

West End Community Center

April Newsletter



Dear Friend,

Happy Spring!

Thank you to all of you who joined us last weekend in celebrating Holi, the Hindu Festival of Color. Over 100 people enjoyed song, dance, and an Indian dinner from our friends at Indian Dhaba. Special thanks to Anandini Sekhar for her tireless efforts in ensuring a successful and enriching event for all who attended. Thank you also to the Aparna Rao and the Hindi Class for their wonderful performances.

[Click Here to View Photos](#)

We are excited to announce that Melvina Husin will be the Director of our 5th Annual West End Children's Festival. We will soon be sending out a call for volunteers. Her email address is mvh@westendcommunitycenter.com.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Best regards,

Amy J. Ericson
Executive Director

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Please contact Softball Director James Marconi

Spring Opera Series

with Opera Connoisseur Angelo Mammano



The operas will be introduced by opera connoisseur Angelo Mammano, then shown on our hi-def projector, followed by a discussion and analysis. The operas were selected because most of them are performed live in Boston this Spring. The Spring Opera Series is designed to provide you with the background context and analysis before seeing the show. The series will be held on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30:

April 7 - Susannah - Carlisle Floyd

Carlisle Floyd's opera *Susannah* had its world premiere on February 24, 1956 at Florida State University, in Tallahassee. The opera is based loosely on the Apocryphal tale of Susannah and the Elders. The action takes place in New Hope Valley, Tennessee. Susannah is falsely accused of seducing one of the young men of the community. When the Reverend Olin Blich comes to her house to offer to pray for her, he instead robs her of her virginity. At the end of the opera, Susannah has severed her ties with the community and the world. The *Daily Telegraph* said- "composed 50 years ago at the height of the McCarthy persecutions, it is a flawlessly effective melodrama focused on an innocent woman victimized by a narrow Evangelical community in rural Tennessee...it speaks straight to the heart through music of uninhibited tonal simplicity and Pucciniesque fervour."

Class Schedule:

April 14 - Idomeneo - Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

April 21 - La Grande-Duchesse de Gerolstein - Jacques Offenbach

April 28 - Armida - Gioachino Rossini

May 5 - La Fanciulla del West - Giacomo Puccini

May 12 - Rigoletto - Giuseppe Verdi

May 19 - Carmen - Georges Bizet

May 26 - Eugene Onegin - Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky

June 2 - Ariadne auf Naxos - Richard Strauss

Cost for Spring Opera Series is only \$150 per person, or \$18 per class, but space is very limited. Call 617-670-1900 to register.

European Based Introduction to Aromatherapy



The European Based Introduction to Aromatherapy will be offered with Linda Patterson of the renowned [Eclectic Institute of Aromatherapy and Herbal Studies](#). The educational goals for this certification program are to instill a strong foundation in the art of blending essential oils as well as to educate ones sense of smell, enabling clear distinction between the myriad of oil lines and their varying levels of quality.

Certificate candidates will learn:

- 50 essential oils and their medical and therapeutic properties,
- Quality of essential oils,
- Methods of application,
- 3 different methods of blending,
- The olfactory system,
- Cody systems,
- Common ailments,
- Chemistry, stress relief,
- The lock and key response,
- Pheromones,
- Consultations and aphrodisiacs, and
- Certificate earners qualify to enroll in the Advanced Aromatherapy Guided tour in Provence, France as well as Introduction to Perfuming in the French Riviera with Bill Georgaqui.

The Certification requires 28 classroom hours. CEUs available upon request. The course will be held this Spring on the following Saturdays: April 24, May 8, and June 5, and June 19. The fee for this certification is \$399, material cost \$40.* For your convenience, you may pay \$100 per session rather than the full amount.

Space is limited. Call 617-670-1900 to reserve your spot.
Registration closes on Monday, April 12.

*The material fee for this course covers all bottles, jars and oils used during the class, as well as all handouts, aphrodisiac ingredients, powder and bath salt bases.

Bollywood-Zumba Fusion Class with Anandini & Heidi



An hour long fitness workshop with the benefits of cardio along with the fusion of both Latin and Bollywood music. You will experience an absolute blast in one exciting hour of calorie-burning, body-energizing, and inspiring movements.

Date: Saturday, April 17th
Time: 11:45-12:45 AM
Cost: \$10

Call 617-670-1900 to register.

Animals in Architecture: Free Arts & Crafts Workshop for Kids 3-6
Sponsored by the West End Community Center and the Otis House Museum

Thursday, April 8th from 4:00-5:00

Children discover the many animals used to decorate the insides of old houses, like birds found in wallpaper and lions staring out from fireplaces. They then decorate their own house pictures to take home.

Call 617-670-1900 to register.

NEW: Travel Club
April 19, 2010 at 7:00 PM
Featured Speaker: Duane Lucia
Featured Country: Japan

The Travel Club will meet monthly with a speaker who will present his or her experience abroad, share advice, and photographs. It is a great opportunity to network with others who like to travel and to think about your next getaway!

Free. Call 617-670-1900 to register.

Unites States Census Hiring
Mondays from 11:00-1:00

The US Census is hiring hundreds of people in the Boston neighborhoods for part-time and full-time roles at \$22.75 per hour. Hiring Assessments are offered Mondays at the West End Community Center from 11:00-1:00. To register or more information call 617.848.3262 or 617 670.1900 or visit www.2010censusjobs.gov

NEW: Conversation Cafe
Thursday, April 15th at 6:30

Conversation Cafés are an absurdly simple approach to what can be small but profound change. Café conversations can be full of surprise, excitement, and infinite possibilities. The conversation cafe has no particular topic or subject matter. Most will discover this unpredictability to be exciting and attractive.

"Every journey has a secret destination of which the traveler is never aware."

\$3 donation to the West End Community Center - email parisbill@westendcommunitycenter.com to register.

Save the Date for the 5th Annual West End Children's Festival

Saturday, August 21 from 12-4 at Thoreau Path

Regular Programming

Children & Youth Programs

Family Music Makers

Spring Session ongoing

Fridays 9:30-10:15 A.M. & 10:30-11:15 A.M.

You can still sign up for the mommy and me music classes by calling 617-783-9818 or at <http://www.familymusicmakers.com/register/registernew.html>.

Parent's Playgroup

Tuesdays 9:30-11:30 A.M.

Come by the Community Center with your infant/toddler and let your little ones stretch their body and mind. Complimentary for WECC members, \$30 a quarter for non-members.

Kid's Exercise Jamboree by NutFit

Fridays 4:00-5:00 P.M.

Kid's Exercise Jamboree is a program for kids ages 3-6 with a focus on fundamental motor skills. It is an exciting hour long structured workout disguised as a game for kids to increase coordination and balance. In a fun and safe environment kids will be hopping, skipping, and jumping to develop a stronger foundation for sports and everyday play.

Sundays 2:00-5:00 P.M.

Youth drop in center for kids 10-15 of age. A safe, fun, learning environment which will provide homework help as well as broaden their horizons by expanding upon things they are learning in school. Occasional field trips to the Museum of Science and the Aquarium will both educate and enlighten participants.

Adult Programs:

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Senior Programs:

Taxi Discount Coupons

Available Monday-Friday

West End Seniors 65+ and disabled residents may purchase up to 2 taxi coupon books per month at the West End Community Center. The taxi coupon book is worth \$10 and

Employment Opportunities

Offered by the Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts for mature workers 55 and older.
Call the community center for more information: 617-670-1900.

Committee Meetings:

Fundraising Committee: Wednesday the 14th at 4:00 PM

Programming Committee: Monday, 22nd at 12:30 PM