

## September Newsletter

Dear Friend,

It is hard to believe that summer went by so fast! Thank you to all who volunteered for, participated in and contributed to the success of the 5th Annual West End Children's Festival held on August 21, 2010. We proudly hosted over 2,000 guests on Thoreau Path for a day filled with the *international flavor* of the West End. A special thank you to our major Festival sponsors: Massachusetts General Hospital, Suffolk University and the Holiday Inn on Beacon Hill. Thank you also to our elected representatives who supported our event: Mayor Menino, Representative Marty Walz, City Council President Michael Ross and City Councilor At-Large Felix Arroyo.

Please click below and visit our Facebook page to view photographs:



As we welcome the change of seasons, we are happy to announce new programs such as iHablemos Juntos!, a new Spanish class for children ages 6 months to 7 years old and Future City, a national engineering competition for 6th-8th graders. We are happy to bring back the Poetry Club and Parent's Playgroup. Lastly, we are looking forward to our monthly community building event. This month, we will join the Boston Synagogue in their celebration of Sukkot, the Feast of Tabernacles. You will find more detailed information about the above mentioned programs throughout the newsletter.

We thank you for your continued support and hope to see you soon!

Warm regards,

Amy J. Ericson  
Executive Director



iHablemos Juntos!

iHablemos Juntos! (Let's Talk Together) Spanish Classes for kids 6 months to 7 years old with instructor Vanessa Alonso

Children will be immersed in the language and learn through song, dance, art and conversation.

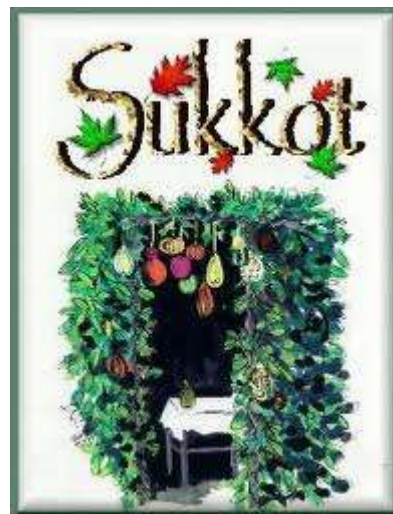
Estrillitas (Baby Stars, 6 months to 2.5 years old)  
Mondays & Wednesdays 9:30 to 10:15 am

Estrellas (Stars, 3 to 4 years old)  
Mondays & Wednesdays 3:15 to 4:00 pm

Cometas (Comets, 5 to 7 years old)  
Mondays & Wednesdays 4:15 to 5:00 pm

Cost \$200 for non-members, \$180 for members  
Sibling non-members \$180, Sibling members \$150

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



Join us at the Boston Synagogue (55 Martha Rd. Boston, MA 02114) to celebrate Sukkot, the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles on

Sunday, September 26th from 11:30-1:00 pm.

We will be decorating the Sukkot Tabernacle, making crafts and enjoying refreshments. Pre-registration is appreciated. Please email Amy Ericson at [ae@westendcommunitycenter.com](mailto:ae@westendcommunitycenter.com) or call 617-670-1900.

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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

Cost for Fall Opera Series: \$200 for non members, \$150 for members  
A la carte classes: \$20 for non member, \$15 for members

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

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Taxi discount coupons are available on the first and third  
Tuesday of the month at 3:00 PM

Tuesday, September 7th at 3:00 PM  
Tuesday, September 21st at 3:00 PM

Taxi discount coupons are available for senior (65+) and disabled residents.  
Participants are able to purchase up to 2 books per month at \$5.00 each.  
The books are worth \$10.00 each.

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West End Poetry Club  
Tuesday, September 28th 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)

Save the date for the October meeting: Tuesday, October 26th at 7:00 PM

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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](#)

Youth Droppin' In

New time: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00-6:00 PM beginning Tuesday,  
September 13th

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.

Save the Date for the 4th Annual West End Halloween Parade:  
Saturday, October 23rd from 4-6 PM beginning on Thoreau Path

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.

Registration is only \$40 until Friday, September 10th, 2010.

[Click Here to Sign Up](#)

Special Thanks to Our 2010 Sponsors:

The Hill Tavern

Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary

Suffolk University

Sully's Ts

Financial Choices that Matter Workshop

Tuesday, October 5th at 6:30 PM

Please join us for a workshop presented by Prudential Investments about financial decisions that impact individuals, couples and families.

Pre-registration is appreciated. Email Amy Ericson at [ae@westendcommunitycenter.com](mailto:ae@westendcommunitycenter.com) or call 617-670-1900.

