



FIRST LONG TERM RAMP CLOSURE ON I-595 SCHEDULED TO BEGIN JULY, 5, 2011



Ongoing ramp construction at the northwest corner of Pine Island Road and S.R. 84

While crews work in the limited space between I-595 and S.R. 84, it will be necessary to close some of the existing ramps during construction of the new ramps. Long term ramp closures throughout the course of the project will vary in duration from 30 consecutive days to 220 consecutive days. The first braided ramps to be constructed will be at Pine Island Road in the westbound direction. Braided ramps are a set of two consecutive ramps that separate motorists who are entering and exiting the highway at the same crossroad (motorists exiting the highway travel on a bridge over the motorists entering the highway). This type of ramp eliminates the merge condition that currently exists between I-595 and S.R. 84.

Construction crews will close the following ramps to complete their work on the new ramps:

- The on-ramp from westbound S.R. 84 to westbound I-595 west of Pine Island Road
- The off-ramp from westbound I-595 to westbound S.R. 84 at exit 3 Nob Hill Road

The two ramps will be closed simultaneously for approximately 135 days. These long term ramp closures are **scheduled to begin on Tuesday, July 5, 2011 at 10PM.**

ALTERNATE ROUTES: During the closures, motorists who wish to exit westbound I-595 will be able to use exit 4 at Pine Island Road (continuing westbound on S.R. 84 to Nob Hill Road) or exit 2 at Hiatus Road (to U-turn at Hiatus Road and continue eastbound on S.R. 84 to Nob Hill Road). Motorists who wish to access westbound I-595 will be able use the on-ramp just west of Nob Hill Road.



TWO EVENTS IN ONE OPERATION MEDICINE CABINET & SHRED-A-THON SATURDAY, JULY 9TH

The Broward Sheriff's Office District VIII Weston is pleased to announce two events in one – Operation Medicine Cabinet and Shred-a-thon!

On Saturday, July 9th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon, bring your unused, unwanted or expired **medications for safe disposal**. Come early and receive a \$5 gift card while supplies last.



Also, Broward County residents can **shred away identity theft** by safely disposing of their personal documents, check stubs, credit card offers, receipts and any other material that might contain sensitive data. This service is free of charge but there is a 5 box maximum.

Both events will take place at the Weston District Office located at 17300 Royal Palm Boulevard. For more information, please call **954-321-4100** or visit www.westonfl.org.

Weston Police Services offers much more to the Weston community than their emergency response, patrol, and investigative activities, including numerous safety, education and volunteer opportunities for residents.

- ✓ Fingerprinting available to residents on Tuesdays from 10am-11:30am
- ✓ Children's Fingerprinting at events
- ✓ Bicycle Registration - [Click here](#).
- ✓ HomeWatch program - [Click here](#).
- ✓ Bicycle Rodeo Safety Programs
- ✓ Crime Prevention/Security Inspections for homes and businesses – call for appointment
- ✓ Residential Pool Safety Inspections – call for appointment
- ✓ Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) etching and verification – by appointment
- ✓ Crime Prevention and Personal Safety programs for your group or organization: We can come to your group or HOA with programs/classes such as Self-Defense for Women; Drug, Bullying and Gun Safety and others.

Call 954-389-2030 or 954-389-2010 for more information or an appointment.



Public Schools in Weston Receive "A" Grades



All public elementary and middle schools in Weston (nine schools) each received an "A" grade once again from the Florida Department of Education. High school grades will not be computed until December of this year, 2011.

Background:

Each year, public schools in Florida receive a school grade of A, B, C, D or F. An "I" indicates scoring is incomplete. School grades indicate how well a school is performing based on state standards. For elementary and middle schools, the grades are based entirely on Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) results. High school scores include other components and will not be computed until December.

Required as a part of the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act, Adequate Yearly Progress or AYP requirements target the performance and participation of various student subgroups on statewide assessments based on race or ethnicity, socioeconomic status, disability, and English proficiency. Unlike other states that set low standards for AYP proficiency benchmarks, Florida adopted a rigorous schedule that significantly raises the benchmarks each year leading up to the 2013-14 requirement of 100 percent proficiency for all students. This year, Florida schools must have 79 percent of their students in each subgroup proficient in reading and 80 percent in each subgroup proficient in math in order to meet AYP.

Even with an increase in writing standards this year, the elementary and middle schools in Weston have achieved another "A" rating.

