Neighborhood Council Notes........
Notes from the April 11 council meeting

AGENDA:
1. Curbside recycling: Astrid and Doug Dodds (364-6553) spoke about recycling in Cambridge. According to the Cambridge Chronicle, curbside recycling may begin as early as January 1991. As far as the on-site recycling there's been active cooperation with the DPW, which supports the use of two sites and dump trucks. The on-site recycling has been successful, more efficient, and is needed as far as the use of cars. It was suggested that people carpool to the recycling sites. Maybe a person could be listed in the Whistler who would be a liaison for people who want to set up recycling. There were several informative handouts regarding recycling in Cambridge. Call the council office to receive copies.

2. Traffic Update: The light on Forest and Oxford Street has been up for a couple of months, but it has not been turned on. There was another accident on that corner involving a motorcyclist. Supposedly a full-service light is budgeted for that corner next year. It was suggested that we invite George Tasso, Head of Parking and Traffic, to attend another meeting.

3. Garfield St.: Cara Seidman from Community Development Department began speaking about the plans for affordable housing on the MBTA property (south corner of Mass Ave. and Garfield St.) when Garfield residents jumped in. As abutters to that site they were extremely upset that they have not been directly consulted by either the housing authority or the MBTA or the city. They also brought up the fact that the consensus for affordable housing on that site was agreed on five years ago and that maybe the land could be used as an open park. Mayor Alice Wolf discussed the history of the Garfield lot prefacing her statement with mentioning that the city council has stated that affordable housing is the number one goal. This is an area (the Agassiz, along with Brattle Street area) that has almost no affordable low-cost housing. There are only seven subsidized housing units in the Agassiz neighborhood. (Alice did also recognize that this is one area that has the fewest open spaces.) "It's the city council's intention to support housing. There are approximately 3,000 families waiting for housing." At this Garfield site the number of housing units is estimated between 4-8. Another attractive thing about this lot is that the MBTA has agreed to a 99-year lease to Cambridge at the rate of $1.

Garfield St. residents were concerned as to whether the housing will be rentals or ownership. The Cambridge Housing Authority agreed to meet with abutters to discuss various details.

4. Gulf Station: The owner of Russ's Gulf on the north corner of Mass Ave. and Garfield St. attended the meeting and explained his situation. The lease on the station expired 5 years ago, and the owner, Cumberland Farms, wants to put a convenience store there. The operators of the Gulf Station have had Cumberland Farms in court because they wish to buy the gas station and believe they legally have the right to do so. The court should be handing down a decision on this in the next couple of months.

Other Neighborhood Updates................

Neighborhood Planning Newsletter
Cambridge Community Development Department has begun a newsletter, and we received the first edition in early April. Excerpts from a letter, signed by Michael Rosenberg, Assistant City Manager for Community Development and Eileen Woodford, Director of Neighborhood Planning, are below:

The idea of a Neighborhood Planning newsletter grew out of a concern expressed by many residents and neighborhood organizations regarding the need for more timely information from the department on such topics as rezoning initiatives, affordable housing, and traffic. In order to meet this concern, the newsletter will highlight the Department's programs and projects addressing these matters...[The newsletter] will supplement the CDD's semiannual "Newsreel". The newsletter will be produced bimonthly and will contain current information about the Department and neighborhood activities...

In addition to CDD updates, we would like to use the Newsletter as a forum for neighborhood organizations to share information on their programs and activities. Today, many of the issues facing one neighborhood are common to all of the City's neighborhoods. This nearesthood Update: will be a regular feature of forthcoming newsletter issues. In order to make this "Neighborhood Update" a useful and current information column, we would like to hear about the activities of your neighborhood association... We encourage comments about our newsletter. Please feel free to call or write us at the above address. [CDD, 57 Inman St. Cambridge 02139; phone 498-9034.]

Dick, Kate, and Carrie Kindeberger offer thanks to the Agassiz Neighborhood for all the help and support given to the family following the death of Sarah Wells, their wife and mother.

next council meeting...

