AGASSIZ COMMUNITY EVENTS

SACRAMENTO STREET GALLERY, MAY OPENING: "ONCE UPON A CAMBRIDGE: PHOTOS AND PARAPHERNALIA", Friday, May 7, 8-10 p.m., 20 Sacramento Street.

AGASSIZ NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING, Wednesday, May 12, 8:00 p.m., in the Agassiz School library.

A DISCUSSION NIGHT ON ADOLESCENT SEXUALITY FOR UPPER-GRADE PARENTS, Thursday, May 20, 7:30 p.m. in the Agassiz Community Center, 20 Sacramento Street.

MAY RELEASE DAYS: May 13 and May 25. Half-day of school.

MAY 13 FILM AT PEAODY SCHOOL: The Phantom Toll Booth, 1:00, 50¢ per child.

AGASSIZ NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL NEWS

Notes from the April Council Meeting

The chairperson, Joel Bard, mentioned several items that had been proposed by the City administration:

- designating one out of every five new housing units as low-income housing.
- converting present street lights to sodium vapor lights, which are much brighter than existing lights.

Ann Marie Masiello reported on the Youth Program activities that are scheduled for the next few months. Over vacation, a dance for high school students as well as a dance for 6th-8th graders were held. At the end of May there will be a day-long orientation program to opportunities in female athletics to be held at the Lincoln School for anyone interested. Ann Marie said that interest and participation in her program is increasing and that help and suggestions would still be welcome.

Claire Olson from the Walnut Street Center spoke about her agency which provides residential services for mentally retarded adults in the Cambridge/Somerville area. The agency would like to purchase a building in this area with financing from the State Department of Community Affairs and the Cambridge Housing Authority. At this point, things are at a preliminary stage. If, however, a building is found, Claire will come to the Council meeting again to further explain the Walnut Street Center and its services.

Julie Osherson spoke about the playground workers that are hired by the Recreation Division for the summer months. In the past there has been some overlap with the Community School program, especially in this neighborhood. Also, there has been a question about who is supposed to supervise the recreation workers. Because the North Cambridge cluster has summer day camp programs for children 5 to 12 years old, it was suggested that the Recreation Division program focus more on the pre-teens and teenagers in order to make better use of existing staff and services. A letter with suggestions about possible activities, incentives, and supervision for the summer Recreation workers will be sent to the Recreation Division as was requested.

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The need for a neighborhood planning group was raised. Such a group had worked effectively several years ago on down-zoning parts of the neighborhood. At present, there are several locations that may be developed:

- Garfield St. MBTA site
- Sears, Newport Rd. area
- Lesley College, Harvard
- corner of Mass. Ave. and Forest St.

During the past two or three years there has been no group to stay on top of development plans and to report back to the Neighborhood Council. There is a strong need at this time to form such a group in order for community residents to have some impact on the development and changes proposed for this neighborhood. It was suggested that the neighborhood planning group consist of 8 to 10 members and represent tenants, property owners, and the different age groups that constitute the community.

A related issue was raised by a resident of the Everett Street building that the Housing Authority had tried to purchase in order to convert it to low-income housing. It was suggested that a list of recommendations be written up and presented to the Housing Authority as to how low-income housing could best be situated in this community. The group working on making recommendations on low-income housing could be a subcommittee of either the Council or the Planning Group.

Residents of the buildings near the school yard presented their concerns about the constant noise and disturbance resulting from people playing basketball and using the yard at all hours of the day and night. The need for some supervision in the play area was mentioned. A suggestion was made that hours for using the area be decided on, posted, and publicized in the Whistler. A letter to the Police Department will request help in enforcing a curfew on using the area and preventing disturbances there. The help of the Superintendent of Schools will also be enlisted by Allen Korb.

At was also decided to send letters to Kay Cox at Agassiz School and to administrators at Lesley College to ask that residents of buildings near the school and college be alerted to scheduled events that might create a disturbance.

THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE ON MAY 12th AT 8:00 p.m. Items on the agenda will include:

1. a visit from Karen Boatman to explain more about the Citywide Coordinating Committee's role in overseeing the Community and Youth Division of the DHSP.
2. a visit from Paul Blanchard from Lesley College to discuss the possible deputization of Lesley Security Guards.
3. More on the Neighborhood Planning Group and efforts to form a subcommittee to work on low-income housing in the Agassiz neighborhood.
4. Other neighborhood concerns.

