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JOE GIORDANO, Campaign Kick-Off

A Campaign Kick-off to re-elect Ward 7 Councilor Joe Giordano is Wednesday, March 18, 6 to 9 p.m., at Biagio's Ristorante & Bar, 123 Moody St. Buffet and cash bar. Donations are personal.

For more information, call Charlie and Dianne Lombardi at 781-899-7923.

WALTHAM YMCA, Reach Out awareness week

The Waltham YMCA's 2009 Reach Out member awareness week is March 16-22. The campaign raises money locally to help anyone in need within the local communities of Waltham, Arlington, Belmont, Weston, and Lexington who would like to participate at the YMCA but cannot afford services.

Highlights for week include: Kids Art Show Silent Auction; Zumbathon; Cyclethon; Reach for the Stars Talent Show; and Swim-A-Thon.

For more information, call 781-894-5295.

WALTHAM LIBRARY, 'Space Buddies'

'Space Buddies' will be shown Thursday, March 19, 2:30 p.m., at the Waltham Public Library, 735 Main St. There is no charge.

To reserve seats, call the Children's Room at 781-314-3425, Ext. 4, or visit www.waltham.lib.ma.us.

MARATHON FUNDRAISER, 'Spirit of the Marathon', Carolyn Edsell-Vetter, a design project manager for the Waltham-based A Yard and a Half Landscaping, is running the Boston Marathon to raise money for the Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership. She is hosting a screening of 'Spirit of the Marathon,' which documents six runners of varying experience levels as they prepare for the Chicago Marathon. The event will take place at MBHP's offices at 125 Lincoln St., Fifth Floor, Boston, on Thursday, March 19, 6:30 p.m. Minimum donation for the event - which will include refreshments and a raffle of various items including Peet's coffee gifts and Xbox games - is \$10 per person. To attend, pre-pay by credit card at www.firs.tgiving.com/carolynedsellvetter, or RSVP at speedyima@gmail.com or 617-425-6762.

REAGLE PLAYERS, Auditions for upcoming shows

Local auditions for principals and ensemble for Reagle Players' upcoming shows, 'Hello, Dolly!', 'Mame,' and 'La Cage aux Folles,' are Friday, March 20, 6 to 10 p.m., and Saturday, March 21, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Robinson Theater, Waltham High School, 617 Lexington St.

The principal roles of Young Patrick and Peter in 'Mame' is Sunday, April 5, 12:30 p.m. Dancers who sing for all three shows is April 5, 4 p.m. Those seeking 'La Cage aux Folles' dancer roles should bring tap shoes.

Instructions and directions may be found at www.reagleplayers.com.

OASIS COFFEEHOUSE, Comedy night

The Oasis Coffeehouse, 34 Alder St., presents a comedy night Friday, March 20, 7:30 p.m., with Brandeis alumnae Myq(cq) Kaplan and MC Mr. Napkins. Admission is \$12, \$10 for students/seniors/Waltham residents, and \$8 for Brandeis/Bentley students.

Tickets may be purchased in advance at www.brownpapertickets.com. For additional information, visit www.oasiscoffeehouse.org.

GARDEN CLUB, Appalachian Trail program

The Waltham Garden Club presents, Hiking The Appalachian Trail, by Waltham native Arthur Gaudet, on Tuesday, March 17, 7 p.m. (program at 8 p.m), at American Legion Hall, 215 Waverley Oaks Road. Gaudet has hiked 2,175 miles of the Appalachian Trail. Suggested donation of \$5 is appreciated.

For more information, call Gail at 781-894-4778 or visit www.gardencentral.org/gcfm/walthamgardenclub/.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, Economic Outlook Breakfast

Waltham West Suburban Chamber of Commerce and Sovereign Bank present the 2009 Economic Outlook Breakfast on Wednesday, March 18, 8 a.m., at the DoubleTree Guest Suites Hotel, 550 Winter St. Learn what your business peers and local experts foresee for the economic future in the region. Admission is free.

Go to www.walthamchamber.com or call 781-894-4700, Ext. 120, to register.

MUSEUM OF INDUSTRY, Annie Londonderry's journey

The Wheelman's Machine exhibit at the Charles River Museum of Industry & Innovation, 154 Moody St., presents a companion lecture Wednesday, March 18, 7 p.m. Annie Londonderry's Incredible Journey. Peter Zheutlin, Annie's great grand-nephew, guides the audience through the 1890s, as Annie fends off bandits in France, dodges bullets on a Chinese battlefield, and trudges across the California desert with a broken down bicycle.

Admission is \$10; members free.