



## Weston ranks No. 1 in Nationwide Housing Market According to Bloomberg Businessweek Survey

Weston residents have yet another reason to smile. The recent Bloomberg Businessweek survey of 1,000 largest cities nationwide landed Weston, FL in the top spot for largest gains in home values. In an economy where values are continuing to drop at record levels, Weston has seen a 15.1 percent increase from February 2009 to August 2011.

Posted below is the summary on Businessweek.com and a link to the complete article. In the article, a real estate agent interviewed for thoughts on Weston's success, credited the meticulous landscaping.

Weston's City leaders however credit their "stay the course" philosophy. This philosophy was enacted to stabilize the tax rate, minimize the use of reserves and maintain, even during lean economic times, the City infrastructure and service levels, to keep Weston as one of the most desirable municipalities in the region. A link to the FY2012 adopted budgets which outline this philosophy are posted below.

### **Bloomberg Businessweek**

#### **No. 1 Best Housing Market: Weston, Fla.**

**Percent change:** 15.1

**MSA:** Miami-Fort Lauderdale

**Population:** 65,333

The country's top-performing housing market since President Obama took office: Weston, a luxury community near the Everglades in the Fort Lauderdale area. The city has been home to such pro athletes as former White Sox player José Canseco and the Florida Marlins' Hanley Ramirez, according to real estate news site blockshopper.com. From April 2008 to April 2011, the population grew about 5 percent, estimates the University of Florida [Bureau of Economics & Business Research](#). In 2006 Businessweek.com ranked Weston one of "[The Best Affordable Suburbs](#)" in the U.S. The median home value in the city was \$280,000 in August, according to the [Zillow Home Value Index](#), and as of Aug. 31, the median sale price was \$335,000.

**Read the entire Businessweek story:**

<http://www.businessweek.com/lifestyle/not-every-real-estate-market-is-struggling-10212011.html>

**The City of Weston Fiscal Year 2012 Adopted Budgets:**

[http://www.westonfl.org/media/docs/budget/FY2012\\_Adopted\\_Budget.pdf](http://www.westonfl.org/media/docs/budget/FY2012_Adopted_Budget.pdf)



## Rotary Club of Weston CERT Graduates *Community Emergency Response Team*

The most recent *Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)* training program was initiated in partnership with the Rotary Club of Weston. The first of 8 training sessions began in July 2011 with Fire Chief Harris Bouchillon as the lead instructor and Rotarian Larry Herman as club CERT leader. The team completed 24 hours of training in the areas of building construction, fire suppression, first aid, terrorism response, disaster psychology and disaster preparedness.



The program culminated with the graduation of 24 members who were recognized by the City Commission and presented with their certificates of completion at the October 17, 2011 City Commission meeting. CERT was a perfect fit for the Rotarians who pledge to provide service to others.

The Weston program has been in existence since 2006 and graduates will join current Weston CERT team members. **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.



Interested in more information on CERT, visit <http://www.citizencorps.gov/cert/> or contact the BSO Department of Fire Rescue at **954-389-2015**.

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*The Nation's Premiere Municipal Corporation<sup>sm</sup>*



## 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 28th  
6:00pm – 9:00pm

**WHERE:** Tequesta Trace Park

*Be sure to wear your cutest or spookiest costume and bring a bag for goodies.*

### Event Highlights

- There will be live entertainment and plenty of kid oriented activities including an obstacle course, arts and crafts activities and photo spot!
- The Broward Sheriff's Office will have helicopters, fire engines and rescue trucks, police motorcycle units, SWAT and the presidential limousine all on display!
- In addition, the Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital will be providing activities such as a teddy bear clinic and character appearances.





## TRICK OR TREATING SAFETY TIPS

### Keep your Halloween celebrations hauntingly happy with these safety tips:



- An adult should always accompany children as they trick-or-treat.
- Plan and discuss the route children will take, and their return time, and make sure they stick to it.

- **Costumes** - should be made of flame retardant material. If they are home-made, make sure and use either a fire retardant spray or fabric that has been treated with fire retardant.

