

### WESTON WELCOMES TWO NEW CITY COMMISSIONERS

The Commission Chamber at City Hall was filled with well wishers on the evening of Monday, November 15, 2010 in anticipation of the in of Weston's swearing two new Commissioners, Jim Norton (Seat 3) and Toby Feuer (Seat 4). Mayor Eric Hersh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Broward Sheriff's Office Honor Guard marched to the front of the dais to perform the official salute and then joined in the Pledge of Allegiance that was led by students from Sagemont Lower School.



Commissioner Feuer was administered the oath of office by her long-time friend Ms. Ann Zucker. Once sworn in she was congratulated with flowers from her son and took her place on the dais to deliver her acceptance speech.

Immediately following, Commissioner Norton was administered his oath of office by long-time friend, the Honorable Judge Jeffrey Levenson and congratulated by his wife, son and mother before taking his seat on the dais to deliver his acceptance speech.





Commissioner Jim Norton being sworn into office

Both Commissioner Feuer and Norton were elected without opposition at the close of qualifying in September and they will each serve a four-year term in accordance with the City Charter. Weston's next municipal election will take place in November 2012.





#### City Commission meetings are open to the public – citizen input and participation is invited and encouraged!

Meetings are held at Weston City Hall (17200 Royal Palm Boulevard) at 7:00 p.m. on the first and third Monday of the month with the exception of legal holidays, in which case the meeting is held on the following Tuesday. Please call City Hall at 954-385-2000 or visit <a href="www.westonfl.org">www.westonfl.org</a> to confirm meeting dates as they are subject to change and/or cancellation.



From Left to Right: Commissioner Toby Feuer, Commissioner Angel Gomez, Mayor Eric Hersh, Commissioner Mercedes Henriksson, Commissioner Jim Norton

The City Commission meeting schedule is displayed on our government cable channel, noted on our website events calendar and broadcasted on our Community Radio Station (1680AM). The City Commission agenda is available in both English and Spanish on the City's website at <a href="https://www.westonfl.org">www.westonfl.org</a>, and on the city's cable television channel.

#### HOW CAN I VIEW A CITY COMMISSION MEETING I MISSED?

City Commission meetings are available for viewing at anytime, anyplace, with internet access. Log on to <a href="www.westonfl.org">www.westonfl.org</a>, then click on "Live Commission Meetings" on the homepage then select "live" to view a meeting in progress or "archived" to view a Commission meeting that has already taken place. Meetings are also broadcast live on the city's cable channel and then re-broadcast on:

Tuesday: 9:00 p.m. Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. & 9:00 p.m. Thursday: 10:00 a.m. & 9:00 p.m.



#### THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY CLOSURES

- All City administrative offices will close at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> and be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday and Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> and November 26<sup>th</sup>.
- All City parks will remain open.
- There IS regular garbage and recycling collection.

Thanksgiving has a different meaning to everyone. However you are spending your Thanksgiving, we hope that you have a safe and happy holiday.







### WESTON'S CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER RECEIVES NATIONAL APPOINTMENT

City Weston Assistant Manager/Chief Officer David Keller Financial has been appointed by the Government Finance Officers Association (the "GFOA") to the Committee on Treasury and Investment Management for a three year term beginning January 1, 2011.

This is a national appointment to a committee responsible for establishing procedures for adopting policy statements and recommend practices governing treasury and investment management for state and local units of government.

Congratulations to David on this prestigious appointment and the recognition of his expertise in treasury and investment management.



The purpose of the Government Finance Officers Association is to enhance and promote the professional management of governments for the public benefit by identifying and developing financial policies and best practices and promoting their use through education, training, facilitation of member networking, and leadership. For more information please visit <a href="www.qfoa.org">www.qfoa.org</a>





# WESTON UNIVERSITY STUDENTS RECEIVE BEHIND THE SCENES LOOK INTO LAW ENFORCEMENT

Weston University program day on November 17, 2010 provided students with a behind the scenes look and hands on experience in law enforcement. Weston University students now have a much better understanding of what it takes to staff a 24/7 operation, what costs are involved, what services are provided as well as a multitude of career opportunities that are available in such a large organization.

