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CCLH Silver China Sale- A fine china, silver, linen and collectibles sale will be held from 10AM to 3PM on Saturday, 21 January 2012 at the Captain Charles Leonard House at 663 Main Street, Main Street. Proceeds will aid in the preservation of the National Register-listed property.



Guests enjoy warm food and good company at a Tavern Luncheon at Agawam's historic Captain Charles Leonard House. The tavern luncheon cancelled last fall due to the October snowstorm and power outage but has been re-scheduled at the Captain Charles Leonard House for Saturday, 21 January 2012, with seatings at 11:30 am and 1:00 pm. Reservations are required.

**Storm-cancelled Tavern Luncheon re-scheduled at Historic Captain Charles Leonard House. Popular Linen, Crystal, Silver & Collectibles Sale returns – proceeds to aid preservation of National Register-listed landmark. Tickets from 11/5 luncheon to be honored at January 21 event.**

**For more information, contact Marilyn Curry at 413 786-1452**

(AGAWAM) No one showed up at the "Tavern Luncheon" held at Agawam's historic Captain Charles Leonard House in November. That's because eleven inches of snow and six days without electricity caused the event to be canceled, or (more accurately), rescheduled to Saturday, January 21, 2012. Tickets from the fall event will be honored in January. Located at 663 Main Street in the Agawam Center Historic District, the Captain Leonard House will offer a piping hot lunch of Chicken a la King at two servings: 11:30 am and 1:00 pm. Salad, side, and a home-baked seasonal dessert will accompany the entree. Members of the all-volunteer board of trustees will serve the luncheon and a donation of \$10 per meal is suggested. Reservations are encouraged – seating is limited at the 11:30 seating, but available at the 1:00 seating. Please call 413-786-9421 for more information. A much-anticipated fine linen, crystal, silver & collectibles sale, coordinated by Captain Leonard House trustee Alice Smith, returns as part of the luncheon and promises many great items at affordable prices. The sale runs from 10:00 am through 3:00 pm in the front parlors and main hallway at the House. Proceeds from the luncheon and sale will aid in the preservation of the 200 year-old Captain Charles Leonard House, which serves as Agawam's Community House and is available to rent for business and social events. The Captain Leonard House was built in 1805 as a stage tavern to service travelers on the Hartford/Boston route. It has served as Agawam's Community House since 1939, when Mrs. Minerva Davis restored the property and created the non-profit organization that operates the house. The house was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1975, and occupies a prominent location in the Agawam Center National Register Historic District. The Captain Leonard House is considered to be Agawam's finest Federal-era home. The House is available to rent for business functions and social events. For more information, please call 413 786 9421 or visit [www.captainleonardhouse.com](http://www.captainleonardhouse.com).

**Come on out to support AHS's Rosie's Robotics**

**FIRST Team 839 at our World Famous Ziti Dinner....come on out for a good meal and see what this year's design challenge is. We WILL have real robot parts from this year's machine on display. Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, 4:00 7:30 pm. Tickets are only \$8 per person. Call 789-0684 or 786-8302 for more info.**



courtesy photo –Agawam School Committee and City Council take oaths to serve read by Richard Theroux, City Clerk



Courtesy photo – Mayor Richard Cohen and School Committee member Roberta Doering following swearing in ceremony held at Roberta Doering School

**Words of Mayor Richard A. Cohen At Inauguration Ceremony  
January 7, 2012**

Hello and Good afternoon. It is an honor to stand here as your Mayor. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to continue to serve this great community. You have honored me with your trust and support: serving you remains my highest aspiration. I wish to recognize the Citizens of Agawam, our elected Municipal Councilors and our School Committee members; all of whom have been great partners with me in an effort to achieve much of the success we enjoy today. For all of our differences, we share the values of family and community. These values will hopefully unite us as partners in serving our citizens. We must find our strength in family, in friends and in our own two hands; as Agawam deserves no less than our shared vision, our firm commitment, our hard work and faith in each other to work together as elected officials for compromise that achieves positive progress for Agawam. I also ask for your perseverance. We as an elected “group” rise and fall together. We succeed or fail together. We have all committed our time and energy to Agawam; helping to make us a City of opportunity and optimism – never stopping at why we can’t do something but always seeking how we can get it done-together. We are a community that knows how to turn potential problems into **possibilities**. We dream great dreams, but then make them happen together! We must work together to show other communities, and our Federal Government that the polarization of elected officials is nothing less than an obstruction to getting positive results and achieving desired outcomes. When we work together everyone achieves more. So today I ask that the Council, the School Committee and myself work to greet our future together to keep Agawam strong. I truly believe that there is much to say about what is great about Agawam and that is why I am very thankful for the honor you have bestowed upon me as your Mayor.