- If your child is wearing a mask, make sure that

the eye holes are big enough to see not only in front but peripherally as well. You may have to cut them open further yourself. If so, use some black or gray grease paint around the eye socket to cover skin.

- Have children carry flashlights or glow sticks for easier visibility, or place reflective tape on their costume.
- Ensure children stop only at houses that are well-lit, and teach them NEVER to enter the home of a stranger.
- Insist that treats be brought home for inspection before anything is eaten. Don't let children eat anything that is unwrapped or seems unusual. **When in doubt, throw it out.**
- Pin a slip of paper to the costumes of younger children listing the child's name, address and telephone number in the event the child is separated from the group with which they are traveling.
- Turn on your home's exterior lights and remove any objects from your walkway that may be a hazard to trick-or-treaters. Place jack-o-lanterns out-of-reach so children won't burn themselves or their costumes. Tell your neighbors to do the same.
- If possible, send children trick-or-treating before dark.
- Be aware of suspicious activity. Report any concerns to BSO at 954-765-4321.



## 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 spooky spirit of the day*

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.

Dogs and cats should not 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.



## Fire Prevention Month Activities Abound



A total of 260 preschool students, ages 2 to 5 years old, received fire safety education at the Cambridge Schools of Weston on October 19th.

The children really enjoyed getting to see Firefighter Miguel Perez (pictured) dress in his bunker gear and hear the 'funny' way he sounds when breathing with his air tanks on. The children then practiced calling "I'm over here" when the firefighter calls for them, and promised to never hide from a firefighter.

Throughout the month of October, Life Safety Educators with the Broward Sheriff's Office have been conducting various events at Weston area schools in conjunction with on-duty fire fighters. Additionally, the Halloween Safety Expo on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at Tequesta Trace Park from 6-9PM will offer equipment demonstrations and an opportunity for attendees to speak with the fire fighters that work each day to keep our community safe.



**TIME IS TICKING BY... GET FIT is available until  
December 10, 2011**



**\$2,000 Worth of Training**  
**Cost: \$20**  
**Health Value: Priceless**

The City of Weston has proudly partnered again for 2011 with the Rotary Club of Weston in the Get Fit Weston health and fitness initiative.

Anyone who registers will be able to access training programs, classes, and online education that will help you to adopt a healthier lifestyle and become more physically fit.

### **More Fitness Partners!**

This year there is an array of **11** incredible fitness partners.

**44** Workout Programs Every Week - There is no limit on how many sessions you can attend; choose one, five or go for gold and go everyday!

More activities will be posted in the future and at each fitness partner.

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

**Register Today:** [www.getfitweston.com](http://www.getfitweston.com)

### **Goals:**

- Stimulate awareness and participation by children, adults and businesses in events and activities to adopt healthier lifestyles and become more physically fit.
- Through the registration fee, funding will benefit physical education programs at Weston elementary schools and it will also support local and international charities that help children and families.



## What you get with GetFIT:

- Unlimited Get Fit training classes (at any of the ten athletic clubs)
- A Get Fit T-Shirt
- Contests and promotions
- Free access to online fitness and wellness tips, videos and other materials to help make healthy lifestyle choices
- Sign for just for Get Fit Weston for \$20; **OR**
- With registration for the 14th Annual Run for Tomorrow 5K or Half-Marathon (*your choice*) on December 11, 2011 you get a Get Fit Weston membership for FREE

### ***Sixty days. That's all it takes.***

In just two months, regardless of your current physical condition, you can be in good enough shape to participate in a 5K race! Think it's impossible? Well think again, because your plan for success is right here!

***\$20 Never Got You So Much!***

***38 Workout Programs! 10 Great Fitness Centers!***

Weston organizations have banded together to help achieve a major community goal: **to GetFit**-- all of us, no matter our age or the shape we're in. In just 60 days we'll help you lose weight, eat healthier and become more physically fit. We're making fitness easy and fun for the whole family.