View School Grade history on our city website at:

<http://www.westonfl.org/Residents/Schools/SchoolsHome.aspx>





MOUNTAIN BIKING IN SOUTH FLORIDA Oh Yes You Can!

Mountain Bike Trails

Just because there are no mountains in South Florida, doesn't mean you can't go mountain biking.

You can, at Markham Park which has 10 miles of trails maintained by volunteer groups that are members of the International Mountain Bicycling Association. These groups organized a major cleanup and rebuilding effort after Hurricane Wilma and continue to maintain the trails on a regular basis.



For safety purposes, all ages must watch a safety video and complete a [waiver of liability](#). Riders under 17 must watch the safety video and have a release and waiver of liability signed by a parent/guardian. You can do this at the park office.



TRAIL: Fast flat sections punctuated by short technical climbs and technical descents with some double track for the beginner. Trail surfaces range from smooth hardpack to gravel doubletrack.

DIFFICULTY: Exciting technical sections for the advanced, fast and pretty twisty sections for the intermediate and double track roads for newbies.

Markham Park is located just outside of Weston at the intersection of Weston Road and State Road 84; 16001 W. State Road 84, Sunrise, FL, 33326; 954-389-2000.





Nationwide Drug Use Statistics

Weston Police Chief Kevin Butler has provided 2009 and 2010 research statistics from CADCA, information that he feels all parents need to be aware of. Some of these statistics are startling but it's necessary that parents and caregivers be conscious that this behavior is on the increase and at an earlier age.

Awareness and prevention is of paramount importance.

MARIJUANA

- **Daily** marijuana use increased at statistically significant rates among 8th, 10th and 12th graders from 2009 to 2010.
- More 8th, 10th, and 12th graders have smoked marijuana in the past 30 days than cigarettes.
- Fewer 10th and 12th graders believe that regular marijuana use is dangerous.

ECSTASY

- The past year use of ecstasy amount 8th graders increased at a rate of **84.6%** from 1.3% in 2009 and 2.4% in 2010.

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

- Prescription and over-the-counter drugs account for 8 of the top 14 most frequently abused drugs by 12th graders.
- In 2009, there were **2.6 million new users** of the nonmedical use of prescription drugs, 2.2 million of which were for nonmedical use of pain relievers.

ALCOHOL

- In 2010, past 30-day prevalence for 8th, 10th and 12th grades combined, **decreased** at a statistically significant rate of 5.6%, from 28.4% in 2009 to 26.8% in 2010.

Please see the attached *Results from the 2010 Monitoring the Future Survey and the 2009 National Survey on Drug Use and Health* from CADCA.

What is the CADCA:

In 1992, the President's Drug Advisory Council (PDAC) encouraged the formation of CADCA to respond to the dramatic growth in the number of substance abuse coalitions and their need to share ideas, problems and solutions. The organization was officially launched in October 1992. Today, CADCA – Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America - is the nation's leading national drug abuse prevention organization, representing the interests of more than 5,000 community anti-drug coalitions in the country.

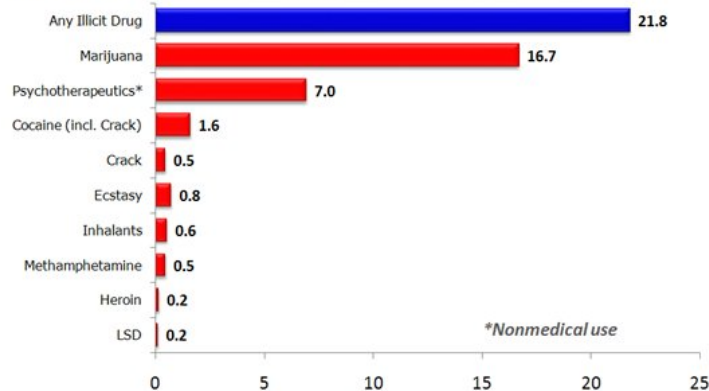
Results from the 2009 National Survey on Drug Use and Health

Overall Use

- After years of declining use, **overall youth drug use among those 12 and older increased by 9 percent in 2009** – jumping from 8 percent in 2008 to 8.7 percent in 2009.

22 Million Americans were current (past month) users of an illicit drug in 2009.

Number of Past Month Users, Aged 12 or Older (Millions)



Source: SAMHSA, 2009 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (September 2010).

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Prescription Drug Abuse

- In 2009, there were **2.6 million new users of the nonmedical use of prescription drugs**, 2.2 million of which were for nonmedical use of pain relievers.

