



## LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR WESTON'S OWN - DEPUTY KARI PALLOTTO

Deputy Kari Pallotto of the Broward Sheriff's Office Weston District was selected as Law Enforcement Officer of the Year by the Broward County Chiefs of Police Association. The Chiefs of Police Association represents all law enforcement agencies in Broward County.

A two page nomination letter was submitted by the Weston District which outlined the numerous activities that Deputy Pallotto is involved in, a great deal which go above and beyond the scope of her duties and volunteering on her own time. Weston Chief of Police Kevin Butler said he felt that it was the overwhelming personal efforts that made Deputy Pallotto the Chiefs Association selection.

Deputy Pallotto serves as the Crime Prevention Practitioner for the City of Weston.



Highlights of the nomination letter include this long list of facts regarding Deputy Pallotto's work, commitment and dedication to the BSO Crime Prevention Unit and the community:

- During a normal work day Kari is responsible for coordinating with residents and officers of the city's 107 registered Homeowner Associations (HOA's).
- Kari is the direct link between law enforcement and Weston citizens. A part of this effort includes providing security surveys to homeowners and business owners in the City to help insure neighborhoods are safe.
- In addition to her daily work, Kari attends a full schedule of HOA meetings several nights a week to keep each

neighborhood up-to-date on happenings in their area, for which she has received a great deal of praise from property managers and residents for her involvement.

- Kari attends career days at the 10 public and 5 private schools located in Weston. She also is involved with the City's Weston University program.
- During the summer Kari hosts a Summer Police Services Academy for students to explore law enforcement career opportunities.





- Kari is responsible for coordinating all requests from organizations to tour the police department and fire rescue station at which time she schedules different displays from specialized units and guest speakers.
- Kari has established 5 different community watch groups, which use residents in their own areas who actively patrol the streets within the community. During the first month of the program burglaries in communities where watch groups were formed dropped dramatically.

- To meet the needs of the community Kari takes time from her weekend to hold neighborhood meetings outside in the community. She has received an outstanding turnout and support. She worked diligently with the City and BSO to develop *“Crime Prevention On Your Corner”*. This program, Kari’s idea, involves a mobile community van with television screens and various multi-media tools which she brings directly into neighborhoods to alleviate parents of having to find babysitters or not be able to attend health and safety programs traditionally offered at a static location like a community center or police station. With the van, Kari shows children videos such as *“Stranger Danger”* while discussing community concerns with the parents. The mobile van also has electronic fingerprinting tools to allow parents to retain records of their child’s fingerprints, DNA and a photograph along with vital information in the event the child goes missing.



- Last year Kari along with her partnership with Joe DiMaggio Hospital formed a *“walking school bus”* program to encourage children and their parents to exercise by walking to school. This program was a great success because it promoted a positive fitness message and reduced traffic throughout the Manatee Bay Elementary School zone.
- Kari was the BSO coordinator for the joint BSO-City of Weston Halloween Safety Expo which consisted of a joint effort from 20 different agencies (Federal/State/Local). This successful event drew a crowd of over 5000 visitors.

- Kari regularly changes her schedule and volunteers to attend different events throughout Broward County. She is responsible for events involving the breast cancer pink police car and on weekends she frequently volunteers her own time to display the car at various locations.



- Kari manages the Citizen Observer Program for the City of Weston, she has 70 volunteers which she trains and meets with monthly.



- In 2011, Kari coordinated the Weston portion of the Special Olympics Torch Run for Broward County, including fund raising events for this charity such as Tip-a-Cop and raffles.
- Recently Kari was selected to represent the Broward Sheriff's Office in traveling around the county working "Operation Medicine Cabinet". At the end of the event she transports the medications to the BSO Crime Lab where they are appropriately destroyed.

Deputy Pallotto has been a law enforcement officer for 12 years working in the detective division, road patrol and narcotic division. Kari has worked in the Weston District for over 8 years and became the city's full time crime prevention deputy in August of 2009.

An exceptional deputy, Kari is also an exceptional mom of two pre-school age children. We have highlighted Kari in the past, including her accomplishments of earning five first place finishes and high-point winner in the Florida State Police and Fire Olympics swimming events.

City Manager John Flint stated "Kari has always served the residents and businesses of Weston with dedication, pride, and professionalism, and now with high distinction. We are very proud of Kari and very fortunate to have her with us in Weston."

Deputy Pallotto will be honored at the December 7, 2011 Chiefs of Police Association Dinner.

Interested in *Crime Prevention on Your Corner* coming to your community?

Contact Deputy Pallotto at 954-389-2030

or

[Kari\\_pallotto@sheriff.org](mailto:Kari_pallotto@sheriff.org)



## FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES GRANT AWARD TO FUND EXPANSION OF CERT PROGRAM

It was just a few weeks ago that the City honored the most recent Weston CERT graduating class and now we have received more good news for expansion of this excellent program. In early November, Fire Chief Bouchillon was notified by the Florida Division of Emergency Management Citizen Corps Office that Weston was one of 53 organizations statewide to be awarded a monetary grant in the amount of \$9,600.00.