**Town of Agawam**

**Richard A. Cohen**  
*Mayor*

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**PHOTO CAPTION:** Magnificent Jupiter, the solar system's largest planet, will be one of the celestial objects featured in "Adventures Among the Winter Stars," a photo presentation by Richard Sanderson, curator of physical science at the Springfield Science Museum. The eighth season of the Agawam Cultural Council's popular Applause Series continues on Friday, February 10, 2012 at 7:30 PM at the Agawam Public Library.

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### **BOLDLY GO**

Adventures among the winter stars  
(Agawam, Mass.) The Agawam Cultural Council's popular Applause Series turns its focus skyward on Friday, February 10, 2012 at 7:30 PM at the Agawam Public Library when Richard Sanderson will take guests on a cosmic adventure through the winter skies, when stars and constellations like Orion and Taurus sparkle. Sanderson, curator of physical science at the Springfield Science Museum and director of the Seymour Planetarium, the oldest operating planetarium in the United States, will use breathtaking photos to illustrate the wonders of the winter sky. Tracing winter constellations and zooming in on celestial objects, including the giant planet Jupiter, Sanderson will describe how stars are born, how they die, and explore the possibility of finding life on other worlds. He also will discuss the upcoming transit of Venus across the sun, a very rare event that will not be seen again for more than a century. Sanderson is past president of the Springfield Stars Club and co-founder of the Connecticut River Valley Astronomers' Conjunction, an annual astronomy convention. He has written numerous articles on astronomy and is co-author of the 2006 book *Illustrated Timeline of the Universe*. The Agawam Public Library is located at 750 Cooper Street in Agawam, Massachusetts and can be reached by phone at (413) 789-1550. This event is free and open to the public. Additional information on each of the Applause Series events is available at the Agawam Cultural Council web site, [www.agawamcc.org](http://www.agawamcc.org). The Agawam Cultural Council is an all-volunteer local partner of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, and is funded, in part, by the MCC. The ACC is charged with bringing engaging, entertaining, and educational events and opportunities in the arts, humanities, and sciences, to children and adults from Agawam and the surrounding communities.



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MARY ANN MARZANO

## Celebrate Our Superheroes with Chefs for Jimmy

Presented by Winer Levsky Group of UBS Financial Services Inc.

In Honor of Neal Webber

**Friday, January 20, 2012**

**6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.**

**Chez Josef, Agawam, Mass.**

**Tickets: \$75**

On Friday, Jan. 20, celebrate Western New England's culinary "superheroes" at the 22nd annual Chefs for Jimmy. Unleash your superpowers and help the Jimmy Fund in the fight against our villain — cancer. Recharge your force field with tastings of dangerously delicious dishes from 30 of the area's restaurants and help defeat the arch enemy with an opportunity drawing and silent auction.

Presented by Winer Levsky Group of UBS Financial Services Inc., the event is being held in honor of Neal Webber, a long-time supporter of the Jimmy Fund.

In 2011, your support at "Under the Big Top" with Chefs for Jimmy helped raise more than \$107,000 toward research and patient care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Voted 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, and 2010's "Best Charity Event" by The Valley Advocate's "Best of Reader's Poll," Chefs for Jimmy has raised more than \$1 million since 1990 in support of Dana-Farber's lifesaving mission.

[View 2011 event photos](#)



Left to right: Event Committee Members Michelle Sade, Michael Katz, Andrew Cohen, and Erin Corriveau celebrate the fundraising success of "Under the Big Top" with Chefs for Jimmy with Associate Vice President of the Jimmy Fund Suzanne Fountain, Dana-Farber Trustee and Event Chair Barbara Sadowsky, and Jimmy Fund Special Events Development Officer Kelly See

### For more information:

Contact: Kelly See  
Phone: **617-582-7916**



**Friday, January 27, 2012**

**6:00pm until 9:00pm**

**Bob's Famous German Goulash over Egg Noodles** with Vegetables, Roll Butter, Coffee and Cake! Kids have choice of Chicken Nuggets or Goulash.

