

# West End News

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## Important West End phone numbers:

Crimestoppers: 1-800-445-TIPS

West End Community Service Officer Jim Elliot, 424-2034

## WECA Meeting Calendar

### December 2008/January 2009

#### Dec. 2, Jan. 6 Board meeting

7 pm, West End Community Center

#### Dec. 9 General Meeting

7 pm, United Methodist Church, 571 Farmington Avenue

#### Dec. 1, Jan. 5 Education

Chair: Sylvia Reid, [expressyourself1@mac.com](mailto:expressyourself1@mac.com), 233-0436. Meets first Monday of the month, 6 pm, WECC.

#### Dec. 4, Jan. TBA Public Safety

Chair: Dave Jorgenson, [jorgie54@comcast.net](mailto:jorgie54@comcast.net), .Meets first Thursday of month, 7 pm, WECC.

#### Dec. TBA, Jan. TBA Architectural History & Resources

Co-chairs: Vivian Martin, [vbmartin@aol.com](mailto:vbmartin@aol.com), 231-7782 & Jeff Jahnke, [jwj@jahnkearchitecture.com](mailto:jwj@jahnkearchitecture.com), 748-5924

Days & locations TBA, contact Vivian for information.

#### Dec. 15, Jan. 19 Housing

Co-chairs: Sonia Ayala, [soniaa0924@aol.com](mailto:soniaa0924@aol.com), 233-2980 & Anthony Gray, [ajgray@aya.yale.edu](mailto:ajgray@aya.yale.edu), 904-5769

Meets third Monday of month, 6 pm, WECC.

## West End Civic Association

*December 9, 2008 - 7 pm*

### General Meeting

*United Methodist Church, corner of Farmington Avenue and South  
Whitney Street*

### Agenda

Quality of Life Issues: Snow removal, leaf pickup, recycling, parking enforcement, street signage and striping, graffiti, trash, noise, and other issues

*Special Presentation by Clarence Corbin, Director of Public Works, City of Hartford*

*Priorities for Enforcement by Community Services Officer James Elliott*

Traffic Calming: A Ceremony Thanking Mayor Eddie Perez, Public Works Director Clarence Corbin and Traffic Engineer Kevin Burnham for Their Effort to Install Speed Tables on Girard and Kenyon

Membership in the Civic Association

*Presentation by Charlie Ortiz*

Education: A Program to Recognize our Honor Roll Students

*Announcement by Sylvia Reid*

The 2010 Census: Recruitment to Fill Job Openings

*Announcement by Sylvia Reid*

Announcements

Other Business

## In the neighborhood...

### Save The Date!

Sunday, December 21 the West End Civic Association will be having a hayride/carol sing around the West End.

It will run from 5-7 pm

When we have finalized all the details such as where will we meet, we will post the information on WECA's web-site: [www.westend.org](http://www.westend.org)



Parkville Classics will present the Adaskin Trio in a free concert on Saturday January 24, 2009 at 7:30 pm at Grace Episcopal Church, 55 New Park Ave, Hartford. A reception follows to greet the musicians.



For more information, call Ellen Morse, chairman of Parkville Classics at 860-649-6192

## Saturday Hoopsters is back!

Saturday Hoopsters is a Youth Basketball Program for boys and girls where kids can meet new friends, join a team, and play organized basketball. All levels of players are welcome. Parents are encouraged to volunteer. No one will be turned away!!

### Who Can Play?

Any kid who lives in Hartford or attends a Hartford school. Ages 5-13



### Where?

Noah Webster Gym – Corner of Cone & Whitney St.

