.

This process of elimination continues until finally there are only as many offices to be filled. Of course, it may take a week or even ten days before the final tally is complete and the candidates are officially elected.

The vote count is made in the basement of the Longfellow School; Cantabrigians come in droves to stand six-deep and watch the election clerks scurry from pile to pile.

Obviously you derive advantage from voting for a number of candidates, for your vote is more likely to count. The more candidates you select, the greater is the probability that one or more of them will be elected, while a voter who chooses only three candidates, for example, stands the chance of seeing all three defeated.

GARFIELD ST. EXCAVATION

At Garfield Street, a shaft is being sunk to a depth of 130 feet for construction of the Harvard Square to Porter Square tunnel.

Excavation has begun within a 30 by 80 foot area, bounded by steel beams (piles) and timber (lagging). Soil excavation will continue down to 70 feet. The remaining 60 feet is rock.

The piles and lagging provide support for the earth outside the shaft area dulled with an augering machine. This machine, with what looks like a large cork screw, drilled holes and then lowered the piles into the holes, where the piles were secured in place. This modern meth-
od was used here because it is less disruptive than the conventional method of pile driving, which involves the hammering of the piles into the ground. Once the piles are set, the timber lagging is secured vertically between them. In all, there is 34 piles outlining this shaft.

A crane with a large clam-shell is being used to excavate the soil. Incidentally, this crane was delivered directly from a factory in the Midwest to this site. It is quite powerful (capable of lifting 75 tons), and was custom-built for use in shaft operations. There are only three of its kind in existence.

Working with the crane is a "Menzi Mucker", a small earth moving machine with two wheels and two hydraulic legs for mobility. This is used to clean and trim the excavation while the clam excavates the muck (a term that refers to all materials excavated from a shaft). Additional lagging for earth support is set in place as excavation proceeds. To do this, timber planks are angled in between the piles at the base of the excavated area and are pushed up against the lagging already in place. Steel bracing then is installed inside the shaft to provide increased earth support.

This shaft at Garfield Street will provide ventilation for the tunnel and serve as an emergency egress when the Red Line extension is completed. Another vent and emergency shaft is being built down Massachusetts Avenue at Jarvis Street. Actually at that site, there will be two shafts - one each for the inbound and outbound tunnels. Work also is progressing there. Some utilities are being relocated, and piles are being augered for the construction of the shafts.

For more information about the Garfield site, call Jim McCarthy at the Red Line Development Office - 628-1825.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Agassiz resident of 6 years needs new apartment in neighborhood; would like 6 rooms under $250. Can either swap 5 room apartment for under $200 or discuss other arrangement. Call Joyce and leave message - 876-8438.


Brand New VW snow tires for sale. $50 for the pair. (What a deal!) Joyce 876-8438.
Your one and only chance this year to

REGISTER to

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in Cambridge
at the

handy, safe, convenient..... AGASSIZ SCHOOL
WEDS. OCT. 3
5 - 8 PM

You are eligible to vote if:

1 you will be 18 by Nov. 6, 1979
2 you are a U.S. citizen
3 you claim Cambridge as your home (it
doesn't matter how long you've
lived here)

4 For good measure, bring anything with
your current address on it (credit
card, I.D., driver's license,
even a letter addressed to you).

5 If you are registered but have moved
within Cambridge (or changed your
name), come Oct. 3 & register the change

If you care enough to live in Cambridge, then care enough to vote!

* CITY COUNCIL &
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
ELECTION NOV. 6.
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