Adults \$10.00, Children \$5.00

Serving 6:00 to 7:30 pm

Hosted by the Springfield Turnverein Board

**SIGN UP AT THE BAR - WILL SELL OUT QUICKLY!!**

## Springfield Turnverein Bingo

SUNDAYS 6:25 pm DOORS OPEN 4:00 pm

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**786-0924**

### **Fifth Writers' Day on Bay Path College Longmeadow Campus**

Saturday, February 18, 2012

Spend the day with acclaimed writers and a publisher—all of whom will share advice and keys to success during the 5th Writers' Day on the Bay Path College Longmeadow Campus.

- Session One: 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. **Publishing an E-book**, led by Peter Hallet Sarno, Director of Boston-based PFP Publishing
- Session Two: 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. **Self Editing**, led by Shonna Milliken Humphrey, author of Show Me Good Land.
- Session Three: 12:30 – 1:45 p.m. **A First Novelist's Journey**, led by Morgan Callan Rogers, author of the just-released Ruby Red Heart in a Cold Blue Sea.
- Session Four: 2:00 – 3:15 p.m. **Writing Fiction**, led by Elizabeth Searle, author of newly released Girl Held In Home.

**Copies of the authors' books will be available for purchase and signing.**

**Registration is required. Minimum 7 participants, Maximum 40 participants per session.**

To attend one workshop is \$45; two workshops, \$85; three workshops, \$115; and four workshops at \$145. Payment must be received to hold your spot.

To learn more, click here <http://www.baypath.edu/NewsandEvents/Conferences/WritersDay2012.aspx>



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## 2012 SCHEDULE

### Friday Nights with Mark Tansey & Family

**January 20th & 27th**

**February 10th & 17th**

**March 9th & 16th**

Mark your calendars! Hope you can join us! Mark & Sue Tansey  
Karaoke with Brian Fowler  
Jan.14th, Feb.11th, Mar.18th

#### FIRST PERSON HISTORIC PRESENTATION AT STORROWTON VILLAGE MUSEUM

Eastern States Exposition's Storrowton Village Museum will present its annual First Person Presentation, "Augustus Hazard, the Hazard Powder Company, and the Hazardville Gunpowder Industry," Friday, January 20, at 7 p.m., in its historic Meetinghouse.

Historian Elliot Levy, of Longmeadow, Mass., will appear in costume as Colonel Augustus Hazard, the man behind Enfield's gunpowder manufacturing complex. Col. Hazard's decision to ship gunpowder to the South on the eve of the Civil War led to questions of his loyalty to the Union. Levy is the Executive Director of Career Services at Branford Hall Career Institute and a 16-year Civil War re-enactor. He also portrays Captain John Bigelow of the 9th Mass. Light Artillery and Civil War hero Lt. Howard Burnham of Longmeadow, Mass. The 45-minute presentation will be followed by a question and answer period. Admission is \$5, children under 6 are admitted free, and tickets will be available at the door. Reservations for this event are encouraged but not required. For more information, call the Village at 413-205-5051. Visit [www.TheBigE.com](http://www.TheBigE.com) for details on all the events at Eastern States Exposition throughout the year as well as the annual Big E, which takes place Sept. 14 – 30, 2012. Note: This event is weather permitting. If the weather is questionable, please call the Village for details prior to your departure.

Storrowton Village Museum, an educational arm of Eastern States Exposition, presents hands-on school programs and guided tours of its historic buildings throughout the year as well as seasonal 19th century-themed events. It is the site of Storrowton Tavern/Carriage House and Storrowton Village Museum Gift Shop and is a picturesque, popular site for weddings held in its Meetinghouse and Gazebo.

#### EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION WINS AWARDS AT IAFE CONVENTION

Eastern States Exposition received a total of 15 communications, agriculture and competitive exhibit awards at the recent International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) convention held in Las Vegas. Hall of Honor Communications Awards included three first place honors for: Magazine Ad, Billboard Campaign, and Best Use of Social Media; two second place awards for Best Advertising Campaign and Brochure/Flyer; and four third place nods for Single Billboard, Color Newspaper Ad, Non-Traditional/Out of Home Advertising and Newsletter – print. The Fair took home two first place Agriculture awards: Special or Specific Event for Agricultural Exhibitors – for its live web broadcast of the Belted Galloway Show and Agriculture Photo – a picture of a small boy exhibiting a cow. The department also won third place in the Agriculture Photo – Agriculture Series category for a picture of a young swine exhibitor. The Competitive Exhibit Awards included first place for Competitive Exhibit Display Method and/or Prop – a new native produce display in Farm-A-Rama; and two second place honors for General Competitive Exhibit Display Photo and General Display Photo or Photo Series. Fairs from across North America vie for awards in advertising or promotion excellence and agricultural events developed or exhibited at their annual events. Each year, a delegation from The Big E participates in the international convention and the Marketing and Agriculture departments submit entries to be judged in the awards competitions.

