

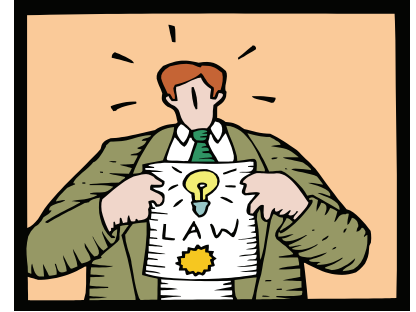


# West End Civic Association

October 10, 2006 General Meeting  
7 p.m. – United Methodist Church  
(corner of Farmington Avenue and South Whitney)

## Agenda

- \* Welcome
- \* Meet The Candidates for Election in November
- \* The Clean Water Project: Learn about the Metropolitan District Plan for Sewer Upgrades in Hartford: On the Ballot in November
- \* Other business



A PUBLICATION OF THE WEST END CIVIC ASSOCIATION

# West End News

### MEET THE CANDIDATES AT THE WECA GENERAL MEETING

At the West End Civic Association's general meeting on October 10, candidates for election in November will join us to answer your questions. Each candidate will have the opportunity to make brief remarks; then we will open the floor for you to ask them about the issues that concern you.

Confirming that they will attend, as of press time, are these candidates:

U.S. Senate

Alan Schlesinger  
Ralph Ferrucci

U.S. House of Representatives

Steve Fournier  
Scott MacLean

Governor

Cliff Thornton  
Joseph Zdonczyk

State Senate

*District 2*  
Eric Coleman  
Asim Hanif

State Senate

*District 1*  
John Fonfara

State House of Representatives

*1st Assembly District*  
Ken Green

*7th Assembly District*  
Douglas McCrory  
Walter Butler

### WECA MEMBERSHIP NEWS

I hope everyone had a great summer! Last year in membership we raised over \$9000.00! This was our best year ever! Thank You to all that contributed. I also would like to thank everyone that volunteers to help make WECA run smoothly. We are a volunteer based operation and we can not do it with out the support of the residents of the West End. This year I would like to set up monthly membership meetings. THE first one will be on Wednesday, OCTober 25 at 6 pm the place to be determined. Please call me if you are interested in attending the meeting. Questions? Comments? Call me Dore Thomas 231-8259 WECA Membership Chair

## The Clean Water Project

This fall, there is more on the ballot than a choice for U.S. Senator or Governor. On November 7, there is a chance to vote for clean water. Called the Clean Water Project, voters in Hartford and the seven surrounding towns served by the Metropolitan District will be asked to fund a major infrastructure project for the sewer system.

The MDC created a Citizens Advisory Committee in June of 2004, comprised of community leaders from the 8 member towns. This group has had unprecedented input into the formation of the Clean Water Project and has dedicated themselves to the project over the last 2 and half years. WECA's representative is Mary LaPorte and she, along with a representative from the MDC, will be giving a presentation on the Clean Water Project at the next WECA meeting on October 10.

What is reason for the upgrade? The sewer system in Hartford was built in the 1840's and that same system is in use today. Because storm water mixes with the sanitary flow in all 8 towns, the system becomes overwhelmed during rain events. Each year, about 1 billion gallons of untreated sewage overflows into the Connecticut River and many of its tributaries including the North and South branch of the Park River, Troutbrook and Wethersfield Cove. Not only is the sewage ending up in the river ways it is also going into people's basements and flooding streets, creating a significant public health issue.

The MDC has entered into a Consent Order with the US Department of Justice, the USEPA and the CT DEP to end these overflows within 12 years. Because of the consent orders, this much needed project must go forward. The issue on the ballot in November is whether or not the MDC can bond 800 million dollars for the first phase and maintain local control over the project. The Citizens Advisory Committee feels it's important for people to realize that if the referendum was to fail, the federal government has the option to take control over the project and mandate that operating revenues pay for the upgrade, not giving taxpayers the ability to spread the cost over a length of time and adding a larger of bureaucratic overhead to the cost, as well.

Please join us at the October 10, 2006 WECA meeting to learn more about this important environmental and public health issue.

Abby Jewett

## OPPORTUNITY FAIR

A Better Way Foundation hosted the first biannual Opportunity Fair on Wednesday, September 13 at St. Monica's Episcopal Center, located in the North End of Hartford. This event was the finale of ABWF's Navigating New Ways Summer Project. The purpose of the Fair was to provide Hartford residents with opportunities for jobs, job skills training, education, internships and volunteerism. Individuals and agencies specializing in advocacy for ex-offenders were also present.



The event was a success, with attendance of 130. ABWF would like to

thank the following individuals: Deacon Art Miller, WECA President David Barrett, West End Community Center Executive Director Darrell Garner, WQTQ FM Chief Operator Thomas Smith, Hot 93.7 FM radio personality DJ Bigg Mann, Eddie Martinez, Sylvia Reid, Jan Hasenjaeger, Rob Miller, the staff of St. Monica's Episcopal Church and Joyce Samuels.

