ANC News

Notes from the 3/26 ANC Meeting

Our guest, Terry Lurie from Cambridge Housing Authority, was scheduled to speak to the community on the soon to be constructed affordable housing at Garfield St. However, she did not have the final drawings as anticipated, so the meeting was canceled. The work is still scheduled, and she will be back sometime in April. Please call the council at 349-6287 if you do not receive mailings on the Garfield St. housing, and you will be notified when she does return to the council.

Information on April 23 Meeting

Steve White from the Department of Public Works will discuss the upcoming sewer construction work to be done on Sacramento St. from Oxford to Mass. Ave., scheduled to begin in late spring. That is one small parcel of the upcoming major sewer work that will greatly effect Oxford St. as well as most other neighborhood streets. Steve will also discuss the process for planning the rest of the sewer reconstruction, scheduled to begin next year.

Terry Lurie from the Cambridge Housing Authority will present the information on Garfield St. housing originally scheduled for the March 26 meeting. She will present final plans for the construction scheduled to begin in late spring.

The ANC Board Slate will be presented for the May election.

ANNUAL MEETING MAY 21

The ANC Annual Meeting will be held on May 21. Neighbors who did not get to the big open house in October will again have an opportunity to see the Agassiz School, now with its new stained glass windows installed.

Board and officers will be elected, and a reception will follow business.

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Newsletter of the Agassiz Neighborhood Council

BEWARE FALSE COOKIE AND CANDY SELLERS

ABCD, in a press release, has advised the community that they do not engage in any direct street or door-to-door selling campaigns for fund raising purposes. Most funds come from federal and state government and private sources.

ABCD warns residents not to open their doors for persons attempting to sell goods under the guise of being ABCD employees. If this does happen, call the police immediately.

Bogus Door-to-Door Fund-raising

Beware of boys selling candy door-to-door. During the last several weeks, Cambridge residents have been approached by school age kids "raising money for ABCD" by selling inexpensive boxed candy. Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD), Boston's anti-poverty agency that runs Head Start, the Urban college Programs and a host of other services, does not engage in direct street or door-to-door selling campaigns.

"We've gotten calls from people in Allston/Brighton and Somerville, as well as Cambridge and are very concerned," says Gail Jackson of ABCD. "In some cases, kids were pushing their way into the homes of elderly people."

This problem came to the attention of one Agassiz resident who was trusting enough to open her door, but suspicious enough to write a check—pay in cash—and to call ABCD to inquire. An alert mailman found the trash, abandoned check (useless to the bogus fund-raiser) on Wendell St. and returned it to the signee.

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APRIL

Council Meeting

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

7:30 P.M.

Agassiz School Cafeteria
28 Sacramento St. Entrance

AGENDA:
7:30 Steve White, Cambridge DPW, will discuss Sacramento St. and future Sewer Reconstruction.
8:30 Terry Lurie, Cambridge Housing Authority, will discuss Garfield St. housing construction.
ANC Board Candidates Announced

The Nominating Committee has announced the Slate of Nominees for election to the Agassiz Neighborhood Council Board in May. This slate will be announced at the April 23 ANC meeting as well.

Directors for two year terms:
Fred Levy
Kathleen Manion
Sal Saganese
Joan Squeri
Fred Willey
Eustis Street
Newport Road
Mass. Ave.
Green St.
Sacramento St.

Officers for one year terms:
Janet Rustow
Joan Squeri
Fred Levy
Sue Bergin
Chairperson
Vice Chairperson
Treasurer
Secretary

Street Cleaning Alert

Don't get ticketed and towed. The first EVEN side street sweeping in the Agassiz neighborhood will be Tuesday April 16. Because it is the day after Patriot's Day and during school vacation week, it can be easily overlooked, so mark your calendar now. The first ODD side sweep can't be done on the third Monday because it is a holiday, so the DPW has very kindly consented to sweep the odd side on the fifth Monday, April 29. Please be alert and move your car to the non-sweep side before 7 a.m.

Traffic and Transportation

Thank you to the many residents who took the time to respond to and return the traffic survey. They are still coming in, and all will be forwarded to the Traffic Committee. Look in the next Whistler for an update, or call the council at 349-6287 to receive a survey.

City Wide

Library Expansion

The Cambridge City Council passed a recent resolution which authorized a grant to fund the expansion at the current site of the main library, estimated at a cost of $25 million.

In order to address the public concern, it was agreed to form a city wide subcommittee to review the proposed program and design. The advisory committee will be chaired by a Cambridge resident with residents, school and city officials as members.