Other Drug Use

- The number of Americans aged 12 and older who were current methamphetamine users **increased by 60%** from 2008 to 2009.
- In 2009 there were 760,000 current ecstasy users which is the peak for the 8-year period 2002-2009.

Marijuana Use

- Of the 21.8 million Americans aged 12 or older who were current users of illicit drugs in 2009, **16.7 million (77%) were current users of marijuana**, making it the most commonly used illicit drug.
- In 2009, 6.6% of the U.S. population were current users, **an increase of 8% over 2008**.

Attitudes About The Risk of Using Marijuana

- The perception of great risk in using marijuana either “once a month” or “once or twice a week” **declined by 9% and 7%**, respectively, from 2008-2009.

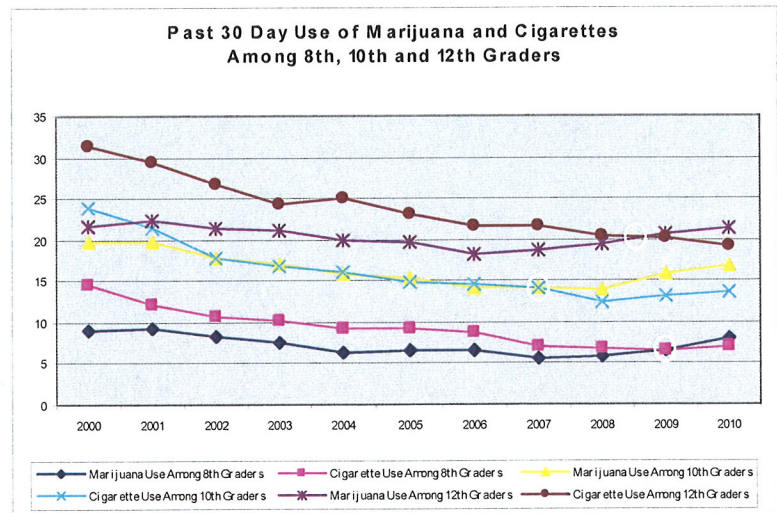
Results from the 2010 Monitoring the Future Survey

Overall Drug Use

The proportion of 8th graders who reported using at least one illicit drug in the past 12th months **increased at a rate of 10.3%**, from 14.5% in 2009 to 16% in 2010. This is a statistically significant increase.

Marijuana

- Daily marijuana use increased at statistically significant rates among 8th, 10th, and 12th graders from 2009 to 2010.
 - Among 8th graders, **daily use increased at a rate of 20%**, from 1.0% in 2009 to 1.2% in 2010.
 - Among 10th graders **daily use increased at a rate of 17.9%**, from 2.8 in 2009 to 3.3 in 2010.
 - Among 12th graders, **daily use increased at a rate of 17.3%**, from 5.2 in 2009 to 6.1 in 2010.
- **More 8th, 10th and 12th graders have smoked marijuana in the past 30 days than cigarettes:**
 - 8 percent of eighth graders used marijuana in the past 30 days, while 7.1 percent smoked cigarettes.
 - 16.7 percent of 10th graders used marijuana in the past 30 days while 13.6 percent smoked cigarettes.
 - 21.4 percent of high school seniors used marijuana in the past 30 days, while 19.2 percent smoked cigarettes.



Attitudes About Marijuana

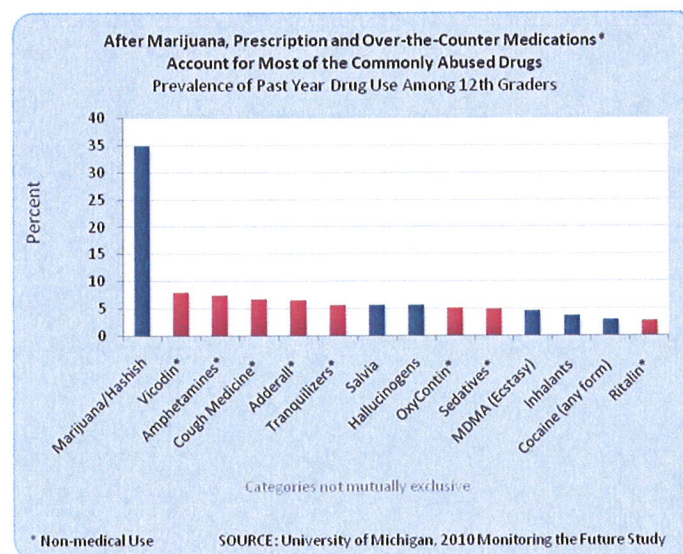
- Research has shown that there is an association between decreases in perception of harm (whether or not you believe a drug is dangerous) and social disapproval (whether or not society disapproves of using a drug) and increases in drug use.
 - **Fewer 10th and 12th graders** believe that regular marijuana use is dangerous

Ecstasy

- Past year use of ecstasy use among 8th graders **increased at a rate of 84.6%**, from 1.3% in 2009 to 2.4% in 2010
- Past year use of ecstasy among 10th graders **increased at a rate of 27%**, from 3.7 in 2009 to 4.7 in 2010.
- These increases follow years of decline in the perception of harm among youth about the dangers of ecstasy use.