The funds will be allocated to expanding the Weston CERT program and will assist the department of reaching their goal of training an additional 40 members in this fiscal year.

Grant applications are reviewed and awarded a numerical score. Applicants who receive scores from 90-100 are awarded 64% of their funding request. We are proud to report that the Weston application earned a score of 96.67, resulting in the \$9,600 grant award.

**Congratulations to Chief Bouchillon and the men and women of the Broward Sheriff's Office Department of Fire Rescue who serve the City of Weston**

**CERT** educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their community and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations.

People who go through CERT training have a better understanding of the potential threats to their home, workplace and community and can take the right steps to lessen the effects of these hazards on themselves, their homes or workplace.

If a disaster happens that overwhelms local response capability, CERT members can apply their training to give critical support to their family, loved ones, neighbors or associates in their immediate area until help arrives. CERT members can also assist with non-emergency projects that improve the safety of the community.



Rotary Club of Weston CERT graduates



Join your neighbors and co-workers in the Weston CERT Program.

Contact the BSO Department of Fire Rescue at **954-389-2015**.

For more information on CERT, visit <http://www.citizencorps.gov/cert/>



## HOLIDAY and ANYTIME - COOKING SAFETY

By Weston Fire Chief Harris Bouchillon

Every holiday season, families gather in the kitchen to spend time together and prepare those delicious dishes that we look forward to enjoying with one another. Although many of us have fond holiday memories and look forward to this time of the year, for many the holidays can become tragic.

**There are more residential fires during the holiday season than during any other time of the year.** Holiday season fires claim more than 500 lives, injure over 2,000 people, and cause almost 1 billion dollars in property damage every year.

**Cooking is the number one cause of holiday fires!** By following these simple safety tips, you can reduce your chances of becoming a holiday season fire statistic:

- Food left unattended cooking on the stove is a common source of fire ignition. With the normal chaos of preparing a large meal for family and friends, it's easy to get distracted and walk away for a few minutes. As a reminder, take a pot holder with you when you leave the kitchen, that you have food still cooking on the stove.
- Pot holders, oven mitts, wooden and plastic utensils, paper and plastic bags, food packaging, and towels *are all flammable*. Keep these items away from your stove top!
- Keep pot and pan handles facing in, toward the wall, to prevent children from reaching and tipping them over. Hot food and liquids that spill onto a child can cause life threatening burn injuries.
- Don't wear loose clothing while you are cooking. Your sleeves can easily ignite on a hot stovetop.



***If your clothes catch fire: stop, drop, and roll!***

***Stop immediately, drop to the ground, and cover your face with your hands.***

***Roll over repeatedly to put out the fire.***

***Call 9-1-1, then cool any burns with cool water for three to five minutes.***

- If you plan to deep fry a turkey, ensure you do it outside, (not in a garage) on a flat, level surface at least ten feet away from your home. Always make sure your turkey is *completely* thawed.
  - Placing a frozen turkey in a hot oil fryer can cause an instantaneous overflow of boiling oil causing significant burn injuries and can easily ignite.
- Make sure you have a fire extinguisher in your kitchen that is rated for all types of fires. These extinguishers can be purchased at most hardware and home improvement stores.

Finally, make sure that you have smoke detectors installed on every level of your home, near your kitchen, and by every bedroom. Test them every month and make sure they have fresh batteries. Smoke detectors save lives! Practicing these very simple safety tips can help you and your families enjoy a safe and memorable holiday together.



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## PROFESSIONAL THEATER FOR KIDS SERIES KICKS OFF WITH "SANTA'S HOLIDAY REVUE"

On **Saturday, December 10, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.** the City of Weston will kick off the Professional Theater for Kids Series with "Santa's Holiday Revue". Santa's Holiday Revue is a fast paced rollicking musical that takes a joyous 'round the world tour of the dances, songs and stories from Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and many more.

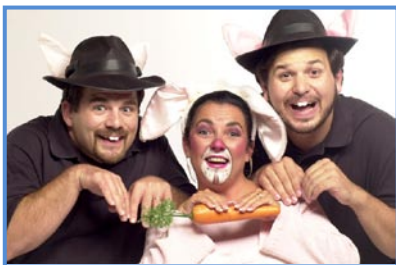


The audience will sing, clap and tap along as they learn new and old traditions, customs and folklore that instill the magic of the season. This wonderful jubilee creates a memorable and heart-warming experience that celebrates the true spirit of cultural diversity.

