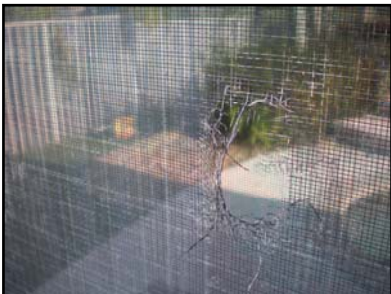




Short Sunday Storm Does Serious Damage Prepare NOW For Hurricane Season

Early Sunday evening June 12th, Weston was hit with approximately 15 minutes of powerful winds, rain and heavy hail. The damage done in that short time period should be taken as a warning to be prepared for summer's storms and possible hurricanes. The weather service reported winds up to 60mph, but these winds are a far cry from the sustained winds brought by tropical storms or hurricanes.

Below are photos of local damage in Weston.



**ENSURE YOUR
ASSETS ARE
PROTECTED**

Be sure to review your insurance policies now to ensure you have adequate coverage. Once a hurricane watch has been issued, insurers will not issue new or allow you to purchase additional coverage.



Inventory home possessions and videotape or photograph items of value. Once you have your inventory list, video and/or photographs, place them in an airtight storage container that water can't permeate.

For additional ways to prepare, please visit the City of Weston Hurricane/Flood Information on your city website: <http://www.westonfl.org/Residents/Hurricane/Default.aspx>



YMCA HOSTS PRESS CONFERENCE TO ADVOCATE DROWNING PREVENTION

Safe Kids Broward County, Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital and the Sheinberg Family YMCA of Weston hosted an informative press conference at the YMCA on Monday, June 6, 2011 to advocate drowning prevention.

The press conference kicked off with seven year-old, Jeremy Robinson, a drowning survivor leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Featured guest speakers, such as Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Sheryl A. Woods, President/CEO YMCA of Broward County, Dr. Peter Antevy, Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Emergency Department Physician, Kim Burgess, Drowning Prevention Coordinator Broward County and Sheriff Al Lamberti, all spoke on the importance of drowning prevention initiatives.



As dozens of members from the media and community listened in, each speaker hit on the troubling statistics that Broward County, the State of Florida face, and how imperative it is for parents and guardians to remain vigilant of the water and learn important techniques such as CPR. Broward County leads the state in the number of deaths each year, and drowning is the leading cause of death in children ages 1-4 in Florida.

[Learn more about drowning prevention](#)

➡ Swim Central: **FREE water-safety classes** for children; visit 954-357-SWIM (7946)
<http://www.broward.org/Parks/ProgramsClasses/Pages/SwimCentral.aspx>

➡ Crime prevention specialist, Deputy Kari Pallotto, will visit your home to inspect your pool and advise what safety precautions can be taken to ensure a safer backyard environment. To schedule an appointment please call 954-389-2010.

➡ The Broward Sheriff's Office has developed the "SPLASH" initiative, which stands for **S**upervise, **P**rotection, **L**essons, **A**larms, **S**earch, **H**elp. You can learn more about the Broward Sheriff's Office drowning prevention efforts by visiting www.sheriff.org.





CITY "BUDGET DRAWING CONTEST"



L-R: Commissioner Gomez, Commissioner Feuer, Mayor Hersh, Morgan Akers, Leila Kirton, Madison Adams, Alexandra Miranda, Eva Rout, Commissioner Henriksson and Commissioner Norton.

In March, all elementary schools in Weston were invited to participate in this competition that will provide the city with designs for the cover and internal pages of the upcoming annual budget document.

The winners of the City's Budget Drawing Contest were recognized at the June 6, 2011 City Commission meeting. Students each received a winner's ribbon, a poster of their winning drawings, a Certificate of Recognition, and a sweet treat: a gift card to Yogurtland.

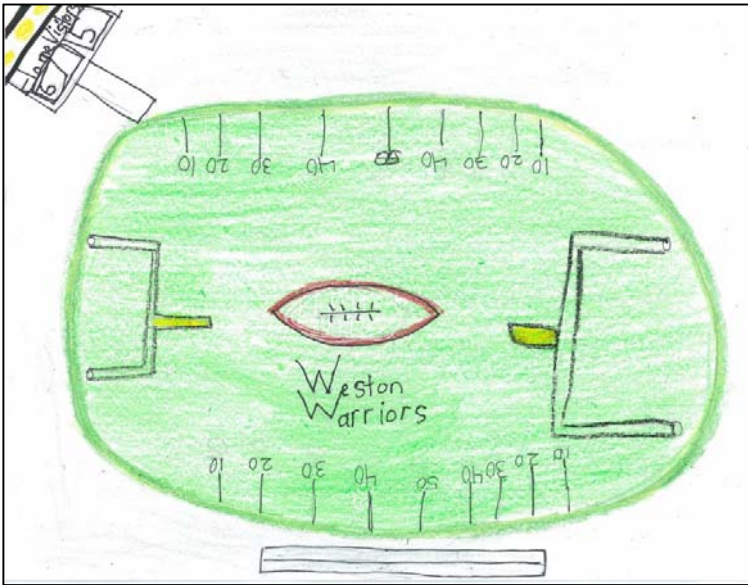
The winning students drawings were displayed in the May 31, 2011 Newsday Tuesday and this week we would like to display all of the wonderful **Runner-Up drawings**:

