



# WESTON

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## A Time of Accomplishment and Change

By Mayor Eric M. Hersh



Eric M. Hersh  
Mayor

Over the past few months, the City Commission has been busy working out several outstanding issues that will impact our City for many years to come.

We recently renewed and expanded our relationship with BSO (Broward Sheriff's Office) for

our police protection. The City's partnership with BSO has been very successful, as has the move away from a private security company for roving patrols within the Indian Trace Development District, to our Community Strategy's Team, which is a unit under the BSO command. The results are that Weston had the LOWEST crime rate in Broward County during 2001. We are very proud of this accomplishment, but are not going to rest on our laurels. We will continue to work towards preventing and solving crime in our City. Our goal is simply stated - to make Weston the safest City for our residents. We are also getting

ready for the opening of the high school, and have added additional police resources to assist with traffic and safety concerns at the Educational Complex.

This November, look for four charter questions on the ballot in Weston. After much debate, the commission has adopted questions on redistricting, term limits, commission pay adjustments, and on eliminating a transitional provision contained in the Charter from when we became a City. I hope you will take the time in November to vote on these important changes, therefore having input on the way your government operates.

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## Everglades Elementary Students Tour City Hall

Mayor Hersh explains city government and hands out Passports to Weston's History



All smiles after paramedics display and explain their equipment

**PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW MEETING TIME**  
City Commission meeting begins at 6:30pm

### Official City Meetings

All meetings of the City Commission and the Planning and Zoning Advisory Board are held in the Weston Community Center, located within the Weston Regional Park at 20200 Saddle Club Rd.

City Commission meetings are telecast live over the city's government access channel for cable television subscribers. Advanced Cable subscribers should tune to channel #25. AT&T Broadband subscribers should tune to channel #18.

Commission meeting agendas are available in both English and Spanish, and are available on the City website at [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org) and your city government cable channel.



#### City Commission

6:30p.m.

Monday, August 19th  
Tuesday, September 3rd  
Tuesday, September 17th  
Monday, October 7th  
Monday, October 21st  
Monday, November 4th  
Monday, November 18th



#### Planning & Zoning Advisory Board

6:30p.m. 2nd & 4th Mondays  
954-385-2000

\*Meeting dates are subject to change, please confirm prior to attendance

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My personal thanks to Cassandra Andrade, a teenager living here in Weston, who has headed up the efforts to bring activities for teenagers to our City. Along with a committee of several young men & women from America's Teens for Teens, Cassandra has helped organize several teen activities and nights out which have been a big success. We're also pleased with the success of the 55+Club's events operating out of the community center. We will continue to support these activities in our effort to build a community responsive to the needs of all our residents. Be on the lookout for many more gatherings and events.

Finally, it's a pleasure to report that the Bonaventure Improvement Plan is well underway. Although improvements such as

drainage are not as visible as the beautiful Palm trees being planted, the implementation of the total plan will help improve and beautify Weston's Bonaventure area after many years in the planning. My thanks to the numerous Bonaventure residents who participated in planning and giving input on this project. Over the next 12 months or so, project completion, along with the improvements being done throughout our City, will improve the aesthetics, and help maintain the value of our investments of property in Weston.

On behalf of Commissioners Edwin Jacobson, Robin Bartleman, Barbara Herrera-Hill, and Sandy Halperin, I hope you are all enjoying your summer, and taking the time to spend quality time with your family and friends.

### WESTON TO HOLD SPECIAL ELECTION ON SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> TO FILL COMMISSION SEAT VACANCY

On Tuesday, September 10th the City of Weston will hold a Special Election to fill the unexpired term of the recently vacated Seat No. 3 on the City Commission.

The vacancy was created by Commissioner Alexander 'Sandy' Halperin's resignation from the City Commission to run for State Representative.

The successful candidate will be sworn in at the September 17th Commission meeting and will serve the remainder of the unexpired term to March 17, 2003.

All members of the City Commission are elected at-large and non-partisan, therefore, all Weston residents registered to vote as of August 12th, are eligible to vote in the September 10th Special Election.

Return to the polls on Tuesday, November 5th to vote on the Weston Charter Amendments.



Learning the Rules of the Road



Students wave as the BSO copter approaches



BSO's new American Eurocopter EC135 delights kids with its precision flying

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John R. Flint  
City Manager

## A NOTE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

John R. Flint

Summertime is upon us and for most that means time away from our city either on vacation or at camp, or both. For local government, summertime means putting the finishing touches on the upcoming fiscal year's budgets, which will be presented to the City Commission for consideration in September.

One of our primary objectives in preparing the city's budgets each year, is the preservation and enhancement of the city's unique lifestyle, and to that end, the property values that support it, and the residents needs to enjoy that lifestyle. To do so, we rely on the collective wealth of the city. President John F. Kennedy said, "The real wealth of a nation resides in its farms and factories and the people that man them". President Kennedy's words continue to ring true today, as Weston's wealth resides in its homes and businesses and the people that occupy them.

We look forward to working through the summer, preparing budgets that meet your needs and expectations for your home, your business, and your family, so that we all may enjoy the Weston lifestyle for the coming years. Have a great summer.

**STEP 1: Getting Ready**  
After your voter's registration is verified, an election official will escort you to a voting machine to make sure the PEB (Personal Electronic Ballot) is inserted properly. The election official will then leave you to vote in private but will remain nearby to answer questions.