**Sign Up!  
Join In!  
GetFit!**

*To Register, go to:*

[www.getfitweston.com](http://www.getfitweston.com)





## ATTENTION RESIDENTS OF BONAVENTURE MONEY AND WATER SAVING INCENTIVES PROGRAM

For residents residing in the Bonaventure Development District, you are eligible to participate in the Broward Water Conservation Incentives Program.

Under this program, 1,700 rebates will be issued for up to \$100 toward the purchase of a high-efficiency toilet. Take advantage of the rebate - along with the program's other water-conserving freebies - and your household water savings could reach 30,000 gallons annually.

**Rebates must be pre-approved, are limited in quantity, and are available on a first-come, first-served basis.** You must be replacing a toilet that currently uses more than 1.6 gallons per flush and replace it with a High-Efficiency toilet. To find out how many gallons per flush your current toilets use, you may find that information stamped on the space between the toilet seat and the tank or inside the tank itself.

Only one rebate per qualifying household will be authorized. Other restrictions apply. You may also be able to receive a water-conserving showerhead and faucet aerators, too. If you use pre-rinse spray valves in your business, a new one could be yours for free if you qualify.

There will be a limit of 1 kitchen faucet aerator, 2 shower heads and 2 bathroom sink faucet aerators per household. Each household can receive a \$100 rebate for a high efficiency toilet while supplies last.

To see if you qualify, just click on this link and follow the directions <http://www.conservationpays.com/> or call (800) 270-9794.

*The program does not apply to residents in the Indian Trace Development District as the majority of homes were built after the Energy Policy Act went into effect and homes were constructed with toilets that utilized 1.6 gallons per flush or less.*





## CITY OF WESTON TENNIS CENTER EVENTS AND PROGRAMS



### 9<sup>th</sup> Annual City of Weston Tennis Tournament

**October 28-31, 2011**

**Who:** Men and Women's (OPEN 30's, 40's, and 50's) Singles and Doubles. At the Weston Tennis Center located at 16451 Racquet Club Road.

**Cost:** \$33.00 for Singles, \$18 per player for doubles.

**For more information, please contact the Weston Tennis Center at 954-389-8666.**

### Tennis 101

Get your game started at the Weston Tennis Center with a beginner clinic series AND Wilson Racquet Package. Session choices are Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. or Fridays 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**Cost:** \$135.00 (includes 6 week clinic and Wilson Racket).

**You MUST pre-register for this series. To sign up contact Reza Tompsett at 954-389-8666 or email [r.tompsett@cliffdrysdale.com](mailto:r.tompsett@cliffdrysdale.com).**



The Weston Tennis Center is a spacious, 16-court facility that includes 15 hydro-clay courts and one championship hard court. The Center is equipped with men's and women's showers, lockers, covered patio area for pre- and post-match relaxation and a fully stocked pro shop offering a variety of rackets, shoes, and clothing for sale.

The Weston Tennis Center is located at 16541 Racquet Club Road  
954-389-8666, [www.cliffdrysdale.com](http://www.cliffdrysdale.com)



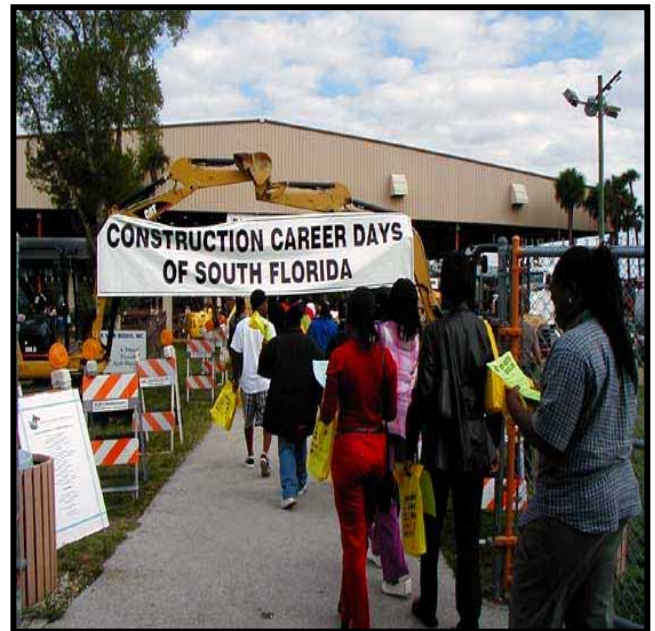
## BROWARD COUNTY OFFERS CONSTRUCTION CAREER DAYS

*Broward High School students will have the opportunity to learn about different jobs in the construction sector.  
October 25 and 26, 2011*

**South Florida Construction Career Days** is a program sponsored by the Florida Department of Transportation, The Florida Transportation Builder's Association and the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration.