The City of Weston

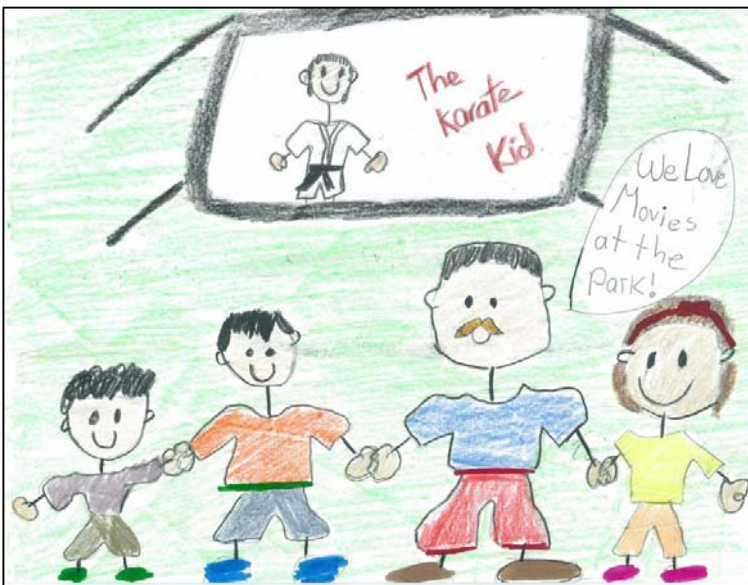
Budget Drawing Contest Runner - Ups



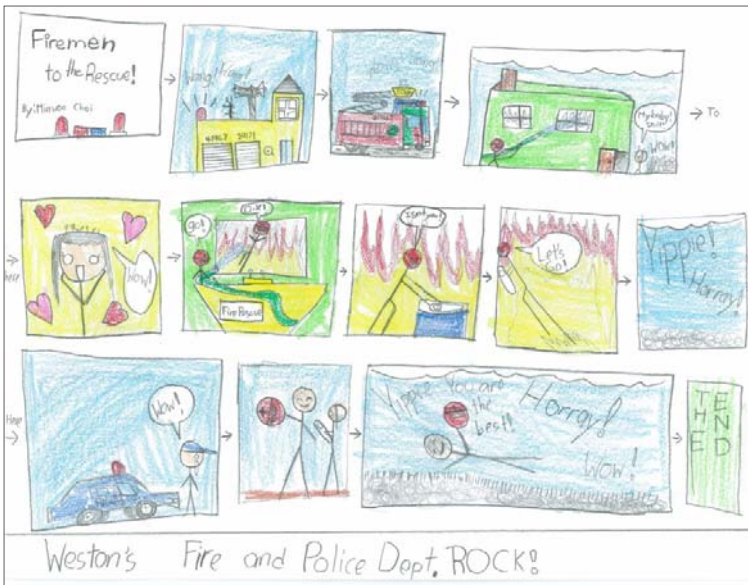
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Parks & Recreation Category
Indian Trace Elementary, Grade 3