**STEP 2: The Voting Process**  
To begin, select your preferred language, English, Spanish or French-Creole, on the screen. To begin casting your vote, touch the appropriate box next to your selection. After you have made every desired selection on that page simply touch "next page" and the next ballot screen will appear. Continue in this manner until every vote is cast. **IN ORDER FOR YOUR VOTE TO BE OFFICIALLY CAST YOU MUST SELECT THE "REVIEW BALLOT" BUTTON ON THE LOWER RIGHT HAND CORNER OF THE SCREEN.**

**STEP 3: VOTE!**  
Once you are satisfied with all of your selections, you must touch the red **VOTE** button at the top of the screen.  
**You must touch this button for your vote to be recorded.**



**ELECTION DAYS Please Take The Time To Vote**  
Primary & Weston Special Election - September 10th  
General Election & Weston Charter Amendments - November 5th  
POLLS OPEN FROM 7AM to 7PM

Broward residents will have a new experience at the polls in November - the Touch Screen Voting Machines. And using the machines is as easy as 1, 2, 3...

To be able to vote in an election, which includes the Weston Special Election on September 10th, and the proposed Weston Charter Amendments on November 5th, **You Must Be A Registered Voter.**

Voter Registration Forms are available:

- By mail from the Supervisor of Elections at 954-357-7050
- At Weston City Hall
- At Broward County Public Libraries

**Voter Registration Deadlines** - Voters must be registered at least 29 days before an election, to vote in that election.

For additional voter information, visit the Broward County Supervisor of Elections website at [www.browardsoe.org](http://www.browardsoe.org)



## Community Invited to

SEPTEMBER 11TH REMEMBRANCE  
7:00pm at the Town Center Park  
Amphitheater, 1900 Bell Tower Lane

On Wednesday, September 11th, 2002 at 7:00PM, City, County and State leaders, Weston Fire and Police Departments, local clergy, along with choral and musical groups, will gather at the Weston Town Center Park Amphitheater to host a remembrance of the tragic events of September 11, 2001.



Weston is host to this citywide event, which will honor and remember the uniformed officers and civilians who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on New York, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C.



The Ceremonial presentation will begin at 7:00PM  
Limited Chair Seating available.  
Lawn chairs and blankets suggested.

**HANDHELD CANDLE VOTIVES  
WILL BE GIVEN OUT FOR A CANDLELIT  
MOMENT OF SILENCE**



Rolls of Tifway 419 bermuda grass await placement - approximately \$100,000 per year.

The Community Services department surveys each field, making individual field determinations based on the severity of wear. At the end of the soccer season for example, entire fields may need replacement sod or just specific sections of the football

## A Lot O'Green

Keeping Weston's athletic fields in top-quality condition takes a lot of sod - tens of thousands of square feet annually to be exact, at a cost of approximately \$100,000 per year.

fields might be redone.

With eleven soccer and football fields, each requiring from 5,000-10,000 square feet of sod, twice annually: that's a lot o'green.



The finished field of green



## Teens 4 Teens

### Organizing "their" way

Weston teens have formed their own group, "Teens 4 Teens", to organize and stage events and activities that they enjoy and feel other teens in Weston will enjoy as well.

The group has the support of the City and the West Broward YMCA, both of which will co-sponsor various events. One such recent event was a rock concert attended by several hundred people of all ages, and featuring local bands, which was held at the Town Center Amphitheater. Teens for Teens is looking to supplement current city activities and events, and gear them more toward their age group and preferences.

Teens 4 Teens meets every Monday evening at 7PM at the Weston Regional HealthPark - 2300 N. Commerce Pkwy, go to the first floor conference room. To join the group or for more information, please call 954-217-5772 or drop by one of the meetings.

*(If there is a Monday school holiday, the meetings are held on Tuesday)*



## Buckle Up Florida

August 31st -  
September 8th,

Florida's law

enforcement will be on the lookout for adults and children who are not buckled up. Don't put yourself or your family at needless risk of death, injury or getting a ticket. Buckle Up Florida wants to remind you that wearing a safety belt is the single most effective thing you can do to protect yourself and your children in a traffic crash.

### **Buckle Up Florida, it's the law.**

For more information on Florida's safety belt laws, visit the Buckle Up Florida website at [www.buckleupflorida.com](http://www.buckleupflorida.com)



Mayor presents Sheriff Jenne with award of appreciation for Weston having the lowest crime rate in Broward County

## Weston has Lowest Crime Rate in County

Sheriff Jenne and BSO-Weston Recognized for their Exemplary Achievement

On May 20th, one month after crime rate statistics were released by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the City honored its law enforcement professionals, Sheriff Ken Jenne, Chief Greg Page and all the men and women of the Broward Sheriff's Office-Weston who collectively made this accomplishment possible.

For the year ending December 2001, the City of Weston had the lowest crime rate of any city in Broward County, at 11.2493 crimes per 1,000 population: a **17.86% decrease** in the crime rate over the previous year, in a year when the population increased by 7.9%. Certainly to be considered

exceptional, the City expressed its appreciation by presenting Sheriff Jenne and Weston's Chief, Greg Page with an award and congratulatory plaque.

Every member of Weston's department received a pin to proudly wear on their uniform, depicting the City of Weston and Broward Sheriff's Office official seals and the words "2001- Lowest Crime Rate". That clearly says it all.

Weston's Chief, Greg Page and Sheriff Jenne are presented with plaques



The Sheriff places one of Weston's original pin designs on Mayor Hersch



## SPOTLIGHT ON: WESTON Community Center Activities

Child development continues to be a focus of many of the programs at your Community Center. This edition of Spotlight highlights two popular classes.



### Kindermusik

You and your child will explore the magic and together build the foundations needed for a lifetime of learning. Focused listening, independent thinking, and the ability to share and make decisions are just a few of the skills that your child will explore in this nurturing environ-

ment. Through music, movement, storytelling and instrument exploration, your child will discover their natural musical gifts.

Three instructors teach a variety of classes for newborns to 5 year olds.



### Kidokinetics

Terri Braun has designed Kidokinetics to reveal, enhance and uplift the creative energies of thinking and movement, which in turn aid and develop communication, decision-mak-

ing, problem-solving abilities and social skills. This program for children ages 3 and up is a fun way to fitness, teaching children ball skills and other important physical exercises.

