



# The Communicator

*A Connection to  
Your Community*

June 2013

## ECCC/VA Events

**June 4: Family Night at the ECCC!** 5:00 – 6:30pm. This is an opportunity for Veterans, family members, and VA staff to meet and socialize. Speaker Deron Drumm, a mental health consumer and co-executive director of Advocacy Unlimited, will be sharing information about his organization. As always, a wonderful dinner prepared by our very own veterans will be served!

**June 4: CRP Food Pantry Trip.** Leave ECCC at noon. See Cheryl Cresta for sign-up sheet.

**June 9: Annual B.P.O.E. Naugatuck Fishing Trip and BBQ.**

Naugatuck and Middlebury. See Cheryl Cresta for further details.

**June 30: BBQ at VA.** See board in R34 for more details closer to the day.

**Friday, June 14:** West Haven VA will host their **8th Annual National Cancer Survivors Day** celebration, 9am to 1pm. Donaldson Education Center, Building 2, second floor. This year's theme is "Tag Team to Body Slam Cancer". Dr. Bernie Siegel will be the keynote speaker. Show your support by wearing wrestling themed attire or accessories. Event includes door prizes, refreshments, and entertainment.

## Local Events

**Shows at the Shubert Theater during June 2013:** Purchase tickets online at [www.shubert.com](http://www.shubert.com), at the Shubert Box Office, or call 203.562.5666 for information.

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**May 31–June 2:** West Side Story

**June 4:** First Annual Broadway Night!

**June 20:** David Byrne and St. Vincent

**West Haven Concert Series:**

The free, two-hour concerts start at 7pm. Concerts postponed due to rain will move to the same time and venue the following Monday night:

**June 4:** Airborne Jazz. Green.

**June 11:** Mystery band (Beatles Tribute Band). Green.

**June 18:** Disco Inferno. Old Grove.

**June 25:** The Jumpers Orchestra. Old Grove.

**The International Festival of Arts & Ideas:**

**June 15-29:** New Haven. New Haven Green.

"Dreaming New Worlds" is the theme for this year's 18th annual festival, which features hundreds of performances; most events are free.

**June 6-9:** The 16th annual Cajun/Zydeco Festival. Strawberry Park in Preston, CT. For tickets and reservations, call 860-886-1944.

**Wednesday, June 12:**

8th Annual Reaching Home Celebration Dinner and Housing Awards. Veteran Ray Spurr, New Haven HUD VASH Program, will be receiving The Carol Walter Supportive Housing Tenant Award! Dinner is from 5 to 8pm. Crowne Plaza Hotel, Cromwell, CT. If you would like to attend the dinner to support Ray, please see him for information on purchasing tickets.



## Art Galleries

Yale Center for British Art  
1080 Chapel St. • (203) 432-2800

Yale Univ. Art Gallery  
1111 Chapel St. • (203) 432-0600



## NAMI Events

NAMI Consumer Council Meeting: Every Tuesday  
10:30AM, held in ECCC dining room area

NAMI Connections Meeting: Every Wednesday.  
Lunch Provided. 11:30AM, held in R28

## June Holidays/Anniversaries

June 14 - Flag Day

June 16 - Father's Day

June 21 - Summer Solstice

June 2013 is observed as  
National Safety Month and  
Men's Health Month!



## Entertainment

Enjoy the following review of the 2013 NAMI Walk  
from one of our very own Veterans!

The NAMI Walk, Saturday, May 18th was a rousing  
success! An estimated crowd (by Bob Correll) of  
maybe close to 2,000 attended with many doing part  
or all of the 5K walk. Many organizations attended  
and from what I understand over \$160,000 was  
raised and still counting. It was a beautiful day at  
Bushnell Park in Hartford, with a great spirit among  
the attendees. — By Howard Sak

For updated information on local  
NAMI events, please check out  
the NAMI Events section  
of The Communicator  
each month!

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