



WESTON UNIVERSITY PROGRAM CLASS OF 2011 GRADUATES



The Class of 2011 - 23 high school students from Cypress Bay, Sagemont and Western High

At the May 16th City Commission meeting, diplomas were presented to the graduating Weston University students. Attended by State Senator Nan Rich, city staff and the students parents and friends, graduates were congratulated by the City Commission for completing the seven month program that provides an in-depth education on the functions of local government.

Over the course of the seven month program, students met once a month for a full-day session that highlighted a different civic discipline:

- Local Government Administration
- Planning/Zoning & Engineering
- Law Enforcement Services
- Community Services Department
- Fire & E.M.S. Services/ Fire Marshal
- Finance & Simulation Preparation
- Trip to our State Capitol in Tallahassee
- City Commission Simulation Exercise

This is the ninth consecutive year that the City of Weston has offered the Weston University program and we are all so proud of Class 2011 and all they have learned and accomplished – **CONGRATULATIONS!!**

For more information on the program, please visit www.westonfl.org and search Weston University or type in/click on:

<http://www.westonfl.org/Departments/Communications/YouthInGovernment.aspx>



LIGHTNING WARNING SYSTEM IN CITY'S THREE MAJOR PARKS

LIGHTNING PREDICTION SYSTEM IN THREE PARKS

The Weston Regional Park, Tequesta Trace Park and Vista Park

The Thor Guard lightning prediction system is installed in these three major city parks. The system constantly monitors and evaluates the electrostatic levels in the atmosphere that could produce lightning and activates when ion levels are in a lightning producing range.

The warning system will emit a loud horn blast, warning athletes and park visitors to clear the fields and seek shelter. In addition to the horn blast, there are flashing strobes that indicate when a warning is in effect. The system also gives an "all-clear" notice, by emitting three short horn blasts, giving visitors the OK to resume their activities. Signs within the parks also explain how the system works.



In the event of a warning being sounded (one long 15-second blast), you have between eight to 15 minutes to take shelter, depending on the speed of the storm. Shelter is suggested inside a building, under a roof, or inside a car.

Many times, alerts go off on perfectly sunny days - as lightning can strike from a distance of over 10 miles away, when no storm clouds are present in the area.

Lightning can strike 30 minutes after winds and rains have ceased



Lightning kills more people in Florida than all other weather hazards combined

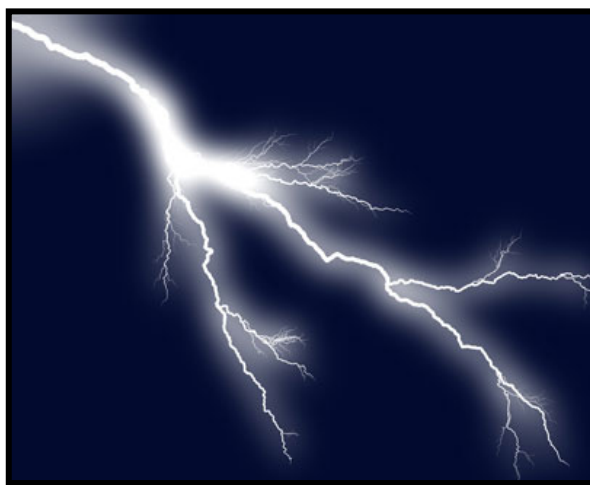
Water is an excellent conductor - stay away from lakes and pools during a lightning storm.



Lightning Safety – The “30/30 Rule”

The "30-30 Rule" gives you easy to follow lightning safety guidance:

- If the time between the flash of lightning and the sound of thunder is less than 30 seconds, take shelter.
- After a storm, 30 minutes must elapse before outdoor activities can be resumed.
- Each observation of either lightning or thunder initiates another 30-minute waiting period.



**The flash of lightning is caused by its extreme heat.
A lightning bolt is hotter than the surface of the sun.**

To view Weston’s 14 municipal parks, click here
<http://www.westonfl.org/Departments/ParksAndRecreation/ParksMunicipal.aspx>



Hurricane season begins June 1st

BE READY, WITH



Weston was the first city in the nation to offer this all-hazards on-line preparedness tool to assist the community in preparing for an emergency. **It is a simple, step-by-step, online guide to building an emergency preparedness plan for individuals or families.** It's easy and actually fun to click through, which is why it works.

ReadyTown consists of three main sections:

- 1. Make A Plan -** Includes Emergency contacts, Family meeting places, important numbers, Grab- and-go folder, and Special needs planning.
- 2. Build A Kit -** Categories include: Food & Water; First aid; Personal hygiene; Clean air items; Baby needs; Lighting; Communication, Transportation; and Pets.
- 3. Learn to Prepare -** An extensive resource library.

