



# *Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts, Inc.*



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## **RECONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

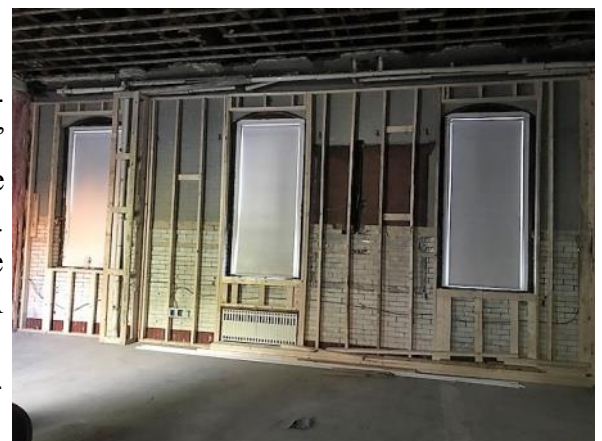


It has been about eight months since our building suffered severe water damage. Some members might have dropped in to see the extent of the damage first hand, others only saw photos published in our newsletter or on the local news. The rebuilding of the ICC has been a long process for many reasons, but we are now making good progress as you can see in these photos. We took these photos at an Executive Board meeting on September 4th, so they are fairly re-

cent. Remediation has been completed and currently they are working on framing, insulation, and electrical rewiring.

Our struggles with getting fair compensation from the insurance company continue, and even that cannot cover all our expenses, the lost revenue from not being able to use our building, and the exorbitant utility costs during the remediation and reconstruction process. So we plead with you, our ICC family, to reach deeper into your pockets if you are able, and make a donation to the rebuilding efforts.

We are looking forward to a grand reopening this fall to unveil our beautiful “new” Center. Meantime, please help with the rebuilding of your Italian Cultural Center. Donations can be made directly to the ICC, 56 Margaret Street, Springfield, MA 01105 or to our GoFundMe page at <https://www.gofundme.com/s6hd-disaster-at-italian-cultural-center>.



## IN MEMORIAM

*The following members of the Italian Cultural Center have recently passed away. We extend our deepest sympathies to their families and loved ones.*

Aurelia Gavazzi  
Ceil (Napolitano) Lewonchuck



## Flag Raising Ceremony

**Note the change of time!!**

Please join us on **Monday, October 1, 2018, at 10:15 am** at the Columbus statue at the south end of Main St. for an Italian flag raising ceremony to kick-off Italian Heritage Month.

### **Membership Meeting Wednesday, October 10**

The Society of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Club has again generously offered the ICC the use of their facility for our Fall membership meeting. The Club is located at 15 Winthrop Street, Springfield (next to La Fiorentina). The meeting will begin at 6:00 pm.

It is especially important for as many members as possible to attend membership meetings so that we, as an organization, can remain strong in our commitment to promote Italian culture, traditions, and heritage.

**Please bring a small dessert to share at the meeting and we will provide the coffee!**

## **IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY**



We are planning to celebrate Christmas at “home” this year in our beautifully renovated Center. Please put the date on your calendar—**Saturday, December 8th**. There will be great food, prepared by Chef Joe Sapelli, entertainment, old and new friends, and lots of Christmas cheer. More details will follow soon!

**Save the date!**



## **The Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts is Sponsoring a Bus Trip to Arthur Avenue in the Bronx**



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2018**

**We leave from the commuter parking lot at Enfield Mall (behind Wendy's) at 9:00 am. When we arrive in NY at around 11:45 am, you will be on your own to explore the many Italian shops and restaurants in the area.**

**We leave Arthur Avenue at 5:00 pm and plan to arrive in Enfield at 7:45 pm.**

**Reservations must be made in advance by calling  
Stephanie at (860) 305-1175 or e-mailing at  
iccwm@comcast.net**

**The cost per person is \$60.00**

**Deadline for reservations and payment is October 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Give Back Monday**

**E.B.'s**

**Fundraising Program!**



# Italian Cultural Center of WMASS

**Is Raising \$\$ to support their Scholarship Programs!**

**EAT**

at **E.B.'s**

**385 Walnut Street Ext., Agawam, MA**

**Monday, October 22nd**

and **10%**  
of the day's total food sales\*  
will be given to the **Italian Cultural Center of WMASS.**

\*Open to close. No coupon/flyer needed. Dine-in, take out or delivery.  
Alcohol sales excluded.

**ebsrestaurants.com**



**(413) 789-3525**



# Attenzione! Attenzione!

## Friday Night at the Italian Cinema



We are excited to announce the return of our Italian Cinema series with *A Special Day (Una giornata particolare)*, which will be shown on Friday, November 2, 2018 at 6:30 pm at the Italian Cultural Center. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Admission is \$3.00 for members and \$6.00 for non-members. A choice of snack and beverage will be provided.



### *A Special Day (Una giornata particolare)*

By Ettore Scola (1977)

Drama, One hour 46 minutes

In Italian with English Subtitles

*A Special Day* is set in 1938 during an event commemorating the first meeting between Benito Mussolini and Adolf Hitler. Left alone in her tenement home when her fascist husband runs off to attend the historic event, Antonietta (Sophia Loren), strikes up a friendship with her neighbor Gabriele (Marcello Mastroianni). An unexpected bond develops between two people who haven't joined the festivities—a conservative housewife and mother, and a liberal radio broadcaster awaiting deportation. As day fades into night, Antonietta and Gabriele develop a very special relationship that will radically change their perceptions of life, love, and politics.

### GRAZIE!

A special note of appreciation to Mec's Landscaping for the great job they did weeding, raking, and trimming the bushes outside the ICC!

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# Calendar of Events

*Flag Raising, Monday, October 1, 10:15 am*

*Arthur Avenue Bus Trip, Saturday, October 20, all day*

*E.B.'s Fundraiser, Monday, October 22, all day*

*Movie Night, Friday, November 2, 6:00 pm*

*Christmas Dinner, Saturday, December 8*

***We are planning a number of events for the remainder of  
2018 and 2019 and look forward to unveiling our  
beautifully renovated ICC!***

*The Mission of the Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts, Inc. is to promote Italian culture, traditions, heritage and the Italian language, through the sponsoring of social, culinary and educational events, and to foster appreciation and respect in the community for the rich contributions that Italians have made locally and throughout the world.*