



TRADITIONAL FIREFIGHTERS FUNERAL HONORS BSO FIREFIGHTER WILLIAM CARR 30-year veteran firefighter proudly served Weston



The casket of firefighter William Carr is carried into St. Coleman's Catholic Church by members of the Honor Guard, Wednesday, June 23rd where he was mourned and his life honored, by family, friends, and over 1,000 firefighters, deputies and members of the community.

Firefighter Carr had proudly served in Weston for the past eight years, assigned to Weston Fire Station 67, located on Saddle Club Road.

William "Billy" Carr, 53 years of age and a 31-year veteran firefighter, was tragically struck by lightning while riding his motorcycle, on vacation and in route to visit the International Association of Fire Fighters Fallen Firefighter Memorial in Colorado Springs on June 12th. Carr had been wearing a helmet, but his injuries from the lightning strike and resulting crash, were too severe to overcome. He passed away Tuesday evening, June 15th in a Colorado hospital. Even in death, Carr continued his life's passion of saving lives. An organ donor, his kidneys were donated to two anonymous individuals.

The death of Firefighter William Carr is a tremendous loss to his family, the Broward Sheriff's Office Department of Fire Rescue, his friends, colleagues and our Weston community.



GRAND MARSHALS FOR THE 2010 JULY 4th HOMETOWN PARADE TRULY EXEMPLIFY "SHARING & CARING"



Even in challenging times, the residents and organizations here in the City of Weston continue to embrace important causes and charitable organizations. We are a proud community with a huge heart, and while community service is not entered into for recognition, it should be celebrated. To do just that, the theme of this year's 2010 July 4th Hometown Parade is "*Weston – Sharing & Caring*" focusing the spotlight and celebration on these worthy endeavors.

"*Sharing & Caring*" is demonstrated on a daily basis in each and every school in Weston. From helping one another within their own schools and community, to jumping into action when disaster strikes anywhere in the world, the students and staff of schools within Weston are eager to help.

To pay tribute to that commitment, this year's Grand Marshals for the 2010 July 4th Hometown Parade are none other than two teachers, **Sophia Gelin from Manatee Bay Elementary School** and **Patty DeBiase from Indian Trace Elementary School**. Ms. Gelin and Ms. DeBiase both exemplify the true meaning of this year's theme by going above and beyond their call to duty as educators.

Ms. DeBiase, a 3rd grade teacher at Indian Trace Elementary, has spent seven years working with Relay for Life, has helped develop a program to unite fellow educators in the fight against child obesity, is a volunteer at St. Bonaventure, and has helped organize various community projects such as the BSO Toy Drive, the Harvest Food Drive benefiting Haiti relief efforts, a school supply drive and a fundraiser for the American Heart Association.

A 1st grade teacher at Manatee Bay Elementary, Sophia Gelin is a leading force behind the volunteer efforts of the school. In the wake of the Haiti earthquake disaster, Ms. Gelin organized a school-wide food drive and initiated a planning committee comprised of teachers, staff and parents to form "Step It Up For Haiti."

This year's Grand Marshals were selected at random from a group of very deserving community service leaders that were nominated by school principals in Weston. Click on this link to view the list of each participating school, along with their respective community volunteer efforts [Weston Schools Service Accomplishments](#). Our Grand Marshals and city staff alike hope you and your family will join us for the July 4th Hometown Parade at **10:30 a.m.** Don't miss the opportunity to celebrate the efforts that continue to make Weston and the world at large, a better place.



JULY 4TH SAFETY TIPS **FOR PEOPLE *and* PETS...**

The Broward Sheriff's Office urges residents to exercise caution while celebrating the 4th of July

Fireworks account for a large number of preventable fires & injuries. Treat fireworks with respect & handle them safely. Never light fireworks indoors, throw them from automobiles or use multiple lighting devices at the same time.

Fireworks safety begins with common sense and planning. Below are recommendations for a safe celebration:

- Store fireworks in a cool, dry place.
- Never experiment with homemade fireworks.
- Keep a far distance from the explosion of a firework.
- Do not relight malfunctioning fireworks.
- Young children should not play with fireworks, including sparklers.
- Light fireworks outdoors in a clear area away from grass, leaves and flammable materials.
- Only use firework products with a label listing the manufacture's name, address and warnings.