ABWF would also like to express our appreciation to the following agencies and businesses: Office for Black Catholic Ministries, WECA, WECC, WQTQ FM, Hot 93.7 FM, Hartford Job Corps Academy, Sheldon Oak Central Incorporated, Sand / Strive, Carabetta Management Company, Dunkin' Donuts ( Farmington Avenue) and Freinhofers. Finally, special thanks to WECA Administrative Assistant Brenda McCumber for her invaluable contribution to this project. For more information on A Better Way Foundation call Executive Director Lorenzo Jones at 270-9586 or email [lorenzo.jones@abwf-ct.org](mailto:lorenzo.jones@abwf-ct.org) Please visit ABWF's website: [www.abwf-ct.org](http://www.abwf-ct.org) . David Samuels

## SOUTHWEST SECTOR MEETING INFORMATION

The Southwest Sector of WECA holds open meetings for all sector residents at 6:45 on the third Tuesday of every other month; the next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 21. If you live in the area bounded by Farmington Ave. , Prospect Ave., West Blvd., Rodney St. and Tremont St. , please join us to meet your neighbors and discuss your concerns and aspirations for the sector and the West End . For meeting locations or other questions, contact sector representatives Steve Cohen (232-1396; [stephen.cohen@comcast.net](mailto:stephen.cohen@comcast.net)) or Jeff Jahnke (216-6609; [JWJ@jahnkearchitecture.com](mailto:JWJ@jahnkearchitecture.com)).

### GREETINGS FROM THE CENTRAL EAST SECTOR

WECA's Central East sector is made up of Lorraine Street, Sherman Street, Elizabeth and Fern Streets east of Whitney Street, and Girard, Kenyon and Whitney Streets south of Elizabeth Street. Renters, homeowners, and all other residents are invited to call Tonia Loconte at 586-8270 or send an e-mail to [tonialoconte@msn.com](mailto:tonialoconte@msn.com) whenever they have community issues that concern them.

Tonia is enthused about representing the Central East sector and helping to build a strong neighborhood, and one of her goals is put together a communication network to aid people in exchanging information effectively. If you haven't met her yet, she hopes that you'll take a moment to call or e-mail her with your contact info and any information you want to share.

### WECA EDUCATION COMMITTEE

WECA Education Committee is BACK !! First meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 3 at 6pm at 28 Gray Street. Location may change will send notice. Call Mrs. Sylvia Reid at 860-233-0436.

The Hartford Metropolitan Youth Choir is open for enrollment to youth ages 10 and up. Looking for musicians. Also need donations of a 15 passenger van and T shirts. Contact Mr.s Reid at 860-233-7913.

To those of you who responded to Noah Webster's needs, a Big Thank You goes out. The coach and staff are ecstatic. Thank you—Sylvia Reid. 860-233-0436

Parents, if you are having problems with getting your child enrolled in your neighborhood school or if you are having issues with the school your child is attending, please contact us.

## NOTICES

### Services Needed

Part-time Clerical help for filing, light data entry and other clerical work as needed. 10-15 hrs weekly which may expand to 30 hrs in January 2006, \$10/hour. Send Resume to damboise@hartford.edu

### Services Available

House cleaning. Please call. Avis Spencer 524-1213

### Services Needed

Need carpentry and other handy- man type services in my home. Please Contact: Connie Williams 233-5962 conniewilliams@comcast.net

### Services Available

House cleaning. Fast and dependable Also available evenings and weekends Please call Katrina Gilbert 523-8341 or 997-0036

Send notices for future issues to wecanews@yahoo.com



## Welcome to the Neighborhood



533 Farmington Avenue  
860-218-2231/860-218-2137  
Lunch Tues-Fri/Dinner Mon-Sun



Japanalia **on one!** & gallery 11 eleven whitney street, hartford 860-232-4677

## EVERGREEN AVENUE BLOCK PARTY

Saturday, October 7— 11am -4pm  
Donations of soda, water, hot dogs and hamburgers needed Call Mark 233-4884



## HOPE Hartford Organizing for Power and Equality

### Single Mothers on the Move

Single mothers who meet monthly and organize to change the systems that impact them such as child support, TANF, food stamps, Jobs First, child care and other agencies.

### Tenants Rights Group

Renters from Hartford organizing to challenge individual landlords, change how owners consider credit problems, challenge section 8 agencies and the State on how they operate section 8.

### Stand Up for Your Rights

People who are not working organizing to challenge systems that affect them such as health care, Medicaid, housing, job training, etc.

### Men's Group

Organizing men around common issues such as child support, felony convictions, employment issues, housing.

### Youth Council

Organizing youth in Parkville, Asylum Hill and the West End and at area

schools to change systems that affect them such as police department, school system, suspensions, juvenile court, etc.

### Soromundi Residents Council

Tenants group for the residents of the former YWCA building at 135 Broad Street. Meet monthly at 135 Broad St.

