

# West End Community Center



## *October Newsletter*

Dear Friend:

We hope this newsletter finds you well and that you have settled into your fall routine. We are happy to bring you an active October, with activities and programs that are sure to fit your interests. We are proud to celebrate Italian-American Heritage month with a film festival held on Thursdays in October. Further, we are excited for the Fourth Annual West End Halloween Parade and are looking forward to seeing your costumes!

Best regards,

Amy J. Ericson  
Executive Director

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**Fourth Annual West End Halloween Parade**  
**Sponsored by Teresa T. Gaetos of Agenzia Real Estate, LLC**



Saturday, October 23, 2010  
4:00-6:00 PM

The Parade will start at the Great Lawn by Emerson Apartments and proceed through Thoreau Path to the West End Community Center. Following the parade we will be hosting a Halloween party featuring a live reptile show presented by Bwana Iguana.

Pre-registration is appreciated. Please call 617-670-1900 or reply to this email.

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The West End Community Center is proud to celebrate Italian-American Heritage Month in October with the:



Please join us in celebrating the artistic contributions of Italian film. We will be showing the films on our hi-def projector followed by a group discussion.

*La Strada* - Thursday, October 7th at 2:30

Ice cream generously provided by Ben & Jerry's for the October 7th kickoff of *La Strada*

*Life is Beautiful* - Thursday, October 14th at 2:30

*Cafe Paradiso* - Thursday, October 21st at 2:30

*Seven Beauties* - Thursday, October 27th at 2:30

Pre-registration is appreciated. Please call 617-670-1900 or reply to this email.

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### **Financial Choices that Matter Workshop**

Tuesday, October 5th at 6:30 PM

We invite you to join us for a workshop focused on financial choices that matter. In today's challenging times, it is important to realize what financial choices are available and how to reach your goals.

Pre-registration is appreciated. Please call 617-670-1900 or reply to this email.

## **Fall Opera Series**

with Opera Connoisseur Angelo Mammano

Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 PM

The programs for the Fall Opera Series reflect not only the great diversity of operatic literature but also the opportunities that Boston area audiences will have to experience opera, either live or at the cinema. Several of the works are scheduled for performance by either Opera Boston or Boston Lyric Opera. The following operas are presented by our Opera Connoisseur Angelo Mammano, presented on our hi-def projector, then analyzed as a group:

September 29 - Hamlet - Ambroise Thomas  
October 6- Stephen Sondheim, a survey  
October 13 - Romeo et Juliette - Charles Gounod  
October 20 - Das Rheingold - Richard Wagner  
October 27- Cardillac - Paul Hindemith  
November 3 - Boris Godunov - Modest Mussorgsky  
November 10 - Fidelio - Ludwig van Beethoven  
November 17 - Tosca - Giacomo Puccini  
December 1 - Don Pasquale - Gaetano Donizetti  
December 8 - Don Carlo - Giuseppe Verdi

Call 617-670-1900 to register or [Click Here](#)

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## **Children & Youth Programs:**

### **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.

Not a member? [Click Here to Join](#)

### **iHablemos Juntos! (Let's Talk Together!) Spanish Classes For Kids**

With instructor Vanessa Alonso

Eight week session on Mondays beginning November 1st - December 20th 9:15-10:30 AM

Estrillitas (6 months-2.5 years) is from 9:15-10:00 AM

Estrellas (2.6 years-4.5 years) is from 10:00-11:45 AM

The theme for this session is the farm and farm animals

Parents, caretakers, and children are invited to learn Spanish in fun and child friendly classes. Some of the themes include: the farm and farm animals, the jungle and its inhabitants, the seasons, Latin American cultures and holidays, and the ocean and its inhabitants. The classes will incorporate Latin American songs and music, movement, games, books, and art projects to teach the colors, shapes, numbers, animals, culture, and basic Spanish phrases. So come by to have some fun and dance, play, and sing your way through Spanish. The class includes a CD of the music heard in each session and the written lyrics to the songs so you can practice at home.

Cost: \$200 for non-members. | \$180 for members. Call 617-670-1900 or [click here](#) to register.

### **Youth Droppin' In**

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. We are happy to announce a new partnership with our neighbor Basketball City. We will be incorporating regular physical activity into our youth program. Occasional field trips to the Museum of Science and the Aquarium will both educate and enlighten participants.