The days after the 4th of July are some of the busiest for the County Animal Care Division as they receive the highest number of calls for lost pets.

These tips will help to reduce the chances of losing your family pet:

- Don't take dogs to places where there may be fireworks.
- If you will be out, bring pets inside the house and leave the animal in a quiet protected room.
- If you're at home, divert a scared dog's attention by playing with it.
- Leave a scared cat alone – don't try to force it from its hiding place. Cats will come out when they feel safe.
- **Make sure your cat or dog is wearing a current Broward County animal license tag. The tag identifies your pet and ensures you a call if your pet gets lost and is found or picked up by Animal Control.



SPLASH DAY!

A FREE WATER SAFETY EVENT OPEN TO CHILDREN AGES 3–5 YEARS OLD

Drowning is the leading cause of death in children ages 1 to 4 in Florida, with Broward County having the most drowning deaths in the state *and* in the country.

This undesired top ranking has the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission partnering with the Red Cross, the YMCA, the Home Safety Council and pool builders in a statewide, unified effort to promote pool safety.

On July 16, 2010, the Sheinberg Family YMCA of Weston will present a drowning prevention initiative called **SPLASH** to combat the incidence of drowning, especially in young children, where hundreds of children will learn water safety and drowning prevention techniques.



WHEN: **Friday, July 16, 2010 10AM – 1PM** (*lunch will be provided*)

WHERE: The Sheinberg Family YMCA of Weston Aquatics Center, 20201 Saddle Club Road, Weston (inside the Weston Regional Park)

WHAT: A FREE **Water Safety Day** with NO MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT, for children 3-5 years of age.

HOW: Registration is limited to the first 175 to sign-up between June 28th and July 12th. Go online to www.ymcabroward.org or call **954-424-9622**

**Children will experience hands-on safety stations all relating to swim safety.
EDUCATIONAL SAFETY STATIONS WILL INCLUDE:**

- Sun Safety
- Personal Safety
- Rescue & Safety
- Boating Safety
- BSO Officers and Fire Trucks
- First Aid and CPR Demos for parents

Register your child today for water safety **SPLASH Day!**



TAKE STEPS NOW TO BE PREPARED HOME DAMAGE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS – A Continuing Series

- PRINT THIS PAGE OF DAMAGE ASSESSMENT PHOTOS NOW!

The Broward County Home Damage Assessment Program provides a simple way to report damage to your home after a storm event by utilizing the four photos below. Be sure to print the photos now, so you have them if and when you need them – **this Newsday Tuesday article is printer friendly for your convenience!** Resident reports will provide a critical early indication of where major damage has occurred. These reports do not constitute a request for individual assistance and do not replace the normal grid-by-grid assessments performed by County assessment teams.

How it works:

1. After the storm passes and it's safe to go outside, survey the damage to your home.
2. Compare your home to the four homes pictured on the page and select the one that best represents the condition of your home for damage level and/or flood level. It doesn't matter if you live in a single family home, condo, townhouse, apartment, duplex or mobile home.
3. To submit your home damage assessment report via phone call the Broward County Hurricane Hotline at 3-1-1 (or) via online at <http://gis.broward.org/damage/> (or) via a web based cell phone at www.bc-mda.appspot.com. **You will be asked to provide the number of the photo below that best describes your home – so be sure to have the photos handy.**



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Weston Branch Library "Friends" Honored with Advocacy for Libraries Award



Pictured Left to Right: Sonny Levy, Eileen McNally (Weston Branch Library Manager), Lexie Cohen, Lorraine Smargan, Mona Habib, Eli Habib, Beverly Ross, Rosalind Burd, Karen Steinberg, Leslie Sands & in front, Ruth Bettini

At the 2010 Countywide Friends of the Library Luncheon and Awards Ceremony, the Weston Friends group was presented with an award for "Advocacy for Libraries".

During the recognition, proclamations issued by the Weston City Commission for the Weston Branch Library's 4th Anniversary and National Library Week were mentioned as a part of the groups advocacy efforts.