Wednesday May 9 at 7:30 p.m.
Agassiz Neighborhood Council
7 Sacramento St. (call 498-9056 for information)
7:30 p.m. Recycle committee planning
8:00 p.m. Tot Lot Spring Cleaning
8:30 p.m. Representative from Community Development Department to discuss options in moderate price housing for the Agassiz Neighborhood.
Of Interest to the Neighborhood

Cambridge Citizens for Liveable Neighborhoods

From the April edition of CCLN's newsletter:
"CCLN will hold its first annual meeting on May 3rd at 6:30. Please join us at our new meeting site. The new meeting site is the meeting room in the 20 Sacramento Street, (the Agassiz Community Center). A reception will be followed by election of the board and a brief retrospective and prospective. We invite you to participate in creating a more liveable Cambridge."

"CCLN meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30 at 20 Sacramento St. Please join us."

Attention Cable TV Subscribers

Did you ever wonder about the programming on Channels 19, 54, 55 and 66? These channels are operated by Cambridge Community Television located in One Kendall Square, and the programming that you see is produced or sponsored by Cambridge residents. Free monthly program guides are available from CCTV. Just call 225-2500 and ask to be put on the mailing list for the program guide.

How to get on the cable. There are many ways to have a program seen on the channels operated by Cambridge Community Television. Many CCTV members take classes and learn how to produce their own programs. For those without the time or inclination to produce, below are ways people with an idea or information can be seen on channels 19, 54, 55, or 66. These efforts are an attempt to allow any Cambridge resident the opportunity to be heard and seen on the cable.

CCTV operates an electric bulletin board on the channels whenever there is no programming being shown. Send a press release to CCTV two weeks prior to the date you want it shown. If your message is on-going, please renew it monthly.

Every Monday night from 7:30 to 8 p.m. on channel 55 a camera and microphone is set up in the cablecase area. On a first-come, first-served basis any affiliate member of CCTV can receive up to 5 minutes of time. Participants must simply fill out a release form by 5:00 Monday.

For organizational members, once a year, CCTV will video-tape and edit an event and cablecase it on a Sunday evening. The cost is $25 and Rudy Hymolt should be contacted.

For any CCTV access member, up to four times per year, CCTV will provide the talent for a studio program. Open studio is cablecase on Sunday evenings. The next Open Studios will be Wednesday, May 16 and Wednesday, June 20. The cost is $25 and Susan Fleischmann should be contacted.

For more information on how to get on the cable or how to learn to produce your own program, contact CCTV at 225-2500.

Remember to RECYCLE III!
Cultural News and Events

Chekhov Theatre Company News

Exchange Planned with USSR

In a few weeks, Alexander Chirkov and Martin Cafasso will be leaving for the Soviet Union to plan an artistic exchange between the Chekhov Theatre Company and a theatre company in Leningrad. Chirkov and Cafasso will be visiting with the groups who have expressed interest. The exchange is planned for next year.

Thumbelina to be produced at the Peabody School

For those of you who missed the Chekhov Theatre's wonderful musical production of "Thumbelina and Maybe a Little Bit More", the show will be produced again in the Peabody School's auditorium in May. This is a unique live theatre production that adults will enjoy as much as children, and you can walk to it! Don't miss it this time.

Details are not definite enough to announce as the Whistler goes to press, so call the Chekhov Theatre at 547-9688.

Art Contest Winners

Grand Prize winners in the Agassiz Art Contest for Children were Michael Kodomya, Shavonne Reddick and Sacramento St. Preschool. Shavonne Reddick and Michael Kodomya received a gift certificate supplied by Irwin's Toy Store and Sandy and Son Toys. Members of the Sacramento St. Preschool received various gifts from Cinnabar.

First prize ribbons were awarded to Claire Blumenson, Sophia Brion-Meteel, Glo Gaynor and Lauren Schuler; second prize ribbons were awarded to David Doo, Sara Nourse, Molly Siegel and Katie Wheeler; third prize ribbons were awarded to Jody Kelman, Lucy Lindsay, Yu-Sing Tsou and Nigel Wang; fourth prize ribbons were awarded to Justin Brown, Gabriel Peter Harp, Hanna Hermanson, and Aroma Li.

All entries can be seen on display in the Sacramento St. Gallery located in the community center at 20 Sacramento St. The gallery will be open weekdays from 9-5 through May 11.

The art contest received more than 50 entries, and all entries were shared with artist Wen-Ti Tsen who is currently planning the design for the community mural that will be placed on the Alden Tot Lot across from the Agassiz School.