Lead Safe Cambridge

Lead Safe Cambridge is working to combat lead poisoning which remains the number one environmental health threat to children in the US. Children contract lead poisoning through eating paint chips or ingesting the fine dust from lead based paint in older homes.

Lead paint must be removed, and Lead Safe Cambridge can help you do it through:
• Deferred forgivable loans for lead paint removal
• Assistance with lead inspections and abatements
• Temporary relocation during apartment deleading
• Blood testing and medical follow up for small children
• Educational materials
For more information call 349-LEAD.

Recycling

Awards

The Cambridge Advisory Committee on Environmentally Desirable Practices and the City of Cambridge are holding an Annual Awards Ceremony on Thursday April 25 in the Sullivan Chambers, City Hall at 3:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

These awards will honor Cambridge businesses and residents for their excellence in recycling, waste reduction and reuse in the workplace, classroom and home.

General Information

• Junk mail is being picked up now. Apartments: leave it in the “paper” bin, curbside: leave it in paper bags.
• Call 349-4600 if you need a blue recycling bin. It will be delivered.
• You can pick up free compost/wood chip from April-October. They can be picked up at the Drop-off center, 147 Hampshire St., open Tuesday and Thursday 4:30-6:30 p.m., Saturday 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
• Do you want to compost? Call 661-9230.

And a Reminder

A neighbor has requested us to remind neighbors to reduce the amount of recycling material that blows around by 1), crushing #2 plastic bottles, particularly gallon ones, and 2), putting newspapers inside bags, not out on the curb loose.
Porter Square News
Porter Square Neighbors Association

The Porter Square Neighbors Association meets on the third Thursday of the month from 7-9 p.m. in the Metropolitan Baptist Church, 16 Beech St. (corner of Beech and Orchard). The next meeting will be on April 18.

This group is currently working on several issues that will have a major impact on the Agassiz neighborhood including the renovations at Porter Square Shopping Center. If you are interested in the association's work, you can contact Paul Myers at 547-2531. You can also reach them by Email: psna@users.channel1.com or at their new World Wide Web site: 
http://www.channel1.com/users/psna/

Star Market Seeks Advisory Committee

The Porter Square Star Market is looking for interested neighbors to serve on an advisory committee for the Porter Square store renovations and general issues related to the Porter Square Star Market. Any interested Agassiz residents should call the store manager, Mr. Duran at the Porter Square Star Market.

Crossing Guards Wanted

The Cambridge Police Department is looking for school crossing supervisors. The primary duty is the protection of children from traffic while crossing streets to and from school. Pay is $10.50 per hour, 2-3 hours per day, paid monthly. Call City Hall at 349-4332 for an application.

Agassiz Public School News

Events Honor Maria Baldwin and Nancy O'Neil

On March 29, an all school assembly honored Maria Baldwin with the unveiling of a plaque in her honor, which has been attached to the outside wall of the Agassiz School. This plaque is part of the African American Historic Marker Series in Cambridge, a project of the Cambridge African American History Committee and the Cambridge Historical Commission. Miss Baldwin's picture is on the plaque as is a detailed biography.

The original plaque dedicating the assembly hall in Miss Baldwin's honor after her death in 1922 was again re-dedicated. The new library is a replication in spirit of the old Baldwin Hall, including original paneling, arches and other architectural features, and the original plaque will be placed in the new library.

Also honored was artist Nancy O'Neill of Kezar Falls, Maine. She created the beautiful stained glass windows that were recently installed in the Agassiz School as part of the Cambridge Art Council's Percent for Art Program.

At 7:30 p.m. that evening, Nancy presented a slide show on the development of the windows. A reception followed her presentation.

The stained glass windows are made of mouth blown European glass. They are filled with photo-silk-screened patterns, maps, photos and text. They also contain hand painted creatures and sandblasted elements. All pigments are fired into the glass at 1275 degrees and are permanent.

The windows all have three major design elements: a kaleidoscopic central circle, a background area filled with words, and a top and bottom border. For each window, the kaleidoscope pattern has different images. The border motifs also are unique for each window, but the background areas are all covered with the same words.

The windows are about the natural and cultural history of Cambridge and the Agassiz School. They are also about that rich cultural diversity of the community. The words that are printed on the backgrounds of each panel are "HOPE", "DREAM", and "IMAGINE" written in the languages and handwriting of Agassiz children.

