

## With Wildlife in the Area

### Residents and Motorists Need to Take Precautions



The good news: Wildlife still thrives in the nearly 2,000 acres of wetland preserves that Weston maintains along the city's western boundary.

With that good news come safety precautions that residents and motorist need to heed, particularly in the areas along Manatee Isles Drive, SW 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Saddle Club and South Post Roads.

#### FACTS :

- Collisions are more frequent during the deer migration and mating season in October, November and December.
- The combination of growing deer populations and the displacement of deer habitat are producing increasingly hazardous conditions for motorists and deer.

#### TIPS:

- Always wear your seat belt and observe the speed limits!
- If you see a deer in the roadway, **brake but do not swerve**. Most fatalities and injuries happen when drivers swerve their vehicle and hit a tree, another vehicle or another immovable object.
- Deer are most visible at dusk and at dawn.
- Deer often travel in groups, so if you see one crossing the road, chances are there are more.

For more information on Weston's preservation area and its wildlife, please visit:

[http://www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/Parks\\_Brochure.pdf](http://www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/Parks_Brochure.pdf)