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, the next two will be held at Boston Synagogue (55 Martha Rd.) on Wednesday, November 3rd and Wednesday, November 17th,

both at 7:00 PM. Please email Amy Ericson at [ae@westendcommunitycenter.com](mailto:ae@westendcommunitycenter.com) to register for the October 20th workshop launch. For any questions, contact the Boston Synagogue at [office@bostonsynagogue.org](mailto:office@bostonsynagogue.org)

Thank you to all who volunteered and donated for our First Annual Blood Drive, held on Monday, August 30th from 2:00 to 7:00 PM at the West End Community Center. The event was co-sponsored by the Boston Synagogue and the West End Community Center and was a great success in a time of need.

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Community Announcements, Meetings and Events:

*West End Civic Association Monthly Membership Meeting*  
with guest speaker Dr. Jean Elrick, Senior Vice President of Administration at Massachusetts General Hospital  
Thursday, September 9th at 7:00 PM at the West End Museum (150 Staniford St.)  
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.

*Phillips Street Park Greens Up the Neighborhood by Launching a Used Gadget Drive*  
Friends of the Park Hope to Recycle 100 Cell Phones and MP3 Players at the Beacon Hill Block Party on September 19th

The Phillips Street Park has launched a used gadget drive to recycle used electronics and other gadgets that are gathering dust in the closets and attics of Beacon Hill neighbors. Both friends and local businesses can easily recycle their gadgets by visiting the Phillips Street Park Gadget Drive page, <http://pspa.gazelle.com>. The Phillips Street Park will also be hosting a table at the Beacon Hill Block Party September 19th between 1 and 4pm with a goal of recycling 100 cell phones and MP3 players (including iPods) at the Block Party. Proceeds from these recycled gadgets will then be used for future programming at the Phillips Street Park.

Friends of the Park have developed a partnership with local reCommerce company, Gazelle, to provide a one stop resource to recycle outdated electronics. Visitors who go to the Phillips Street Park Gadget Drive page can quickly and easily notify Gazelle that they have a gadget that they would like to recycle. Once the transaction is completed, Gazelle will offer a pre-paid shipping label and many donations will also qualify for free packaging. Once Gazelle receives the item, they will donate the value of that item to the Phillips Street Park through the Beacon Hill Civic Association.

Alternatively, used cell phones and MP3 players (including iPods) can be

dropped off at the Phillips Street Park table during the annual Beacon Hill Block Party and the Friends of the Park will take care of shipping the goods to Gazelle for reCommercing or recycling.

Gadgets that can be reCommerced through the website include: cell phones, digital cameras, desktop computers, external drives, video games, PDAs, LCD monitors, gaming consoles, calculators, projectors, laptops, GPS devices, camera lenses, home audio, MP3 players, camcorders, satellite radios and Blu-Ray players. If a gadget does not have any resale value, either in whole or in components, Gazelle will still make sure that it's recycled responsibly.

So, instead of burying that old gadget in a trash bag and adding to our mounting landfill problems, take a minute and let Gazelle reCommerce it for you. You'll be helping our environment and raising funds for future programming at the Phillips Street Park all at the same time.

For more information, please contact Cindy Sullivan at [cindysullivan@hotmail.com](mailto:cindysullivan@hotmail.com).

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*ASC English is proud to announce its new affiliation with the Mathematic Olympiads for Elementary and Middle Schools (MOEMS.)*

MOEMS, established in 1977 by Dr. George Lenchner, hosts mathematics competitions for exceptional math students all around the world. Since its humble beginnings in 1977, MOEMS has grown to include 150,000 students in 6,000 teams from 30 different countries. ASC English is one of the newest schools that will be forming teams to compete in the five contests scheduled for the 2010-2011 school year.

ASC English was drawn to the MOEMS organization because MOEMS' mathematics goals are the same as those of ASC:

- To stimulate enthusiasm and a love for Mathematics
- To introduce important Mathematical concepts
- To teach major strategies for problem solving
- To develop Mathematical flexibility in solving problems
- To strengthen Mathematical intuition
- To foster Mathematical creativity and ingenuity
- To provide for the satisfaction, joy, and thrill of meeting challenges

ASC sees participation in the Math Olympiads as a way to provide the top mathematics students from around the greater Boston area with a fun and educational outlet for their talents. With ASC, students will hone their skills and compete at the highest levels possible. Through their participation with ASC English's MOEMS team, not only will students have the opportunity to receive awards and notoriety for their achievements, but participation in this program will also give students an edge when applying for the most competitive of Ivy League universities, such as Harvard, Princeton, or Yale.

Space on the ASC teams is limited. Interested parties are encouraged to

contact ASC English as early as possible to ensure a spot in their training program/Olympiad team which will begin meeting in September.

Source: <http://www.moems.org/>

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