There is a descriptive key to each window available at the Agassiz School. To receive these notes on the windows, call the ANC at 349-6287.

Freedom Supper

Themes of freedom and diversity will fill the air on Saturday April 27 during the Agassiz School's FAMILY FREEDOM SUPPER. The Freedom Supper celebrates the many traditions of freedom and struggle among Agassiz School's cultures. The event is part of a year-long celebration of diversity, with a special focus on the contributions of community leaders like Maria Baldwin - whose role as Agassiz's principal at the start of the century was honored at a special dedication on March 29.

The FREEDOM SUPPER (from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the school) will feature a multi-cultural potluck meal, student and staff performances, a storyteller, songs, dance and the creation of a CHILDREN'S PEACE QUILT to hang in the school. Other events in the year-long series have included evenings to celebrate Haitian-American, Latino-American and Asian-American cultures; a month-long celebration of Black History and Women's History events; and the rededication of Maria Baldwin Hall as a part of Cambridge's African-American History Trail.

Community members, school families and friends are welcome. Please bring a dish, or call the school for more information.

Miss Baldwin is featured in this stained glass window.
Community Programs

The ANC has newly designed brochures for the Outback and Afterschool programs. This was made possible by the generously volunteered time of ex-board and community member Rich Curran at Upper Case Graphics. THANK YOU RICH!

Agassiz Afterschool
Sacramento St. Preschool

Fall registration for new children has begun. If you have not received our brochure, please call 349-6287 to request that one be sent to you.

The preschool hours run from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, with a variety of part time options. Children must be at least two year and nine months of age to enter, and may continue until kindergarten.

The Afterschool Childcare Program is for children in grades K-5. It provides interesting activities in dance, drama, arts, sports and much more after school and during school vacations. (There are classes for children in grades 6-8, but registration is in the fall.)

Children currently enrolled in the programs will be receiving information in May to re-register for the fall.

Scholarships are available.

To register, for more information or to visit, please call Jody Garber at 349-6287.

Outback Summer Camp

Summer must be right around the corner if OUTBACK registration has begun* The brochures are in the mail and families are free to register their children at any time. Any child who has completed kindergarten through grade five is eligible and can be registered for any or all of our eight week season. If you have not received a brochure and would like to, please call the office at 349-6287. We’d be happy to send one out and answer any questions you might have.

Evening Programs

Yoga Has Begun

There is now an adult yoga class at the Agassiz School which meets on Mondays from 6:15-7:15 p.m. This first session will run through June 10th. The cost is $6 per class. Please call Jody Garber for more information.

Brioche Workshop

Want to get a “rise” from your family and friends? Want to astound the neighbors with your baking skills? Or do you want to learn how to make delicious breads and rolls in one easy lesson?

Join us on Wednesday night, April 24th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the kitchen of the Agassiz School for our next Adult Cooking Class. This class will be a hands on Brioche Workshop. Learn how to make sticky buns, cinnamon rolls, savory picnic breads and more using the classic brioche dough. Can you smell the fresh baked aroma?

The cost is $18. To register for the class or for more information, please call Jody Garber at 349-6287.

Basketball Continues

Basketball is available to teens on Monday nights between 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Agassiz Gym. The cost for the drop in program is $1 per session. On Wednesday nights, adult drop in basketball is available for $2 per session from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Announcements

Jambastics BENEFIT April 26

On Friday, April 26 Jambastics will hold a Benefit Performance and Dinner at the Maynard Community School, 225 Windsor St. Cambridge. The performance begins promptly at 7 p.m., and cost for tickets is $10. For more information contact Stephanie Sunderland at 349-6295.

Bill of Rights Education Project Benefit

On Friday April 19 Buckingham, Browne and Nichols School in Cambridge will host “A Youth Celebration in Song and Dance” a benefit for Project HIP-HOP South Africa from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the BB&N Bradford Auditorium. Cost is $10.

The event will feature the highly talented dance troupe Boston City Lights, and a youth gospel choir, the Bay State Gospel Choral Chapter. High school students of Project HIP-HOP, who participated in a 5,000 mile civil rights tour of the South, will also make a presentation.

On June 14 nine Boston area students will go to South Africa. There they will have the opportunity to bear witness to the birth of a new democracy and learn first hand about the mass social movements which helped overturn the apartheid system.

For more information call Nancy Murray, Director-The Bill of Rights Education Project of the ACLU at 482-3170 x 314.

