



BONAVENTURE BOULEVARD TO GET ROUNDABOUTS

Construction begins May 4th on Blatt Boulevard & Bonaventure Boulevard project

Two intersections, **Bonaventure Boulevard at Blatt Boulevard** and **Bonaventure Boulevard at Saddle Club Road** and will have roundabouts constructed. These improvements are designed to increase safety and efficiency.

Both intersections currently have 4-way stops but are not approved by Broward County for traffic signals. In lieu of waiting for possible future approval from the County, the City will construct a roundabout at each location.

WHEN: Construction begins **May 4, 2010 at the Blatt Boulevard location**. There will be intermittent lane closures during construction, but the intersection will remain open. Construction is expected to take approximately 6 months.

A construction date has not been set for the Saddle Club intersection. Weston is waiting for the "green light" from FDOT as grant money has been awarded for this project.

WHAT: **What is a "roundabout"?** It is a circular intersection at which traffic is slowed down and enters a one-way stream around a central island. Statistically, roundabouts are safer for drivers and pedestrians than both traffic circles and traditional intersections.

GET INFO: Information on lane closures will be posted on the City website at www.westonfl.org under the **Happening Now** section on the homepage. You can also receive notifications if you join Weston Twitter! You can join from the homepage or go to: www.Twitter.com/cityofweston

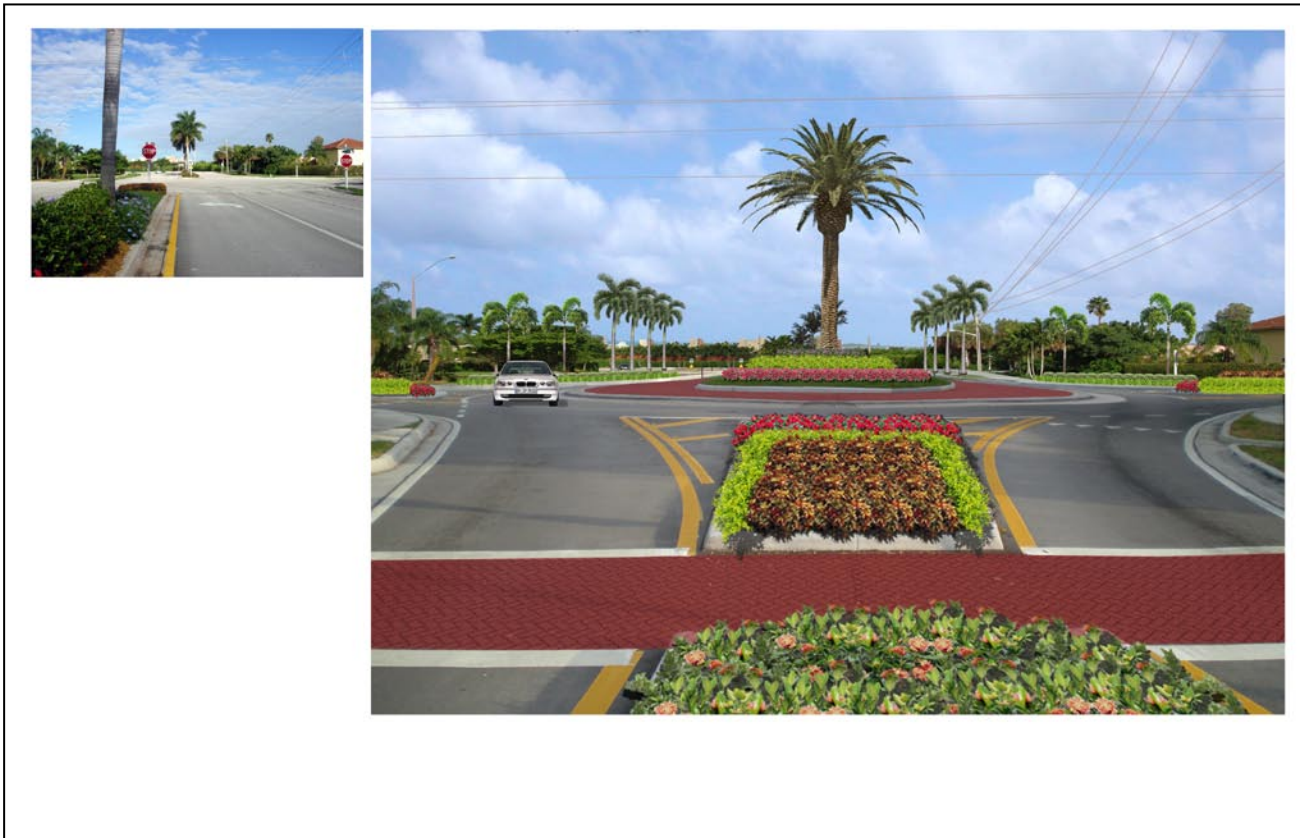




Before and after rendering comparison:

Upper left photo: Current intersection at Bonaventure Blvd. & Saddle Club Rd.

Right: Rendering shows roundabout design with improvements and landscaping effects



ADVANTAGES OF A ROUNDABOUT OVER A TRAFFIC SIGNAL:

- ◆ Overall traffic delay can be reduced by 75%.
- ◆ Free-flow speeds reduced from 40-55mph, down to 10-25mph.
- ◆ Not affected by power outages or controller problems.
- ◆ Injury crash rates reduced by 73% after installation of a roundabout.
- ◆ Reduced vehicle emissions and fuel usage as a result of increased intersection efficiency.
- ◆ Pedestrian crossing distances reduced.
- ◆ Vehicles interact with pedestrians and bicycles at speeds of 25mph or less.
- ◆ Aesthetically pleasing and enhanced surroundings.

