



July 3, 2012

## DEPUTY KARI PALLOTTO GOLD MEDALS TO ADD TO AWARDS WALL



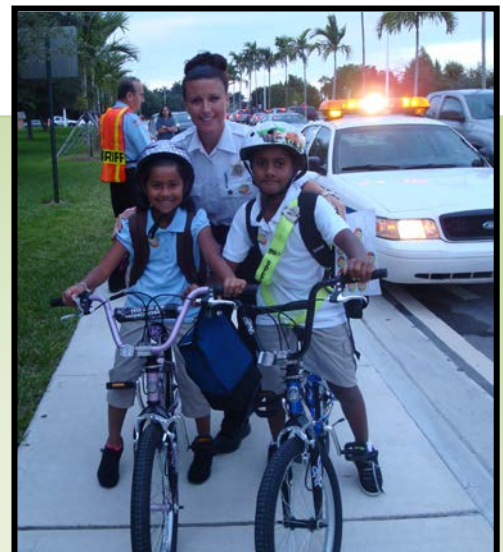
While we're not sure where Deputy Pallotto displays all of the awards she has received over the years, what we do know is that she has to make room for even more. Kari won three gold and one silver medal in swimming events at the 2012 Florida Police and Fire Games, setting a new record in the 25 meter race.

*The Florida Police and Fire Games were established in 1985. They are open to Florida law enforcement, firefighters, and military personnel (active duty, reserves, National Guard and retirees from all military branches). More than 2,600 competitors representing agencies from around the state competed in over 45 Olympic-style sporting events. Held each year in the third full week of June, this year's events took place at venues on the Treasure Coast in Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee and St. Lucie counties. The games will be held in Fort Lauderdale in 2013.*

Deputy Pallotto serves as the Crime Prevention Practitioner for the City of Weston. She is a 12 year law enforcement veteran and has served in the Weston District for the last eight years. Over the past 12 months Deputy Pallotto was nominated for the Community Policing Officer of the Year Award in 2011, presented the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award by the Broward County Chiefs of Police Association, and the Officer of the Year for Community Policing just this month by the ASIS Fort Lauderdale Chapter. Kari has numerous other awards and has consistently won medals each year in the Police Olympics. **Congratulations!**

### THE FOLLOWING CRIME PREVENTION AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE:

- Crime Prevention and Personal Safety programs for your group or organization – such as Self-Defense for Women; Drug, Bullying and Gun Safety and others.
- Fingerprinting available to residents each day 7AM-7PM
- Children's Fingerprinting at events
- Bicycle Registration - [Click here](#)
- HomeWatch program - [Click here](#)
- LoJack SafetyNet – a tool for caregivers
- Bicycle Rodeo Safety Programs
- Crime Prevention/Security Inspections for homes and businesses – call for appointment
- Residential Pool Safety Inspections – call for appointment
- Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) etching and verification – by appointment



Call 954-389-2030 or 954-389-2010 for an appointment or information



## 2012 WESTON HOMETOWN JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> 5K Run/Walk and Hometown Parade

**7:00AM – 5K RUN/Walk:** On Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> the morning festivities kick off with a **5K Run/Walk**, sponsored by the City of Weston and Broward Health Weston, beginning at 7 a.m. at Weston Town Center. Registration in advance is \$15; race day registration is \$25 available the morning of the race.



The race will begin at Town Center and go east on Three Village Road to Indian Trace. The route then heads west on Indian Trace to Town Center Blvd. then south, returning to Three Village Road and ending back at the Town Center. Detailed information and downloadable application are available on-line at [www.splitsecondtiming.com](http://www.splitsecondtiming.com).

**"Celebrating We The People" is the theme of the 2012 parade**

**10:30AM – PARADE:** Join us later that morning for the **City of Weston 4th of July Hometown Parade!** Participants including local businesses, civic groups, schools, bands, organizations and residents gather to march in Weston's biggest and most exciting event.