Please contact HOPE at 523-4870 or drop by our office at 56 Arbor Street, Suite 417 for more information

## WECA SALUTES DARRELL GARNER

Darrell Garner will conclude his tenure as Acting Director of the West End Community Center on November 1. WECA would like to thank Darrell for his years of passionate advocacy on behalf of Hartford residents. He remains a pillar of the West End, and will continue to be a positive influence within our community.

Darrell has entrusted the day to day operations of the Center to a solid leadership team. Latonya Garner will succeed Darrell as Executive Director. Robin Latimer and Patricia Johnson round out the team as Program Director and Consultant, respectively. WECA looks forward to continuing a productive collaboration with the WECC administrative staff.

David Barrett  
President

David Samuels  
Vice President



## YOUTH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



WECA, A Better Way Foundation and the West End Community Center will cosponsor a Youth Basketball Tournament on Saturday, November 4 and Sunday, November 5 from noon to 4 PM at Noah Webster School, 61 Whitney Street in the West

End. We are looking for boys and girls ages 13-18 from the West End, Asylum Hill and the North End. There will be eight coed teams split into two divisions: Junior Division ( ages 13-15) and the Senior Division (ages 16-18). Each division will consist of four teams (five players and one alternate). The tournament will be double elimination with the champion of both divisions being crowned on Sunday. If you are interested in being a player, referee, scorekeeper or have any questions call David Samuels at (860) 570-0782 or email at [samuelsloflo@aol.com](mailto:samuelsloflo@aol.com)

## NEWS FROM THE HARTFORD CHILDREN'S THEATRE

### TICKETS FOR "FAME - THE MUSICAL"

Tickets for this exciting musical will be available for purchase starting Wednesday, September 27th. Held at the Greater Hartford Classical Magnet School in Hartford, the cast of over 30 promises to deliver an outstanding production. The Classical Magnet School is located at 85 Woodland Street in Hartford. Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$13 for children 13 and under, and \$10 for enrolled HCT students. Special group rates are available. FAME opens October 20th and runs Friday evenings at 7:00pm, Saturdays and Sundays at 2:00pm closing on the 29th. Don't miss our talkback sessions with the cast and crew. Please call 860-249-7970 for tickets. Additional info is available on our website.

### 2006-2007 LINCOLN FINANCIAL MAINSTAGE SEASON

Subscriptions are selling fast. Don't miss all four shows!

"FAME - THE MUSICAL", "A LAURA INGALLS WILDER CHRISTMAS", "STUART LITTLE", "AND THEN THEY CAME FOR ME: REMEMBERING THE WORLD OF ANNE FRANK"

For a complete brochure and information on the upcoming season, please go to our website or feel free to call the office at 860-249-7970 ext. 12 or go to: <http://www.hartfordchildrenstheatre.org/images/2006-2007mainstagebrochure.pdf> Subscribe today and save!

### STUDENT MATINEES NOW BEING OFFERED

Is there a mainstage production that you would like to attend with your school group? We are now offering matinee performances of our productions at Hartford Children's Theatre. If you would like to see "A LAURA INGALLS WILDER CHRISTMAS", "STUART LITTLE", or "AND THEN THEY CAME FOR ME: REMEMBERING THE WORLD OF ANNE FRANK" please be sure and contact us. We'd be glad to work with you to perform just for your group! Times and dates are flexible but require enough advanced notice to schedule. Call us today or contact Nora at [education@hartfordchildrenstheatre.org](mailto:education@hartfordchildrenstheatre.org).

## CLEAN WATER IS UP TO YOU!

Join your neighbors to learn what actions you can take to ensure clean water for you and your family.

Hartford, CT – A free public seminar, **CLEAN WATER IS UP TO YOU!**, part of the Environment 101 series presented by the CT League of Conservation Voters Education Fund, will be held from 6:00-7:30 P.M. on Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2006, at the Unitarian Society of Hartford Meeting House, 50 Bloomfield Avenue (near corner of Bloomfield Ave. and Albany Ave.). Experts will provide Greater Hartford area residents with information about how everyday actions can influence the water quality of the rivers around them. This program will explain the importance of watersheds, how individual practices in your home and yard can affect water quality and the purpose of the November 7<sup>th</sup> bond referendum to fund The Clean Water Project. Information on home landscape options will also be provided including how to build a rain garden. An open community discussion will follow the panel presentations. You'll leave this seminar energized to take action. FREE PARKING is available.

Please contact Beth Byron at (860) 236-5442 with questions.

## Safe Schools Initiative

In the upcoming legislative session, A Better Way Foundation will be introducing legislation that will propose several changes in the CT School Zone law. The purpose of this legislation is: 1) Make this law more effective at providing school safety in urban cities; 2) Use revisions to the law to better provide drug treatment and access in rural and suburban towns; 3) Bring sentencing parity to drug issues between urban, suburban and rural defendants 4) Create a dialogue between researchers, advocates, residents and legislators that will produce public policies rooted in compassion. For more information call Lorenzo Jones at (860) 270-9586 or email [lornzo.jones@abwf-ct.org](mailto:lornzo.jones@abwf-ct.org). Check us out on the web: [www.abwf-ct.org](http://www.abwf-ct.org)