



Youth Police Services Academy



Pride in Service with Integrity

Offered To Weston Residents Ages 12-16

BSO OFFERS SUMMER PROGRAM – Weston students, ages 12-16, have the opportunity to be a part of a program initiated by the Broward Sheriff's Office-Weston: *The Weston University – Broward Sheriff's Office Police Services Academy.*

In its third year, the academy is funded through a grant with support from the City of Weston. The program provides kids the opportunity to explore law enforcement services on an in-depth basis with hands-on exercises, provides education and safety training, and exposes students to a variety of career paths. The eight week program taking place June thru July, is enriching, educational and FUN. Tied into the city's Weston University Program, the program offers an extension of civics education and creates a perfect partnership.

Lectures and field trips will include topics in:

Defensive Tactics / DUI & D.A.R.E. Classes / Crime Scene Investigations / Internet Safety
Tours: Main Jail, Courthouse, BSO SWAT, Aviation and Marine Units

The program begins June 21, 2010

Monday nights 6pm –8pm

at the Weston Police Services Building

Application/Registration forms are available on the City of Weston website at www.westonfl.org – Under **Departments**, go to **Police**, then **Event/Program Info** or type in: <http://www.westonfl.org/Departments/Police/Events.aspx>

Applications are also available at the Weston Police Services Building.

Forms must be submitted no later than June 7, 2010.

Space is limited.



Were you counted in 2010?



Were you counted in the 2010 Census?
Florida wants to know: Yes or No...

Every person counted means as much as \$1500 per year in Federal funding. Residents not counted mean lost funds having to be made up by local taxes or less services.

The Florida House of Representatives has launched a simple online tool that allows anyone in Florida to advise if they have been counted or not. Using this information, the state will work with census representatives to analyze and minimize areas that may go uncounted.

Log on today: www.myfloridacensus.gov

Do you need a Census Form?
Call toll free: 1-(866)-872-6868



WESTON STUDENT WINNERS HONORED C-SPAN'S National 2010 StudentCam Documentary Competition

C-SPAN, created in 1979 as a public service by America's cable companies, provides three public affairs television networks: C-SPAN, C-SPAN2 and C-SPAN3, along with C-SPAN Radio, a Washington D.C. public affairs radio station, and a website which hosts the C-SPAN Video Library.

Annually, C-SPAN hosts **StudentCam** a nationwide documentary competition that encourages students to create a short film about issues affection their communities and nation. This year a record number of entries: 1,003 videos were submitted by 2,000 students from 45 states. Out of those entries \$50,000 in cash prizes is awarded between 75 student awards and 11 teacher awards.

**Out of 1,003 entries from across the country,
10 winning entries were from Florida;
2 were from Weston school students!**

This year's theme for submitted entries asked middle and high school students to address either a challenge the country is facing, or one of our country's greatest strengths.

On April 8th, Advanced Cable Communications and C-SPAN representatives visited Weston honor the student winners:

Falcon Cove Middle School: Students Lauren Shatanof, Rachel Shatanof and Taylor Duarte, won Honorable Mention and \$250 for their documentary titled "*America's Biggest Challenge: Obesity*"

Cypress Bay High School: Chad Klitzman and Dustin Slade who won Honorable Mention and \$250 for their documentary titled, "*IDK USA*"

Inside Info: The winning students from Falcon Cove participated in a live phone interview with Michelle Obama on their topic of obesity; both Chad and Dustin from Cypress Bay have entered and won a prize in this competition the last three years in a row.

For more information, visit: <http://www.studentcam.org/>



Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collection Event in Weston – MAY 16th

Now is a great time to clean out the garage and closets!

Put aside items that cannot be placed into the trash or put out for bulk pickup, and bring them to the annual **FREE Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collection** event and they will be recycled or disposed of properly without harming the environment.

On **Sunday, May 16, 2010**, simply drop off your household hazardous waste and electronics items at the **Weston Public Works Services Center** (2599 South Post Road) from **8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) refers to used or leftover contents of consumer products that contain chemicals with one of the four characteristics: *Toxic, Ignitable, Corrosive, or Reactive* as defined by the Environmental Protection Agency.

What items are being accepted? Oil and latex paints and thinners, used motor oil, auto fluids and gasoline solvents, pesticides, fertilizers, pool chemicals, drain cleaners, tires, mercury, rechargeable & automobile batteries and electronics such as computers and televisions will be accepted.

Other times during the year- visit: <http://www.co.broward.fl.us/waste/iwi04100.htm> for information on year round drop off locations in the County.