**Grand Marshal(s):** *This year the Grand Marshals will be picked from the crowd!* At approximately 10AM, staff will be scanning the crowd for a family or group of up to 6 people who are showcasing the spirit of holiday in how they are dressed or made up. We also suggest a sign or poster stating "pick me" or "I want to be a Grand Marshal" so we know you are interested. Those selected will ride on the Grand Marshal float.

The Parade begins promptly at 10:30 am at the corner of Town Center Blvd. and Three Village Road, continuing east on Three Village Road to Bonaventure Blvd. heading south briefly to Bell Tower Lane, and winding through Town Center to the heart of Main Street.

The theme of this year's parade is **"Celebrating We The People."**

Contact the Weston Community Center with any questions at 954-389-4321.





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## WESTON'S ANNUAL JULY 4<sup>th</sup> HOMETOWN CELEBRATION

### TEMPORARY TRAFFIC DELAYS AND LANE CLOSURES

To minimize traffic delays and any inconvenience to motorists, please note the following temporary lane closures:

#### **7:00AM – 5K RUN/WALK**

The 5K Run/Walk, sponsored by the City of Weston and Broward Health Weston begins at 7 a.m. at Weston Town Center and surrounding roadways.

#### **Temporary Lane Closures from 6:00 am - 8:00 am**

Town Center Blvd.: from Town Center Circle to Three Village Road  
Three Village Road: closed east bound between Town Center Blvd. to Indian Trace  
Indian Trace: from Three Village Road to Town Center Blvd.  
Town Center Blvd: from Indian Trace to Three Village Road

#### **10:30AM – PARADE:**

The City of Weston 4th of July Hometown Parade starts at Three Village and Town Center Roads, east to Bonaventure Blvd and concludes along Main Street in Town Center

#### **Temporary Lane Closures from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm**

Town Center Blvd.: north & south bound, between Town Center Circle and Indian Trace  
Three Village Road: closed east bound, between Town Center Blvd. and Bonaventure Blvd  
Bonaventure Blvd.: south bound, between Three Village Road and Bell Tower Lane

There will be NO fireworks display put on by the City of Weston.  
On Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, all City parks will remain open until 6 p.m.

**We look forward to seeing you at the Run and the Parade  
and Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!**



## INDEPENDENCE DAY THE HISTORY AND MEANING BEHIND THE NATION'S BIRTHDAY



Independence Day, commonly known as the Fourth of July, is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.

During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the Thirteen Colonies from Great Britain occurred on July 2, 1776, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia. After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the Declaration of Independence, a statement explaining this decision, which had been prepared by a committee of five, with Thomas Jefferson as its principal author. Congress debated and revised the Declaration, finally approving it on July 4.

John Adams had written to his wife Abigail shortly after the Declaration had been approved:

"The second day of July 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more."

Though a couple days off, John Adams had correctly guessed how our Independence day is celebrated around the country. Firework displays, festivals, barbecue's and many other fine American traditions help us to ring in yet another year of American Independence.



To this day, the original Declaration of Independence can be seen in the National Archives. The rough draft can be found in the Library of Congress. To read a copy click <http://www.ushistory.org/Declaration/document/>.



## FOURTH OF JULY PET SAFETY

### Pet owners are advised to be cautious during holiday activities



The upcoming Fourth of July holiday is marked by all kinds of celebrations, activities and food that can be fun for your family, but Broward County Animal Care and Adoption offers some important tips to ensure that the Fourth of July is also a safe holiday for your pet.

The bottom line, says Dr. Johnston, is to have a safe and fun holiday weekend and summer. "It's natural to want to include your pet in activities, but the best celebration will be one where your pet is on its normal routine, away from all of the noise and festivities so that they remain healthy, happy and safe."

#### **Top Five July 4th Safety Tips for Pets:**

1. Keep your pet inside the house away from fireworks and loud noises. Do not leave them out in the yard.
2. Keep your pet safely away from hot grills, charcoal and lighter fluid. Sunscreen, insect repellent, citronella candles and oil are also harmful to your pet.
3. Do not feed your pet "people food" or alcohol.
4. If your pet ingests a poisonous substance, contact your local veterinarian right away or the Animal Poison Control Center at 1-888-426-4435. The center is open 24/7.
5. Make sure your dog or cat has a Broward County Pet Registration Tag and that it wears this identification at all times. It is the easiest way to ensure your pet will be reunited with you if it becomes lost.