Matthew Elias
Parks & Recreation Category
Indian Trace Elementary, Grade K



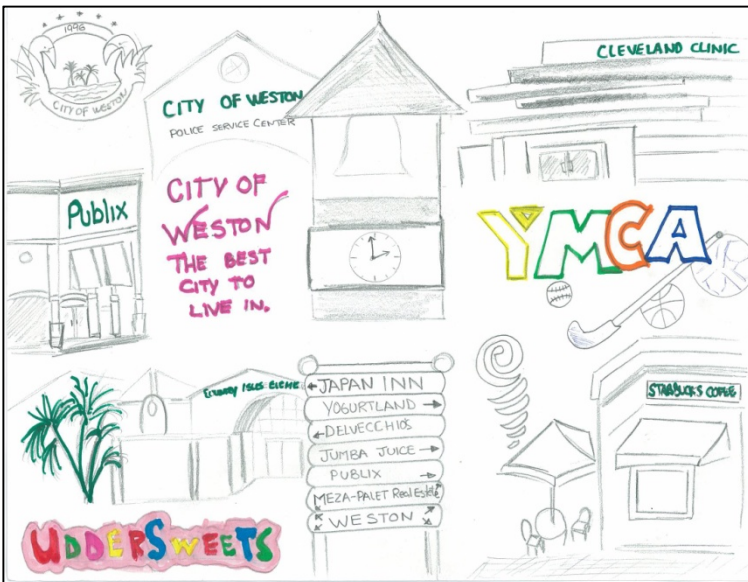
Samantha Velez
Parks & Recreation Category
Indian Trace Elementary, Grade 1



Minwoo Choi
Police / Fire Category
Indian Trace Elementary, Grade 3



Sabrina Kehrer
"What I Love Most About Weston"
Country Isles Elementary, Grade 4

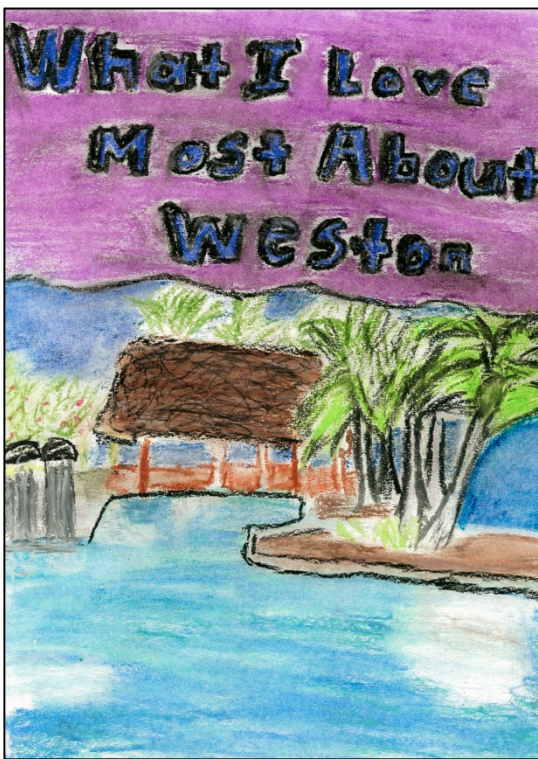


Sabrina Kehrer (entry 2)
"What I Love Most About Weston"
Country Isles Elementary, Grade 4



Kailey Fowler

“What I Love Most About Weston”
Country Isles Elementary, Grade 4



Melanie Rojas

“What I Love Most About Weston”
Country Isles Elementary, Grade 2



Danielle Velez

“What I Love Most About Weston”
Indian Trace Elementary, Grade 3



JOIN THE PARADE!

The City of Weston



July 4th Celebration
2011

**2011 WESTON HOMETOWN JULY 4TH
PARADE APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE
AND BEING ACCEPTED NOW**

June 24th Deadline

Weston's Annual Hometown July 4th Parade is just around the corner and Weston's Community Center staff is hard at work planning for this year's event.

"Celebrating the American Dream" is the theme of the 2011 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**, but the deadline to enter is **June 24th**.

Start now... put a group together and fill out the form. 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 this party started!

http://www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/2011_July4th_Parade_Application.pdf



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





WESTON GIRL SCOUTS RECOGNIZED BY THE CITY COMMISSION

Community service volunteerism is an admirable and much appreciated component of the Weston community, and on the evening of June 6, 2011 the Weston City Commission honored the young members of Weston Girl Scout Troop 10258 (Daisy) and Troop 10575 (Juniors) for their efforts. Both troops will be receiving Bronze level, Presidential Volunteer Service Awards for contributing 50+ hours of community service!

The young ladies of Troops 10258 and 10575 have participated in collecting coupons for military families, visiting a nursing home and making pictures for Color a Smile which is distributed to homebound seniors, volunteering at the ASPCA, dedicating their time to the beautification efforts at Indian Trace Elementary and even sewing blankets for Project Linus, benefitting county foster children and sewed hats for "Hats 4 the Homeless" charity, along with collecting toiletries and clothes for both charities.

Led by troop leaders Jennifer Bouchillon, Linda Digennaro and Kim Dubois, Troops 10258 and 10575 are a community volunteer force to be reckoned with. **Congratulations on your tremendous efforts and keep up the good work!**





FUN & INTERACTIVE WEBSITE FOR KIDS TEACHES EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND WEATHER SAFETY

The State of Florida has a great, interactive website for kids that present weather safety and emergency preparedness concepts through age-appropriate activities and stories. Online, kids can play games that teach and help them to understand essential safety facts.