**Join Santa and his helpers at the Cypress Bay Theater located at 18600 Vista Park Boulevard, Weston, Florida. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$10 at the door. Parking is plentiful and free.**

**For more information or to purchase tickets in advance to "Santa's Holiday Revue" or upcoming performances, please call or visit the Weston Community Center 954-389-4321 (20200 Saddle Club Road).**

### *Upcoming Professional Theater for Kids Performances:*



**Saturday, February 11, 2012  
THE VELVETEEN RABBIT**

A musical adaptation of one of the most popular children's stories of all time. A nursery filled with toys and their dreams of being real, comes to life.



**Saturday, April 14, 2012  
THE UGLY DUCKLING**

Born bigger and different than the other hatchlings, the ugly duckling is eventually shunned by the entire barnyard and embarks on a journey filled with hilarious hi-jinks to discover that the beauty he was seeking was inside him all along.



# BROWARD COUNTY SCHOOLS CLOSED THANKSGIVING WEEK MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> – FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>

*In observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday, all Broward County Public Schools will be closed Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup> thru Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.*



**“Thanksgiving Break Camp”** is available at the Sheinberg Family YMCA of Weston. Kids will enjoy fantastic activities that include: swimming, group games, arts and crafts, fitness, leadership activities and FUN!

Dates: Monday, November 21                      Wednesday, November 23  
Tuesday, November 22                      Friday, November 25

Ages: Kindergarten - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Times: 9am-4pm  
(free am/pm care: 7:30am-9am/4pm-6pm)

Fee: Y Members: \$35/day (\$130 for 4 days)  
Non-Members: \$45/day (\$170 for 4days)

**Register on-line at [www.ymcabroward.org](http://www.ymcabroward.org) or call 954-424-9622**





## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AROUND EVERY CORNER *FORT LAUDERDALE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER AMBASSADORS*



With the busy cruise/winter season approaching, more volunteers are needed. The objective of the Volunteer Ambassador Program is to provide travelers with friendly, informed services and enhance their experience at the airport. They welcome visitors to the Greater Fort Lauderdale area and undoubtedly make an incredibly positive impression. Visitors are introduced to the spirit of the Greater Fort Lauderdale area with friendly, outgoing and caring service. Volunteer ambassadors should be able to work well with people, assist others, possess good communication skills, and be reliable and committed individuals who are physically able to meet the demands of working in a dynamic and spacious airport environment.



**Volunteers should be 16 years of age or older. Shifts are available seven days a week between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. There is a minimum of one, four-hour shift a week.**

### Volunteer Duties Include:

- Responding to inquiries for flight information and assistance
- Providing information on accessing airport services and navigating the terminals
- Assisting staff with special events
- Passing along customer comments
- Answering questions on transportation, hotel, dining and shopping options

### Volunteer Benefits Include:

- Discounts on airport gift or food items
- Free parking in the employee parking lot
- Free coffee, tea, hot cocoa and snacks
- Free parking in the airport garage
- Special recognition, functions, and service awards
- Work with a wonderful group of people

**To apply, print and then complete the forms below.**

<http://www.broward.org/Airport/Community/Documents/Newapplication062911.pdf>

<http://www.broward.org/Airport/Community/Documents/rmi00420.pdf>

**The Volunteer Coordinator will call you after receiving the forms. You can meet with the Volunteer Coordinator and attend an orientation class. For more information, please call the Airport Volunteer Coordinator at 954-359-2589 or email [VolunteerFLL@broward.org](mailto:VolunteerFLL@broward.org).**

**Fax (954-359-0027), or mail the completed forms to:**

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR  
Broward County Aviation Department  
100 Aviation Boulevard  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315



## BE WASTE-WISE *TIPS FOR WASTE PREVENTION AT HOME*

There are several ways to reduce waste in the home. **Every week Broward residents produce about 28 pounds of trash.** As a resident of Broward County, here is a list of things you can do to reduce waste in your home. By putting this list into practice it can become a habit. Following this list can lead to a better, brighter future.

- Donate or sell items in good condition to thrift, non profit or exchange programs.
- Buy items that can be recycled.
- Buy items in bulk and with less packaging.
- Donate your white goods (i.e. refrigerators, stoves, washers, dryers, air conditioners).
- Reuse retreaded tires.
- When shopping, use reusable bags.
- Turn your plastic bags back into the store for recycling.
- Use water-saving devices in the home.
- Choose durable, reusable goods (for example, don't buy disposable razors, use razors that have replacement blades).
- Eliminate the use of paper plates and foam cups. Wash and reuse ceramic plates and mugs.
- Use cloth napkins.
- Wrap gifts in cartoons or old maps.
- Use rechargeable batteries.
- Borrow, rent or share items that you use infrequently.
- Buy products made out of recycled materials.

