CAMBRIDGE RECYCLING

How to Prepare Your Recyclables

NEWSPAPER:
• Pack tightly in paper bags or tie with natural fiber twine. Please don't use plastic bags or nylon cord.
• We can't take your junk mail, phone books or magazines.

GLASS:
• Bottles and jars should be clean with rings and lids removed.
• Separate clear from green and brown.
• Please don't bring drinking glasses, window panes or mirrors.
• Pack glass in sturdy boxes or bags to bring it to the site.

RETURNABLE CANS AND BOTTLES:
• Separate plastic bottles, from aluminum cans and glass bottles. They all should say "MASS 5¢ Dep."
• Please remove caps and rinse returnables. Don't crush cans.
• Bring glass bottles in 6-pack holders if possible.
• Sorry! We don't pay deposits. Money from returnables helps fund the recycling program.

ALUMINUM:
• Keep non-deposit aluminum cans like fruit juice and ice tea cans separate from aluminum foil, trays and catfood cans. The label should tell if the can is 100% aluminum.
• Please remove labels and clean items. CRUSH cans and items.
• Don't bring tin, steel or alloys. You can check a can with a magnet. If the magnet sticks, the can isn't 100% aluminum.

PLASTIC:
• We take milk, water and juice jugs and any other translucent white HDPE (high density polyethylene) containers. Look for symbol on the bottom.
• We can't currently accept any colored HDPE containers or HDPE plastic bags.
• Remove caps, clean jugs thoroughly, then crush them.
• Please don't get dirt on jugs when crushing them. Don't worry about removing paper labels.
• Bring crushed jugs in plastic rather than in paper bags. We have a glut of paper bags.

THAT'S ALL FOR NOW:
• These are all the materials we take at this time. We plan to expand our services in the future.
• Call our hotline at 498-9078 for updates.
Neighborhood Council Notes

Notes from the May 9 council meeting

1. General Business - A letter from Senator Mike Barrett was read which requested that the traffic plan for the Route 2 Fresh Pond area be withdrawn. Since there were no people to discuss the condition of the Alden Tot Lot, Terry Delaney, neighborhood coordinator, agreed to contact previous members of the Tot Lot committee to discuss any problems we can bring to the attention of the Department of Public Works. It was mentioned that the name sign was missing as was a sign that stated the rules. If you have other issues about the condition of the Tot Lot please call the council office at 498-9056. Regarding traffic on Oxford St., Jim O'Neill brought up the parallels between Oxford and Harvard Street (from Harvard Square to Prospect St.) Each is a main street cutting through a mainly residential neighborhood which is parallel to Mass. Ave. and each is about the same length. However, there are five regular (one of these is set to just blink) and two blinking traffic lights on Harvard St. On Oxford St. there is one regular and now a new blinking traffic light at the corner of Forest and Oxford Streets. Jim felt that the new light caused the traffic to hurry through it rather than slow it down. He wished to find out what the follow up would be by the city if any to determine if this light would become a full traffic light. Other traffic issues discussed were the additional danger in cars turning and pedestrians crossing at the Garfield-Mass. Ave. corner, the cornering on Garfield and speed on Oxford St. of school busses, the congestion of school busses at the corner of Oxford and Sacramento at 2:45 p.m., the lack of coordination between garbage pick up and school bus drop off in the morning, and the lack of visibility around the Oxford Spa due to truck deliveries. These matters were referred to the traffic committee.

2. Curbside recycling - Margo Turrentine provided those present at the council meeting with a copy of a report entitled "PLANNING CURBSIDE RECYCLING FOR CAMBRIDGE MASSACHUSETTS." It was prepared by City Councillor Frank Duehay by Mark Corrales, JFK School of Government. [A copy can be obtained by contacting the neighborhood council at 498-9056.] Councillor Duehay is Chairman of Cambridge's Environmental Committee.

next council meeting

Agassiz Neighborhood Council Annual Meeting
Wednesday June 13th at 7:30 p.m.
Agassiz Neighborhood Council
20 Sacramento St. (call 498-9056 for information)
7:30 p.m. Election of Officers
Coffee and Dessert immediately following.

State of Officers for 1990-91
Chairman    Karen Vaters  Crescent St.
Vice Chairman Ken Basler  Sacramento St.
Secretary    JoAnn Hoffman Gorham St.
Treasurer    Karen Zahn  Traymore St.

Margo attended the May 3rd presentation of the report, and she summarized their recommendations:
1. The city should begin curbside recycling with a pilot program of 5,000-10,000 residences to correct problems before a full scale curbside program is begun.
2. Buildings with more than 7 units should not be included in the pilot study due to special problems these residences present.
3. Only clear glass and newspapers should be collected at first.
4. Great care should be taken in educating participants and maintaining information on recycling.
5. Curbside will be in addition to and not replace drop off recycling.
6. The program must be monitored for amounts of recyclables, rates of participation, and time needed for collection.
7. A city-wide curbside recycling program should follow up the pilot within a few months, based on what has been learned during the pilot.