NOTICE TO COMMUNITY BASKETBALL PLAYERS (AND PARENTS OF BASKETBALL PLAYERS): THE CONSTANT NOISE FROM BASKETBALL GAMES IN THE AGASSIZ SCHOOL YARD IS GETTING TO BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR THE RESIDENTS IN THE BUILDING NEXT TO THE SCHOOLYARD TO LISTEN TO DAY AND NIGHT.

PLEASE TRY TO LIMIT YOUR USE OF THE SCHOOL YARD FOR BASKETBALL TO M-SAT 10-6 AND SUN 12-6. THANK YOU!
SACRAMENTO STREET GALLERY
*** ANNOUNCEMENTS ***

Wanted: Gallery sitter for the month of May. Responsible, reliable person to 1) open the gallery, 2) greet visitors, and 3) lock up. 5 hours per week: Saturdays 1-4 p.m., Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m.. Salary $3/hour. Interest in art helpful. Good opportunity for a student or senior citizen. Call Wen-ti at 547-2965 or Nella at 547-5399.

Announcing a One-Day Open Art Show, Saturday, June 12, 12 to 4 p.m. - All people making art in the community are invited to participate. Bring up to 3 pieces (size permitting) between 10 a.m. and noon on the day of the show. Painting, sculpture, photography, etc. - all media welcome. Work should be mounted, wired, or otherwise ready for display. First come, first choice of space. Pick up work same day, 4-5 p.m. A small donation to cover the costs will be requested. Call Wen-ti at 547-2965 or Robin at 492-6633 for more information.

The Gallery invites all neighborhood artists to begin work on a GARDEN SHOW to be exhibited at the Gallery in the fall. The Community Gardens or any gardens are welcome subject matter. All media accepted. Maximum of 3 average-sized pieces per artist. Deadline for work is the first Saturday of September after school begins. For more information call Deborah Gould at 868-7555 or Nella Waters at 547-5399.

LOW-INCOME HOUSING IN AGASSIZ

housing in the Agassiz area. Hopefully the group would attempt to gain a sense of the community's views in regard to this issue so that it might propose a general policy statement to the Council for its debate, amendment, and ultimate approval.

The impetus behind attempting to formulate such a neighborhood-wide consensual policy stems from last year's abortive attempt by the Cambridge Housing Authority to convert the 11 Everett Street rent-controlled residences into public housing. At that time the CHA conducted itself rather secretively, and the Agassiz Community was caught off-guard - i.e. without a consensual policy - in addressing the issue when it finally did become public.

It is important to note that the entire 9 member Cambridge City Council is presently on record favoring that all neighborhoods participate in Cambridge's public housing program and recognizing that only the Agassiz and Brattle Street areas remain bereft of such housing to date.

Anyone interested in participating should contact Julie Osherson at 498-9056, afternoons, or appear in person at May's Council meeting where the public housing sub-group will be formalized.

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AGASSIZ NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING GROUP

At the April 14 meeting of the A.N. Council, a new committee was born - The Agassiz Neighborhood Planning Group. The Planning Group was created to bring interested residents together and provide a forum for discussion of miscellaneous land use issues of concern to the neighborhood. The group's immediate purpose is to solicit and provide neighborhood response to public or private development or land use plans for the neighborhood, but it also hopes to be able to generate ideas concerning land use, housing, open space, and neighborhood preservation, etc.

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AGASSIZ NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING GROUP, CONT.

Membership in the Planning Group is open to all interested community residents. As each issue arises, the committee would expect to reach out to members of the community who might be affected by or interested in a specific issue at hand. (For example, the committee is currently focusing its attention on the development plans for the Wicker Shop building on Mass. Ave. and new housing on Frost St.) However, the Council expressed the hope that a core membership of approximately 7-10 residents could be counted on to meet regularly and thereby assure constant community awareness in this important area. Ken Basler and Joel Bard have volunteered to provide a nucleus and to solicit further interest. Anyone interested should call Ken, days, at 498-9072 or Joel at 547-3210, or leave a message with Julie Osherson at 498-9056.

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COMMUNITY RESOURCES

THE NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of Cambridge is both a place for worship and a community center. It is the home of the Agassiz Community Children's School Preschool-Playgroup which uses the building five days a week from 8:30 to 2:30 p.m. The Playgroup is a parent-run cooperative with a staff of 3 full-time teachers and a parent administrator and approximately 30 children from ages of 2 to 5 years. It is also used five days a week as a meal site for the Cambridge-Somerville Hot Lunch Program.