After assisting users in making an emergency plan and checklists of essential survival items, the program will send the user email reminders on what still needs to be completed and a list of items on your checklist that need to be obtained (*users can unsubscribe from reminders*).

The preparedness plan can be emailed to personal email accounts so that it can be accessed from anywhere, at any time and encourages users to send a copy to family members and caretakers.

An emergency preparedness plan is not just for the possibility of a hurricane.

- What would happen if your home burned down tomorrow?
- If an emergency situation closed down access to your home for hours?
- Would children know where to meet?
- Would caregivers know where to pick them up or who to contact?
- Do you have insurance policy and contact numbers available?
- **The question is: Will you be ready in a disaster?**

Visit the Weston ReadyTown site today to ensure you are. To access ReadyTown go to www.westonfl.org and click on **ReadyTown** on the homepage.



WESTON YOUTH POLICE SERVICES ACADEMY APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED!



Pride in Service with Integrity

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.*



BROWARD SHERIFF'S OFFICE
POLICE SERVICES ACADEMY

In its fourth year, the academy is funded through a grant with support from the City of Weston. The program provides students 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
- Crime Scene Investigations
- DUI & D.A.R.E. Classes
- Internet Safety

TOURS: Main Jail, Courthouse, BSO SWAT, Aviation and Marine Units

Applications are being accepted until June 13, 2011.

- An application form is attached, and are available on the City of Weston website at www.westonfl.org – Under **Departments**, go to **Police**, then **Upcoming Events: Event/Program Info**. or click on or type in:

<http://www.westonfl.org/Departments/Police/Events.aspx>

Applications are also available at the Weston Police Services Building.

**CLASSES BEGIN
Thursday, June 17th**

For additional information contact Deputy Kari Pallotto at 954-389-2010



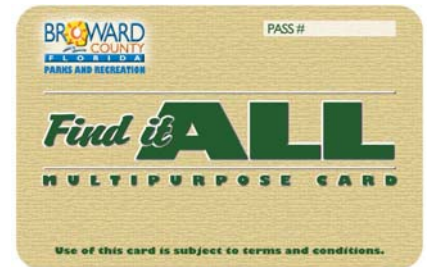
BROWARD COUNTY WATER PARKS ARE OPEN NEW - SEASON PASSES AVAILABLE!

Looking for some summer fun? Find It All Passes can help

Park patrons can now purchase a season pass to their favorite [water parks](#). The new **Find It All** pass can now be purchased at the offices of parks featuring water attractions.

Broward County has four water parks, now open daily through Labor Day. Frequent water-park patrons can save substantially by investing in a **Find It All** pass.

If you plan to visit your favorite water park more than eight times, each visit after the eighth is in effect free.



1. [Paradise Cove](#) at C.B. Smith Park in Pembroke Pines - Daily entry is \$9.50 per person. **Find It All** pass is \$76 per person.
2. [Tropical Splash](#) at Central Broward Regional Park & Stadium in Lauderhill - Daily entry is \$5. **Find It All** pass is \$40.
3. [Splash Adventure](#) at Quiet Waters Park in Deerfield - Daily entry is \$5. **Find It All** pass is \$40.
4. [Castaway Island](#) at T.Y. Park in Hollywood - Daily entry is \$7. **Find It All** pass is \$56.

The **Find It All** pass does not include the park's weekend gate admission, which is \$1.50 per person (children 5 and under free). To save money on weekend gate admission, frequent park patrons can purchase a [Parks Passport](#).

The **Find It All** pass does not replace Individual or Family Parks Passports. Some limitations and exclusions may apply; inquire at the park office.



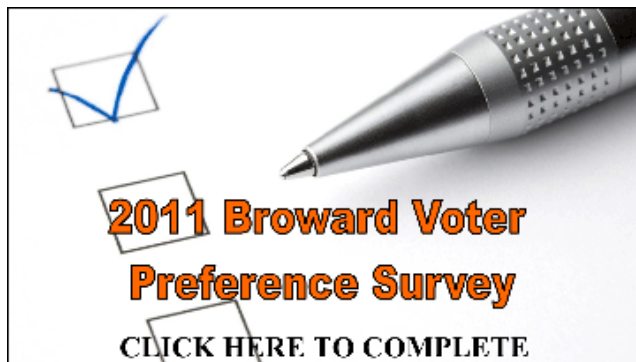



Broward Voters Encouraged to Complete Voter Participation Survey

The Broward County Supervisor of Elections Office is seeking input from Broward voters through an online voter participation survey designed to identify voter preferences.