Broward County Animal Care and Adoption is dedicated to providing shelter for lost and homeless animals. The agency provides access to hundreds of shelter pets hoping for a new home. Broward County Animal Care and Adoption is dedicated to providing shelter for lost and homeless animals. The agency provides access to hundreds of shelter pets hoping for a new home. For more information about the agency or Pet Registration Tag suppliers, visit [broward.org/animal](http://broward.org/animal).



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## CHLORINATION WATER TREATMENT

July 2 – July 20, 2012

The City of Sunrise maintains the highest quality standards to provide clean, safe drinking water to its customers, which includes the City of Weston. From **July 2 through July 20**, the Utilities Department will use chlorine in its drinking water treatment system to provide additional protection against bacteria.

### **What is Chlorination Water Treatment?**

This temporary treatment of the water system is common practice for water suppliers that use a chlorine treatment method. This periodic program is mandated by the Broward County Health Department.

This procedure does not cause any adverse health effects. However, some individuals may notice a slight change in the taste, odor or color of the water during this time.



For more information regarding the City of Sunrise's treatment system, please visit: [www.sunrisefl.gov](http://www.sunrisefl.gov) or call (954) 888-6000.



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## FLOOD WATER FACTS ANYWHERE IT CAN RAIN, IT CAN FLOOD

**South Florida has two seasons: wet and dry.** We are now in the 5-month stretch of wet weather that brings 70 percent of our yearly rainfall. However, this time of year also brings short periods of intense rainfall when flooding can occur. Only Flood Insurance will pay for damage caused by water so check your policy updates. Historically one-in-five claims come from areas considered moderate-to-low risk.

### ***Some facts on rainfall amounts and flooding:***

#### **4 - 6 inches of rainfall in 24 hours**

Water remains standing in yards, swales and ditches, but the crowns of roads remain passable

#### **7 -10 inches of rainfall in 72-hours**

Roads, as well as swales, ditches and yards flood, but buildings usually remain dry.

#### **10–20 inches of rainfall in 72 hours**

Many houses and businesses can be expected to flood.

Weston's water bodies and canals were designed to hold and move stormwater. Stormwater is excess rain runoff that is removed from our properties and streets by going down into catch basins and prevents flooding.

A catch basin is a part of a storm drain or sewer system which is designed to trap debris so that it cannot enter the drainage pipes. Catch basins are a large scale version of the traps used in home drains to accomplish a similar function. Unobstructed water flow through these drains and water bodies, especially during storm events, is essential to prevent flooding.



### **WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP –**

- Keep catch basins free of trash, debris or other obstructions which will inhibit water from being able to flow into it and cause flooding. **NEVER** remove the grate, this protects people and pets from falling into the drain and keeps large amounts of debris out of the system which would increase the chance of flooding.
- Maintain swale areas in good condition. Don't change the shape of swales or obstruct the path of water flow.
- Swales hold water for 24-36 hours. They are designed to hold water and filter it through into the ground. Mosquitoes do not breed until water ponds for over 72 hours.
- Don't deposit yard waste, grass clippings or debris in waterways, and do not sweep into catch basins.

**REMINDER FOR THOSE IN A GATED COMMUNITY:** Roadways and their drainage systems within private communities are owned and maintained by the community's maintenance association, not the City of Weston.



## FLOOD WATERS RISING HOW TO KEEP FROM *DROWNING* YOUR CAR



No matter how familiar you might be with the road, never drive through standing water – at any depth – as it could cause serious damage to your vehicle. Potential damage could include the risk of flooding its engine, warping brake rotors, disabling power steering and causing a short in the electrical components of the car.



Each can cost thousands of dollars to repair and may not be covered by your auto insurance. (A flooded vehicle falls under comprehensive coverage, which you may not be required to carry.)

During Tropical storms or other severe weather it is basic common sense that if you don't need to be on the road, stay put and wait it out. The depth of standing water can be deceiving and might be deeper than you think.