A wide variety of other community groups make use of the building: Boy Scout Troup 2 on Monday nights, North Cambridge Senior Citizens Group on Wednesdays, and the North Church Thrift Shop on Wednesdays and Saturdays. At the present time, a new project called Mutual Aid for Senior Citizens has recently begun to use the church as well. From time to time there are special community events. The Church sponsors a Christmas Tree sale each December, the Church sponsors a Thanksgiving Day Dinner each year, and in the spring there are numerous concerts, dance recitals, pancake breakfasts, music classes and other activities. It is estimated that approximately three hundred people from the neighborhood make use of this building each week.

The Church has worship services at 11:15 every Sunday morning and a Sunday school. The congregation has currently undertaken a "shared ministry" with the Prospect Street Congregational Church in Central Square.

THE WINGS THERAPY COLLECTIVE is at 60 Sacramento Street. It is "an association of psychotherapists, politically committed to serving a diverse urban community of women, men, and children of all races in the context of their relationships and as individuals."

Their services include: private counseling sessions, workshops, seminars, consulting to agencies, schools and medical centers, supervision to professionals, and a referral service.

Members of the Wings Staff include: Ann Chronis, Bernadette Bryan McCaw, Joyce Pavao, Barbara Phillips, Carolyn Stack, and Eileen Zubrowski.

For more information, call 876-8438

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If you are part of an organization or service, which you think should be included in our NEW "COMMUNITY RESOURCE" column, drop off a description of it, by the third Friday of the month, at the Agassiz Community Center, 20 Sacramento St.
RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE TENNIS COURT

1. The use of the tennis court will be restricted to members of the Lesley Community, their guests and members of the Agassiz Community.

2. Anyone reserving the tennis court must show a current Lesley College ID or a driver's license or other identification proving they are affiliated with the College or the Agassiz Community before they will be allowed use of this court.

3. At least one member of any group playing tennis must be able to show the proper identification as outlined above or they may be requested to leave the tennis court.

4. Sign up sheets for reserving time on the tennis court will be maintained at the Security Office located in White Hall.

5. Playing time will be:
   
   Weekdays & Saturdays 8 A.M.- 8 P.M.
   Sundays & Holidays 9 A.M.- 8 P.M.

6. Reservations for playing time are restricted to one hour periods only starting on the hour.

WEEKDAYS:

7. Lesley Students who are involved in the Student Teaching Programs may reserve court time between 3-5 P.M. on the previous day for the following day.

8. All students may reserve court time between 8 A.M.- 10 A.M. for that day only.

9. Agassiz Community members may reserve court space on a daily basis after 10 A.M. of each day. They may phone the Security Office (547-2297) to check the court availability. No reservations may be accepted over the telephone.

WEEKEND & HOLIDAY RESERVATIONS:

10. Students can reserve the court for Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays playing until 8 P.M. on the previous day. (No reservations accepted by phone.)
    Agassiz Community members may reserve the court for Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays between 8 P.M. to 9 P.M. on the previous day. (No reservations accepted by phone.)

11. The gates of the court will be locked during the evenings and weekends when the court is not in use. The key will be available at the Security Office.
    The court will open on April 1st and close on November 30th (or the first snow fall).
A CELEBRATION OF LIFE!!!

JOIN THE MOTHER'S DAY ACTION FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT on SUNDAY, MAY 9th, from 2-4 p.m. on the BOSTON COMMON. Helen Caldicott will be the speaker. CALL 923-9544 for more info.

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COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS:

FOR RENT: July 10-24, August 1-15: 2 BR Cape Cod cottage in Dennisport. Fireplace, outside shower, sunporch; set in pine grove; a five-minute walk to semi-private beach. Warm water, nice sand, great swimming. Cottage is in densely populated cottage "colony" but cottage area has trees. Families or family groups preferred. References. Only those NOT into substance abuse, parties, and loud music should consider this. $400 for each 2-week period. For

CLASSIFIEDS, CONT.

more info, call Doug or Astrid at 354-6553.

SUMMER SUBLET ON EUSTIS STREET: June 15-Sept. 1; spacious 5 room, 3 BR apartment; furnished, with porch and yard; close to Lesley College, walking distance to Harvard Sq.; children welcome. $400/month. Call Barbara at 876-8438.

FITNESS CLASSES: morning and evening; group and individual sessions; Connie Keys, B.A. in dance, teacher at M.I.T. with Maggie Lettvin. Call 491-4857.

WANTED: we need furniture for the AGASSIZ COMMUNITY CENTER - comfortable chairs, a couch, one or two lamps. If you would like to sell or donate any of these to the Center, please call Julie at 498-9056, afternoons.

TEENS STILL NEEDED FOR OUTBACK: If you are between 9th & 12th grade and want to work in our summer camp, call Julie at 498-9056 IMMEDIATELY!