The website has two age sections: K-5 and Grade 6+. It is also available in Espanol.

The K-5 level site has interactive stories, and activities such as the Firewise Simulator and Tinkermeister's Whiz-Bang Weather Watching Wonder Quiz Machine!

The Grade 6+ site includes all types of weather awareness information, games and books for download.

This site is an excellent way to make weather safety fun.

Go to: www.KidsGetAPlan.com

(The writer of this article wound up playing a game for a bit... For research purposes only of course!)





LIBRARY ART EXHIBIT

The Weston Library will exhibit the artistry of Stark Photography for the months of June and July.

The displayed portraits are a unique combination of fine art and portrait work. Local photographer Butch Stark has provided 36 pictures for this exhibit, many of which show Weston families. The photographs portray families in classic and informal poses, children dressed for special occasions, and costumed as fairies, mermaids.



The Weston Branch Library

4205 Bonaventure Boulevard
Weston, FL 33332

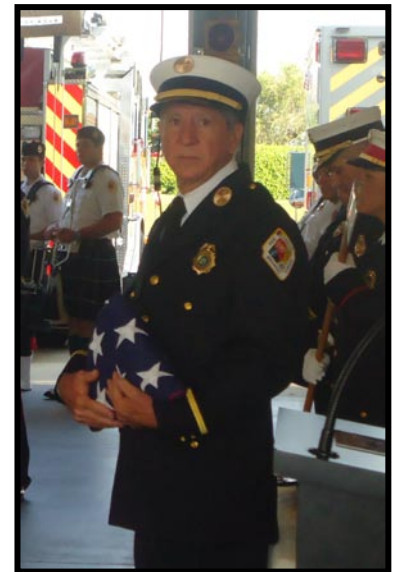
Mon - Wed: 10am-8pm
Thur - Sat: 10am-6pm
(954) 389-2098



LIEUTENANT JAMES NEYLON PROUDLY RETIRES AFTER 32 YEARS

The Broward Sheriff's Office Department of Fire Rescue held a traditional fire service retirement ceremony for Weston Lieutenant James Neylon on Tuesday, June 8, 2011 at Weston Fire Station No. 81.

James Neylon began his fire fighting career as a volunteer for Broward County in 1979. In 1983, James was hired full time as a fire fighter after the Broward County volunteer fire departments were consolidated into a paid professional fire department. James served in many areas of Broward County, including the Pompano Highlands area, the unincorporated Deerfield Beach area, the unincorporated Fort Lauderdale area, Oakland Park, West Park/Pembroke Park, and North Lauderdale. In 1986, James was promoted to the rank of Driver/Engineer and in 1991; James was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.



In 2005, Lieutenant Neylon was assigned to the City of Weston and has proudly served this community since then. During the course of his career, Lieutenant Neylon completed his paramedic training and also served with the Technical Rescue Team (TRT).



Lieutenant Neylon plans on spending his retirement traveling on his motorcycle and going diving, at both local and exotic locations.

We thank Lt. Neylon for his 32-year commitment to keep the residents of Broward County and Weston safe and wish him both joy and good health in his retirement – Congratulations!



FDOT TO HOLD COMMUNITY UPDATE MEETING FOR I-595 CONSTRUCTION PROJECT June 30th

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will be holding a **Community Update Meeting for the I-595 Express Corridor Improvements Project on June 30, 2011 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.** at the Signature Grand, located at 6900 State Road 84 in the Town of Davie, Florida.

The meeting will be informal with no presentation. Project aerials, photos and other information will be on display. Staff will be present to answer questions. The interested public can arrive at their convenience during the hours of 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The purpose of the Community Update Meeting is to provide property owners, residents, businesses and interested parties throughout the corridor and South Florida with an opportunity to learn about the current status of the I-595 project, now in its second year of construction.

The I-595 Express Corridor Improvements Project consists of the reconstruction of the I-595 mainline and all associated improvements to frontage roads and ramps from the I-75/Sawgrass Expressway interchange to the I-595/I-95 interchange, and on Florida's Turnpike from Peters Road to Griffin Road for a total project length of 13 miles. The project also includes tolled reversible Express Lanes. The approximate cost of design and construction is \$1.2 billion.

Construction started in February 2010 and is scheduled to be completed in 2014.



For further information on the I-595 Express Corridor Improvements Project visit the project's website at www.i-595.com

This website features project video, project status, construction updates, live traffic updates, and much more.