

Westchester Children's Museum is OPEN!



The Westchester Children's Museum opens on May 9 for fun and learning!

Wow, here is happy news that we have all been waiting for. The Westchester Children's Museum (WCM), a grass-roots effort made possible by countless volunteer hours and generous donations, is opening its doors this month!

Some 4,000 square feet of interactive, hands-on exhibits are set to open on May 9 in the historic Rye Playland Bathhouses, coinciding with the opening of Playland Amusement Park.

Children are invited to explore science, art, music and nature and to play and create while enjoying the seven fun, educational

exhibits. Building will continue throughout the summer as the WCM looks to develop the overall 22,000-square-foot space and stay open year round.

"The unveiling of the first true exhibit space of the Westchester Children's Museum is absolutely one of the most exciting and gratifying moments in our history," comments Corinne Zola, President of the Campaign for the Westchester Children's Museum. "This is it, the Westchester Children's Museum is officially opening its doors, and as our fundraising allows, we will continue to expand and

stay open year round. We are grateful to all those who have put their time, expertise and support behind this initiative. The hundreds of thousands of school-age children in our region will thrive in this new safe, welcoming and motivating place to explore and learn."

As a special thank you to the community the WCM is offering a pay-what-you-wish admission policy over the summer. Daily hours of operation can be found on the WCM website. *Westchester Children's Museum, Playland Parkway, Rye. 421-5050. discoverwcm.org.*

D. Thomas Fine Miniatures



Learn how to build a miniature dining room at D. Thomas Fine Miniatures in Hastings-on-Hudson.

Bigger is not always better is proven true in this delightful new store featuring artisan dollhouses and fine collectables including 1/12th scale furniture and accessories. The shop also features a gallery space showcasing works in miniature by well-known artisans from all over the world. DIY workshops and classes taught by master artists and craftsmen in the field are also being offered. Recent programs explored Miniature Florals, Faux Marbleizing and a Fairy Catching Kit workshop. *D. Thomas Fine Miniatures, 579 Warburton Ave., Moviehouse Mews Shop #6, Hastings-on-Hudson. 231-9871. dthomasfineminiatures.com.*

The Lanza Family Center for All Ages

Family Services of Westchester (FSW) has opened The Lanza Family Center for All Ages, which is modeled after My Second Home, FSW's award-winning intergenerational program in Mt. Kisco. The Center will bring children, teens and seniors together at one site to participate in programs, share experiences and benefit from one another, just as they would in a family setting. Participants will interact during planned intergenerational activities as well as through informal encounters throughout the day. Together, children, teens and older adults will enjoy gardening, sharing meals, singing songs, cooking side by side and participating in special events that allow them to break down age barriers and form lasting impressions. *The Lanza Family Center for All Ages, 106 North Broadway, White Plains. 694-4841. fsw.org.*





Look for our complete calendar of events and activities online at WestchesterFamily.com.

Hot Tip



Kids can enjoy hands-on fun at the new Westchester Children's Museum.

Westchester Children's Museum Opens! This month marks the opening of 4,000 square feet of interactive, hands-on exhibits, when the first phase of Westchester Children's Museum opens on May 9. While construction continues on other parts of the Museum, these vibrant and colorful galleries overlooking the Boardwalk and Long Island Sound are set to open their doors to visitors. Opening exhibits allow visitors to create things, including a roller coaster, work with KEVA Planks, wind tunnels, sand and more. Tentative hours in May are Wednesday-Sunday, 10am-4pm (check website for updates). There is a pay-as-you-wish admission policy through the summer. *Westchester Children's Museum, Boardwalk Galleries, Rye Playland. 421-5050.discoverwcm.org.*

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Astronomy Night at the Observatory. Head to the Observatory to explore the night sky, planets and stars through a 22-inch telescope; the viewing is weather-permitting. 8pm Fridays. For children ages 5 and up. \$3 adults, \$2 children. Reservations not required. *Stamford Museum and Nature Center Observatory, 151 Scofieldtown Rd., Stamford, Conn. 203-977-6521. stamfordmuseum.org.*

Boscobel in Bloom. This elegant, beautifully decorated Federal-period house is open for the season, and in May its beautiful gardens are starting to become ablaze with flowers. Set on landscaped grounds and gardens overlooking the Hudson River, Boscobel combines both natural and man-made beauty for the pleasure of visitors. 9:30am-5pm Wednesdays-Mondays (tours run from 10am-4pm); today-Oct. 31. *Boscobel House and Garden, 1601 Rte. 9D, Garrison. 845-265-3638. boscobel.org.*

Bronx Zoo. It's getting warm outside and it's the perfect time to visit the zoo! Come see giraffes, lions, birds, apes and more. The sea lions are fed twice a day and on rainy days there are indoor attractions, such as the 4D Theater, Jungleworld, Bug Carousel, World of Reptiles and the Mouse House. 10am-5pm, open daily in May. For all ages. Total Experience ticket: \$33.95 adults, \$23.95 children. *The Bronx Zoo, 2300 Southern Blvd., Bronx. 718-367-1010. bronxzoo.com.*

Cladies Night. Adults get to kick off the weekend in a fun and messy evening of art. Trying out the potter's wheel makes for a great date night or girls' night out. BYOB while making a clay project to be

picked up after it's fired. 7-9pm today and every Friday in May. For adults only. \$50 per person. *Clay Art Center, 40 Beech St., Port Chester. 937-2047. clayartcenter.org.*

Crafts at Lyndhurst. The annual crafts show is a festival of fine crafts, food and fun. Shoppers can stroll among displays from over 275 craftspeople offering contemporary works of art. Visitors can also dance to live music, watch and participate in craft demonstrations and wander around the sculpture garden. For kids, there's face painting, storytelling, stilt walkers and more! 10am-5pm May 1 and 3; 10am-6pm May 2. For all ages. Weekend pass: \$12 adults, \$4 children. *Lyndhurst Mansion, 435 South Broadway, Tarrytown. 845-331-7900. artrider.com.*

Guggenheim Exhibit: A Year With Children. See City Picks page 39.

Lightscaapes: A Springtime Garden Fantasy. An amazing nighttime display of sculpture, lights, sound and special effects, Lightscaapes features immense insects, brilliant butterflies and other works of art that showcase Van Cortlandt Manor's gorgeous natural landscape. State of the art illumination and a supersonic soundscape contribute to this magical evening event. May 1-3, 8-10, 15-17, 22-24, 29-31. \$18 adults, \$4 children. Reservations required. *Van Cortlandt Manor, 525 S. Riverside, Croton-on-Hudson. 366-6900. hudsonvalley.org.*

My Sky. "My Sky," an exhibit about the universe, funded by NASA, is on display at the Stepping Stone Museum for Children. Focusing on the universality of the sky (it's over all of us) this exhibit invites children and adults to explore

Get listed!

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