Letter dated December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011:

Dear Betty, I want to tell you how fortunate the estate of George Farina was in having Grimaldi and Burzduk Realtors, Inc. handle the selling of the estate's two properties in these difficult times. We were able to use your expertise and business contacts to prepare the properties for sale. Your efforts saved the estate a lot of time and money. The contractors you recommended to make the necessary repairs to prepare the properties for sale made my job a lot easier than it would have been. I want to thank you and your staff for your exemplary service.

Sincerely, John Farina



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### Tag Sale Donations Needed

**Westfield, MA** – Anyone who made a New Year's Resolution to clean out the attic, garage or basement may want to donate unwanted items to the Westfield Homeless Cat Project for its upcoming winter indoor tag sale. Used furniture, toys, household items, electronics, etc. are all welcome. This NO KILL rescue desperately needs to raise funds to care for unwanted and abandoned cats and kittens. Donations can be dropped off at 1124 East Mountain Road, Westfield, MA 01085. For information or pick-up, contact 348 9146 or [denisesinico@hotmail.com](mailto:denisesinico@hotmail.com). Please help!

### The West of the River Chamber of Commerce Directors Welcome Great Eastern Energy of Agawam –

There are 5 things to know about our newest member:


1. How long has Great Eastern Energy been in business in Western Mass? Great Eastern Energy's headquarters are located in Brooklyn, New York. We expanded to our new branch in Agawam, MA in October of 2011.
2. How many people work at this location? Our new branch opened with 6 employees.
3. What types of services/products does Great Eastern Energy specialize in? Great Eastern Energy's specialty is in the energy industry. We recognize that energy's greatest value comes when it is selected and used intelligently and with care. Great Eastern Energy provides practical, efficient power solutions that fit the demands of real life.
4. What organizational goals do you hope to achieve in the coming year? We want our Agawam office to be a known name in the community and to be the go to resource for energy needs.
5. What made you decide to join WRC? WRC membership provides a welcome opportunity to introduce our company and services to the Agawam and West Springfield communities.

At home or at work, Great Eastern Energy offers the flexible energy options that real life requires - choices designed to work for you, not against you. Real energy for real people.

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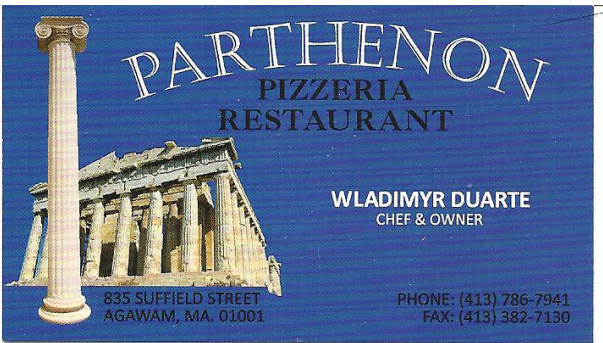
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Don't miss a minute of the upcoming playoffs! And be ready for Super Bowl 2012 on February 5<sup>th</sup>, with take home platters made especially to your requirements. Or try dozens of other great dishes available and cooked the way you like at Parthenon Restaurant. Dine at home or at a friend's house, in front of the television so you don't miss any plays. Enjoy pizza, sandwiches, platters, fish and chips or any of the many dishes you can order and take out from Parthenon Restaurant. Call a few days in advance at 413-786-7941 and design your special platters for pick up before the big games. Parthenon Restaurant is always a sure bet for dining in, too. Try their fish and chips, thought to be the best in these parts, *Partner*. New specials are introduced every day, and choices from Parthenon's appetizer menu, soups and salads, pastas, pizzas, grinders, sensational sandwiches, seafood, steaks, chops and ribs, chicken, baked specialties, calzones, side orders, and much more, are all cooked exactly to the way you request. Order and pick up for the playoffs and the Super Bowl and dine at home, or enjoy the relaxed atmosphere and excellent cuisine at Parthenon. Either way, Parthenon Restaurant is your best bet. Parthenon Restaurant, 835 Suffield Street, Agawam is open seven days a week and most holidays for luncheon and dinner.

