



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

February 3, 1992

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
MAYOR REEVES
VICE MAYOR CYR
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR MYERS
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR WALSH
COUNCILLOR WOLF

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Traffic and Parking with the view in mind of designating annually a spare April date for a hand-post street cleaning seep of the odd side of District F (the Agassiz neighborhood) and to consider the residents' recommendation that Thursday, April 5, 1992 be designated for this year and that ample time be given to notify the affected neighborhood.

In City Council February 3, 1992.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy; *Joseph E. Connarton*

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton
City Clerk



AGASSIZ NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Agassiz Community School
Agassiz Community Center

20 Sacramento Street
Cambridge, MA 02138
617-349-6287

27 January 1992

Mr. David A. Haley
Public Works Commissioner
147 Hampshire Street
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Haley:

The Agassiz Neighborhood Council strongly protests the fact that our neighborhood streets go unswept for six months of every year -- longer than any other neighborhood in Cambridge. When spring rolls around, we feel truly relegated to the dustbin of municipal neglect when we realize that the odd side of Street Sweeping District F -- the Agassiz neighborhood -- isn't going to be swept on the 3rd Monday in April because it's Patriots Day.

One of us has corresponded with DPW Commissioners about this off and on for 6 years. Everett Kennedy got us swept in April 1985 by hewing to the schedule except for Federal holidays. William Sommers sympathized but referred to "counter complaints about towing." Each response cited an apparently deeply-held DPW conviction that the case for hand-posting Districts C and K in November is obvious to everyone while the case for hand-posting District F in April is not.

The DPW seems to believe that the November leaves that fall in Districts C and K are *so* hazardous, unsightly, and problematic that they must disappear before Christmas, while the late November leaves in the Agassiz neighborhood are so benign that they should be allowed to moulder in the gutter until at least Mother's Day -- along with 6 months' worth of sand, food scraps, plastic bits and dog excrement. It is a most demoralizing way to greet the spring. And the fact that the *even* side of our streets are swept on the 3rd *Tuesday* in April only serves to highlight the odd side's blight. Frankly, we don't understand why C-Even goes a mere 4 months and 2 weeks between complete cleanings while F-Odd waits a full six months. We think that if you lived here, you wouldn't either!

We would appreciate it very much if you would bring your ingenuity to bear on a situation that has gone on far too long. We don't want it solved by annual special pleading. We want the DPW to recognize that our special case is as

compelling as the November ones and annually designate a spare April day for a hand-posted sweep of the odd side of District F.

This year, for instance, the **5th** Thursday in April this year is unclaimed: April 30, 1992. If you will seize the day and let us know far enough in advance, we will prominently feature a warning about it in the April 1 *Agassiz Whistler*, our newsletter which is hand-delivered to every house in the neighborhood.

We all look forward to the boost in morale and civic pride that accompanies newly clean streets in the spring. The Agassiz neighborhood is no exception. But we need it in April every year, and we will very much appreciate your effort to rectify the situation.

Sincerely,

Margaret Moore

Astrid Dodds

Terry Delancey

Douglas W. Dodds, Jr.

David Chilinski

Whitney Colby

Ken Basler

Kate Summey Frank

Ruth J. Cattani

C. Wankaner

(For the Agassiz Neighborhood Council)

cc: George Teso, Director, Department of Traffic & Parking
Members of the City Council

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Consent.

February 3, 1992

Councillor Toomey

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Traffic and Parking with the view in mind of Designating annually on some April date for a hand-posted street cleaning sweep of the odd side of District F (the Agassiz neighborhood) and to consider the residents' recommendation that Thursday, April 5, 1992 be Designated for this year and that ample time be given to notify the affected neighborhood



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F-48 Consent Order # 7 *entire membership*
Councillor Toomey re: designating a
spare April date for a hand-posted street
street cleaning sweep of the odd side
of the Agassiz neighborhood.

In City Council,

February 3, 1992

Order adopted