COMMUNITY CALENDAR

A FORUM ON EDUCATION, Nov. 4, 7:15 p.m., Central Square Branch Library, 45 Pearl St. (see article)

AGASSIZ NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING, Weds., Nov. 10, 8:00 p.m. in the Agassiz School library.

AGASSIZ COMMUNITY GARDENS: COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP AND DEADLINE FOR INDIVIDUAL GARDEN CLEAN-UP, Sun., November 14, 12-3 p.m.

AGASSIZ NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING GROUP MEETING, Tues., Nov. 16, 8:00 p.m. in the Agassiz Community Center.

SACRAMENTO STREET GALLERY: A SHOW OF ABSTRACT AND FIGURATIVE PAINTINGS by Kadri Escobar and Bob Brattvet. Opening: Friday, Nov. 19, 8-10 p.m. Show runs through December 12. Gallery hours: Sat. & Sun. 1-4 p.m., Weds. 6-8 p.m.

AGASSIZ COMMUNITY ANNUAL THANKSGIVING POT LUCK FEAST! Tuesday, November 23, 6:30-9:00 p.m. in the Agassiz School gym.

NOVEMBER RELEASE DAY - Weds., Nov. 17th. School closes at 12:30. Activities K-4 and After-School Child Care open until 6:00. NO ACTIVITIES 4-8 COURSES.

THANKSGIVING BREAK - Wednesday, Nov. 24 (12:30) - Sunday, Nov. 28.

AGASSIZ COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWS

The next 10-week term of the Activities Program (K-4th) will begin on November 22nd. Parents of all children presently enrolled in the program will receive bills for this term during the week of Nov. 8-12. Payment is due before Nov. 22nd. Also, parents wishing to change, add or subtract days MUST DO SO before Nov. 22nd as well. We have a waiting list for every afternoon, so please be sure to notify us if at anytime you drop an afternoon from your schedule. (The weekly schedule of planned activities will remain the same for this coming term.)

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AGASSIZ COMMUNITY SCHOOL HOSTS ITS ANNUAL THANKSGIVING POT-LUCK FEAST!

On Tuesday, November 23, we will have our annual pot-luck feast in the Agassiz gym! Everyone in the neighborhood is invited and should bring a dish which will feed her/his own group plus 6-8 more. Vegetables, salads, breads, desserts, and beverages such as cider or lemonade are all welcome. Also, we will be distributing 10 turkeys to people who would like to cook them and bring them as their donation to the dinner. If you would like to cook a turkey, please fill out the little slip below and mail it to Julie Osherson, Agassiz Community Center, 20 Sacramento St., Cambridge, Ma. 02138 as soon as possible.

PLEASE remember to bring labelled serving utensils and carving knives with your dishes; and come as close to 6:30 as possible. Food will be served until it runs out! SEE YOU THERE! Call Julie at 498-9056 for more information.

______Yes, I'll cook a turkey. You can bring it to my house at ____ (time) on Monday, Nov. 22nd.
NAME____________________ PHONE________
ADDRESS____________________
AGASSIZ NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Due to a limited turnout of neighborhood people at the October Council meeting, items from that meeting will be moved to the November meeting.

As you can see from this page, one important item on the agenda will be a presentation by Ned Casey from the City Cable T.V. Office on the future possibilities of cable t.v. in Cambridge.

Other items on the agenda will include:

1. A concerned resident would like to discuss street and traffic safety in the Agassiz neighborhood. Of particular concern are: the corner of Oxford and Beacon Streets, the corner of Oxford and Forest Streets, and the stretch of Oxford Street in front of the Agassiz School.

2. A discussion of the future of the Sacramento Street Gallery (which is housed in the Agassiz Community Center). The present Gallery committee is undergoing major changes in membership and it seems like an important time to get community input concerning the future shape and scope of the Gallery.

3. A discussion about the Citywide Coordinating Committee of the Department of Human Service Programs: what its function is and why this neighborhood must have Council representation on this committee.

REMEMBER, THE MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, NOV. 10, 8:00 p.m. IN THE AGASSIZ SCHOOL LIBRARY.
AGASSIZ DOWN-ZONING PETITION PASSES!

At the City Council meeting on October 19, 1982, the area shown on the map below was changed from a Residence C1 to a Residence B zone by a vote of 7 to 1. This means that the area is now defined as one of two-family dwellings, and new construction would have to be in keeping with the present zoning. The effect will be to keep the neighborhood from becoming more dense and to maintain what open space there is.

The seven votes cast in favor of the down-zoning petition reflect the fact that many neighborhood residents supported the down-zoning effort, circulated petitions, and got in touch with City Councillors to make their feelings known. The support of Mayor Vellucci and City Councillors Daniel Clinton, Thomas Danehy, Frank Duehay, Leonard Russell, David Sullivan, and David Wylie is much appreciated by community residents. (Saundra Graham was absent but had favored the petition.)

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AGASSIZ NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING GROUP

The Planning Group meet on October 20, 1982. The first item on the agenda was enjoyment of the fact that the Down-Zoning Petition was passed by the City Council.

Then, Kathy Spiegelman, the Assistant City Manager for Community Development, reviewed the zoning of Mass. Ave. between Harvard and Porter Squares. Ms. Spiegelman was informative and helpful in suggesting methods and resources for gathering further information. Although staff of the Community Development Department is very limited, Ms. Spiegelman said she would attempt to have some department personnel work with the Agassiz Planning Group. Discussion ensued of what people would like to see or not see on Mass. Ave. now
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that the Red Line is imminent. There was also some discussion of what a community could do to influence the commercial development on its periphery. Since this is a major issue for the Planning Group, this topic will be addressed again at the November 16 meeting.

