



West End Civic Association *Annual Meeting*

Tuesday, June 14, 2011 - 7 p.m.

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

Agenda

Farmers Market: 2011 Schedule and Programs

Report of 2011 Nominating Committee (Amy Bergquist, Valerie Jasinski, Dave Sageman)

Election of President, Vice President(s), Secretary and Treasurer

State of the West End Address

Announcement of Community Grant Recipients

New Strategic Plan for the West End: Community Input

Sector Meetings

Election of Sector Representatives

Small Group Discussions on Neighborhood Issues

Note: Be sure to sign up for committees.

Sign-up sheets are available at the sign-in table.

Strategic Planning Public Hearing

The West End neighborhood revitalization planning committee will conduct a public hearing on the West End proposed strategic plan on Tuesday, June 14 at 7 p.m. at the United Methodist Church of Greater Hartford, located at the corner of Farmington Avenue and South Whitney Street. The proposed strategic plan will be available at www.westend.org on Wednesday, June 1. Copies will be made available by request at the public hearing, which is part of WECA's annual meeting.

***Annual Strawberry
Shortcake Festival
at the West End
Farmers' Market!!***



***Friday, June 17th
at 4pm
FREE for all customers
Come early while
supplies last***

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Saturday, June 25, 2011

You are invited to the.....

22nd ANNUAL SOUTH BEACON STREET NEIGHBORHOOD BACKYARD PICNIC

Date: Saturday, June 25, 2011

(Raindate: Sunday, June 26)

Time: Drop in any time after 5:30 p.m.

(Food off the grill will start about 6:15 p.m. or a bit later)

Where: 104 Beacon St. (corner of Beacon St. and West Blvd.)
(Home of Rafie Podolsky)



Should I bring something? It's up to you. Food (salads, desserts, sides, etc.) or drink to share is welcome, but come with or without. We'll provide hamburgers and hot dogs.

May I bring friends or neighbors? YES, please do. You don't have to live in the West End to come.

RSVPs are helpful (so that we will know approximately how many people to expect) but are not necessary -- it's OK to decide to come at the last second. Please RSVP "Yes" or "No" to 232-7748 or RPodo1898@aol.com.

For more information, call Rafie Podolsky (232-7748). If in doubt about the weather on picnic day, call Rafie at 836-6355.

Elizabeth Park Events

Rose Garden Tours

FREE Meet the park's Rosarian, Marci Martin at the entrance to the Rose Garden for a tour of Elizabeth Park's famous Rose Garden.
Tuesday, June 14 at 11:00.
Thursday, June 16 at 11:00.
Tuesday, June 21 at 11:00.
Tuesday, June 28 at 11:00.
Thursday, June 23 at 6:30p.m.



6/15/2011 History Tour of Elizabeth Park. A walking history tour of Elizabeth Park. Find out how Elizabeth Park came to be and what is so special about the park. FREE Meet in front of the Information Center. Wednesday, June 15 at 10:00. Wednesday, June 29 at 10:00.

6/15/2011 Full Moon Tour Join Paul Condon for a walking tour of

Elizabeth Park at twilight. FREE A fun tour for all ages including history, information about plants and trees and personal memories. It's a storytelling experience! Bring a flashlight. Wednesday, June 15 at 8:30 p.m. Meet in front of the Pond House. Rain date is June 16.

6/16/2011 Perennial Garden Tour Join our experts for a tour of Elizabeth Park's Perennial Garden in early summer. FREE. Meet in the perennial garden at 6:30.

6/17/2011 Wine & Roses The fourth annual **Wine & Roses** reception and silent auction is scheduled for Friday June 17, 2011 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. \$100.00 pp The Honorary Co-Chairs are Governor Dannel & Mrs. Cathy Malloy. This fundraising event for the Friends of Elizabeth Park kicks off the annual **Rose Weekend**, June 18 and 19, when thousands of people visit Elizabeth Park to witness 15,000

rose bushes and rose arches in full spectacular bloom.

6/18/2011 Rose Weekend: FREE 11a.m.-4p.m. Family activities under the tent. Arts & crafts, horticultural societies and music. Rose Garden Lawn 12:00p.m. Tour of the Rose Garden 1:00 p.m. Poetry reading by the Friends and Enemies of Wallace Stevens.

6/19/2011 Rose Weekend: FREE 11a.m.-4p.m. Family activities under the tent. Arts & Crafts, Horticultural societies and Music. Rose Garden Lawn Annual Rose Show by the Connecticut Rose Society-Pond House Hall 1:30p.m.-4:30p.m.

6/22/2011 Summer Concert: Eight to the Bar (swing band). 6:30p.m. on Rose Garden Lawn. **6/29/2011 Summer Concert: Tirebiter** (Rock & Roll) 6:30 p.m. on Rose Garden Lawn.

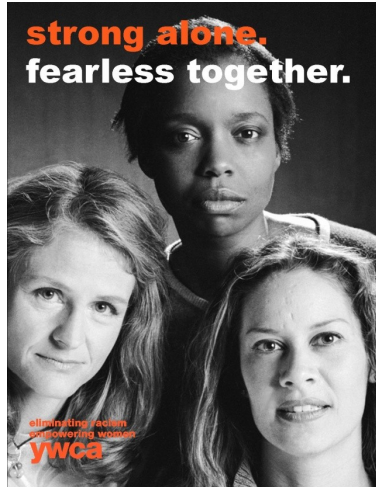
For more information visit www.elizabethpark.org or call the Friends of Elizabeth Park 860.231.9443.

