COMMUNITY NOTICES

SACRAMENTO STREET GALLERY - OCTOBER SHOW: OUR GARDENS. Opening: Friday, October 1, 8-10 p.m., 20 Sacramento St. (see article).

LESLEY COLLEGE BIG SISTER OPEN HOUSE, Sunday, October 3, 2-6 p.m., Bouma House, 34 Wendell St. (see article).

AGASSIZ P.T.A. OPEN HOUSE, Thursday, October 7, 7-9:30 p.m., in the Agassiz School gym.

AGASSIZ NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING, Wednesday, October 13, 8-10 p.m., in the Agassiz School library.

AGASSIZ NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING GROUP MEETING, Wednesday, October 20, 8 p.m. at the Agassiz Community Center, 20 Sacramento St.

OCTOBER RELEASE DAY - Tuesday, October 19. School closes at 12:30. After-School Activities (K-4), Child Care Program open 12:30-6:00. No After-School Courses (4th-8th).

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AGASSIZ COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWS

AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (4th-8th)

Here is a schedule of the 4th-8th grade courses for our fall term. The term begins October 12 and runs through December 17th. All courses are open to 4th-8th graders, except where specified.

MONDAYS

MIME plus! 2:30-3:30
Learn this beautiful silent dramatic art! There will be some special classes in juggling and circus arts as well. Teacher: Laura Sheppard (MIME)

MIME, Cont.
Location: Agassiz Community Center, 2nd Floor
Cost: $12.00
First Class: October 18

PIANO LESSONS IN TWOS 2:30-5:30
2 students per class - sign up with a friend! Half hour classes.
Teacher: Marilyn Schugar
Location: Mrs. Paddock’s room, Agassiz School
Cost: $5.00 per lesson (please pay for October lessons when you register)
First Classes: October 18

TUESDAYS

CALLIGRAPHY I (beginners) 2:45-3:45
Learn beautiful lettering; make cards, bookmarks, signs, gifts!
Teacher: Penny Kleespies
Location: Agassiz School, Science Room
Cost: $12.00
First Class: October 12.

CALLIGRAPHY II 3:45-4:45
Teacher: Penny Kleespies
Location: Agassiz School, Science Room
Cost: $12.00
First Class: October 12.

WEDNESDAYS

IMPROVISATIONAL THEATER 2:30-3:30
Theater games, skits, inventing scenes, improvisation.
Teacher: Geraldine Guardino (from ARTICULTURE)
Location: Agassiz Community Center, 2nd Floor
Cost: $12.00
First Class: October 13.

DRAWING IN MIXED MEDIA 3:45-4:45
Charcoal, pencil, pen and ink, and more!
Teacher: June Samourian
Location: Agassiz School, Science Room
Cost: $12.00
First Class: October 13.

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THURSDAYS

SEWING HALLOWEEN COSTUMES AND HOLIDAY GIFTS - Invent a truly wild costume! Make pillows, stuffed animals, other holiday gifts!
Teachers: Deborah Emmons and Marie Manduca
Location: Agassiz School, Science Room
Cost: $12.00
First Class: October 14
Class limit: 7

CERAMICS 3:45-4:45
Make pinch pots, wind chimes, mirrors, boxes; slab and coil building; glazing and firing.
Teacher: June Samourian
Location: Agassiz Community Center, basement.
Cost: $12.00
First Class: October 14.

FRIDAYS

THE CITY ROAM! (4th-6th graders) 2:30-4:30
Kids will go on adventures in the Cambridge-Boston area on foot and on public transportation. Kids and staff will choose where to go from week to week. (We will pay for transportation).
Leader: Juliette Rougney
Meeting Place: Agassiz Community Center
Cost: $12.00
First Roam: October 15.

