

'Community House' Happenings

March 2014



West Haven Community House
Established 1941

Don't miss 'A Night at the Races'

Bring your friends and support the Community House



Join us for this fun-filled fundraising event benefitting the clients of the West Haven Community House. "[A Night at the Races!](#)" will be held at the Westwoods/West Haven Italian American Club on Friday, April 11, 2014. We provide the play money and open bar for beer, wine and soda - all

for \$40. You bring your favorite party food and join a table of your friends picking the winners and showing off your best "Fancy Hat." Prizes will go to the top two tables with highest winnings, along with the top Men's and Women's Fancy Hat! The evening features six videotaped horse races shown on three big screens. Raffle and Door Prizes, too! Read more and purchase tickets [here](#).

'Green Eggs' served at the House

Read Across America Day Volunteers Delight Preschoolers

On March 3, the Community House and special friends joined hundreds of organizations nationwide in celebrating Dr. Seuss' 115th birthday with a special day dedicated to reading to children, [Read Across America Day](#). Local volunteers including State Senator Gayle Slossberg, pictured above with a classroom of our [Head Start](#) preschoolers. Also, West Haven Schools Superintendent Neil Cavallaro, local educators and even the "Cat in the Hat" and "Thing 1" and "Thing 2" came to 227 Elm Street to read to our Head Start pre-schoolers. Special Dr. Seuss food was also served, capping off a great morning! [Read more.](#)



House News Bytes

Head Start Fall Openings

It may only be March but it is not too soon to register for our [Head Start Preschool](#) for the Fall term beginning in September. If you or anyone you know has a child who will be 3- or 4-years-old on or before Jan. 1, 2015, please encourage them to call (203) 934-5221, ext. 135 to schedule an appointment. Slots are limited.

75th Anniversary Celebration

In 2016, the Community House will turn 75 years old! A 75th anniversary committee, chaired by Mary Jane Morrissey, is already busy planning special events and activities to mark the occasion. Stay tuned for more information.

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Board Member authors Head Start program book tribute Modeled as a 'Golden Book' gift to teacher

Heatherly Carlson has only been a Board of Directors member at the Community House since June 2013. However, more than 10 years ago when Heatherly and her husband were Head Start pre-school parents, they were so impressed with the program and how it benefitted their children that they put together a [tribute story book](#) based on the Golden Books format and presented it at that time to Head Start teacher Barbara Reynolds. "It was very important to me to give back to the Community House, since we had experienced so many blessings from the wonderful staff there," Heatherly said recently. Well, fast-forward to 2014 and Barbara is still with us in Classroom 1100-A, and lo and behold, Barbara still had the book in her classroom. [Read More.](#)



Helping adults with developmental disabilities News about our Disability Services

For nearly three decades, the Community House has been providing a growing menu of service to adults (over the age of 21) with developmental disabilities. Our [Community Connections Day Program](#) provides individualized and meaningful enrichment opportunities to increase independence, enhance community integration, and to improve the overall quality of life people with developmental disabilities. In addition, in our [Residential Program](#) adults live with their peers, either in group homes with 24-hour support, or in supervised apartments maximizing independence and dignity through support and choice. For more information, call (203) 931-4004. [Read our Disability Services newsletter, 'Stay Connected.'](#)

Before and after school programs provided in 6 West Haven schools School Age Child Care offers fun individual and group activities

The [School Age Child Care program](#) aids working families by providing before and after school child care for their elementary school-aged children. Child Care is provided at six neighborhood elementary schools: Carrigan, Mackrille, Pagels, Savin Rock, Seth Haley, and Washington. Any West Haven elementary school child is eligible to attend.

Also, at Savin Rock, Washington and Carrigan Intermediate schools, our [Positive Youth Development / Kids in the Neighborhood \(PYD/KIN\)](#) after-school enrichment program provides additional skills-training and support for school age children in West Haven. Also, our KinderKlub program provides extended care to children enrolled in half-day kindergarten in the city; the program operates between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 12 p.m. and 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 pm. at the former Molloy school site. Call (203) 934-5221, ext.128.

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