**Become a member of YWCA Hartford Region
 “Y” the “W” Matters and Why You Should Get Involved**

For an organization, its passion comes together around its mission. The mission of the YWCA is eliminating racism and empowering women. Some say these are lofty goals, if not impossible to accomplish. We don't think so. Every great social transformation has come about because one individual had an idea that life could be better. **Are you that individual?**

Help us continue to make a difference in the lives of women and girls and be-

come a member of YWCA Hartford Region by going to www.ywcahartford.org to join.



YWCA MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES:

Being part of part of the world's largest and oldest, multi-racial women's movement

Participating in YWCA's diverse program & services including Stand Against Racism, Money Conference for Women, YWCA's annual meeting and more

Meeting women with diverse backgrounds and building lasting relationships while working together with a common goal to make a difference

Getting the inside scoop and up-to-date information on YWCA happenings and news with newsletter and monthly e-newsletter

Knowing that your membership enables YWCA to help women, girls and families in the community and support our racial justice and advocacy work

join the movement...

www.ywcahartford.org

The West End Farmers' Market to kick-off its 9th year

School is almost out and the smells and sounds of summer are just around the corner. You know what that means: your very own farmers' market is getting ready for opening day, Tuesday, June 7th! Located on the corner of Farmington Avenue and S. Whitney, the West End Farmers' Market is excited to bring you a wide variety of local vendors and musicians. This year the West End Market's annual Strawberry Shortcake Festival will be held on Friday, June 17th starting at 4:00 p.m. Come early to enjoy free local strawberry shortcake before supplies run out!

Started in 2003, the West End Farmers' Market is one of the oldest markets in Hartford. It remains a critical resource for Hartford residents in and around the West End neighborhood seeking fresh, local, and delicious food from nearby farms. This market is sponsored by The United Methodist Church and the West End Civic Association. Updates about what to expect each week can be found on our NEW market website at www.wefm.org.

Are you interested in the history of your West End home?

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Check out this website!

LiveHartford.org is a website geared toward new people moving into the area whether people are transferring or moving into the area. The website has information about home buying, rental properties, neighborhoods and community organizations. The people from the website would like feedback from the neighborhoods about the website. We will have a survey available at the general meeting on June 14. Please take a few minutes to visit the website and then come and fill out the survey at the general meeting. The website is WWW.liveHartford.org.

Bye bye,
comfort zone.

Hello, school day worth
waking up for.

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admission@watkinson.org.

Watkinson School, Hartford CT.
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Watkinson

SCHOOL
SUMMER IMMERSION ACADEMY

A one or two week program for students
who are looking for some serious fun.

June 13-June 24, 2011—the two weeks after school ends and before most summer camps start. The Academy offers full-day programs (9 a.m.-4 p.m.) for students entering grades 5-9.

**choose the topics that interest you:
science, inventing, farming, cooking, sports
leadership, theater, nature, visual arts**

Contact 860.236.5618 or summeracademy@watkinson.org today!

WECA MAKES COMMUNITY GRANTS

Through its philanthropy program, the West End Civic Association has awarded the following grants for worthy projects in the West End:

- Restoration of the West End Nature Trail. Knox Parks will restore the trail along the Park River from Lorraine Street to the Connecticut Historical Society. AmeriCorps' Green Crew members will visit the trail six times in the summer, raking woodchips into the low spots, installing logs along the weak edges and up-slopes, clearing overgrowth and installing signage to recognize notable trees.
- Development and publication of a Neighborhood Blue-Green Map, led by Mary Rickel Pelletier. In this project, Mary will produce an interactive online reference blue-green map to highlight neighborhood environmental characteristics such as community gardens, tree canopy, geology, watershed and information on migratory song birds. The process will include information gathering and meetings with stakeholders. Map will go on WECA website.
- The Brightest and Best performance, sponsored by the United Methodist Church of Hartford and supported by Noah Webster. This will be the third annual afternoon of music and story celebrating life in the West End, held in December.
- Support for the Rago Coco Little League, a West End baseball league serving youth from five to 13 years old. It offers T-Ball, Coach Pitch and Little League teams. The proposal was submitted by Ted Cannon on behalf of the league
- Writing and printing the Betty Journals, led by Catherine Blinder of Regent Street. Ten to twelve West End children will attend a writing workshop once a week for six weeks to develop skills that will enable them to understand the relationship between the oral tradition of storytelling and the art of writing those stories down on paper. As a tangible goal, they will produce a book, The Betty Journals, which will be provided to their families and friends. The book will be a collection of their stories. There will be a public book-signing and reading at the end of the project for the participating children, their families and friends, and the community.
- A choral after-school program at Noah Webster, led the Choir School of Hartford. The program will provide 20 students in grades 3 to 6 choral training after school in the fall for 13 weeks, twice a week. The West End Children's Choir will learn beginning and intermediate music and choral signing and participate in the 2011 Brightest and Best concert.

If you wish to volunteer with any of these programs or obtain additional information, please let David Barrett know and he will put you in touch with the organizers. He can be reached at (860) 509-9519 or dbarrett@hartsem.edu.

Morning Bike Riding is Back for another Season

Tuesday through Friday mornings

Join some neighbors for a one hour ride

Meet at 6 a.m. sharp at the corner of the
Boulevard and Prospect, in the
Boulevard Shops parking lot

A different route each day – Wood
Pond, the Reservoir, CIGNA and Keney
Park

Return by 7 a.m.

Helmet required

Contact John Gale at
jgale@lawlordsofhartford.com or 860-
232-9019 for more information