At the Weston Community Center, we continue to provide fun and educational activities for children and adults alike. For more information about these and other courses, please find the pull-out class schedule insert or check out [HYPERLINK www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org).



## Hazardous Incident Simulation Prepares Cleveland Clinic for Decontamination Response

On June 12th, to unknowing onlookers, the outside entrance area to the Cleveland Clinic Hospital looked like a busy M.A.S.H. unit, handling victim after victim. In reality, it was a staged event to practice and critique emergency room personnel's response to a hazardous materials incident.

**The scenario:** A tractor-trailer transporting three hundred car batteries collides with a van of teenagers and a second vehicle. Car batteries spill out onto the roadway, splashing victims with 300 gallons of battery acid (every battery holds one-gallon).

**Initial Response:** Weston Fire and EMS units and Broward County HAZMET respond to the accident scene, providing initial treatment and transport of victims to Cleveland Clinic.

Prior to the start of the simulation, fourteen paramedic/EMT students from City College in Fort Lauderdale were treated to a moulage, or "false injuries". At Weston Fire Station No. 81, students received a range of body part injuries that would be the result of acid contact on the skin. Students with burned backs, legs, faces and arms were sitting around enjoying bagels and juice just before their

9am casting call as accident victims was to begin. Students were each advised on what injuries they were to have received and to relate those pains to the doctors. One student was even told to panic outside the hospital and run, attempting to gain entry before being decontaminated; simulating a possible real-life reaction.

Weston Fire and EMS units transported patients, bringing them through a water spray before taking victims into portable decontamination booths, quickly setup by hospital staff upon the call regarding hazardous materials. Hospital security shut down access to the hospital and ER doctors stood ready in biohazard suits. Victims clothing was cut off and their bodies hosed down and scrubbed before being moved inside for further treatment. Inside the ER, areas had been sealed off with plastic sheeting and doctors began treatment of the burn victims. Casualty after casualty tested the skills and stamina of the Fire Department and hospital personnel - in an all too possible scenario. At the end, City, County HazMet and Cleveland Clinic staff sat down to critique the morning's event and ensure that if and when an incident turns real-life, all personnel are ready and waiting.



## HALLOWEEN Law Enforcement SAFETY EXPO

Sat., October 26th

### BIGGER & BETTER THAN EVER

6pm-9pm at Tequesta Trace Park

Kids and adults alike, are invited to come out for a fun-filled and educational evening at the Halloween Law Enforcement Safety Expo, sponsored by the District 8 Community Council, the City of Weston and the Weston Regional HealthPark.

This year's event is expanding to include all branches of the U.S. military and neighboring police and fire agencies. Displays by these agencies will be in addition to those of the BSO SWAT team, K-9, Broward County Fire Rescue, Marine Patrol, Mounted Units, BSO and U.S. Customs Blackhawk helicopters, U.S. Secret Service, Fish & Game and the Florida Marlins and more.

Candy will be given out at each display, a jammin' DJ will play great tunes and a fabulous costume contest (kids only please), will provide tons of fun, and prizes too!

**AN EVENING NOT TO BE MISSED.**

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**City Initiates  
Weston University Program**

*An 8-month Government Program for Cypress Bay High School Students*

The Inaugural class of the Weston University Program will be introduced at the City Commission meeting of October 21, 2002. Up to fifteen Cypress Bay High School students, interested in government and law, will be selected to participate in a unique educational and personal experience that will expose students to the multiple layers of government and various career possibilities.

Eager to begin what is envisioned to be an ideal partnership between the City and the High School, this new program will commence, very appropriately, during Florida City Government Week. This yearly event highlights the crucial role of city government in the lives of citizens, emphasizing how important citizen participation is to the future of our communities. With that belief, and a strong focus on the youth and future of our community, Weston University was born.

**Program Highlights**

- An 8-month program meeting once monthly for a daylong session.
- Sessions are held on-site at various locations where city services are provided: City Hall, Police Station, Fire Station, Community Center, Calvin, Giordano & Assoc., viewing field operations and infrastructure via field trips.

- Students, through instruction, open conversations, observations, demonstrations and actual experiences, will be exposed to and educated on the details involved in running municipal departments on a day-to-day basis.
- Students will be taught about State and local government by those elected to run it.
- Students will learn problem-solving procedures used by city government, recognizing the positions taken by city officials and the reasons behind them.
- Students will participate in a City Commission simulation after having gained knowledge throughout the program, necessary to present and defend both sides of the agenda issues.
- Upon successful completion, students will graduate and be honored at the May 19, 2003 City Commission meeting.

Civic education is not someone else's job. The City of Weston recognizes the possible rewards of educating our students and encouraging them to become involved in their community. City leaders and staff look forward to facilitating an understanding of what local government is and the unique characteristics of Weston's city structure.

**The City of Weston Welcomes  
the Class of 2003!**



## The Weston Educational Complex From conceptual idea to REALITY

The concept of the Weston Educational Complex was a long-held vision of Weston's developer, Arvida, and one that has been whole-heartedly supported and put into action by Weston's elected leaders. The idea was one where children could go K-C or Kindergarten to College, all within their own community; all within one creatively designed complex.

The illustration depicts the current facilities and those construction projects that will be initiated within the next year at the Weston Educational Complex.

Located on the west side of Bonaventure Boulevard, lying between Griffin Road and Vista Park Boulevard, the Weston Educational Complex includes:

### FALCON COVE MIDDLE SCHOOL

4251 Bonaventure Boulevard

The Educational Complex's initial occupant, Weston's second middle school opened for the 2000/01 school year and currently educates 2,136 students in grades 6th thru 8th. The Middle School campus includes athletic fields, a track and courts.