High school students spend the day exploring a wide variety of construction and transportation careers by participating in various learning labs ranging from asphalt design and operating a bucket truck to completing resumes, applications and even developing their interview skills.

Construction companies, engineering firms, schools, state agencies, professional and trade organizations, all collaborate to provide the students with an introduction to various aspects of construction.



For more information, visit [www.ccdfi.com](http://www.ccdfi.com) or contact Cindy Griffin, Career, Technical, Adult and Community Education at 754-321-8423.



## UPCOMING EVENTS



**Friday, October 28, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.**

### **Halloween Safety Expo**

**Tequesta Trace Park, 600 Indian Trace**

Sponsored by the City of Weston and the Broward Sheriff's Office this entertaining, action-packed, safe Trick-or-Treating event is **FREE** and don't forget to wear your cutest or spookiest costume. Be sure to bring a bag for goodies! There will be entertainment, bounce houses and plenty of kid oriented activities such as an Obstacle Course, Arts and Crafts activities and much more! Public Safety vehicles include helicopters, fire engines and rescue trucks, police motorcycle units, SWAT and marine units.



**Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 8PM**

### **Symphony of the Americas - Cirque de la Symphonie**

**Cypress Bay Theater, 18600 Vista Park Blvd., Weston**

The Symphony of the Americas Orchestra performs familiar classics with internationally-acclaimed cirque performers.

Tickets \$20 in advance / \$30 at the door  
Students: \$10 in advance / \$15 door

Available now at the Weston Community Center, 954-389-4321.





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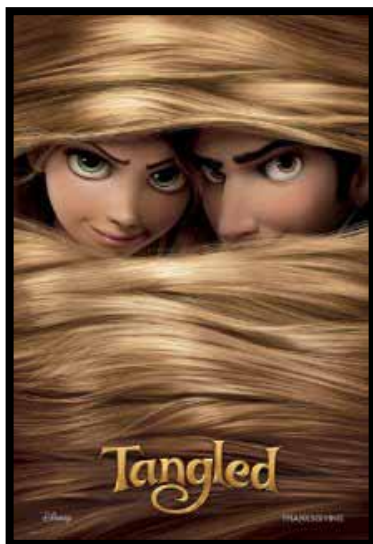
**Sunday, October 30, 2011 at 11:00AM – 4PM**  
**YMCA Fiesta – Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month**

**Sheinberg Family YMCA, in the Regional Park**

People of all ethnicities will come together to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month. The diverse Hispanic-Latino Community will assemble to celebrate their wide-ranging traditions. The celebration includes performances of

folklore dance from many Latin American Countries and various Latin American arts & crafts. Then at 3 p.m. help break the **Guinness Book of World Record's largest Zumba class record!** Whether you know how to Zumba or not, bring your friends and family to the FIESTA for this fun and free class.

*Delicious ethnic Latin American dishes will be available from local vendors.*



**Saturday, November 5, 2011 7:30 p.m.**

**Moonlight Movie in the Park – TANGLED**

**Weston Regional Park Event Stage**

Kick back and relax – the movies are on us! The City of Weston presents **FREE Monthly Movies in the Park**. On Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will present *Tangled*: The magically long-haired Rapunzel has spent her entire life in a tower, but now that a runaway thief has stumbled upon her, she is about to discover the world for the first time, and who she really is.

Bring lawn chairs and relax, *The Movie is on Us!*

**Full-length feature films are projected onto a giant inflatable screen.** At the event stage in Weston Regional Park located at 20200 Saddle Club Road.