Friends of Broward County Libraries, is an "umbrella" organization of 29 local chapters. The Friends have been instrumental in the growth of the library system since 1975. The umbrella group brings together the leaders of local Friends groups at meetings at the county, state and federal level and helps to sustain county, state and federal funding for the library system.

The Weston Friends of the Library, was founded in 1993 and continues today to support library projects and serve as a catalyst for library advocacy.

Ongoing services they provide include book fairs, volunteer recognition dinners, holiday celebrations for library staff, and financial support for Broward County Library staff development such as attendance at Florida Library Association conferences. The Friends participate in city and county special events during the year, and the summer-long Florida Library Youth Program and several other public library programs for young people are supported by the Friends.



Upcoming City Events

July

Sunday, July 4, 2010

5K Run/Walk & Weston's Hometown Parade

The Run/Walk takes place at **7:00 a.m.** which begins and ends at Weston Town Center. Registration information is posted on our Parks & Recreation web page at www.westonfl.org. After the run, beginning at **10:30 a.m.** enjoy the celebration of Weston's largest and most popular event, the July 4th Hometown Parade, this year themed **"Weston-Sharing and Caring"**. The parade features elected officials, local businesses, civic groups, schools, bands, organizations, residents and more! So gather the whole family and come out and celebrate our country's independence at Weston's Hometown July 4th Parade!

There will be no fireworks display and all city parks will close at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, July 5, 2010

City Offices Closed

All City administrative offices (City Hall, the Weston Community Center, the Public Works Services Center, and the Building Department) will be closed in observance of the Independence Day Holiday of July 4, 2009.

All of the parks will be open and there is regular garbage collection.

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10AM-1PM

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**Wednesday, July 21st; Thursday, July 22nd; Friday, July 23rd; and
*Saturday, July 24th**

Bulk Trash Pick-Up

Bulk trash will be picked up only 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 even 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...

Don't forget pet shelters, many are in need of sheets and towels on a regular basis.

Weston School's Service Accomplishments

School	Projects
<p>Country Isles Elementary</p> <p>Nominee: Stephanie Gomez</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Red Ribbon Week - Sells links for students in the school in crisis (student * Student Council Coordinator *Harvest Drive Coordinator - feeds families throughout Broward County. Country Isles feeds 100 families in the County annually and is the original site for the Harvest Drive. *Winterfest (Winter performances by students) - a different organization is chosen each year. *Jump Rope for Heart - raise over \$9000.00 annually for the American Heart Association. *Pasta for Pennies - generates thousands of dollars (in pennies) to support the American Leukemia Society. *Recognizes Autism Awareness Month - selling puzzle pieces and donating to 'Autism Speaks Group'. *Additional Special Projects - supported as they arise. Ex - students who have lost their home to a fire, Haitian Relief, etc...
<p>Indian Trace Elementary</p> <p>Nominee: Patty DeBiase</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Harvest Food Drive for the Food Bank, food drive for Haiti * BSO Toy Drive *School Supply Drive *Book Buddies - 5th graders collected and sent books to other schools * Jump Rope for Heart - \$6000.00 raised for American Heart Association *Relay for Life - Halloween Dance, Movie Night, Health Fair, Hats off for Cancer, Bunco for parents - over \$4000.00 raised *Spaghettie Dinner (staff performed) *Spell-a-thon to enhance student's education *Staff Collected blankets for the homeless **Personal Involvement - spent 7 years working with relay for life - planned various events, got AYSO involved with "Goal for a Cure", worked with 3rd grade teachers to develop a program educating on childhood obesity, 8 years as a volunteer CCD teacher at St. Bonaventure, instrumental in protest for SB-6: wrote letters, made calls, participated in demonstrations
<p>Tequesta Trace Middle</p> <p>Nominees: Edward C. Gomez Carolyn Sant Angelo Julie Sikorski</p>	<p>TTMS Heroes Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Relay for life team - benefitting American Cancer Society - made over \$10000 over the last 4 years through fundraising. Fundraisers included: Inspirational Charms and Tags sold, Pizza and water sales to participants, bake sales, auctions, raffle tickets sold for a cruise, flea market fundraisers - 80 people walked *Donations to the Red Cross for Haiti - multiple groups were coordinated with

TTMS Heroes to collect donations for those in need. Baby supplies were the prime focus - over 3 truck loads collected.