### CYPRESS BAY HIGH SCHOOL

18600 Vista Park Boulevard

Long awaited, Weston's first high school opens its doors this August for the 2002/03

school year, for grades 9 thru 11. Adding a senior class next school year, the school will then accommodate close to 3,500 students on a 36-acre campus that includes baseball fields, a football stadium and courts.

### VISTA PARK

West end of Vista Park Boulevard

Construction is scheduled to begin in the fall on this 40-acre municipal park, which will provide additional athletic fields for Weston's burgeoning sports leagues. A \$6 million project, Vista Park will offer sports system lighted fields: 4-soccer/football; 4-baseball/softball; 1-tot lot; 2-concession/restroom buildings and parking for five hundred vehicles.

### WESTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

With Broward Community College  
Corner of Vista Park and Bonaventure  
Boulevard

A \$7.1 million, 2-story facility will be built by Broward County with construction anticipated beginning this winter. The Library will occupy 30,000 sq. ft. on the first floor of this structure with a 100,000-item collection, conference room, lobby and exhibit areas, audiovisual area, 20 station public computer lab, a periodical area, as well as tutor/study rooms, a story-telling room and an area for young adults.

Broward Community College - will be a tenant on the second floor of the building, occupying approximately 25,000 square feet for classrooms and offices.

### ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE

This Indian Mound originally referred to as the "No Name Mound" and later called the "Carr Mound" honoring archaeologist Bob Carr, was first explored in early 1991. The artifacts gathered from this excavation suggest Indians inhabited this site possibly 5,000 or more years ago. The Weston Community Library building will border the site and embrace the history and heritage that this and other archaeological sites in Weston provide to our community.

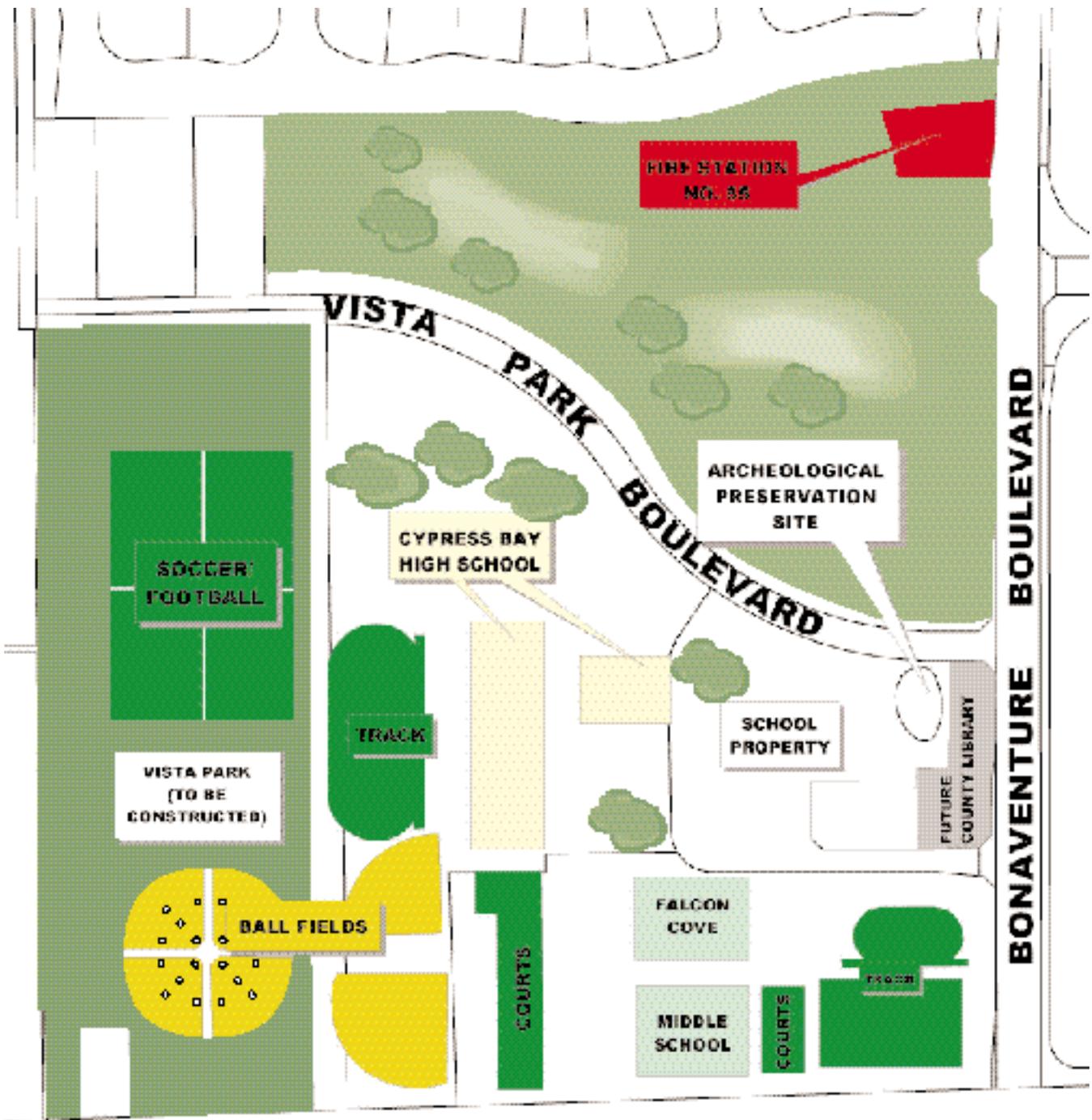
### FIRE STATION NO. 55

3900 Bonaventure Boulevard

Not physically a part of the Educational Complex, but strategically located just north of its location along Bonaventure Blvd., Fire Station No. 55 opened in May 2002. This 7,896 square foot station, staffed 24-hours a day, houses one fire engine, one rescue truck and a brush truck.