### THREE FLOOD FAST FACTS:



1. As little as one foot of water can “float” most vehicles.
2. Two feet of rushing water can sweep away most vehicles – including SUVs and Pick-ups.
3. Repair costs for damage caused by driving through standing water can range from several hundred to several thousand dollars.







## WESTON BRANCH LIBRARY The Weston Friends Recognized

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At the annual Broward County Friends of the Library Awards 2012 Luncheon in June, the Weston Branch Friends were awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Achievement for the Provision of Computer, i-Pod, i-Phone, e-Reader, and Digital Photography Workshops.



To fund these and many additional services, the Weston Friends raise funds by selling new and nearly new books, books on CDs, CDs, videos and magazines in their Friends Book Shop located just inside the entrance of Weston Branch Library.



Ongoing services they provide include book fairs, special programs/classes/workshops, volunteer recognition dinners, holiday celebrations for library staff, and financial support for Broward County Library staff development such as attendance at Florida Library Association conferences. The Friends participate in city and county special events during the year, and the summer-long Florida Library Youth Program and several other public library programs for young people are supported by the Friends.



**Photos:** Top Left: L-R, Weston Friends Lexie Cohen and Moni Habib accept award on behalf of the group. Top Right: Certificate of Appreciation. Middle Right: Luncheon Bottom Right: State Representative Franklin Sands.



**The Weston Friends of the Library**, was founded in 1993 and continues today to support library projects and serve as a catalyst for library advocacy.

### THE FRIENDS INVITE YOU

to join the Friends of the Weston Branch Library.

\$20.00 - Contributing • \$50.00 - Sponsor • \$100.00 - Patron  
954-389-2098

**Remember: Good Friends make Great Libraries!**

Broward County Library - Weston Branch  
4205 Bonaventure Boulevard



## AARP SAFE DRIVING COURSE FOR MATURE ADULTS

The City of Weston is offering AARP's 55 Alive/Mature Driving Program. This is a six (6) hour classroom session designed as a refresher course in safe driving.

The course is available to anyone 50 and over. A reduction in automobile insurance premium is allowed to each person 55 and over, by most insurance companies when the course is completed and the driver has a safe driving record.



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| <b>DATE:</b>     | <b><u>Wednesday, July 11, 2012</u></b>   |
| <b>TIME:</b>     | 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  |
| <b>LOCATION:</b> | Weston Police Services Building<br>17300 Royal Palm Boulevard, Weston                                |
| <b>REGISTER:</b> | Advance registration is required<br><b>To register, call Sonny<br/>at 954-385-9920</b>               |
| <b>COST:</b>     | \$12.00 AARP members<br>\$14.00 non-members<br><b>*THIS SESSION ONLY:<br/>\$5 FEE FOR EDUCATORS*</b> |

Please bring a bagged lunch and  
AARP members should bring their card.



## “PURR PARADISE”

### Broward County Animal Care debuts new cat room

**Shelter is open for adoptions on July 4th from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

Broward County Animal Care will be open for pet adoptions on Wednesday, July 4, from 1 to 4 p.m., at 1870 S.W. 39 St. in Fort Lauderdale. In honor of the day, special July 4 refreshments will be served.

As part of the festivities, Animal Care will also debut a new cat exhibit, where customers can interact with adoptable cats in an open-room, cage-free environment. Called “Purr Paradise,” the area will allow visitors to play and engage with lovable cats in need of a home.



“We are very excited about our new free-roaming cat room,” said Karen Koenig, administrator, Broward County Animal Care and Adoption. “Allowing the cats the freedom to interact openly with potential adopters gives both the cat and the public the opportunity to get to know each other better and result in a happy adoption.”



Broward County Animal Care and Adoption is dedicated to providing shelter for lost and homeless animals. The agency provides access to hundreds of shelter pets hoping for a new home. Please prevent unwanted animals and have your pet spayed or neutered.

#### **Adoptions, Reclaim or Drop off:**

Tuesday through Friday: 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### **Clinic Hours:**

Tuesday through Friday, 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.