*Environmental Action Service Project - recycling printer cartridges and cell phones - donations to "Pet Charities"

*Earth Day dog tags sold to students and staff

*Ongoing leadership development - skills continuously developed by giving each officer roles

* Student Education and Awareness - created videos and commercials with service project opportunities and cancer prevention tips along with posters made and hung around the school to inform as well.

* Support of teachers and staff - heroes hosted 5 breakfasts for faculty provided on staff meeting days

TTMS Peer Counselors

*Reverse Trick-or-Treating - students passed out candy to elders at West Broward Care Center

* Fall Harvest Drive - 5,000 cans of food and non-perishable items were able to provide a complete Thanksgiving meal and food for over 2 weeks for over 150 families.

* 10 peer counselors went to Chris Evert Children's Hospital dressed in holiday attire to bring toys and books to the pediatric floor, pediatric ICU floor and the pediatric hematology and oncology floor.

* Beach clean up - 60 peer counselors to Dania Beach

* Random Acts of Kindness Day

* T.A.T.U. - Teens against Tobacco Use - 25 peer counselors teach 5th graders from Indian Trace Elementary about facts as well as do fun activities where the students will learn and be impacted by older students teaching them.

Sagemont Lower School

Nominee:
Joann Laskin

* Nursing Home Volunteers - 1st grade students created decorative pens to send to the Miami Jewish Home.

* P-K students collected kid-friendly band aids for children at Jo DiMaggio Children's Hospital (Hematology/Oncology Outpatient Clinic).

* 5th grade students went to a foster care center in Miramar to assist with duties to be done at the houses (gardening, sweeping, helping mulch the playground, etc). Additionally, collected needed items for them

* 4th graders prepared nutritious snacks for the children of the Boys and Girls Club in Davie

* 3rd grade students collected gently used or new books, dvd's, VCR tapes and Video Games as well as new coloring books and crayons for children at Jackson Memorial Hospital (Pediatric/Crohn's and Ulcerative Colitis Unit).

* Kindergartners participated in a project collecting new sneakers to donate

to kindergartners at the North Folk Elementary School.

* 2nd graders read books to elders at Manor Care of Plantation

Falcon Cove Middle School

Nominees:

Jeannie Dempsey, M.S. Ed.

Shelley Champ

10 Years of Giving Back to the Community

* Haiti Relief - 2 truckloads of water and food for "Food for the Poor"

* Thousands of food items for needy families for Thanksgiving

* Thousands of new toys were contributed to "baby sister" school, Westwood Heights Elementary

* Peer counselors assisted SVE students with their holiday shopping at the mall

* Ronald McDonald House - collected flip-flops on a regular basis

* Walk in the Autism Walk each year

* Plastic Caps are collected to help the environment

* Groups of students made peanut butter sandwiches to feed the homeless

* The book club adopted two Gorillas - Toddy and Linus - from the Center for the Great Apes and pay for their food and maintenance

* Human Relations Council is sponsoring and collecting back-to-school items for kids in need.

Western High School

Nominee:

Elizabeth Hyatt

* 4.67 GPA

* 1,176 Service Hours

* Heads up different community groups

* started a scholarship program for kids with autism

* launched an Internet safety presentation to explain potential risks of social networking sites

* working on a book proposal with a clinical psychologist to help students deal with cancer in their families

* President of the Autistic Society of America Teen Board and of Andrea's Hand

Manatee Bay Elementary School

Nominees:

Sophia Gelin

Auriyana Orelhomme

Sophia Gelin

* leading force in having Manatee Bay Participate for a food drive to help those in Haiti

* Organized a planning committee of teachers, staff, and parents and came up with "Step It Up 4 Haiti"

Auriyana Orelhomme

* Participated in a food drive - took it upon herself to make a flier, get copies and post them around her neighborhood, spent her afternoons collecting from her neighbors

* volunteered her time after school to gather up all of the food that we had collected and deliver it to the food bank

* Participated in projects such as: making cards for sick children, selling lollipops to benefit a local burn victim and collecting items to send overseas to the soldiers