City Councillor Frank Duehay joined the meeting and suggested outreach activities that would enable the neighborhood to improve the quality of city services. Methods of increasing participation in the Planning Group will be further discussed at the next meeting.

Please note that the next Planning Group Meeting will be on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16th at 8:00 p.m. in the Agassiz Community Center. Bob Campbell from the Mid-Cambridge area will join us to update the committee on the progress of the Neighborhood Conservation District in Mid-Cambridge. Outreach and Mass. Ave. development will also be on the agenda. SEE YOU THERE!

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THE AGASSIZ COMMUNITY CENTER GETS A FACE LIFT!

After some fruitful negotiations between the Harvard Real Estate Office and the Agassiz Neighborhood Council, the Agassiz Community Center at 20 Sacramento Street is undergoing extensive, external renovations. We already have a new roof over our heads. In the weeks to come, carpenters will replace clapboards, gutters, back doors, and rotting porch parts. Painters will paint both the Center and the barn behind it, and finally, all the windows will be fitted with working storm windows and screens.

Our special thanks go to Sally Zeckhauser, President of Harvard Real Estate, for responding to our demands for greater attention to the building. All that has been done is being done to the building, is being accomplished with minimum inconvenience to programs and services being offered within the building and at a most reasonable cost to the Community Center. The Agassiz community will definitely be the beneficiary of the Community Center's beautification.

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AGASSIZ COMMUNITY GARDENS - IMPORTANT NOTICE!

We are coming to the close of another gardening season. The Community Gardens need attention at this time of year, just as any other garden does. A group of concerned gardeners met in October and drew up some guidelines and deadlines for fall garden care which will be in the mail to all Community gardeners by the time you receive this Whistler.

Because it was the committee's feeling that many Community gardens were severely neglected this year, resulting in more weeds and insects in everyone's gardens, a DEADLINE OF NOVEMBER 14th was established for cleaning and turning gardens. ON NOVEMBER 15, ANY GARDEN WHICH HAS NOT BEEN CLEANED AND TURNED WILL REVERT TO THE LOTTERY FOR NEW OWNERSHIP IN THE SPRING.

It was felt that this rather severe deadline would elicit the care and commitment to these gardens that they so sorely need. There are always people waiting for gardens, so it seems only fair that gardens remain in the hands of willing and enthusiastic gardeners.

November 14th will be the day for an overall community clean-up of the garden. Why not come and work on your garden as well as the overall space on that day!

FORUM ON EDUCATION

A Forum on Education, sponsored by the Cambridge Civic Association,
will be held Thursday, Nov. 4th at 7:15 at the Central Square Branch Library, 45 Pearl St. Come hear a panel discussion about "What Makes An Effective Elementary School?" Panelists will include:

Chuck Christensen, Principal, East Junior High School, Arlington.

Ken Haskins, former Principal, Morgan Community School, Washington, D.C.; former President, Roxbury Community College; currently Director, Field Experience Program, Harvard Graduate School of Education.

Barbara Jackson, Principal, Trotter School, Roxbury, Ma.

Mary Lou McGrath, Director, Elementary Education, Cambridge.

Moderator: David Hagstrom, former Principal, Willard School, Evanston, Ill.; currently Principal Center, Harvard Graduate School of Education.

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"LEARNING TO UNWIND" COURSE TO BE OFFERED AT AGASSIZ COMMUNITY CENTER

Joel Grossman, relaxation therapist and director of Stress Management Systems of Newburyport, will instruct this course. In it, individuals will learn how to deal with stressful situations before they develop, reduce tensions as they occur, and release tensions after they have taken root. This course also explains how tensions and relaxation affect people physically and emotionally. Each participant will be assisted in designing a personal relaxation program.

The classes will last 2½ hours and will meet on Nov. 22 and 29 and on Dec. 6th. Cost of the course is $55.00. For more information or to register, call Joel Grossman at 462-9245 or Holistic Family Practice at 465-9770.

JOEL WILL HOLD AN OPEN HOUSE AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER ON MONDAY, NOV. 8th FROM 8-9 P.M. Come learn about Joel and about his courses in Stress Management and Humor and Creativity.

HUMOR & CREATIVITY WORKSHOP AT AGASSIZ COMMUNITY CENTER

Joel will also be leading a weekend workshop called "LIGHTENING YOUR LOAD: Through Humor and Creativity" on November 20 & 21 from 9:30-6:00 each day. The cost will be $80.00; limited to 9 participants.

This workshop will provide an opportunity to identify feelings that you would like to lighten up, and to create humorous forms of expression to do so. Time will be spent on helping participants open to their humor and creativity, which many of us have lost touch with. A safe, supportive environment to lighten the load of performance fears will be established. To register, call Joel at 462-9245 (in Newburyport).

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COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

Babysitting - 12 year old boy wants babysitting jobs (afternoons, school nights until 9:30, weekends until 12 p.m.). I like to play with kids and I am responsible. References. Please call Dylan Jones, 491-4684.

French Tutoring - individual and small group translations; by native French teacher. Call Michele at 492-3743. I'm also interested in starting a French folk song group.

Professional Typist - Experienced. Neighborhood and University references. Call Victoria at 492-2708.

Flute Lessons - Experienced teacher and performer holds degree in music education. All ages; beginners through advanced. Call Carol at 254-4264, evenings.

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AGASSIZ COMMUNITY SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS 2:00-5:30 p.m. Mon-Fr.

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