Voter feedback is important as the office prepares for the 2012 election season.

To complete the survey, visit the [Supervisor of Elections' Web Site](#).



 **Broward Registered Voter Participation Survey**

Dear Voter:
The Broward County Supervisor of Elections Office is working on a study on voter preferences. Your feedback is important to us as we begin preparation for the 2012 election season. Please answer the following questions to help the Supervisor of Elections Office better serve the voter. Thank you in advance for your participation.
-Dr. Brenda C. Snipes, Broward County Supervisor of Elections

Your Information
Name: (Optional) Email: (Optional)

Date of Survey: Fri May 20 08:02:08 E

Party Affiliation:

Please check your age description: 18-24

Sex: Female Male

Race/Ethnicity: Select One

1. How long have you been a registered voter: In Broward Elsewhere

Please check all that apply:

2. I usually vote in the following type of elections:
 I vote in every election. I never miss an election.
 Presidential elections only.
 Federal, State & County elections.
 Local elections (Municipal, Special).
 None of the above. I am registered but never vote.

3. I receive information concerning elections through:
 The local newspaper.
 The local television.
 The radio.
 The candidates.
 Social Networking.
 Sample ballots, election office presentation, and mailings.

4. I usually cast my ballot in the following way:
 I vote on Election Day.
 I vote by mail using an Absentee Ballot.
 I vote at an Early Voting site.

5. For early voting voters only. I vote by early voting because:
 It is convenient.
 It fits my schedule.
 I like the choice of location, time and date.

6. For early voters only:
 I early vote on the weekends only.
 I early vote during the week.
 I early vote on Saturday only.
 I early vote on Sunday only.
 I early vote any day during the week.

7. For those who answered vote by mail using an Absentee Ballot. I vote by mail for the following reason (s):
 Convenience.
 I do not want to wait in long lines.
 I can make better choices in the comfort of my home.
 Other, please explain:

8. I vote at my precinct for the following reasons:
 Convenience.
 I get to meet my neighbors.
 I need more time to learn about the candidate and the issues.
 Other, please explain:

9. The Broward County Supervisor of Elections Office sends a sample ballot for the August Primary and the November General Election. Do you like receiving the sample ballot?
 Yes
 No
 I do not know what a sample ballot is.

10. Other comments or suggestions:



Newsday Tuesday

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News Release



UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE YMCA

YMCA Swim Lessons



Don't miss great summer swim lessons for children ages 6 months through Adults! **The next session starts at the beginning of June and runs monthly through August.** Classes will be offered Monday through Thursdays or weekly on Saturdays. REGISTER NOW – Classes fill up quickly! Please contact Scott Hendry at 954-424-9622 for more information or shendry@ymcabroward.org or you may register on-line at www.ymcabroward.org.

Summer Camp



Camp begins on Monday, June 13 and is filling up quickly! Register your child age 5 through teenagers for one of the fantastic camps. Please visit the website for more information and to register, www.ymcabroward.org

The Sheinberg Family YMCA is located at 20201 Saddle Club Road inside the Weston Regional Park.

954-424-9622

www.ymcabroward.org



SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AT THE *WESTON COMMUNITY CENTER*

CHESS CLUB



MONDAYS, 4:30 – 6:00, All ages are welcome to join Chess Club and play and learn about the art of Chess in a lively, low stress environment. Class is structured so that all levels will benefit and are welcome – only request is of knowledge and of basic rules. **Cost is \$65.00 per 4 week period.** For more information, contact Mr. Pham at 954-608-1526 or don.k.pham@gmail.com.

CREATIVE MINDS ART



FRIDAYS, 4:30 – 5:30, Young Minds Arts prepares children for goals set forth by the National Standard for Art Education. This exclusive program dispels the myth that art is a talent a child has or doesn't have. They view art not merely as a talent, but as a skill that can, and should be learned by all children. **The cost is \$60.00 per 6 weeks and includes all materials.** For more information, please call 954-647-6403.

SENIORS OPEN PLAY



MONDAYS, 12:30 – 4:00, Enjoy social games of bridge. For more information, call Bernice Ross, game organizer at 954-389-8756.

THURSDAYS, 12:30 – 3:30, Open games of the classic game of Mahjong. For more information, call game organizer Sandy Greene at 954-446-6299.

The Weston Community Center is located at 20200 Saddle Club Road inside the Weston Regional Park.

For more information on all classes and programs at the Community Center, click [here](http://www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/Class_Schedule.pdf) http://www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/Class_Schedule.pdf or call 954-389-4321