The Weston Educational Complex is still in its infancy. Several more components will be added before this equation is complete, providing Weston residents with the best educational and recreational opportunities available.

The City of Weston ■ Educational Complex



Griffin Road



## A Safety Reminder When You Change Your Clock Change Your Batteries Daylight Saving Time Ends October 27th

Smoke Detector Batteries That Is. While more than 90% of homes in the US have smoke detectors, 1/3 are estimated to have worn-out or missing batteries.



## Weston Reading Center



The Weston Reading Center  
Expands hours to  
accommodate patrons  
17120 Arvida Parkway  
954-389-2098

The Weston Reading Center has doubled its hours of operation to accommodate an ever increasing demand for its services. The Broward County Board of County Commissioners approved funding for the additional hours of service, which began on June 1st, doubling its operational hours from 20 to 40 hours per week.

The new and expanded schedule is as follows:

Monday	9am to 5pm
Tuesday	12pm to 8pm
Wednesday	9am to 5pm
Thursday	12pm to 8pm
Saturday	9am to 5pm
Friday & Sunday	Closed

The Reading Center offers books geared toward elementary and middle school age children as well as a selection of the latest bestsellers for adults. Eight computer stations offer internet access and word processing capabilities to everyone.

## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK - October 6th - 12th

Prevention and Education is still key to safety

All three Weston Fire Stations will be especially busy in October as our Broward County Fire Rescue personnel triple their year-round efforts at educating the public, especially our children, regarding fire prevention and safety efforts.

### Fire Prevention Activities in Weston

The Broward County Fire Safety Office of Public Education is contacting every school in Weston, from Elementary to High School, including private schools and day-care facilities, to arrange Fire Prevention Presentations at the schools throughout the month of October.

Parents: Any time of year, feel free to call or stop by one of Weston's three stations for information on fire prevention, home escape plans, safety, CPR classes or just a tour of your local station.

Station No. 81: 17350 Arvida Parkway	954-389-2015
Station No. 67: 951 Saddle Club Road	954-389-2058
Station No. 55: 3900 Bonaventure Blvd.	954-389-2080

### Fire Safety TIPS

The National Fire Prevention Association stresses three key areas:

- 1) Installing and testing smoke alarms
  - 2) Practicing home escape plans, and
  - 3) Hunting for home hazards
- \* Develop and practice home fire escape plans. Identify two escape routes from each room and ensure that children know the plan. Teach children not to stop for valuables or re-enter a burning home.
  - \* Install smoke alarms, at least one on every floor of your home, outside of each sleeping area and inside of each bedroom. Test & Replace batteries at least once yearly. Replace all batteries immediately upon moving into a new home. While batteries may still be working, replace annually and use for another non-essential use, such as a TV remote control - remember, smoke detectors can only save lives if they are working properly. NEVER borrow batteries from a detector to use "temporarily" for another use.
  - \* Replace smoke alarms every 10 years - they don't last forever.
  - \* Be careful with smoking materials - wet contents of ashtrays before dumping and never smoke in bed.
  - \* Hide matches and lighters away from children
  - \* Use electricity safely - replace damaged electrical cords promptly and repair any appliances that smell, smoke or overheat
  - \* Cook safely - never leave cooking unattended and keep area uncluttered.



### HAVE AN OLD CELL PHONE YOU NO LONGER USE?

S.A.L.T. is collecting old cell phones with chargers, to give to seniors who don't have a portable phone, in case of emergencies. If the phone still works and can be charged, it will still dial 911, without being activated. Phones can be dropped off at the Weston Community Center or the Broward Sheriff's Office.

## S.A.L.T. Committee Presents

### Hurricane Preparedness Speaker

CBS4 Meteorologist Chris Paulsen educates residents

On May 22nd, at the Weston Regional HealthPark, the BSO District 8, S.A.L.T. Committee (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together), invited Meteorologist Chris Paulsen to speak to Weston residents regarding hurricane preparedness. Sponsored by the Weston Regional HealthPark, BSO and the City of Weston, Mr. Paulsen took the group through the "must do" lists of hurricane preparedness as well as when to get your home prepared and other pertinent information necessary to mitigate damage.

#### When to Act

When a **Hurricane Watch** is issued; put up shutters and get everything done (before the winds start).

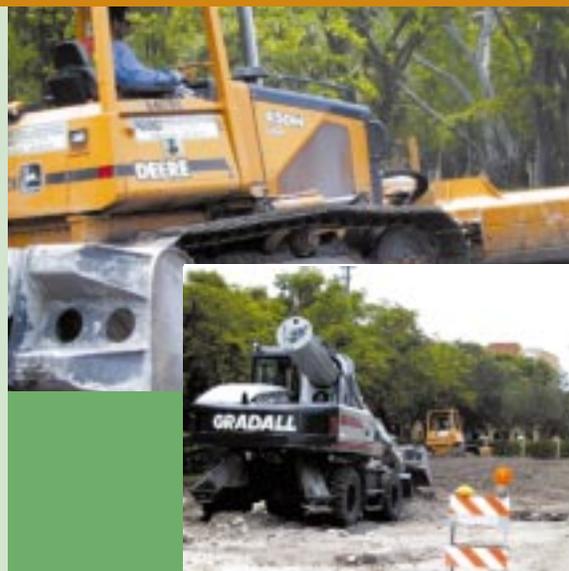
When a Hurricane Warning is issued; leave your home for travel to a predetermined storm location out of the area or finalize any last minute preparations.

Always have a battery-operated radio - power outages are very likely. Soon you will be able to tune to 1680AM for Weston Emergency Information. During non-emergency times, this radio channel will have city information on events, programs and city locations.