Students began the day at 8 a.m. at Weston City Hall where they were greeted by Weston Police Chief, Major Larry Rogers and Deputy Kari Pallotto. After a brief overview students traveled to the



Broward Sheriff's Office in downtown Fort Lauderdale where they received a behind the scenes look at the crime scene lab and toured the facility. Upon returning back to Weston, students received a visit from the SWAT team and a demonstration from the K-9 unit.

What's in store for Weston University participants in December? Community services day! Students will spend their December program day learning about what goes into planning and maintaining Weston's elaborate parks system as well as the responsibilities of the public works department.











# WESTON BRANCH LIBRARY HIGHEST CIRCULATION IN THE COUNTY

Congratulations to the Weston Branch Library for having the highest circulation in October out of all 35 branch libraries in the county – including the main library! This incredible accomplishment could not have been possible without the terrific team that gives outstanding support to the Weston Library customers including, the circulation staff, the adult and youth services librarians and the wonderful volunteers.

The Weston Branch Library, which opened on February 16, 2006, has been a great addition to the City of Weston providing residents with a wealth of information, entertainment and services. The \$7.3 million dollar facility that sits on 5.2 acres of land is also home to the Broward College Weston Campus, offering ten classrooms, conference rooms, a book store and student lounge.

#### **Some Interesting Statistics**

#### Since the Weston Library opened in February 2006:

- 1,730,819 people have visited the library.
- 1,893,213 items books, DVDs and CDs have been checked out.
- 21,474 people registered for new library cards.
- 41,054 people came to library programs, including 31,321 children
- 419,987 people have used library computers.

Weston Library is currently hosting the Pines West Camera Club **November 15<sup>th</sup>** – **December 28th.** Come see the exhibit of powerful, artistic photography. The opening reception is **Wednesday**, **November 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m.** – **7:00 p.m.** and is free and open to the public.

#### Broward County Library - Weston Branch 4205 Bonaventure Boulevard, Weston, FL 33332

For more information and a complete list of activities offered at the library please visit <a href="www.broward.org/library">www.broward.org/library</a> or call 954-389-2098.



## FIND **YOUR** PATH A PLANNING TOOL FOR BICYCLISTS



The route planner was funded by the <u>Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization</u> (MPO), and is a joint effort by Florida International University GIS Center and the University of Florida Geomatics Program at Fort Lauderdale Research and Education Center.

It is designed as a planning tool for bicyclists.

#### http://bike.browardmpo.org

The purpose of the **Find Your Path** route planning tool is to provide users with a selection of possible routes that may fit their needs and skill level.

The routes are determined by using computer algorithms based on a variety of features that affect bicycling and an individual's choice in routes.

### Reminder to help reduce accidents and keep traffic flowing:

Riding single file is required except on bike paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles, or when two people riding side-by-side within one lane will not impede traffic flow.

For more information, click on: <a href="http://www.browardmpo.org/mpo/bikevehicles.htm">http://www.browardmpo.org/mpo/bikevehicles.htm</a>





# WESTON GEARS UP FOR ITS DECEMBER MOVIE IN THE PARK

### **AVATAR**

The 2010/11 FREE Moonlight Movies in the Park series is well underway.

#### Mark Your Calendars:

The City of Weston is proud to present December's feature film, *AVATAR*, projected onto a giant inflatable screen at the event stage in the Weston Regional Park on *Saturday*, *December 11, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.* 

In this Blockbuster hit that takes place in the future, Jake, a paraplegic war veteran, is brought to another planet, Pandora, which is inhabited by the N'avi, a humanoid race with their own language and culture. Those from Earth find themselves at odds with each other and the local culture.



\*Rated PG-13

- Bring lawn chairs or blankets for a fun and relaxing night out.
- Kids under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

The event stage is located in the Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club
Road, Weston, Florida 33327. For more information call the Weston Community
Center at 954-389-4321. For upcoming movies and dates visit the Weston
Events Calendar at www.westonfl.org.