TO REGISTER FOR THESE COURSES, bring the registration form at the back of this WHISTLER, along with payment in full, to the Agassiz Community School Office (20 Sacramento St.) between 2:30 and 5:30, OCTOBER 4-8. It is important to register early because class sizes are limited, and we register on a first come, first serve basis. THIS YEAR THERE WILL BE NO COURSES ON RELEASE DAYS (as well as holidays and snow days). Please make all checks payable to the Agassiz Community School. For more information call Julie at 498-9056, Mon-Fri between 2:30 and 5:30 p.m.

CHECK-IN PROGRAM, Cont.

there are issues of liability and individual responsibility still to be worked out. This is a program which would offer 4th-6th graders a place to be and a person who knows their whereabouts between 2:30 and 5:30 on a given day. Kids who are signed up would be required to check in with the "Check-In Coordinator" every day at 2:30 and out at 5:30. In between these times, each child would make a plan with the Coordinator for that afternoon. Options might include: attending one of the after-school courses, hanging out with the Coordinator in the Check-In space (playing games or drawing or doing homework, etc.), going to the Tot Lot or Sacramento Field, or actually going in a group with the Coordinator somewhere such as the ice cream store on Mass. Ave. These options would provide kids with a combination of supervised and unsupervised time as well as with a distinct home base for that afternoon.

We will continue to explore the possibility of implementing this program and will keep interested parents posted on our progress.
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BROWNIES AND JUNIOR GIRL SCOUTS

We are still in search of leaders and will notify kids and parents as soon as we have found leaders and are ready to set up our Agassiz troops for this year.
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SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES

The Agassiz and Peabody Neighborhood Councils will be offering the following activities for seniors this fall:

CALLIGRAPHY MONDAYS 10-11:15 a.m.
Learn the elegant "hands" of calligraphy to make beautiful cards, gifts, stationary.
Teacher: Penny Kleespies
Dates: October 18-November 15 (5 classes)
Cost: $5.00
Location: 24 Shepherd St., Cambridge.

EMBROIDERY MONDAYS 1-2:15 p.m.
Learn the basic stitches, color values,
EMBROIDERY for Seniors, Cont.

and materials in addition to the history of crewel. You are welcome to bring any unfinished pieces of work you may want help with, as well.

Teacher: Penny Kleespies
Dates: October 18-November 15 (5 classes)
Cost: $5.00
Location: 24 Shepherd St., Cambridge.

TO REGISTER FOR THESE COURSES, please come by the Agassiz Community Center, 20 Sacramento St., (or the Peabody Community School), to fill out a registration form and pay for the course. Flyers with registration forms will also be available in the parlor of the North Congregational Church. These may be filled out and mailed to Julie Osherson, Agassiz Community Center, 20 Sacramento St., Cambridge, Ma. 02138. Checks should be made out to Agassiz Community School.

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: October 13
For more information, call Julie at 498-9056 or Mary Ellen at 498-9065.

MONTHLY BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS - These will be held on the last Thursday of each month at the North Congregational Church (corner of Mass. Ave. and Roseland St.), during lunchtime. This is a service provided by the Harvard Community Health Plan. Please call the church to find out the exact time.

SENIOR EXERCISE CLASSES - We do not yet have a teacher for this year's classes at the North Congregational Church (Fri. 10-11 a.m.). As soon as we do, we will schedule the classes and advertise through flyers and the Cambridge Chronicle.

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ADULT VOLLEYBALL - Thursday night volleyball in the Peabody School gym begins on Thursday, September 23rd. The hours are 8:00-9:25 p.m. This year there will be a nightly admission fee of .50¢ per person to help offset the cost of keeping the building open in the evening. We would appreciate it if players would cooperate and leave promptly at 9:25 (The building permit requires that the building be locked at 9:30 sharp). Thank you very much.

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AGASSIZ NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL NEWS

The September meeting was held on the 15th and was a joint meeting of the Neighborhood Council and the Agassiz Neighborhood Planning Group. Dennis Carlone, an urban planner who consulted for the City, reported on strategies developed for Lesley College and the Agassiz community to work together in ways that meet the needs of both communities. This was a long-range report with no immediate, concrete next steps. Any next steps in this planning process, however, would involve meetings between representatives of the two communities.

