

facilities that was spear-headed by Volunteer **Ray Quinlan**, new director of the Center for Women & Enterprise's Worcester office **Carrie Johnson** who had previously established her own business with "a \$100 investment and a lot of sweat equity," new Executive Director of the Higgins Army Museum **Nikki Anderson** who is "revered in her field for her expertise in bringing families into the life of a museum," Fidelity Bank President and CEO **Ed Manzi** for the institution's launch of a new office at 465 Shrewsbury St., **Barbara Walzer** who helped the Santa Fe Indian Market recover financial stability and is now running the Worcester Center for Crafts and WCRN 830 "True Talk" radio for its move into "window-into-the-world" studios at the corner of Franklin and Salem streets in the heart of downtown.

### An un'Common' year

Just how integral a part of the neighborhood Worcester Common Ground is will become all the more apparent over the course of the next several months as events related to the Bellevue Street organization's 20th anniversary materialize. Just ahead, for instance, is a banquet scheduled for October 28th at the Elm Park Community School, where residents and businesses

will come together for a program that will feature entertainment, ethnic food (African, Greek, Spanish) and recognition of people who have enriched the fabric of the geographic area that WCG services. Call 508-754-0908 for further info.

### It takes a 'Village'

Speaking of neighborhoods, **Rick Stockhaus** says a turnout of 200 or more is expected on September 27th at the C.P. Tuttle Post



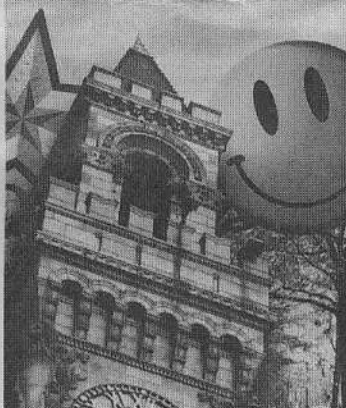
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No. 279 of the American Legion in Auburn for a reunion of folks who grew up in Quinsigamond Village in the 1950s and 1960s. Bucky Sheehan will spin Oldies. Call Rick, 508-612-5783 or 508-865-5689, for further info.

### A 'First'

Worcester Local First is back with a splash after a quiet summer. Recently, the "think local" group published its first-ever business directory. Coordinator **Steven Jones-D'Agostino** says the handy booklet contains the names and essential information for nearly 180 member enterprises, "all of which are locally owned and independent." In celebration of the accomplishment, Worcester Local First will host a party this Thursday evening from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at K.J. Baaron's Fine Wine & Spirits in Washington Square. Call 508-791-0459 or 508-930-8675 for further info.



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