ENHANCED APPEARANCE

Roundabouts and their central island provide for enhanced landscaping and a softened visual appearance. The Homeowners Association of Bonaventure donated \$30,186.94 to the Bonaventure Development District on August 17, 2009, which is dedicated to landscaping costs on the Bonaventure roundabout project.



PLAN FOR A PARADE!

2010 WESTON HOMETOWN JULY 4TH PARADE APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AND BEING ACCEPTED NOW

Weston's Annual Hometown July 4th Parade will be here in just two months and our Community Center staff is hard at work planning for this year's event.

"Weston – Sharing & Caring" is the theme of the 2010 parade

Interested Parade Participants:

All groups, organizations, businesses and bands are welcome! Join us for a Fourth of July tradition, and walk or ride, in Weston's biggest and most exciting event of the year. **Registration is FREE.**

Start now... put a group together and give us a call. Large, small, elaborate or simple - your entry will be special. Everyone loves a parade, so plan on being a part of the celebration.

Download a parade application and get the party started!

<http://www.westonfl.org/Departments/ParksAndRecreation/ParksAndRecreationHome.aspx>



*Contact the Weston Community Center at 954-389-4321
with any questions you may have*



THE SANDHILL CRANES OF WESTON REGIONAL PARK

Two of Weston's newest "residents" are located in the Weston Regional Park.

They are **Florida Sandhill Cranes**

Some important information to note about these very unique wild birds:

- They are protected under the Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act and **it is illegal to feed them.**
- It is estimated that there are only about 5000 remaining.
- These large birds can be found in both rural and urban areas.
- The Florida Sandhill Crane (*Grus canadensis pratensis*) is a subspecies of the North American Sandhill Crane. Florida Sandhill Cranes are year round residents where as the North American Sandhill Cranes will migrate here for the winter.
- These cranes are omnivorous and will eat things like seeds, worms, insects, lizards, crayfish and mice.
- Sandhill Cranes will normally mate for life (monogamous) and will lay one or two eggs on their nest, which is often on the waters edge for protection from predators.



A handsome couple – Florida Sandhill Cranes which mate for life.

Because they mate for life they can be a bit protective. During mating season they can be aggressive if they perceive a threat of someone moving in on their mate.

Another reason Weston is so special - Please help to maintain a healthy and respectful relationship with natures inhabitants.

For more information on wildlife in Weston, please visit:
<http://www.westonfl.org/Departments/Landscaping/Wildlife.aspx>



WESTON PARKS UPDATE

Country Isles Park

The playground at Country Isles Park will be getting new play equipment and surfacing in the coming months. Residents should regularly check the City's website for specific park closure information.

Emerald Estates Park

The playground shade cover has been replaced at Emerald Estates Park with a structure that complies with current building code requirements.

Regional Park

The shade cover at Regional Park that was damaged in a powerful storm has been replaced and new playground equipment for that location has been ordered. The new equipment will be universally accessible, allowing participants in wheelchairs to get directly on the structure.

Windmill Ranch Park

The play surface at Windmill Ranch park has been upgraded to the poured in place rubber surfacing found in other parks. Parents are reminded that even with the shade covers the playground surfaces can get hot so proper footwear should be worn at all times.



New Shade Cover at Emerald Estates Park



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

Planning on doing a spring cleaning? When cleaning out closets and garages, put aside items that cannot be placed into the trash or put out for bulk pickup for the annual FREE Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collection event.

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) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 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.

Don't Want to Wait?

The safest way to dispose of hazardous home chemicals is to carefully pack them up and bring them to one of Broward County's HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) Collection Centers. The HHW program accepts hazardous chemicals generated from Broward County residents **FREE OF CHARGE** and disposes or recycles them according to all local, state and federal regulations.

Each Saturday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. HHW drop-off centers are open to collect waste that cannot be collected curbside.

Weston Area Location:

Central HHW Collection Center
5490 Reese Road Davie, FL 33314
For more info call the Hotline: 954-765-4999
Or visit: <http://www.co.broward.fl.us/waste/iwi04100.htm>

**For more information, please call the
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit the web Calendar of Events on the homepage for a complete listing of events.

FREE PUPPET SHOW

"LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD"

Saturday, MAY 8, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Weston Community Center (20200 Saddle Club Road)



An all-new twist on an all-time favorite, Little Red Riding Hood is both exciting and educational. The show is appropriate for ages 3-10 with a parent or guardian.

For additional information, call the Weston Community Center at 954-389-4321



Broward Emergency Management Division to Host SKYWARN Storm Spotter Training May 22

Storm Spotter volunteers help National Weather Service alert residents to local weather emergencies -

The Broward County Emergency Management Division will host a training class for SKYWARN Storm Spotters on Saturday, May 22, at the Broward County Emergency Operations Center, 201 N.W. 84th Avenue in Plantation. The class is intended for those interested in becoming a Storm Spotter or those who are spotters and want to sharpen their skills.



Classes for beginners and advanced Storm Spotters will be taught in a combined class by a meteorologist with the National Weather Service. Preregistration by Friday, May 15, is required as only 60 seats are available. The class is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Attendees must be at least 14 years old and accompanied by an adult. Attendees need to make their own lunch arrangements. To register, call 954-249-5343 or email n4hhp@comcast.net.

SKYWARN Storm Spotters are a nationwide network of volunteers who report observations of significant weather and damage resulting from severe weather to the National Weather Service. The National Weather Service then sends alerts to the public via television, radio, marine and weather radios, public safety agencies and other information sources that severe weather is approaching or has been sighted.

Training is required in order to be a Storm Spotter. SKYWARN classes are ideal for amateur radio operators, Red Cross volunteers, firefighters, students or **anyone** who is interested and wants to serve.