(for rabies vaccination only - no appointment is necessary)

Tuesday through Friday, 4:30 to 6 p.m.

(for newly adopted pets - by appointment only)



For more information visit: [www.broward.org/animal](http://www.broward.org/animal)



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## FLORIDA TOLL ROADS IMPLEMENT RATE INCREASE



Get ready to pay more money if you drive Florida's Turnpike, Alligator Alley, Sawgrass Expressway and other toll roads. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) implemented toll rate indexing on all of its toll roads and bridges on Sunday, June 24th.

Tolls went up by a quarter at most locations for both cash and SunPass customers. Alligator Alley drivers will see a bigger increase. SunPass customers have not had a toll rate increase since the program began in 1999. **SunPass customers will always enjoy the lowest toll rate on any facility.**

At main turnpike plazas like Cypress Creek in Broward County tolls will go from 75 cents to \$1.00 for drivers with SunPass and \$1.00 to \$1.25 for cash customers. On Alligator Alley, motorists will pay \$2.75 with SunPass and \$3.00 with cash.

**WHY:** Revenue from the hike will be leveraged over 30 years to finance about \$1.8 billion in projects. That will allow the turnpike to accelerate plans to convert the turnpike and the Sawgrass Expressway to all-electronic tolling, improve the Golden Glades interchange and widen the turnpike between Homestead and Kendall Drive in south Miami-Dade County.

For more information, please visit <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/>.





## UPCOMING EVENTS

**JULY - Water Meter Replacements in Windmill Ranch Estates.** Water meters in residential communities in the Indian Trace portions of Weston are being systematically replaced. For additional information:

[http://www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/2012\\_Residential\\_Water\\_Meter\\_Replacement.pdf](http://www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/2012_Residential_Water_Meter_Replacement.pdf)

### **CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES CLOSED**

**Wednesday, July 4, 2012**

All City Administrative offices will be closed for the Independence Day holiday.

All City parks will close at 6:00PM.

There will be regular garbage collection and recycling services.



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### **24-HOUR CLOSURE OF I-595 AT UNIVERSITY DRIVE – EAST & WEST BOUND**

**11:30 p.m. Saturday, July 14 until 11:30 p.m. Sunday, July 15. Closures include:**

Eastbound I-595 lanes will be detoured to eastbound SR 84 prior to University Drive for the 24 hour period.

The ramp from southbound University Drive to eastbound I-595.

Northbound and southbound University Drive at I-595.

Westbound SR 84 from SR 7/ US 441 to Pine Island Road (no access to Florida's Turnpike).

Westbound I-595 from University Drive to Pine Island Road.

Eastbound I-595 on-ramps from Weston Road to University Drive.

Florida's Turnpike to westbound I-595 and westbound SR 84 will be closed.

SR 7 / US 441 to westbound I-595 and westbound SR 84 will be closed.



## QUARTERLY RESIDENTIAL BULK PICKUP

**Wed., July 25, Thur., July 26, Fri., July 27. Multi-Family: \*Sat, July 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2012**  
Bulk trash will be picked up **on your regularly scheduled collection day**. Bulk trash must be placed curbside by 7 a.m. For residences with dumpster service, place items alongside dumpster. \*Indicates pick-up for multi-family units (condominiums & apartment complexes). *Occasionally bulk trash is not collected on its regularly scheduled collection day due to heavy volume, if this occurs it will be collected the following day.* For more information, call Weston Public Services at 954-385-2600.

## THINK BEFORE YOU THROW – Consider donating before tossing

Help those in need, keep items out of the waste stream, *and* get a tax deduction. Several national organizations will even pick-up directly from your residence – you don't even have to wait for bulk pick-up day! There are many local, well-established charitable organizations that readily accept donated items.

**From Your home to a New home...**

Don't forget pet shelters, many are in need of sheets and towels on a regular basis.



## SMOKE ALARM AND BATTERY REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

**BSO Weston Fire Rescue** - This program is designed to reach resident seniors or the disabled who are unable to safely install smoke alarms and/or replace the batteries in existing alarms. Please call 954-389-2015 to schedule this FREE service for our Weston residents.



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