Those present at the meeting agreed that the Agassiz Neighborhood Council would send a letter to Councillor Frank Duehay requesting that we be considered as part the pilot study.

Anyone interested in being on the Agassiz Neighborhood Council's recycling committee or simply the mailing list, should contact the council office at 498-9056.

3. Affordable Housing - Susan Slesinger, Housing Director from the Community Development Department (CDD) came to the council meeting to provide us with information about affordable housing in Cambridge and what the city's community development department is doing about it.

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Registered Representative

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Small business insurance and retirement plans
(For information on free seminar see page 3)
What needs to be done to promote affordable housing? New resources must be developed. Incentive zoning (linkage) has generated no income due to the slowing of development. The city would like to extend linkage to all commercial developers, not just those who need a special permit, which is what is required today. The community development department awaits state approval of this.

The Housing Trust Fund Board is reviewing all property in the city to see if there is any available land on which to build. Due to the city's density, sites are few. When these sites are identified, community support will be necessary to build on the land.

An interesting new idea is for Cambridge to purchase property under market value, and to establish it as a "limited equity" property. In this way people will be able to rent or purchase property under market value, but the property will always remain under market value when rented or sold. The city hopes to urge churches, other institutions and interested residents to sell property to them with the understanding that these properties will always be in the affordable housing domain. The city also has "aggressively" contacted realtors in the search for "bargains".

CDD runs an interesting variety of programs to support housing needs of residents. There is a home improvement program that helps low income owners with serious contracting needs. It helps with costs as well as helping the homeowner through the process of rehabilitation. To promote home ownership, there is a program for tenants to buy there buildings as limited equity cooperatives. In order to keep rent controlled units on the market, some owners must be helped with the cost of rehabilitation of these units. For this a fund or grant of money with very low interest for borrowing must be established. A new coalition that has just begun with various Cambridge banks is the Cambridge Housing Alliance.

Susan recommended that anyone who wishes to learn more about CDD's programs should contact her office at 498-9034.

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**CAMBRIDGE HOUSING AFFORDABILITY**

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Of interest to the Neighborhood

**Alvin Thompson at Community Center in June**

State Representative Alvin Thompson will hold office hours at the Agassiz Community Center, 20 Sacramento St. on Thursday June 14th from 6-7 p.m.

These hours are scheduled in the community to make visits to your state representative convenient and possible. You must have something to say about lack of state funding to various programs in the arts, or social services or education. Or give Representative Thompson your opinion on new taxes. Or tell him how you think he's doing in our district. But do stop in.

**Financial Wellness Seminar at Agassiz June 12th**

The Agassiz Neighborhood Council will host Peter Meyersohn of Waddell and Reid Financial Services on Tuesday June 12th at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center at 20 Sacramento St.

Become better informed about issues affecting your financial future. Informative topics can include:
- Structuring savings, investments and insurance programs for today's world.
- Saving taxes today while providing future dollars for education or retirement.
- The impact of inflation and how to make it work for rather than against one's financial plan.
- Affordable ways of investing and saving regardless of one's budget.
- And much more . . .

**PLEASE NOTE** Only the first twelve individuals who respond (by calling Terry Delancey at 498-9056) will be able to attend. Please call and reserve your space. For more information call Peter G. Meyersohn, Waddell and Reid Financial Services, 661-3080.

**Cable TV Subscribers:**

Do you know your local channels?

There are three different organizations that provide local television through cable: 1. Public Access (CCTV) which provides shows made by its members who must be Cambridge residents; 2. Municipal Access which provides programs made by the City of Cambridge; and 3. Local Origination, which provides programs for and about Cambridge produced by the cable company.

Public access operates channels 19, 54, 55 and 66. These shows can and will be about anything, but they are either made or sponsored by a CCTV member.

Programs on the municipal station, channel 37, include city council meetings, city sponsored events and programs.

Local origination programs are on channel 3. They are professionally made by the cable company and intended to be of interest to the Cambridge subscriber. They include Harvard's Kennedy School Forums.

**Cultural News and Events**

**Playwrights Platform Festival of One Act Plays**

This year's Festival of One Act Plays presented by Playwrights Platform will be held at Lesley College beginning on July 5th.

Agassiz resident Carol E. Hartman's play "Miss Rheingold" will be presented July 5, 13 and 21. Other playwrights include John O'Brien, George Sauer, Barry Brodsky, Gabe Land, Tom Glazer, and Werner Treischmann. The festival will run from July 5th every Thursday, Friday and Saturday through July 21st. Curtain time is at 8 p.m. at Lesley College in Welch Auditorium.

Regular admission is $6. Call 254-4482 for additional ticket or program information.

**The Big Switcheroo opens Saturday, June 9th**

The Agassiz Afterschool Players present an original mystery comedy called "The Big Switcheroo." The afterschool players, directed by Carol E. Hartman, wrote their play during an intensive eight week after school experience, and it will be performed on Saturday June 9th at 7 p.m.