Mr. Carlone mentioned that Cambridge is working on developing a system to monitor the development of institutions and their effects on surrounding neighborhoods. He felt that an area that required attention and future planning was the large parking lot on the corner of Hammond and Oxford Streets since Harvard University, which owns that property, can develop it without restrictions at this time.

An update on the down-zoning petition for the area bounded by Sacramento St., Oxford St., Roseland St., and Mass. Ave. was given. The City Planning Board modified the plan to include a C-1A area as well as the B zoning. The C-1A zone would allow for considerably denser and higher housing than the B zone. The City Council needs to pass the bill in order for the zoning changes to take place. Contact with City Councilors will be made to let them know of neighborhood support for the downzoning plan.

The Agassiz Neighborhood Planning Group reported on the need for a comprehensive approach to development along both sides of Mass. Ave. Regular meetings of the Group will take place on the third Wednesday of each month at 8 p.m. in either the library at the Agassiz School or the Community Center at 20 Sacramento St. (see October Community Calendar listing)

Julie Osherson reviewed the Community School Programs planned for Agassiz for this fall. She reported that a Youth Specialist will soon be reinstated to work with teens in the Agassiz and Lincoln neighborhoods. Other programs and activities include:

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NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL NEWS, Cont.

- After-School Child Care Program (31 children).
- After-School Activities Program for K-4th Graders (with 60 children).
- After-School Programs for 4th-8th Graders to begin in October.
- 7th and 8th Grade clubs to be developed.
- Evening exercise classes for adults.
- Other adult course offerings through the Community Center.
- Courses and trips for senior citizens.
- A Big Sister Program sponsored in conjunction with Lesley College.
- "Adolescent Issues" programs offered in the upper grades of the Agassiz School (and developed by Community School, Agassiz School staff, parents, and community resource people cooperatively).
- Support groups for parents of adolescents
- Workshops for parents on social issues such as sexism, racism, etc.
(For more information on any of these items, feel free to call Julie at 498-9056).

Julie stressed that with additional budget cuts coming in the forseeable future, it is essential to have a strong Neighborhood Council as well as consistent representation at the City-Wide Coordinating Committee of Neighborhood Councils. Please call Julie if you would like to represent Agassiz at "CCC" meetings.

Other issues of community interest which were discussed include:

- Lesley College has started a program to give paraprofessional training to young adults with learning disabilities. The program will prepare the students to work in such positions as teachers' aides, working with preschool children or the elderly.

- There are trees available for purchase by individuals, institutions, and businesses through the City's Public Planting Committee. The Agassiz Council has started a Plant-a-Tree-a-Year program to be paid for by Neighborhood Council funds.

- A petition is being circulated to get better bus service on Mass. Ave. The Senior Citizens Mutual Aid Group at the North Congregational Church is taking the initiative in this matter. If you would like to help or at least sign the petition, call Julie at 498-9056, and she can put you in touch with the group.

THE NEXT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, AT 8 P.M. IN THE AGASSIZ SCHOOL LIBRARY. Items on the agenda will include:

1. An update on planned renovations of the Agassiz Community Center.

2. A visit and presentation by Ned Casey from the City's Office on Cable T.V.

3. A Planning Group update.


AND MORE! TRY TO MAKE IT. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

LESLEY COLLEGE BIG SISTER PROGRAM

Lesley College has chartered a dorm on Wendell St. (Bouma House) to become a Big Sister House, starting this fall. The students plan to offer students at the Agassiz School in grades 3 through 6 the opportunity to have a Big Sister for the coming year. Big Sisters will spend time with their Little Sisters or Brothers on a weekly basis, including individual visits and activities and group field trips and events on weekends. Julie Osherson, Agassiz Community School Coordinator, and Linda Brion-Meisels, Lesley faculty member and member of the Agassiz community, will serve as advisors to the Lesley group.