Mural Donors

Additional to the community mural project since the last edition of The Whistler include:

Limerakis Family
Skidmore Family

Your contributions are tax deductible.

Owners of $100 or more will have their names placed on a plaque near the mural.

Wen-Ti Tsen, mural artist has begun work on the project which should be complete in the summer. For more information on the mural project or to donate contact the Agassiz Neighborhood Council at 498-9056 or 20 Sacramento St., Cambridge, MA 02138.

*** LESLEY COLLEGE News and Event ***

Conference on learning disabled adults for June

"Toward Independence" is the name of a conference sponsored by the Lesley College Threshold Program for parents of adults with learning disabilities and other moderate special needs.

The conference will be held at Lesley College on Friday June 15th from noon to ten p.m. and extending through Saturday June 16 from 8:30 to 4:30 p.m. The cost is $130 for two days, $75 one day. For a brochure which provides more information on the workshops and speakers, please call Barbara Goodman or Fran Osten at 491-3739.

As always Lesley will provide a scholarship to an Agassiz resident who could otherwise not afford the fees. For information on scholarships please call the council office at 490-9056.

Kripalu Yoga Studio Opens in Agassiz

Danielle Levi Alvares is happy to report the opening of her own Kripalu Yoga Studio at 25 Carver St. in Cambridge for people of every age and condition. For more information, prices and details, call Danielle at 354-2113. Classes are one hour long and run for 12 weeks; times for beginning classes are as follows:

Monday May 7 9:30-11:00 a.m.
5:30-7:00 p.m.
Tuesday May 8 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Wednesday May 9 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Thursday May 10 9:30-11:00 a.m.
5:30-7:00 p.m.

Cambridge College Confer Degree

Cambridge resident Sam Zimmerman recently received his Master of Education degree from Cambridge College, Cambridge, MA during ceremonies held at Harvard's Sanders Theatre.

Zimmerman, whose concentration was in Integrated Studies, is an instructor for the Thompson Island Outward Bound Education Center in Boston.

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FOUND AT EARTH DAY:

A pair of half glasses with clear frames in a blue vinyl case were dropped off at the Agassiz Community School because taped to the case were the phone numbers for Outback and Afterschool. Call 498-9056 if they're yours.

CHILD CARE AVAILABLE

Convenient Agassiz neighborhood location has full time opening for child 3 years and up. My philosophy is to praise, teach, comfort, respond. Lic #55517. Call 576-6454.

CRIME WATCH NOTE

There was a recent Agassiz break in where the robbers were seen leaving the house through the front door. It was a white man and woman, mid twenties, who left with the stolen goods packed in the victims bag.

Please report any unusual activity to the police.
Community Calendar

May COMMUNITY CALENDAR
5/3 Thursday........................ Cambridge Citizens for Livable Neighborhoods
ANNUAL MEETING 6:30 p.m. 20 Sacramento St.
5/7 Monday.......................... Agassiz School Improvement Committee
3:15 p.m. Agassiz School resource room
5/9 Wednesday...................... School half day, Afterschool opens 12:45 p.m.
5/9 Wednesday...................... Agassiz Neighborhood Council Meeting
7:30 p.m. 20 Sacramento St. -agenda pg 1
5/12 Saturday....................... Recycling at 147 Hampshire and at Sherman St. behind
St. Peters Field 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Every 2nd Sat. For
info call 498-9078. (See article on curbside recycling)
5/23 Wednesday.................... Harvard Agassiz Planning Committee
8 p.m. 20 Sacramento St. Call 498-9056 for details
5/28 Monday........................ Memorial Day - No School

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Agassiz Community School Registers Programs
Outback Summer Camp, Full time Agassiz Afterschool
Programs and the Sacramento St. Preschool are currently
registering new children. For complete information
contact the Agassiz Community School office at 498-9056.

Slate of Officers for 1990-91
The following slate of officers for the Executive Board
of the Agassiz Neighborhood Council has been
recommended for election in June:
Chairman KAREN VATERS  Crescent St.
Vice Chairman KEN BASLER  Sacramento St.
Secretary JOANN HOFFMAN  Gorham St.
Treasurer KAREN ZAHN  Traymore St.
Parent Representatives are still being sought.