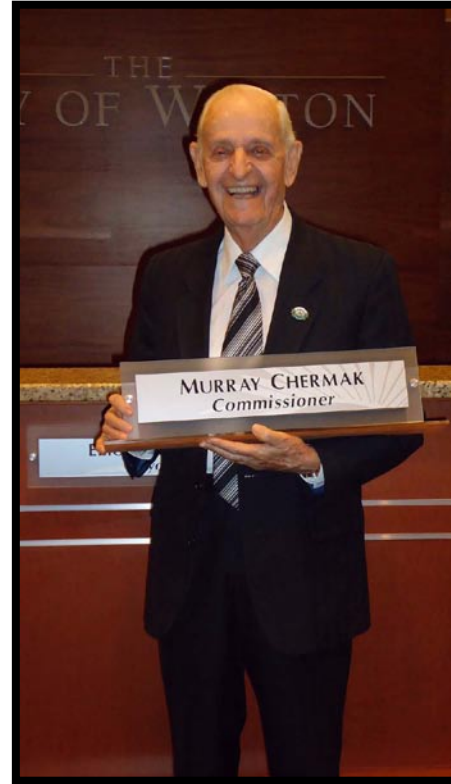




WESTON THANKS COMMISSIONERS FOR SERVICE TO COMMUNITY



At the City Commission meeting of October 18, 2010, Commissioner Daniel J. Stermer and Commissioner Murray Chermak were honored for their years of dedicated service to our community.

October 18, 2010 was the last City Commission meeting that Commissioners Stermer and Chermak would preside over, as sitting member of the Weston City Commission. As of November they will have each served two consecutive four-year terms in office, the maximum allowable under the City's Charter.

The dedication and selfless devotion of these individuals was recognized and applauded as a full house looked on in appreciation of their vast accomplishments while in office. In his speech praising each Commissioner, Mayor Hersh detailed the legacy each leaves behind and recognized the personal sacrifices of time and family each had made to ensure that Weston's development was skillfully shaped into the premier place to live and do business in south Florida. Weston is their home and their passion, and for that we shall be forever grateful.



With many memories produced over the span of two terms in office, each Commissioner was presented with a book entitled "A Special Thank You..."

Given in grateful appreciation and respect, the book is filled with photographs of them throughout their public career in Weston, doing what they do best: serving Weston.



L-R: Commissioner Angel Gomez, Commissioner Daniel J. Stermer, Mayor Eric Hersh, Commissioner Murray Chermak and Commissioner Mercedes Henriksson.

Commissioners Stermer and Chermak were presented with their dais nameplates as mementos along with plaques honoring their service to the residents of Weston.





WESTON'S HALLOWEEN SAFETY EXPO

A SAFE, FUN AND EDUCATIONAL TRICK OR TREAT EXPERIENCE

Each year the City of Weston and the Broward Sheriff's Office provide kids with a super safe alternative to neighborhood trick or treating: The Halloween Safety Expo.

WHEN: Friday, October 29th
6:00pm – 9:00pm

WHERE: Tequesta Trace Park

This year we have again teamed up with Joe DiMaggio's Children's Hospital to provide plenty of kid oriented activities.

There will be live entertainment, bounce houses, police and fire equipment and exhibits, DJ music, a table top Teddy Bear Clinic, Child ID activity, Sports Medicine Obstacle Course, Arts & Craft activities and more. For a small fee there will also be a pumpkin patch where kids can decorate a pumpkin and take it home!

Vampire Alert: For those of you willing to part with a small amount of your blood, the BloodMobile will be on hand for willing donors...

Don Decker, Weston's Director of Parks and Recreation urges kids (and parents) to come in costume and don't forget your bag for all of the trick or treating goodies to be had!





HALLOWEEN IS A SCARY TIME FOR PETS

The best treat you can give your pet on Halloween is a safe spot in the house, away from all of the excitement and spirit of the holiday

Spooky sounds and creepy costumes are not only scary to little kids, but to your pet as well. The best advice is to keep pets safe and calm inside the home and out of view of trick-or-treaters.

Under no circumstances should dogs and cats be left outside in the yard or near the front or back doors. Groups of children can scare pets, causing them to escape from the yard, break their leash or run out of the house. A pet running loose may fall victim to possible abuse by misguided individuals. In addition, a dog or cat may inadvertently bite or scratch a child out of fear of a scary, unfamiliar costume.

Instead, confine pets away from the front door in a separate room, complete with their favorite bed and toys. Pets, especially dogs, are easily excited or threatened by strangers and can easily slip out the door.