Any residents needing a copy of the City of Weston Hurricane Season Safety Guidelines provided in the May issue of the Announcer (available in both English and Spanish), please call City Hall at 954-389-2000.

#### Remember - hurricane season continues through November 30th

For information on upcoming S.A.L.T. Programs or to join this active group, please call Deputy Dave Schupp at 954-389-2030.



## Bonaventure Master Plan

### Improvements Continue

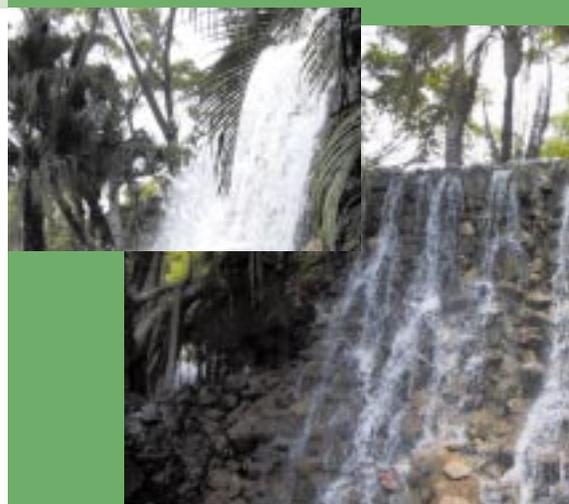
Photos taken in June show construction along East and West Mall Roads is well underway as drainage pipes are installed with five-foot concrete sidewalks to be constructed after. Saddle Lane and Paddock Lane drainage improvements are next.

The \$5 million in Bonaventure neighborhood improvements is expected to be completed in December.

YOUR BEST PROTECTION FROM FIRE IS PREVENTION;  
YOUR BEST CHANCE OF SURVIVING A FIRE IS TO PLAN YOUR ESCAPE

#### Fast Facts and Figures

- One-half of home fire deaths occur in the 6% of homes with no smoke alarms.
- Homes with smoke alarms have a death rate 40-50% less than the rate for homes without alarms.
- In 3 of every 10 reported fires in homes equipped with smoke detectors, the devices did not work.
- The leading cause of smoke alarm failures is missing, dead or disconnected batteries.



A more tranquil Bonaventure setting, one of several cascading waterfalls.



A song we can  
all take a note from!

*EARTH DAY RAP*

The sky is high and the ocean is deep,  
But we can't treat the planet like a garbage heap,

Don't wreck it, protect it,  
keep part of it wild,  
And think about the future  
of your great-grandchild.

Recycle, bicycle,  
don't you drive by yourself,  
Don't buy those plastic  
products on the  
supermarket shelf.

Boycott, petition, let the  
big bus-'ness know,  
That if we mess it up here,  
there's no where else  
we can go.

Don't shrug your shoulders,  
say "What can I do?"  
Only one person can do it  
and that person is

**YOU!**



**ECO-TRACERS RAP**

*The Indian Trace Elementary EcoTracers  
Thank Mayor Hersh & the City Commission*

On Tuesday, June 4th Mayor Hersh was treated to a special presentation at Indian Trace Elementary School. The EcoTracers, comprised of Student Council members and the Environmental Patrol, presented an Earth Day rap song in appreciation of the City Commission approving the EcoTracers adoption of Indian Trace Park, which borders the school.

In an excellent example of a civics lesson on just how individuals (no matter how young) can petition their local government and effectuate a change, the EcoTracers did just that. They presented letters to the Commission seeking to adopt the roadway in front of their school, as an environmental project. The Commission asked that a representative meet with the City Manager as they felt that the idea might be too dangerous for young children. Student Ashley Jenkins and Science teacher Ms. Sant Angelo met with City Manager John Flint, with Ashley proposing an alternate suggestion that the EcoTracers adopt the park, committing to cleaning the park area four times per year, for two years. The deal was done.

At the May 6th City Commission meeting a Proclamation approving the EcoTracers Adoption of Indian Trace Park was approved. Mayor Hersh re-presented this Proclamation to all of the EcoTracers at the June school event, after which they headed out to the park for their first official cleanup.

A Great Big Thank You to every student whose volunteer efforts are helping to increase the awareness of protecting our natural resources, and generating pride in our park system and our community.



WESTON ONLINE [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org)

## TAKE A NEW LOOK

The City's annual revision of the Weston website is complete and residents are in for a bright and refreshingly sharp appearance which echo's the look of the City's Annual Report.

New features include a Search Engine and a Current Projects Section, along with downloadable Certificate of Use and Occupational License applications, and the City's Shopping, Dining and Lodging Guide.



## Ribbon Cutting Celebrates Grand Opening

of Weston's Fire Station No. 55

The station, which is staffed 24-hours a day, has three bays which currently house one Fire engine, one Rescue truck and a Brush Truck, living and eating quarters, lobby, training room and office. Within the City's five-year Agreement for Fire Services, \$1.1 of the \$1.3 million in construction costs was funded by Broward County and Arvida conveyed the 1.351 acres of land to the City.

After a well-attended grand opening, Station No. 55 is in full service and fully prepared to handle the additional demands of area development and the needs of the near-by educational complex.

On May 23rd, the Weston City Commission, City Manager John Flint, County Commissioner Diana Wasserman-Rubin, Director Herminio Lorenzo of Broward County Safety & Emergency Services along with elected leaders State Senator Debbie Wasserman Schultz and State Representative Nan Rich, cut the ribbon to Weston's newest fire station, located at 3900 Bonaventure Boulevard.

The construction of Station No. 55 completes Weston's three-station Fire/EMS Infrastructure Plan, providing stations strategically positioned at key locations in the city. This 7,896 square foot facility is a duplicate image of Station No. 67 located outside of the Savanna subdivision.