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... from the 1995 Annual Crime Report

The information on this page was taken from the recently issued and very comprehensive crime report from the City of Cambridge. For more information call the Cambridge Police Commissioner's Office at 349-3378.

The two major target crime increases in this neighborhood during 1995 were for Housebreaks (45%) and larceny from motor vehicles (20%). The rise in housebreaks can be attributed to a series of incidents during May and June, where suspects targeted residences on Sacramento and Oxford Streets during the early evening hours. That pattern dissipated. The total of 29 housebreaks falls within the parameters of between 25 and 30 incidents that this neighborhood has averaged throughout the decade. Between 1980 and 1985, there were 100 housebreaks annually in this area. The majority of the increase in larceny from motor vehicles can be traced to a series of break-ins on Forest Street during late Summer. The arrest in April of five Somerville teen-agers that were involved in a street robbery pattern near Oxford and Wendell solved this problem. Over the last six months of the year, only one street robbery was reported in the neighborhood. The weekend night pattern of malicious destruction to motor vehicles by juveniles failed to materialize in 1995. We attribute the decline and stabilization of this type of crime to heavy directed patrol activity of the Sector 5 Car.
Cultural Events

Chinese and Korean Poetry at Lesley

PEAL, the monthly poetry series sponsored by Lesley College, is free and open to the public. This month's presentation, on April 30 at 5:00 p.m. in Lesley College's Alumni Hall, will begin with a reception and a recital of Chinese music by master artist and Lesley faculty member Jack Ling.

John Rosenwald, Ann Arbor, Chu Mendan and Xu Zhaohui will perform the works of contemporary Chinese poetry such as Bei Dao, Shu Ting, Gu Cheng, Wang Xiaolong, and Zhang Zhen. These readers have brought the new Chinese poetry to American audiences after the tragic events in China of 1989. John Rosenwald will provide an overview of the poetry presented.

Sekyo Nam Haines will read in Korean the poetry of Kim Sowal, considered by many to be the father of modern Korean poetry. Elizabeth McKim will read Sekyo's English translations of the work.

For more information call Peggy Barrasso at 349-8467.

11 Miller St. Open Studios

The artists and artisans at 11 Miller St. (just across the line in Somerville) are opening their studios to the public for the first time on April 27 and 28, 1996, from 1-5 p.m. The Miller St. Building (near the Star Market on Beacon St.) is the former Miller Brothers Casket Factory, built in 1891 and renovated in the last few years. Each work space is architecturally distinct, and the building itself is worth a visit.

Welcoming the public will be: clothing designers Allento and the Edits Company; visual artists Leslie Arnold, Peggy Badenhouse, Alicia Dwyer, Gail Martin, Elizabeth Rickert, Susan Zeeman Rogers, and Nancy Webb; author and activist Jonathan Shay; bookbinders The Three Ring Binders: Karen Aqua, animator; Jeanee Redmond, ceramicist; violin teacher Vicki Citron. The violin students will be performing throughout the afternoons.

For more information call Vicki Citron at 547-3358.

Noontime Concert

Barbara Englesberg of the Pro Arte Chamber Orchestra and Ann Johnson of the Tamarack Trio will be performing works by Prokofiev and Stravinsky on Friday April 12th, at North-Prospect Church in Porter Square Cambridge.

The concert is from 12:10-12:50 p.m. A $2.00 donation is suggested. The church is located at 1803 Massachusetts Avenue, at the corner of Roseland Street where there is a handicap entrance on the lower level. For more information, please call 547-1448.

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Opera For Kids April 16

On Tuesday, April 16th at 1 p.m. during the Cambridge Public School Vacation, the Agassiz Neighborhood Council presents Opera To Go with Introduction to the Opera. This program, Lovers, Rogues and Fools, will introduce characters of the opera including Cherubino, Mephistopheles as well as Hansel and Gretel. Out from a magic trunk, the characters come. They will show how characters use voice, costumes and props to create drama in the opera.

This is the April offering of Introducing Art: A Performance Series for Children held each month at the Agassiz School in Cambridge. On May 9th at 3:00 p.m. Jo Ha Kyu Performance Group will introduce the children to Japanese Imperial Court Dance, complete with costumes and masks. Look for an Arts Festival in June with a wide variety of performances and showcases.

The performances take place on the Agassiz School Stage located at 28 Sacramento St. in Cambridge. Admission is $1. Children and adults are welcome. There is no reserve seating, and doors will open 30 minutes before the performance. This program is funded in part by the Massachusetts Cultural Council and presented under the auspices of Young Audiences of Massachusetts.

