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## CAWS Move in the News

The word is getting out about our move! Saturday's *Salem News* ran a front page story on CAWS' search for a new home.

In addition to reporting on the purchase and sale agreement with Project Adventure (signed May 28), the paper noted that CAWS has submitted a proposal to purchase the former McKay School from the City of Beverly. Moraine Farm has been the focus of our capital campaign, and we still are on track to complete that purchase. But, out of an abundance of caution, the Board decided several weeks ago to submit the McKay proposal by the City's deadline of June 4 so that the school might have a backup plan in case the Moraine Farm deal falls through. That can happen, for example, if CAWS falls short of its fund raising goal, or if Project Adventure is successful in finding a private buyer for the old mansion located on the second of its Moraine Farm parcels. We won't know for several weeks if the City even considers our McKay proposal to be acceptable.

**Progress Toward Closing!** In the meantime, we continue making steady progress towards a closing on Moraine Farm. There are many moving pieces, but all of them are converging towards our final goal. This past week, CAWS representatives met on site with representatives of the Batchelder Trust and Essex County Greenbelt Association to set the boundaries of the so-called "expansion lot" (or "Lot 2A") where we will have the right, in the future, to build a combination gymnasium and community building. The 2-acre expansion parcel will be added to the 8-acre parcel on which the main building is now located. On a separate track, the design committee is working diligently with our architect and contractor to develop a plan of initial improvements within the available budget. A third team is working to

finalize the financing needed to close. And finally -- as everyone reading this newsletter already knows -- the fund raising committee is hard at work trying to raise the money we need to buy the building and renovate it for school use. The finish line is in sight -- we can get there with your help!

If you have questions about the *Salem News* story or the McKay School proposal, feel free to ask Pam Fantini ([pcfantini@hotmail.com](mailto:pcfantini@hotmail.com)) or Jon Cosco ([jcosco@mintz.com](mailto:jcosco@mintz.com)).

## \$200K Matching Grant Extended

Campaign Update: Week #6

In the truest sense, the Ibrahim El-Hefni Technical Training Foundation has become an incredible partner for CAWS during this Capital Campaign. We are happy to report that our capital campaign effort to raise funds for the down payment will be extended up to the closing date for Moraine Farm. Sitting co-pilot for the ride, to inspire us while we continue to fund raise, is Foundation Trustee, Suzanne Wright, who has also extended the date for the Foundation's matching grant to our closing date. This is great news because we are on a roll, and we want to continue reaching out to the larger community for support as well as capture 100% participation from our current internal community.

The latest facts and figures:

- \$910,000 has been raised to date!
- \$45,000 more to raise that will be matched
- \$29,000 has been raised ONLINE
- 75% of our internal CAWS community has donated so far

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**(in no particular order)**

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## **Registration Open for Steiner Study Program**

A Foundation Studies Program in the Arts and Anthroposophy is planned to begin in September 2010 at Waldorf School of Lexington. This is a two-year certificate program that is a pre-requisite for most Waldorf-related positions and can be profoundly enriching for all individuals, according to the Center for Anthroposophy.

The course sessions offer an opportunity to think, discuss and do art together with others. Many CAWS parents (as well as faculty, of course) have gone through this program, as it offers an opportunity to better understand Rudolf Steiner's Science of the Spirit and those theories that underpin Waldorf education.

Class meetings will be held on Wednesday evenings from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the school in Lexington. There will be a total of 16 meetings per academic year. A potluck is held as part of each session for a bit more social free-flow conversation with faculty and participants.

The Center for Anthroposophy would like deposits by June 21. Registrations at [www.centerforanthroposophy.org](http://www.centerforanthroposophy.org) (or send form with \$150 deposit). In the case of too few registrations, deposits will be returned, or anyone can have a refund for any reason up until July 15. Scholarships are available (tuition is normally about \$1950 per year), and deposits will be returned to anyone who deems their scholarship reward insufficient.

“If you have wanted to know more about Anthroposophy— or have craved an inner quest/soul journey for yourself – come join us!”

Barbara Richardson, Foundation Studies  
Coordinator, Center for Anthroposophy: 207-  
865-6482. Additional contact in Lexington:  
Tricia Cooper at 617-558-3332.

If anyone would like more information from a  
CAWS parent who has been through this  
program, please contact Laura Freysinger at  
781-631-6146, or Lyle Davidson, 978-232-  
0282. *-ed.*

## **Knitted Squares Wanted**

The second grade has been knitting squares for  
Friends of Marblehead's Abandoned Animals  
and will be making blankets for animals brought  
to the shelter. This will continue next year. Can  
you help add to the knitted square supply this  
summer? Please contact Heather Collis Puro.

## **Student Train Passes**

No refunds are issued for remaining balances on  
"CharlieCards." If you have a balance on your  
student card, it must be spent down to zero by  
June 30. Since there is a limit of only \$10.00 on  
the cards, there should be sufficient time to use  
up remaining funds.