## Did You Know That...



- Weston Property Values for 2002 have increased by **15.1% over 2001**, according to preliminary data released by the Broward County Property Appraiser in June.
- Proceeds from the 2002 Weston Memorial Day 5K Run **totaled \$7,755.00** presented to the Broward County Fire Fighters Charities benefiting victims of September 11th. A round of thanks to all who participated.
- The **major taxpayer** in the City of Weston is Berkley Vacation Resorts, Inc., which owns and operates Timeshare Resorts.
- The Country Isles **PUBLIX** alone, sold **43,105** 64oz. containers of Gatorade during the year.

If you have an interesting tid-bit about your Weston business, please call the Weston Communications office at **954-385-2000**



*Many of Weston's outstanding students and athletic teams are honored year round at Weston City Commission meetings*





Indian Trace Elementary Students are safely crossed as they head home from school



## School Zones and Drop-Offs

Public schools are back in session beginning **Monday, August 26th** and motorists are urged to heed the School Zone speed limit of **15mph**. The Broward Sheriff's Office will have a "ZERO TOLERANCE" stance for speeders within a school zone.

BSO Traffic Deputies advise that the single major traffic concern during school hours is illegal turns, and once again, there will be a zero tolerance policy for motorist making illegal turns. Weston has well over 10,000 students that each morning bus, walk, bike or are driven to thirteen public, private or parochial schools within Weston's boundaries. Children's Safety Is A Priority.

Deputies warn that another traffic issue, problematic mainly during the morning drop-off, is the need for parents that drive children to school, to be in the proper drop-off lanes and for children to cross at designated crossings. Do NOT drop children off in the roadway or any area where they would cross a street without a crossing guard. Parents with concerns or questions may call the BSO Traffic Office at 954-389-2016.

### ADDITIONAL DEPUTIES HIRED

*Seven Traffic Officers to police school zones*

The City Commission authorized the hiring of four additional BSO law enforcement personnel, which began work on July 1st, recog-

nizing the increased need for enforcement and prevention activities due to the City's growth and the opening of Cypress Bay High School this August. The Weston Educational Complex where Falcon Cove Middle and Cypress Bay are located, will alone see between 5,000-6,000 students a day come in and out of school with the inevitable traffic concerns associated with transporting a large population. The four new personnel focusing on school safety within Weston are two motorcycle deputies, one motorcycle sergeant and one detective. This will bring the motorcycle unit to seven personnel and the detective unit to six within the district. During non-school hours, the motorcycle deputies will be out patrolling the rest of the city, assisting zone deputies.

### KIDS ARE CROSSED BY THE BEST

*Crossing Guard Trainer of the Year Award presented by Governor*

Roxi Maina, of Adecco Employment Services was named the State of Florida Crossing Guard Trainer of the Year, making her the first Broward recipient of this prestigious award. Roxi trains and supervises each of Weston's 59 crossing guards. The City's crossing guards are an essential component in keeping Weston's kids safe as hundreds of students walk or bike to school each day.

**WATCH YOUR SPEED, NO ILLEGAL TURNS, AND GIVE A FRIENDLY WAVE TO THE MEN & WOMEN KEEPING OUR KIDS OUT OF HARMS WAY EACH SCHOOL DAY.**



### The Weston Hometown 4th of July

#### A DAY FILLED WITH PATRIOTISM AND FUN

Festivities on the Fourth start early in Weston, as seven hundred and forty seven runners lined up at 7:30AM to compete in the 9th Annual 4th of July Celebration 5K Run, sponsored by the Weston Regional HealthPark and the City of Weston. Participants in ages ranging from 5 to 80 (yes, 80!) ran a course designed in and around Weston's Town Center.

Spectators lined the streets of Town Center and Three Village Road to wave and cheer as more than fifty parade entries wound their way through the streets of Weston. City Commissioners proudly waved back as they cruised Main Street in Mustang convertibles lead by Grand Marshal, Craig Minervini, host of Fox Sports Net and his wife, Martha Sugalski, NBC 6 News Anchor, also Weston residents. Community groups and school bands marched to a fabulous beat while floats and vehicles all boasting a patriotic theme, along with police and fire department personnel brought home the true meaning of the day. Even animated movie characters signed up for an appearance in the Weston parade!

Festivities resumed at 6PM in the Weston Regional Park where rain clouds threatened, but could not damper the patriotic and fun loving spirits of all in attendance, who were treated to continuous live music and dancing featuring Déjà vu Again. Kids could not have been happier (adults, too) as they climbed the rock wall, bounced in bounce houses, recoiled in the giant sling, slid on slides, hula hooped, ate, danced and generally had a great time celebrating with family, friends and neighbors. Weston's ninth year of honoring our country's independence was more heartfelt than ever and a success as always.

*To all the residents who came out to see the usually spectacular Zambelli Fireworks display, a note of apology from the Zambelli family. Twelve minutes into what is normally a 30-40 minute display, a mortar exploded on the ground that made it impossible to continue the aerial show. This is an unfortunate risk with pyrotechnics, but fortunately, no injuries occurred. The City will be compensated or reimbursed for its expense and next year's aerial display promises to be grander than ever!*



L-R: Rabbi Kieffer, George Casey, Roy Rogers, Mayor Eric Hersh

At the June meeting of the Clergy "Lunch Bunch," a bi-monthly gathering initiated by Arvida and continued today by the City of Weston, Rabbi Sam Kieffer presents plaques of appreciation on behalf of the Clergy members. Honored was Mr. George Casey, Arvida President of South Florida Operations and Mr. Roy Rogers, retired Vice President of Governmental Relations for Arvida and friend to all. Mayor Eric Hersh joins Rabbi Kieffer in expressing the appreciation of the group.