***For more information, please call the
Public Works Service Center at 954-385-2600***

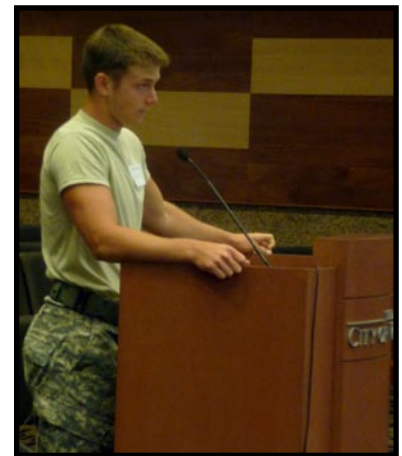
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Weston University Class of 2010 Completes Commission Simulation Exercise

On April 28th students of the City's Weston University Program completed their City Commission Simulation exercise, which is required to graduate. The simulation took place in the Commission Chambers at Weston City Hall and was complete with role assignments, agenda and an audience - exactly like the real thing.

In their roles as Commissioners, staff, developers or residents, students were tasked with presenting, evaluating and voting on a number of very real city issues. Students had assistance from "real" City Commissioners and staff, but only if it was needed, and students were clearly able to hold their own in this mock Commission meeting. As has each class before them, they found that making a decision that impacts someone's lively hood and the community, is not as easy as it appears.



Weston initiated the Weston University program in October 2002, to give select high school students an in-depth education on the functions of local government. **Weston is pleased to announce the graduation of 24 program students, from Cypress Bay, Sagemont and Western High Schools, at the May 17th City Commission meeting, 7:00 p.m. at Weston City Hall.**



The seven-month program is designed to provide a unique civic education

Students met once a month for a full-day class that highlighted a different civic discipline:

- Local Government Administration & Finance
- Development Services
- Law Enforcement Services
- Community Services Department
- * Fire & E.M.S. Services, & Fire Marshal
- * State & Local Government and Simulation Preparation
- * Trip to our State Capitol in Tallahassee
- * City Commission Simulation Exercise



MAY IS BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

At the May 3, 2010 City Commission meeting, the Weston Commission proclaimed May 2010, “**Florida Building Safety Month**” in the City of Weston. Residents and business owners are encouraged to take action to learn about the building codes and how they contribute to the safe, sound and sustainable structures that we go in and out of each day.

Since its inception in 1953, the Building Officials Association of Florida (BOAF) has been dedicated to the building code enforcement profession. The BOAF mission to provide for the safety, health and welfare of the citizen’s of Florida through the education, development, maintenance and enforcement of building codes, is exemplified daily in the City of Weston. Our vigilant guardians – building officials, safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, laborers and others in the construction industry, work year-round to ensure the safe construction of our buildings. In addition, the City of Weston’s continuous efforts to address issues of life safety, energy efficiency and sustainability in the built environment that affects our citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, give us confidence that our structures are completely safe.



Weston Building Official, Cos Tornese, accepted the Proclamation titled “Florida Building Safety Month” at the May 3, 2010 City Commission meeting.



EVERGLADES ELEMENTARY STUDENTS VISIT WESTON CITY HALL



At 9:30 a.m. on May 5, 2010, thirty-four, 4th and 5th grade students from Everglades Elementary school pulled up to the entrance of Weston City Hall to spend the morning learning about their local government. Once inside, students received a presentation in the commission chambers from the City's Director of Communications. With newly learned information as to what each city department does and who the elected officials are, students were eager to participate in a question & answer session and even take seats on the dais to act as mayor and city commissioners.

Following their debut as mayor and commissioners, the students headed outside for a presentation by the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO). Students were educated, as well as entertained, as BSO District VIII Motor Deputies roared their motorcycle engines, maneuvered difficult turning radiuses and explained the rules of road safety and the different functions they perform. Next, *Norman*, the BSO police horse and his Deputy partner gave Everglades Elementary a warm-welcome and informed students that mounted horse units are predominately used for crowd control. Each student had the opportunity to pet Norman and thank him for spending his morning with them.



Next, students were treated to a demonstration by Weston BSO Fire Rescue & EMS personnel who explained the importance of fire safety. After a tour of the rescue unit and fire engine, students watched in awe as the fire engine ladder was extended over 90 feet in the air. The students ended the day with Principal Eliot Tillinger donning fire gear and braving the hot south Florida weather, which firefighters do daily.