### When does it Start? When does it Finish?

Saturday Hoopsters begins Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup> It will run every Saturday after that until Sat. March 14<sup>th</sup>. (BUT NOT Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> & Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>)

### What Time?

It depends on how old you are. There will be 3 age groups:

### NCAA Division:

5 -7 years old 8 – 9:30am

### NBA Division:

8-10 years old 9:30 – 11am

### Olympic Division:

11-13 years old 11am – 12:30pm

**When?** Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup> - First Day

**Why?** Play Basketball, Make New Friends, Have Fun!!

**Questions?** please call Benjamin Cruse @ 951-2249 or Brian Gallagher @ 236-7856

Hoopster or Parent: Please fill out the following information and bring on December 6<sup>th</sup> with \$5 which will cover the entire 13 weeks of the Program.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please waive this \$5 dollar fee and consider my son/daughter for a scholarship

WE'RE ON THE WEB:  
WWW.WESTEND.ORG

## HCT's Coming Attractions

Education Dept. Productions  
Classes Start January 17

**101 Dalmatians**  
Discovery Company Production  
Rehearsals: Saturdays, 10am- Noon  
January 17 - April 4

**Alice in Wonderland**  
Youth & Teen Company Production  
Rehearsals: Saturdays, 2pm -5pm  
January 17 - April 14

Family Main Stage Series  
Auditions in January

**Tree Wise**  
Family Main Stage Production  
Performances: March 20, 22, 27-29

**Ramona Quimby**  
Family Main Stage Production  
Performances: May 1-3, 8-10

## Now Showing at the Hartford Children's Theatre...

Hartford Children's Theatre is proud to partner with the Mark Twain House on their Yuletide Tours this holiday season. Together we will take you back to the Victorian era and show you Christmas as



it was in the Twain household. HCT students will be featured in holiday scenes of yesterday, Carolers and a visit with Mr. Twain himself all add to the festivities. Children can make ornaments to take home at the end of the tours. We'd love to see you there - tours start every twenty minutes from 1:00 - 4:00 pm! Sunday December 7th & Sunday December 14th

## West End Sidewalks

The West End's bluestone sidewalks are one of the neighborhood's unique features. Although they provide a distinctive look, they require more maintenance than concrete. This summer the Department of Public Works surveyed the condition of the sidewalks to evaluate their compliance with Federal guidelines. If sidewalks are found to not be in compli-

ance, the City will issue notices to homeowners, giving a timeline to make repairs (because homeowners are responsible for repairs). So far, it does not seem as though the City has sent notices about violations. The WECA Architectural History and Resources Committee



has been following the City's progress, and is gathering information about various repair options. We're here to help if you have questions, but would also like to ask for your help. If you have received a sidewalk notice from the City, please let Kyle Bergquist know at 860-232-8117. Thanks!



## DineAround the West End on January 31



Mark your calendars to chase away mid-winter blahs, West End-style, at DineAround *the West End*, the fifth annual progressive dinner to benefit WECA on Saturday evening, January 31, 2009.

The evening, which has come to be eagerly anticipated in the neighborhood, starts at 6 pm at the home of Michael A. Peck, 200 Scarborough St. Approximately 225 guests will enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres and receive their dinner assignments. From there they depart for dinner at one of 25 West End homes. Beginning at 10:00 pm, dessert and coffee will be offered to guests at the home of Diane & Chris Gent, at 1040 Prospect Avenue.

**DineAround the West End** is an evening of warmth, festivity & conviviality. The night is full of surprises – where you dine, the menu served, and your dinner companions! Because everyone should be comfortable signing up, **this year there will be the option for anyone wishing to come solo to be placed at a dinner house where there will be other solo guests as well.** While this will not be printed on the reply card, if a card with one name is received, you will be contacted and offered the choice of dining in this setting.