Cast in order of appearance:

- Henry Towser
- Rachel Applebaum
- Carrie Kindleberger
- Maya Antic
- Bushra Malikya
- Marisa Murphy
- Margaret Levy
- Becca Kaufman
- Dara Antic
- Shibani Pradham

Everyone is invited. Donations will be accepted at the door. It will be presented in Baldwin Hall, Agassiz School. The Agassiz Afterschool Players are sponsored by the Agassiz Neighborhood Council. Call 498-9056 for additional information.

**Cambridge Dance Concert June 8th**

The Cambridge Performance Project, which offers after school training in dance and theatre for Cambridge youth, will hold its spring dance concert on Friday, June 8th at the Kennedy School. 158 Spring St, E. Cambridge. Tickets at the door $5 for adults, $3 for children and senior citizens. For further information on the concert or for a brochure on the program contact Judy Bibbins at 498-9072.

**Work on Community Mural Begins**

Artist Woon-Tin Tsen will begin construction of the mural at the Alden Tot Lot this month. It will be installed this summer and details are now being finalized.

All those who contributed to the mural project will receive more information when available, including verification of name spelling for those who will be mentioned on the plaque. Any interested resident can be on the mailing list by calling 498-9056.
Agassiz Harvard Meeting 6/27

The next meeting of the Agassiz Harvard planning group will be held in Agassiz Community Center, 20 Sacramento St. at 7:30 p.m. The discussion will be on affordable housing. For information or to be on the mailing list call 498-9056.

Recycling News
Cambridge's Recycling Needs:

- Reliable drop-off site volunteers at both sites every 2nd Saturday
- Volunteers for Hotline (you can answer at home)
- Car pooling (if you need it or can do it)

How to Help
- Call Vic Casana 547-4773
- Call Dan Newberry 498-9078 to volunteer
- Call Paula Lenzi 491-7892
- Call Lisa King 864-0867

Remember to RECYCLE on Saturday June 9!!!

There was going to be a switch in location from Sherman St., but that has been cancelled. Locations are still Sherman St. behind St. Peter's Field and 147 Hampshire St. The time is still 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. every 2nd Saturday. For information call 498-9078.

Crimewatch

The Agassiz Neighborhood Council is interested in hearing any information you have regarding crime in our neighborhood. Thanks to information from a neighbor we were able to alert the Cambridge police to information that the Somerville police may have on car stereo thefts in our area.

Another crime reported to the neighborhood council was a mugging near the Harvard Divinity School parking lot. A student was asked for a dollar, then ten dollars. Then he was beaten to the ground with fists and a bat or club. His wallet was taken. His attackers were described as fair with sandy and reddish hair, ruddy complexion.

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The Whistler will return in September

Your neighborhood newsletter, The Whistler, brought to you free by the Agassiz Neighborhood Council, is not published in the summer, and there are no regularly scheduled council meetings. Your neighborhood coordinator is on vacation in July, but the council office is staffed, and any issues of importance will be reviewed by members of the executive board. If a meeting is necessary, one will be scheduled and publicized. So call us at 498-9056 throughout the summer.
June COMMUNITY CALENDAR

6/9 Saturday ................................ Recycle items at 147 Hampshire and at new site at Rindge Ave Extension 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Every 2nd Sat. For info call 498-9078. (See recycling news for directions to new site)

6/9 Saturday ................................ "The Big Switcheroo" an original theatre piece by the Agassiz Afterschool Players 7 p.m. Baldwin Hall.

6/12 Tuesday ................................ Financial Wellness Seminar with Peter Meyerson
7:30 p.m. 20 Sacramento St. see pg 3

6/13 Wednesday ................................ Agassiz School 8th Grade Graduation
School half day, Afterschool opens at Noon

6/13 Wednesday ................................ Agassiz Neighborhood Council Annual Meeting
7:30 p.m. 20 Sacramento St. - agenda pg 1

6/14 Thursday ................................ Agassiz Teachers Appreciation Luncheon
Baldwin Hall Agassiz School 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
For more information contact Marcia Duran at 498-9256

6/19 Tuesday ................................ Last day of Cambridge Public School. Afterschool closes.

6/27 Wednesday ................................ Agassiz/Harvard Committee to discuss affordable housing
7:30 p.m. 20 Sacramento St. upstairs meeting room
For more information call 498-9056.

7/2 Monday ................................ Outback Summer Camp, sponsored by Agassiz Neighborhood Council opens at 20 Sacramento St.
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2 bedroom apartment wanted in Agassiz area. Two professionals looking for a nice 2-3 bedroom apartment in renovated triple decker or single family home. Would like to remain in Agassiz area. Two year lease commencing between June-August 1 preferred. Please contact Russ or Bruce at 491-1420.

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Dessert immediately following
7:30 p.m. Agassiz Community Center
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