### **Future City Competition: Calling all 6th to 8th Graders!**

The West End Community Center is recruiting all motivated 6th to 8th graders for this national engineering competition. This competition incorporates a team based approach, in which all team members have an important role in solving the challenge presented by the competition. The mission of the National Engineers Week Future City Competition is to provide a fun and exciting educational engineering program for sixth, seventh and eighth grade students. The competition combines a stimulating engineering challenge with a "hands-on" application to present the vision of a city for the future.

Contact Amy Ericson at 617-670-1900 or [ae@westendcommunitycenter.com](mailto:ae@westendcommunitycenter.com) if interested in participating.

## **Adult Programs:**

### **Spring Softball League**

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 Teddy Ebersol Red Sox Fields (across the Blossom Street footbridge). The co-ed, recreational, slow pitch league is a great way to spend evenings socializing, relaxing and having a good time with neighbors along the Charles River.

[Click Here to Register](#)

*Special Thanks to Our 2010 Sponsors:*

The Hill Tavern

Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary

Suffolk University

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### **West End Poetry Club**

Tuesday, October 26th at 7:00 PM

The West End Poetry Club is back! 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 or by email at [dl@westendcommunitycenter.com](mailto:dl@westendcommunitycenter.com)

### **Ditch the Workout, Join the Party at Zumba with Tia!**

**Bring a friend to the party! 2 for 1 special through November 7th**

Mondays at 5:45

Monday, October 18th from 5:45-6:30

Monday, October 25th from 5:45-6:30

Monday, November 1st from 5:45-6:30

Monday, November 8th from 5:45-6:30

Cost per class is \$10 for member and friend, \$12 for non-member and friend

Call 617-670-1900 or reply to this email to register.

### **Jewish Interfaith Relationship Workshop**

Wednesday, October 20th at 7:00 PM

Join other interfaith couples in a discussion of challenges, triumphs and the overall experience of living in an interfaith relationship. This is the first of a three part workshop. This first workshop will be held at the West End Community Center on Wednesday, October 20th; the next two will be held at the Boston Synagogue (55 Martha Rd.) on Wednesday, November 3rd and Wednesday, November 17th, both at 7:00 PM. For any questions, contact the Boston Synagogue at [office@bostonsynagogue.org](mailto:office@bostonsynagogue.org)

Thank you to all who attended the **Sukkot** event held on September 26th at the Boston Synagogue. The event was a wonderful learning experience for many West End Community Center members about the origin and celebration of the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles. A special thank you to the Boston Synagogue for hosting this event!

## **Community Events / Meetings**

### **West End Civic Association Monthly Membership Meeting**

With guest speaker Greg White, Vice President of Equity Residential

Thursday, October 14th at 7:00 PM at Amy Lowell (65 Martha Rd)

Please contact West End Civic Association President Louise Thomas at [weca.boston@gmail.com](mailto:weca.boston@gmail.com) or call 617-723-8848 with any questions.

### **The West End Museum hosts the Annual West End Reunion**

Friday, October 22, 2010 at 7:00

Irish American Club, 177 West Street, Malden, MA

Join the West End Museum for music, dancing and food in honor of the spirit of the former West End. This annual reunion benefits the West End Museum.

Cost is \$50.00. Please contact West End Museum President Richard Hartnett at [richart1@mac.com](mailto:richart1@mac.com) with any questions or to support the reunion.

### **Advent School Open Houses**

Wednesday, October 13 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, November 14 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m

15-17 Brummer Street - Boston, MA 02108

[www.adventschool.org](http://www.adventschool.org) - 617-742-0522

Since 1961, the Advent School has been providing an outstanding education grounded in the principles of social justice and environmental sustainability. We welcome you to tour our school, from our Reggio Emilia inspired Early Childhood Center through sixth grade.

### **West End Museum Italian Heritage Month Celebration**

(museum tours / music & song / refreshments)

Thursday, October 14, 2010 6:30-8:30 PM at The West End Museum (150 Staniford St. Ste. 7)

Honored Guests:

Mr. Frank Privitera

Mr. James Campano

State Representative Paul Donato

Please call 617-416-0718 or 617-723-2125 with any questions.

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