"Along with being a fun fundraiser, this is a great way for neighbors to get

acquainted and reunited with new and longtime residents in their own neighborhood," says David Barrett, President of WECA. "In past years we had scores of people tell us about meeting others for the first time although they've lived in the West End for years." "We're very fortunate that so many in our neighborhood support this evening in so many ways," says Jan Klein, co-chair for the event. "In addition to our gracious hosts, our sponsors, at all levels really make this event possible. For the fifth year in a row, the generosity of our two Platinum Candelabra sponsors is awesome: again, Galo Rodriguez of The Village for Families & Children will donate all of our fabulous hors d'oeuvres, and Louis Lista of Pond House Café will provide all of the luscious desserts." Also, at print time, Gold Charger sponsors include Mollie Abend, West End Realtor, The Aetna Foundation, Amy & Kyle Bergquist – Greater Hartford Real Estate Blog, the Law Firm of Berman, Bourns, Aaron & Dembo LLC, DeVars-Phillips Florists, Linda Jorgensen, Wealth Advisor at Morgan Stanley and Oxford Builders - Christian & Kate Winkley. Silver Tray sponsors include Kathy & Don Berkowetz/Dana Lauren, Jazz Vocalist and FedEx Office. Crystal Flute sponsors include DJM Carpentry & Design, LLC, JAPANALIA on one! & La Motta Fine Art, Martha Page & Bill Young

and the Law Offices of Zlokower & Miller LLP.

"Every year, this event has sold out quickly, and last year's response was overwhelming," adds Fi Bookwalter, co-chairing the event with Jan Klein. "Because of this, and the fact that it's a fundraiser for WECA, it's been decided that **this year invitations will be sent in two waves – first to WECA members in good standing, and a few days later to others on the mailing list**, so remember to complete and send in your membership form to be in the first mailing. Reservations are only confirmed with payment, so it's important to understand that the way to secure your spot is BY GETTING YOUR REPLY CARD AND CHECK RETURNED promptly after receiving your invitation in the mail."

Admission is \$75 per person, no increase from last year. Remember that **invitations will be mailed to WECA members first**, followed by West End neighbors soon after. If you need more information, call Fi Bookwalter (232-8705), Jan Klein (232-2050) or David Barrett (509-9519).

*One cannot think well, love well, sleep well, if one has not dined well." - Virginia Woolf*

**IMMANUEL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH** is proud to sponsor this issue of WECA's neighborhood newsletter.

Although our members come from many diverse neighborhoods in Hartford and surrounding towns, we share many common goals:

- To promote peace and social justice both at home and abroad;
- To improve the quality of life for children and families through our ongoing support of the Noah Webster School and Hartford High School;
- To provide a warm and welcoming place of worship for all, regardless of our different faith journeys.

We invite you to visit us for Sunday Worship Service and Church School at 10:00 AM (9:30 AM in July and August). Childcare is provided.

**IMMANUEL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Corner of Farmington Avenue and Woodland Street (Parking off Woodland Street – look for signs). For further information call 527-8121 or visit our website at [www.iccucc.org](http://www.iccucc.org)

The Rev. Ed Horstmann, Senior Pastor, The Rev. Nancy Allen, Associate Pastor

**Sleigh Bells Ring! Immanuel Sings!**  
**December 14<sup>th</sup>, 12:00-2:00 pm**

Celebrate the season at Immanuel with horse drawn sleigh rides throughout the neighborhood, carol singing, food, fun and surprises for all.

**Join us!**

**Handel's Messiah**  
**December 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm**

The New Haven Symphony Orchestra and Voce perform Handel's Messiah under the direction of NHSO Music Director, William Boughton. A portion of proceeds will benefit Operation Fuel. Visit [www.voce.inc.org](http://www.voce.inc.org) for ticket information.

**Not a member of WECA? Join today!**

Enrollment Form

Please complete form to become a member. Please print clearly.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

WECA makes your neighborhood better, but we need your help

WECA is a 501 (c) (3) organization and contributions are tax deductible. Please check contribution level.

\_\_\_ \$1,000 \_\_\_ \$500 \_\_\_ \$250 \_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_ Volunteer

\_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_ \$10 \_\_\_ Other

Please return completed form to:

WECA, c/o David Barrett, 257 Oxford Street, Hartford, CT 06105