

# West End Community Center



## March Newsletter

Dear Friend:

It seems like Spring may finally be on the horizon! Thank you for joining us during the cold winter days and supporting events like The Harlem Renaissance Ball, participating in our February Vacation Week in collaboration with NEMPAC, attending workshops such as Envision Yourself in Your Future Home co-sponsored by the Institute for Human Centered Design and everything in between.

We are happy to offer new programs beginning in March: watercolor classes and Italian classes. In addition, we are excited to offer an April Vacation Arts week for school age children in collaboration with NEMPAC during April vacation week.

In an effort to determine which programs will be of most interest to offer you as we continue to grow, we've designed a *very brief* 5 question survey.

[Please click here](#) to complete the survey.

In appreciation of your time, upon completion of the survey, you will be entered to win a \$50 gift certificate to Flat Iron, the Tapas Bar & Lounge located on 107 Merrimac Street in the West End. We will announce the winner on Thursday, March 24th.

As always, thank you for your support. We look forward to seeing you soon!

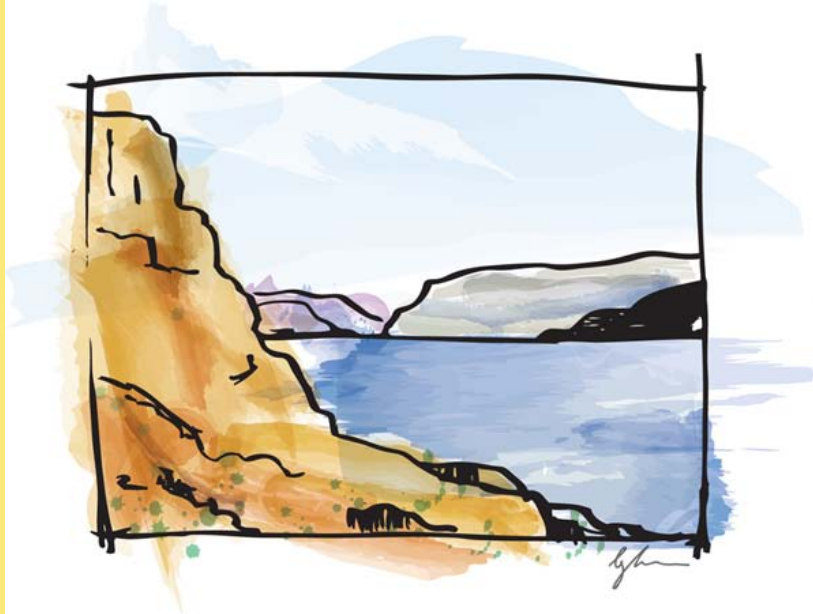
Best regards,

Amy J. Ericson  
Executive Director  
West End Community Center

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**New Program: Watercolor classes with Mariah Daly**

Beginning Monday, April 4th from 11 AM to 1 PM



Mariah is a long time resident of Beacon Hill and the first, second and third prize winner of The Beacon Hill Annual Art Walk. She will be teaching a 6 week watercolor class for beginners and intermediate painters at the community center. The subject matter that she will be focusing on consists of still life, landscape and seascape, and demonstrations of different techniques will be taught with theory of color and values.

Cost is \$125 for non-members/\$100 for members

[Click here](#) to register.

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**New Program: Adult Italian Classes**

Italian I: Mondays from 7-8:30 beginning Monday, March 28th  
Italian II: Thursdays from 7-8:30 beginning Thursday, March 31st

**Italian I:** Covers basic grammar and pronunciation; simple reading, conversation and writing activities using the present tense.

**Italian II:** This intermediate level course continues with grammar, emphasizing the use of the past, future, conditional perfect, and subjunctive tenses. More complex reading, writing and conversational activities assigned.

All sections use [Prego: An Invitation to Italian, 6th Edition](#). Book not included in course fee (can be purchased online at [Amazon.com](#) for less than \$30).

**Come to our Meet and Greet** on Monday, March 21st from 7-8:30 to meet the instructor and practice your skills!

Please contact Amy Ericson at [617-670-1900](tel:617-670-1900) or via email at [ae@westendcommunitycenter.com](mailto:ae@westendcommunitycenter.com) for registration information. Grazie!

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## Spring/Summer Softball - Think Spring!



In its 3rd Season, the West End Softball League doubled in size from 4 teams to 8 teams. Next spring will mark our 4th season on the state of the art Teddy Ebersol Red Sox Fields (across the Blossom Street footbridge). The co-ed, recreational, slow pitch league is a great way to spend time socializing, relaxing and having a good time with neighbors along the Charles River.