Prescription Drugs

- Prescription and over-the-counter drugs account for 8 of the top 14 most frequently abused drugs by 12th graders



Smoking

- Past 30-day smoking among 8th graders **increased at a rate of 9.2%**, from 6.5% in 2009 to 7.1% in 2010.
- Past 30-day smoking among 10th graders **increased at a rate of 3.8%**, from 13.1% in 2009 to 13.6% in 2010.

Alcohol

- In 2010, past 30-day prevalence for 8th, 10th and 12th grades combined **decreased at a statistically significant rate of 5.6%**, from 28.4% in 2009 to 26.8% in 2010.
- The three individual grades showed some decline in 2010
 - Past 30 day use of alcohol among 8th graders **decreased at a rate of 7.4%**, from 14.9 in 2009 to 13.8 in 2010
 - Past 30 day use of alcohol among 10th graders **decreased at a rate of 4.9%**, from 30.4 in 2009 to 28.9 in 2010
 - Past 30 day use of alcohol among 12th graders **decreased at a rate of 5.3%**, from 43.5 in 2009 to 41.2 in 2010



LOW-COST RABIES CLINIC ***HOSTED BY BROWARD COUNTY ANIMAL CARE***

While rabies is one of the deadliest diseases to threaten our pets, it is also very preventable. Broward County Animal Care is now making it even easier by hosting a **Low-Cost Rabies Clinic on July 9, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Margate Catharine Young Library.**

At the clinic, pet owners will be able to get their dog or cat vaccinated against rabies. In addition, they will receive a Broward County pet license tag. **Cost for a one-year rabies vaccination and license is \$15 per pet with cash-only payment accepted.** To qualify to attend the Rabies Clinic, a pet owner must prove they are a Broward County resident by producing a valid Florida driver's license or a current utility bill. No appointment is necessary and customers are taken on a first-come, first served basis. All dogs must be on leashes and cats must be in carriers.

Broward County Animal Care and Adoption is dedicated to providing shelter for lost and surrendered animals as well as the adoption of pets. The agency also coordinates the licensing of dogs and cats and provides rabies vaccinations in order to encourage a healthier pet population. For more information about the agency, please visit www.broward.org/animal.

Five more rabies clinics are scheduled for this year. For a Complete listing of dates and locations, visit www.broward.org/animal and click RABIES CLINICS.





UPCOMING EVENTS /MEETINGS

Saturday, July 9th, 9:00 a.m. – 12 Noon

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Saturday, July 16th, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

AARP's 55+ Mature Driving Program

The City of Weston is offering AARP's 55 Alive/Mature Driving Program. This is a six hour classroom session designed especially for motorists age 50 and over dealing with age related physical changes. Advanced registration is required. **To register, call Sonny at 954-385-9920. The course will be held at the Weston Community Center, located at 20200 Saddle Club Road inside the Weston Regional Park.**

Wednesday, July 27th; Thursday, July 28th; Friday, July 29th; *Saturday, July 30th

FREE Residential Bulk Pick-Up

Bulk Trash will be picked up on your regularly scheduled collection day. Bulk trash must be placed curbside by 7 a.m. For residences with dumpster service, place items alongside dumpster.

*Indicates pick-up for multi-family units (condominiums & apartment complexes). *Occasionally bulk trash is not collected on its regularly scheduled collection day due to heavy volume, if this occurs it will be collected the following day.* **For more information, please call the Weston Public Works Services Center at 954-385-2600.**

THINK BEFORE YOU THROW – Consider donating before tossing

Help those in need, keep items out of the waste stream, and get a tax deduction. Several national organizations will even pick-up directly from your residence – you don't have to wait for bulk pick-up day! There are many local, well-established charitable organizations that readily accept donated items. From your home to a New home....and don't forget pets, many pet shelters are in need of sheets and towels on a regular basis.