# Calendar of Events

Wed., Sept. 11 7:00pm	Weston September 11th Remembrance City - County and State leaders, Weston Fire and Police personnel, Weston clergy, choral and musical groups will gather to host a remembrance of the tragic events and loss of life on September 11, 2001. Hand-held candle votives to be given out for a candlelit moment of silence. Limited seating available; lawn chairs and blankets recommended Ceremony begins at 7:00PM	Town Center Park & Amphitheater 954-385-2000
Sun., Sept. 15 2 - 5pm	SunTrust Sunday on the Town - Monthly Concert Series with kids activities	Town Center Park & Amphitheater 954-349-8123
Sat & Sun Sept. 21 & 22 10am - 5pm	Weston Town Center Fine Arts & Crafts Show - View the works of over 100 local and national artists along Main Street.	Town Center Main Street 954-349-8123
Sun., Oct. 20 2 - 5pm	SunTrust Sunday on the Town - Monthly Concert Series with kids activities	Town Center Main Street 954-349-8123
Sat., Oct 26 1am - 2pm	Children's Halloween Activities - Superstar Productions characters, costume contest, Halloween craft & trick or treating	Town Center Main Street 954-349-8123
Sat., Oct. 26	Weston Halloween Safety Fair - D.J., Kids Costume Contest, candy, Demonstrations & Displays by SWAT, K-9, Fire, Marine Patrol, Mounted Units, Helicopters, US Secret Service, Fish & Game, BSO, the Florida Marlins, Sponsors: Weston Regional HealthPark, City of Weston, BSO.	Tequesta Trace Park 954-389-2030
Fri., Sat. & Sun., Nov. 1, 2 & 3	30th Annual Broward Pioneer Days - Weston is the host City for this annual Countywide event celebrating the history and culture of Broward. "East meets West" is this year's theme. Tying the past to the present, Town Center will also celebrate its FIRST ANNIVERSARY with entertainment, prizes, antique car show and more.	Town Center Park & Amphitheater and Main Street 954-349-8123 954-389-4321
Sun., Nov 17 2 - 5pm	SunTrust Sunday on the Town - Concert Series with kid's activities	Town Center Park & Amphitheater 954-349-8123
Sat. & Sun. Nov. 23 & 24 10am - 5pm	10th Annual Weston Art Festival - Over 200 local and national artists, along with talented musicians for a 2-day art extravaganza	Main Street and Town Center Park 954-472-3755
Sun., Dec. 12am - 7pm	Enchanted Holiday Festival - Celebration of the holiday season with coral, musical and theatrical performances, displays, puppet shows and visit from Santa. In cooperation with the Kiwanis Club of Weston	Town Center Main Stree 954-349-8123
Fri., Dec. 13 7pm	City of Weston Winter Fantasy and Weston Rotary Holiday Run Annual benefit run/walk that ends where the fun begins, at the Winter Fantasy Celebration with music, performances, amusements and more. For 5K registration: <a href="http://www.splitsecondtiming.com">www.splitsecondtiming.com</a>	Town Center Park & Amphitheater 954-389-4321
Sun., Dec. 15 7am	Weston Rotary Half Marathon Benefit - fi marathon with free Jazz concert and Pancake breakfast following event For registration: <a href="http://www.splitsecondtiming.com">www.splitsecondtiming.com</a>	Weston Regional Park
Every Wed. 10:30a	Storytime Ages 3-5	Weston Reading Center 954-389-2098
Every Sat. 10am - 2pm	Child Car Safety Seat Inspection - Have your child's car seat inspected to ensure it is installed properly	Weston Police Services Building 389-2030 / 389-2010
2nd Sat. of every month	Family Fun Days at Town Center - Rock climbing wall, Mini Indy Car racing, bounce house, remote control cars & more	Main Street Clock Tower Courtyard 954-349-8123

# Community Weston Weston Family Events

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**Emergencias** Policia/Bonberos/Auxilio Medico. . . . . 911

**City Hall** . . . . . 954-385-2000  
**Oficinas Municipales**  
 2500 Weston Road, Suite 101

**Broward Sheriff's Office** . . . . . 954-765-4321  
**Departamento. De Policia**  
 Non-Emergency Dispatch/*Despacho No Emergencia*

**Police Administration** . . . . . 954-389-2010  
**Policia Administracion**  
 Weston Police Services Building, 17300 Arvida Parkway  
 24 hours Information . . . . . 954-389-2010  
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**Weston Traffic Unit** . . . . . 954-389-2016  
*Weston Unidad de Trafico*  
 Crime Prevention. . . . . 954-389-2030  
*Prevencion del Crimen*

Code Enforcement . . . . . 954-389-2067  
*Aplicacion de Reglamentos*

**Fire Department Administration** . . . . . 954-389-2015  
**Bomberos - Administracion** . . . . . 954-389-2015  
 Station No. 81, 17350 Arvida Parkway

**Planning & Zoning** . . . . . 954-921-7781  
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 Calvin Giordano & Associates

**Building & Permitting** . . . . . 954-765-8967  
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**Community Services** . . . . . 954-389-4321  
**Servicios a la Comunidad**  
 Parks & Recreation, Public Works . . . . . 954-389-4321  
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**Weston Community Center**  
 20200 Saddle Club Road

**Skate Park info-line** . . . . . 954-384-7570  
*Parque de Patina je linea de info*

**Weston Sports Alliance** . . . . . 954-389-5013  
**Alianza Deportiva de Weston**  
 For Sports League Information & Registration

**Weston Tennis Center** . . . . . 954-389-8666  
 16451 Racquet Club Road

**Weston Reading Center** . . . . . 954-389-2098  
 17120 Arvida Parkway

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*de la Cd. Weston* . . . . . 954-389-4321  
*Emergencias y Fines de Semana y Noche* . 954-753-0380

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