This year we are combining the day and night leagues for one cohesive league of 8 teams. [Click here](#) to view the schedule.

Only \$65.00 for individual registration.

To register a full team of 15 players is \$975.

Platinum Sponsorship (A full team with sponsorship and names on the back of your team's shirts) is \$1200.

To sponsor a team, the cost is \$750.

[Click here](#) to register or sponsor a team.

Please contact our Softball Director, Carlos Perez at [617-670-1900](tel:617-670-1900) or [cep@westendcommunitycenter.com](mailto:cep@westendcommunitycenter.com) with registration or sponsorship questions.

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### **April Vacation Arts Week**

Monday-Friday from 8:30-11:45 AM during April Vacation Week, April 18th-April 22

Looking for something for your kids (ages 4.5 and older) to do during April vacation week? Drop them off at the community center each morning to join our friends at NEMPAC and special guests for a fun and convenient April vacation week! The February special guests included Verve Yoga, Horn and Vocalist Chris Schroeder, and the Longy School of Music. We have more exciting guests for your children to enjoy in April.

Please contact Cheryl Sullivan at [cheryls23@yahoo.com](mailto:cheryls23@yahoo.com) with any questions about the arts week or for registration information.

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### **West End Poetry Club**

Tuesday, March 22nd at 7:00 PM

The West End Poetry Club is rapidly growing! Join us for open readings: Area poets and writers of all levels are welcome to read and enjoy refreshments. For more information, contact Duane Lucia at [617-416-0718](tel:617-416-0718) or by email at [dl@westendcommunitycenter.com](mailto:dl@westendcommunitycenter.com)

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### **Free Entry to the Museum of Science Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Afternoons beginning at 2:30 PM**

Free admission for *RACE: Are We SO Different* and Exhibit Halls

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons (March 2 through May 12, 2011) starting at 2:30pm-  
Main Lobby Check-in Table.

Residents of the cities listed below will be admitted free to the Museum to view the RACE exhibit on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday afternoons starting at 2:30 during the run of the exhibit. The only exception is the Massachusetts April school vacation week (April 19, 20, 21)

The cities are: Boston: (Allston, Back Bay, Brighton, Charlestown, Dorchester, East Boston, Fenway/Kenmore, Hyde Park, Jamaica Plain, Mattapan, Mission Hill, North End, Roslindale, Roxbury, South Boston, South End, **West End**) Cambridge, Everett, Malden, Revere, Somerville, Chelsea, and Quincy.

Residents will show a valid picture I.D., such as driver's license, Mass I.D. or passport. Children and teens 3-17, accompanying adults with I.D. will have free admission as well. In the case of college students not having the I.D. forms mentioned above, the accepted I.D.'s are a student picture I.D. and a utility bill with their name and address on it.

Relations at [jboyd@mos.org](mailto:jboyd@mos.org) with any questions.

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### **Regular Programming:**

#### **Save the Date for the 4th Annual Spring Hunt and Mother's Day Brunch!**

Saturday, May 14th beginning at 10:30 AM

Meet on Thoreau Path for our annual spring treasure hunt followed by Mother's Day Brunch served at the community center. The hunt will begin at 10:30 and brunch will start at 11:00 AM.

Free and open to all.

#### **Parent's Playgroup**

New time: Mondays 9:30-12:00 PM

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.

#### **Family Music Makers**

Fridays 9:30-10:15 AM

Family Music Makers is a musical journey designed for children aged newborn through 4 and their caretakers. Kids sing, play percussion instruments and dance as they learn musical behaviors, gross motor movement, and socialization with other children. Classes are ongoing. Register at [www.linx-usa.com](http://www.linx-usa.com) or call [781-235-3210](tel:781-235-3210). Registration includes a CD of songs from Family Music Makers' own locally recorded repertory.

#### **Taxi Discount Coupons**

The first and third Tuesday of the month from 3:00-4:30 PM

Taxi discount coupons are available for seniors (65+) and disabled residents on the first (3/1) and third (3/15) Tuesday of every month from 3:00-4:30 PM. The coupon books are worth \$10 each and are sold for \$5 each. Residents may purchase two books per month.

#### **Youth Droppin' In**

Sundays 2:00-5:00 PM

A safe, fun learning environment for youth ages 10-15 years old, which will provide homework help as well as broaden their horizons by expanding upon things they are learning in school. We incorporate regular physical activity into our youth program along with outings to museums.

Please contact our Youth Program Coordinator, Merlyne Pierre at [mp@westendcommunitycenter.com](mailto:mp@westendcommunitycenter.com) with any questions about this program.