Another important warning is not to share any candy with pets, especially chocolate. In some cases the dog will even get in the candy bag and 'help themselves.' Either way, it is very dangerous for a dog or cat. Candy is toxic to animals and can cause vomiting, restlessness, heart disturbances and even death. Tell children not to share their candy with any animal. If you suspect your pet has eaten chocolate or other candy that causes discomfort, consult your veterinarian immediately.

Important Halloween Safety Tips for Pets

1. **DO** keep your pet inside your home in a safe, quiet room during trick-or-treat time or house parties.
2. **DO NOT** leave your cat and dog outside when children are trick-or-treating in the neighborhood.
3. **DO** keep your pet away from the front or back doors during trick-or-treating hours.
4. **DO NOT** feed your pet any candy -- especially chocolate -- and do not leave candy where a pet will be able reach it.
5. **DO** make sure that your pet - dog or cat - is wearing their Broward County pet license on their collar. This will ensure that your pet will be returned to you if he/she does get out during Halloween festivities.



18th Annual HARVEST DRIVE "Children Helping Children"

The Harvest Drive is a yearlong project that culminates in a food collection event that takes place at several public schools every Thanksgiving. Fundraising efforts and collections are underway throughout the fall season. This year students from over 150 public and private schools, as well as churches, temples and neighborhoods are holding drives to supply the Harvest Drive with the non-perishable food that is distributed to the families.



Weston Area Collection Date & Location:

WESTERN HIGH SCHOOL

Friday, Nov. 19th - 3pm - 9pm, Western High drop off for community

Monday, Nov. 22nd - all day, Western High sorting and packing

The unique characteristic of the program is that in addition to the business and corporate donations, children are at the helm of all collections. In addition to helping others, the purpose of the Harvest Drive is to teach children at an early age that their contributions can make a difference in the lives of others, by facilitating their direct participation in the project.

The Harvest Drive provides needy families with children residing in Broward County with a complete Thanksgiving meal and a week's worth of groceries, as well as personal and household necessities during Thanksgiving season.

HOW TO HELP: Drop off donations and/or volunteer your time.

Requested non-perishable items:

Juice	Pancake Mix	Cereal/Oatmeal
Rice	Pasta	Cookies
Jelly	Peanut Butter	Stuffing
Napkins	Aluminum Foil	Shampoo
Dish Soap	Laundry Detergent	Canned meats
Toothpaste	Soap/Body Wash	Canned Vegetables
Canned Fruit	Canned Cranberries	Canned Sweet Potatoes
Canned Gravy		

No glass containers. For more information please visit www.harvestdriveflorida.com





SADDLE CLUB ROAD/BONAVENTURE BOULEVARD INTERSECTION – ROUNDABOUT CONSTRUCTION

Construction begins November 1st

Bonaventure Boulevard at Saddle Club Road and will have a roundabout constructed. The roundabout at Blatt Blvd. and Bonaventure Blvd. is essentially completed.

These improvements are designed to increase safety and efficiency.

The intersections had 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 is constructing roundabouts at each location.

WHEN: Construction begins **November 1, 2010 at the Saddle Club location**. There will be intermittent lane closures during construction, but the intersection will remain open. Construction is expected to take approximately 6 months.
The City was awarded FDOT grant money for this project to assist in funding.

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.



HOMESTEAD FILING ASSISTANCE WORKSHOPS BEGIN IN WESTON ON NOVEMBER 1ST

With homestead filing season beginning this winter, the Property Appraiser's Outreach Department will be available to assist the residents of Weston during this busy time.

Monthly outreach workshops at the Weston Regional Park (20200 Saddle Club Road) will occur on the first Monday of each month from 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Scheduled Weston Workshop Dates for the 2010 – 2011 Homestead Season:

Monday, November 1, 2010	4:30 PM – 6:00 PM
Monday, December 6, 2010	4:30 PM – 6:00 PM
Monday, January 3, 2011	4:30 PM – 6:00 PM
Monday, February 7, 2011	4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

For further information please visit www.bcpa.net or contact the Outreach Department by phone at 954.357.5579 or email at kbrown@bcpa.net.



PHASE II OF THE TRAFFIC SIGN REPLACEMENT PROGRAM IS UNDERWAY

With Phase I of the traffic sign replacement program complete, Phase II is now underway. The traffic sign replacement program is replacing the current traffic signs on Weston's roadways with signs that are more durable and emulate Weston's visually pleasing aesthetics. Phase II sign installation began on Friday, October 22, 2010 at Indian Trace and SW 160th Avenue and will continue to work west, over the next several months, until the entire Indian Trace corridor is complete.

