

St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church

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Rev. John E. Brandon, Pastor

March 8, 1976

The Honorable Alfred E. Vellucci
Mayor of the City of Cambridge
City Hall
Cambridge, MA. 02139

Dear Mayor Vellucci:

As we celebrate this Bicentennial year, we as a community cannot stress enough the important role education has played--not only in making Cambridge reknown as an academic milieu for its citizenry of intelligentsia--but for other highly principalled, responsible and capable human beings it has traditionally produced. We at St. Paul A.M.E. Church support the value of education to our community. Our mission is one of expanding a facility which is dedicated to the enlightenment and development of young minds.

The first black institution in Cambridge, St. Paul A.M.E. Church was founded over 102 years ago by a man who opened his home to those who wanted to worship God. On September 23, 1974, the Education Committee of St. Paul A.M.E. opened the Henry Buckner School, bearing the name of its founder. Our philosophy is two-fold: as Christians we have incorporated the teachings of Jesus Christ in the form of a value system throughout our curriculum. As an African people in a multi-ethnic community, we consider our school to be an extension of the home and try to involve the whole family and community in the educational of the children.

The Women's Day Committee of St. Paul A.M.E. Church is devoted to building the Henry Buckner School. In order to have a fund-raising carnival, we respectfully request the use of a vacant plot of land belonging to the City. The "Golden Triangle" in Kendall Square (Sennott Park or Hoyt Field) provides an excellent resource for our purpose. Not only is it easily accessible by the MBTA, it is also situated away from the residential areas. The Carnival is to be held either in April or May.

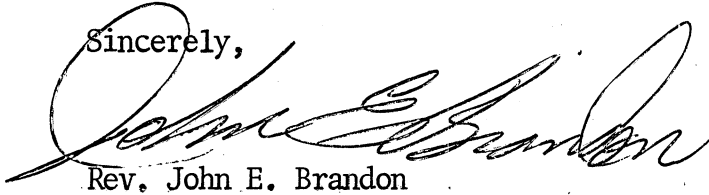
Your support is greatly needed! That the City of Cambridge grant our request for the utilization of the aforementioned property is but a small contribution, but one that may indeed have great bearing on the success of our fund-raising effort, and further, upon the future of the Henry Buckner School!

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We urge your attention in this regard. An expeditious reply will be greatly appreciated. The persons to contact are Mrs. Lorraine Williams-Scott, or Ms. Cecelia Brown, c/o St. Paul A.M.E. Church, or phone 661-1110.

Thanking you in advance,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John E. Brandon". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Rev. John E. Brandon

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Comm. from St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church requesting the use of vacant lot belonging to the City in order to have a fund-raising carnival.

In City Council,

March 8, 1976

copy sent to CMG
3/8/76 On motion of
Mayor Wallace.
Council endorsed the
request with the further
request that the City
Manager make the
necessary arrangements
and provide for all
safety precautions and
regain a safe emergency zone