For information or to be on our mailing list, call the Agassiz Neighborhood Council at 349-6287.
Sacramento Street Gallery
In the Community Center at 20 Sacramento St

Kathy Mills installs Child Space
The gallery will feature work by artist Kathy Mills for the month of April. Ms. Mills show presents a mixed media installation designed to be interactive with the children who attend the programs in the Agassiz Community Center (preschool and kindergarten) at 20 Sacramento St. The show will begin the first week in April as a work-in-progress as it's being constructed and continue as "interactive" in a permanently unfinished state.

Ms. Mills intends to take the elements of an outdoor playground and adapt them to the gallery space. As the gallery is located in a community center which also houses children's programs, it seems fitting that the space be used for their enjoyment as well.

The goal of this exhibit is to create an environment that invites participation and changes through the children's presence and participation.

Kids Dance with Shirim Klezmer
Last month the ANC hosted the Shirim Klezmer Orchestra, who presented "Life in the Shtetl." This show depicted Eastern European Jewish life in a nineteenth century village using song and dance, and teaching a few Yiddish words along the way.

The picture depicts the children dancing after a mock village marriage. As you can see, the event was a great success and enjoyed by all.

ART CLASSES
Carolyn Boriss-Krimsky, artist, registered art therapist and licensed mental health counselor is providing art classes and art therapy sessions for children in her neighborhood studio during after school hours. For more information call 547-8444.

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REMEMBER AGASSIZ STREET SWEEPING
Tuesday, April 16 EVEN side - Monday, April 29 ODD side

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A TRIBUTE TO JOANN HOFFMAN

Note: JoAnn Hoffman died on April 4th, 1996 after a courageous battle with brain cancer. At the time of her death, she was the Chairperson of the Agassiz Neighborhood Council. I write the following tribute to JoAnn with the greatest respect and love.

Terry DeLancey

It was a delight from the start to have JoAnn in the Agassiz political arena. She told me once that she agreed with Tip O'Neill's philosophy, "All politics is local." She was fun to work with and she enjoyed the nuts and bolts of community work.

JoAnn took a low key approach in Agassiz, which revealed her warm and friendly spirit, but did not immediately reveal her uncanny ability for "gathering community data." JoAnn talked to everyone: she talked to the dog walkers, she talked to the mayor, she talked to people down the street, she talked to people at meetings and on many different committees. JoAnn knew what was going on all the time.

Talking is one thing, but JoAnn also listened to everyone. At meetings, I watched her deal with the funny and sometimes not so funny human baggage that people carried with them. She always found the essence of their issue, so everyone could get to work and solve the problem.

JoAnn's brand of politics was the kind we long for and rarely find. Power was not her goal. She wanted to live in a community that valued respect and understanding; a community where differences could be aired civilly and mutual agreement found. A community where everyone has value.

I am grateful that the Agassiz Community was able to benefit from JoAnn's involvement. We all knew she held much promise for wider leadership roles in Cambridge—and beyond, if that was her desire. Her sense of humor, her compassion and her plain old common sense alone would do us a world of good in the political arena.

Newsletter of the Agassiz Neighborhood Council

Our culture worships people for extravagant deeds. We have very little to teach us about how to live. It is people like JoAnn who really set a tone of respect, civility and care in the life of our neighborhood. JoAnn was happy in life, valued her family and community and gave of herself freely to others. She was a wonderful role model for us all.

Services were held after JoAnn's death. Exquisite and touching remarks were made by friends and family members about the meaning of JoAnn's life. A remarkable letter was read, full of love and humor, written by her sons. Afterwards someone said, "This is the memorial I would like."

Wouldn't we all.

ANC News

Notes from the 4/23 ANC Meeting

General Business

The slate of candidates for the Agassiz Neighborhood Council Board of Directors was presented to the Council. See Neighborhood News for a list of the candidates who will be elected at the May 21 ANC Annual Meeting.

See Neighborhood News for the complete information on Cumberland Farms License Commission hearing to convert the Gulf on the corner of Mass. Ave. at Garfield St. from a full service to a self service gas station.

Construction on Sacramento this Summer

Steve White, Assistant Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, is in charge of sewer reconstruction in Cambridge. He visited the council to discuss the upcoming sewer improvements on Sacramento St. (this includes

MAY ANNUAL MEETING
Agassiz Neighborhood Council

MAY 21, 1996
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Elections, Recognitions and Reception to Meet the ANC Board