Due to age, and the effects of Hurricane Wilma in October 2005, the City has lost many of its gray post and frame traffic signs. Replacing the missing and old signs with the same style signs will only require repeating the costly sign-replacement cycle after each storm.

The City has engineered a new style sign that has been designed and tested to withstand sustained winds of 106 mph, to withstand the rigors of South Florida's tropical climate, and to meet the aesthetic standards of our community.



By being proactive, the City's traffic sign replacement program will:

- minimize future sign replacement expenses; and
- have street name signs in place to aid public safety responders immediately after a storm; and
- have traffic signs in place to aid motorists immediately after a storm; and
- maintain the appearance and value of the City.



Broward County **K9 Splash!** Water Festivals



When the water parks close to humans in the fall, they each open for one weekend just for dogs. For the past 10 years, this has been one of the most popular pet events at Broward County parks.

The Fee is \$5 per dog for a 50-minute session. First session begins at 9 a.m. and last session begins at 4 p.m. (small dogs only at the 4 p.m. session).

This year's schedule:

Saturday, October 30, and Sunday, October 31, 2010, at [C.B. Smith Park in Pembroke Pines](#).

Saturday, November 6, and Sunday, November 7, 2010, at [Quiet Waters Park in Deerfield Beach](#).

Saturday, November 13, and Sunday, November 14, 2010, at [C.B. Smith Park in Pembroke Pines](#).

Saturday, November 20, and Sunday, November 21, 2010, at [Quiet Waters Park, Deerfield Beach](#).

For each date and location, the park's weekend gate admission of \$1.50 per person (children 5 and under free) will be in effect.

Small dogs only at 4PM sessions: At the request of dog moms and dads with pets 25 pounds or less, the last session of every day will be for small dogs only! So, if you want your small dog to only mix with other small dogs, the session for you starts at 4 p.m. and ends at 4:50 p.m. **No large dogs will be allowed in this session.**

Here are the rules for the event:

- All dogs must be off leash when inside facility and will be free to play in the water park.
- Dogs must be sociable and well behaved.
- Dogs must have proof of current rabies vaccination and county license tag.
- Water playgrounds will be closed to humans and open only for dogs (and lifeguards).
- All dogs are limited to no more than two sessions per day.

Donations of dog and cat food, treats, blankets, and cash will be accepted for the homeless animals at the Broward County shelters. For more information, e-mail Parkpaws@broward.org



“WONDERFUL WORLD OF WESTON” A night of art, culture and diversity...

Art, culture and diversity were forefront at the “Wonderful World of Weston” event on Tuesday, October 19, 2010 at the Hyatt Regency Bonaventure Hotel. Hosted by the Arts Council of Greater Weston, this well-attended affair, with an estimated 600 guests, displayed over 20 exhibitors representing various countries such as Korea, Haiti and Venezuela and a host of community organizations such as the Rotary Club of Weston, Weston Friends of the Library and the Weston Philharmonic Society. In addition, guests enjoyed live musical performances, complimentary refreshments and numerous artistic displays.







BUS ROUTE 23 MODIFICATIONS GO INTO EFFECT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31st

Broward County Transit has announced service modifications to Bus Route 23, the only public transportation route provided to the City of Weston. The modifications listed below will go into effect on Sunday, October 31, 2010 (*a revised map of Bus Route 23 as provided by Broward County Transit is attached on page 2*). **For additional information regarding Bus Route 23, please contact Broward County Transit at 954-385-8400 or visit www.broward.org/bct.**

BUS ROUTE 23 SERVICE MODIFICATIONS EFFECTIVE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31ST

- Service along Bus Route 23 will occur every 60 minutes during weekday peak hours from 6:30 a.m. to 10:20 a.m. and from 3:30 p.m. to 7:20 p.m. Midday, evening and weekend service will be discontinued.
- On weekdays, a southbound trip will be added from Sawgrass Mills Mall at 6:30 a.m.
- The route will travel along Dykes Road instead of I-75 between Griffin Road and Sheridan Street.
- Service inside the Weston Park of Commerce will be discontinued, and a new bus stop will be added at the Cleveland Clinic.

The City is nearing construction completion of 14 bus stop shelters along Weston Road (*a map showing bus shelter locations is attached on page 3*). The shelters are approximately 9 feet by 14 feet in size and are designed to give those waiting for the bus significant protection from South Florida's sun and rain. Each shelter is equipped with a bench, waste receptacle, bicycle rack, and lighting. The shelters are designed to blend in aesthetically with the Weston



surroundings while providing a safe environment for riders with visibility through the tempered glass on the rear and sides etched with the Weston "W".



ROUTE 23

Pembroke Lakes Mall to
Sawgrass Mills Mall
via I-75 and Weston Road