On Sunday, October 3rd, there will be an Open House at Bouma House for all interested Agassiz students and their families (grades 3-6) from 2-6 p.m. The Lesley students are excited to be offering this program to Agassiz students and hope to see lots of you there!

AGASSIZ COMMUNITY SCHOOL PHONE: 498-9056
SACRAMENTO STREET GALLERY NEWS

OUR GARDENS is an exhibit of drawings, photographs, prints, sculpture and poetry about the fruits and labors of gardening. It includes a continuous slide show of many gardens in the Agassiz neighborhood. Come and see if your garden is represented!

Opening: October 1st, 8-10 p.m.;
continuing through the month: Sat. and Sun. 1-4 p.m. and Wednesdays 6-8 p.m.

WORK YOUR BODY CLASSES

Presently Liz Simons is running three weekly aerobic exercise classes in the Agassiz School gym: Mon. 6-7, Weds. 6-7, and Sat. 3:30-4:30. As these classes are almost full, she is now taking registrations for a second class on Wednesday evenings, which will run from 7-8 p.m. Please call Liz at 491-8142 if you'd like to sign up for this class. The cost is $3.00 per class, payable in 10 week sessions.

MOVEMENT AND MUSICIANSHIP CLASSES FOR ADULTS (Dalcroze Eurhythmics)

Pick up your feet and open your ears! Movement and music belong together. This class will develop a physical sense of rhythm and melody through a variety of active music/movement games based on the eurhythmics of Jauche Dalcroze. Participants will be clapping, stepping, singing, dancing and improvising. The physical (kinesthetic) experience reinforces and supports the listening activity. This simultaneously builds musical listening skills and movement awareness. Put it all together and you have a lively approach to valuable learning!

Teacher: Martha Rogers
Time: Mondays; October 18-Dec. 6 (8 classes); 7:30-8:30 p.m.
Place: Agassiz School gym.
Cost: $40/series

TO REGISTER, call Martha Rogers at 776-7406 or mail registrations and make checks payable to:

Martha Rogers
70 Central St.
Somerville, Ma. 02143

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: October 13.

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COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

Parent Co-op Playgroup - I have a two-year old son and would like to find parents of five other two-year-olds (or 2 1/2 year-olds) to start a co-op playgroup three mornings a week in the Agassiz/Porter Square neighborhood. The group would meet in each other's homes with two parents in charge each morning. I would like to structure it like a nursery school with times set aside each morning for a special craft activity, snack and story. If you are interested, please call Devon Davidson at 661-9323.

Carpentry - Quality workmanship, fair prices, reliable structures. Call Jack DeMuth at 497-9458.

Recycled Items needed for Agassiz Community School programs - If you are cleaning house and would like to get rid of any of the following items, please donate them to the Community School programs. You can enrich all our programs with:

- COOKING UTENSILS OF ALL KINDS (pots, cookie sheets, old frying pans, bowls, whisks, measuring spoons or cups, muffin tins, etc.)
- FABRIC SCRAPS (large enough to sew small items like pillows or little bags)
- PAPER (all sizes and shapes for drawing and other art projects)
- BUTTONS, BEADS, LITTLE BOXES
- DRESS-UP CLOTHES

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AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES FOR 4th-8th
REGISTRATION FORM

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Please check courses you wish to register for:

- **MONDAYS**
  - **MIME Plus** 2:30-3:30 $12.00
  - **PIANO LESSONS** 2:30-5:30 $5.00 ea. (specify time on the half hour)
- **TUESDAYS**
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  - **CERAMICS** 3:45-4:45 $12.00
- **FRIDAYS**
  - **CITY ROAM** 2:30-4:30 $12.00

Please check here if you would be interested in joining a Junior Girl Scout Troop: ________

Please check here if you are still interested in our proposed Check-In Program: ________

Parent Signature ___________________________ Date ______________________

Payment enclosed in the amount of _________ (Make all checks payable to Agassiz Community School. Thank you.)