***Recycle all electronics that cannot be donated (TV's, monitors, CPU's, ect.).***



Broward County offers a FREE Electronics Disposal Program for residents. County drop-off locations include Pompano Beach – 2780 N. Powerline Road and West Park – 5601 W. Hallandale Beach Blvd. Both locations are open every Friday and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

***For more information, please call 954-765-4999.***



## UPCOMING EVENTS



**NOW – December 10, 2011**

### **Get Fit Weston**

Get Fit Weston is back for the second year and better than ever. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Weston and the City of Weston this fitness initiative is amazing but true, and for a good cause too! For just \$20, you can choose from 44 workout programs every week provided by 11 great fitness centers. Choose one class or take them all!

**Fitness Partners:** The YMCA of Broward County, Ultimate Sports Institute, Midtown Athletic Club, Orange Theory Fitness, Billy Beck III, CrossFit Ripped, Weston Yoga, Z's Bike and Fitness, The Gridiron Club, Kidokinetics and Fitness 21.

**Classes offered include:** Cardio training, boot camp, water fitness, spinning, circuit training, family training, fight club, body pump, Zumba, bike ride, yoga, Step class and more! Sign up today at [www.getfitweston.com](http://www.getfitweston.com).



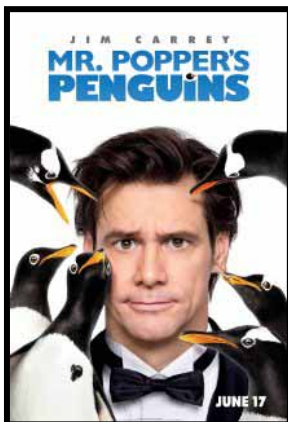
**Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 1:30PM**

### **Santa's Holiday Revue**

*Professional theater for children*

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**Tickets are \$5.00 in advance, \$10 at the door.** Pre-sale tickets are sold at the Weston Community Center. The performance is held at Cypress Bay High School.



**Saturday, December 10, 2011 – 7:30PM**

### **Moonlight Movie in the Park – MR. POPPER'S PENGUINS**

The life of a businessman begins to change after he inherits six penguins, and as he transforms his apartment into a winter wonderland, his professional side starts to unravel. FREE event. Bring lawn chairs or blankets and relax. Full-length feature films are projected onto a giant inflatable screen.

The movie will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the event stage in **Weston Regional Park**, 20200 Saddle Club Road. For more information, please call 954-389-4321.



**Sunday, December 11, 2011 – 6:30AM**

**Run for Tomorrow  
Half Marathon & 5K Run/Walk**

This annual Half Marathon and 5K Run/Walk sponsored by the Rotary Club of Weston and Billy Beck III is co-sponsored by the City of Weston begins at 6:30AM at the Weston Town Center

**5K Run:** 8 and under, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-19 with 5 year groupings to 80 and over

**Half Marathon:** 19 and under, 20-24 with 5 year groupings to 80 and over.

Click link to register: <http://www.active.com/running/weston-fl/weston-rotary-run-for-tomorrow-2011#Summary>



**Sunday, December 11, 2011 – 9:00AM**

**Mayor's Get Fit Challenge Cup Walk**

All Weston elementary students are invited to participate in a special 1-mile *Mayor's Challenge Walk*. The "Mayor's Get Fit Challenge Cup" and a \$500 check will be awarded to the school with the most participants.

**Register online today** at [www.getfitweston.com](http://www.getfitweston.com)

The Mayor's Challenge Walk takes place at the Weston Town Center.

**How can students walk?**

\$15 registration fee includes numbered race bib, T-shirt and after-walk breakfast. *\*Parent or guardian is permitted to walk with their child for free but will not receive a race packet or breakfast*

**How can adult family & friends walk?**

\$20 registration fee includes numbered race bib, T-shirt, after-walk breakfast **AND** the Get Fit Program benefits.



**Sunday, December 11, 2011 9AM-2PM**

**Get Fit Fest  
Weston Town Center**

Stay for the Fun! Weston's Health & Wellness Festival. A day full of free activities for kids, adults & families, including over 40 exhibitors, demonstrations and live entertainment.



**Monday, December 12, 2011**

**Weston Foreign Film Series – Si Puo Fare**

Nello loses his job and ends up managing a group of ex-mental patients. When they are denied psychiatric help, he invents new occupational roles for each of them. This film walks a fine line between farce and compassion, and comedy and drama. Italy/2008/110 Minutes.

**Movies will be at 5:00 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. at the Weston 8 Cinema. Tickets are \$7 per film. All foreign Language films have English subtitles.**  
**Ticket Sales:** Available at the Weston Community Center (checks only), Community Bank of Broward (cash/checks), and the Friends Book Store (cash/check) in the Weston Branch Library.  
**For information on single tickets, please visit [www.artscouncilwestonfl.com](http://www.artscouncilwestonfl.com) or call 954-389-4321.**