



June 2012 CERT Graduates



Community Emergency Response Team

On June 4, 2012 Fire Chief Harris Bouchillon presented the 15 newest members of the Weston *Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)* with their program certificates of completion who were each recognized by the City Commission.

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 Weston program has been in existence since 2006 and graduates will join current Weston CERT team members – now a team of 53 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.



For more information on CERT, visit <http://www.citizencorps.gov/cert/> or contact the BSO Department of Fire Rescue at **954-389-2015** to register for the next class.



CYPRESS BAY GRADUATION A DAY TO REMEMBER & A STUDY IN LOGISTICS

The Class of 2012 at Cypress Bay High School has received a lot of notoriety in recent weeks and TV crews lined up at their graduation at the new Marlins Park as Vice President Joe Biden delivered the commencement address to students of the Bay.

One of just three schools selected by the Vice President, Cypress Bay, according to Principal Scott Neely was an obvious choice due to its stellar reputation. Also the schools 10th anniversary, its academic and athletic accomplishments are impressive to say the least. In his speech to students, Principal Neely cited the astounding statistic that the school of 4,210 students has a graduation rate of 98%, with 97% going on to attend college.

While coverage of the graduation has been extensive, what is also vast is the planning and logistics involved in not only every graduation of a class of nearly 1,000 students, but one complicated by the security measures necessary for the Vice Presidential appearance.



Additional measures included numerous meetings with Marlins Park officials and US Secret Service to hammer out timings, clearances, security and the event program. Anyone that would come into contact with the Vice President had

to provide information for security clearance. Attending parents and guests were advised of strict time restraints for entrance into the Park and security screenings.

Under the finely honed skills of the Cypress Bay administration, the graduation went off with military like precision. Planning for graduation literally begins the day after a graduation ends – it's a year-long process. Graduation tickets along with caps, gowns and cords signifying accomplishments were pre-ordered and handed out. With 963 graduates the seating chart is a hugely complex process as students are not only alphabetized but placed in groups according to awards and accomplishments.



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The seating chart led into the bus assignments. Transportation via 22 charter buses was arranged to ensure all students arrive at the same time. The massive transportation charts were posted for students as they arrived at the school.

Anyone who has lined up a team or organization for an event or photo knows the difficulties – imagine keeping 963 students in the correct order, from the school, to the venue, to their seats, to the podium. A task not for the light of heart.



At the venue, graduation cords, folders and diplomas had been arranged and awaited students; programs printed and distributed; video of the Valedictorian speech was pre-taped, along with other vignettes and speeches. Guests were seated; VIPs greeted; audio visual equipment and staging set up and guest speakers ready to go.



Vice President Biden gave an impassioned 20 minute speech, urging students to dream big, to believe in themselves, and to imagine the progress they will see and achieve in their lifetimes. He spoke on the many momentous changes that he himself has seen during his life and stressed that anything is possible.

The Vice President then took the time to shake the hand of every graduate as they came onstage, all 963, taking almost an hour and fifteen minutes. The graduates also had the



honor of being congratulated by U.S. Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman-Schultz, a Weston resident herself and instrumental in bringing the VP to the graduation.





ARSON AWARENESS CONTEST STUDENT REEP REWARDS

Each year the US Fire Administration proclaims an Arson Awareness Week to focus public attention on the importance of a collaborative effort with fire and emergency service departments, law enforcement, mental health, social services, schools, and juvenile justice to help reduce the occurrence of juveniles engaged with fire. This year's theme was *"Prevent Youth Firesetting"*.

The Juvenile Firesetter Prevention and Intervention Program held its annual arson awareness contest this year, focusing on 3rd to 5th grade students. Students were asked to write poems about how arson hurts people, property, and the community.

On May 29, 2012, the students from Indian Trace Elementary were rewarded for their participation. Weston District Chief, Harris Bouchillon, along with Life Safety Educators Pamela Gorman and Melanie Oren, and the engine crew from Station #67 came out to celebrate.



Travis Denson from the State Fire Marshal brought out arson dog, Ember, for all the children to meet as well. Ember is a canine that has been trained to sniff out minute traces of accelerants that may have been used to start a fire.

Every student won a gift certificate for McDonald's French fries, along with cookies. The first, second, and third prize winning students won gift cards to Wal-Mart and even the winning teacher won a prize: an ACE gift card. We are proud of Ryan Clancy who won the first place award for his school.



PREVENTING YOUTH FIRESETTING THEME OF FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION AT MANATEE BAY

On May 30, 2012 Life Safety Educator, Pamela Gorman, participated in a community outreach event at Manatee Bay Elementary School. A total of 225 fourth grade students received fire safety education. Every year the US Fire Administration deems one week in May as Arson Awareness Week. This year's theme was "Prevent Youth Firesetting".

All of the classes learned about arson and its devastating consequences. Also discussed was how to escape a fire in your home and the difference between 911 and 411-PAIN. The students enjoyed meeting the crew from Engine #55 and seeing their fire apparatus.





BEFORE THE STORM Pet Survival Kit

Hurricane Preparedness – *A Continuing Series*



Prepare Your Hurricane Supplies For Your Pet(s) Now!

As you make your hurricane plans for your family this season, remember to plan for your pet too. Preparing a Pet Survival Kit is key to ensuring that you have enough food and important pet information on hand in case you lose power or must evacuate. The kit /container should be waterproof with a secure plastic lid and include the following:

- A crate or carrier large enough for your pet to stand and turn
- Leashes and collars
- Two-week supply of moist or dry food with manual can opener
- Two-week supply of bottled water (or more if using dry food)
- Water and food dishes
- Extra cat litter, litter pan and puppy training pads (consider the fact that your dog may not be able to "potty" outside during or after a storm)
- Emergency phone numbers for veterinarian, animal shelters and friends/relatives
- Veterinary clinic address and phone number
- Veterinary records with rabies certificate and current Broward County Pet Registration Tag number
- Medications with instructions (ensure you have enough medication on hand before the storm hits as vet offices may be closed and mail will not be delivered)
- Cleaning supplies (newspaper, plastic bags with ties, paper towels, disinfectant)
- A photo of you and your pet together (to help prove the pet is yours), and a photo of the pet by itself, showing any distinguishing marks that will help with identification

For more information on Pet Preparedness please visit
<http://www.westonfl.org/Residents/Hurricane/PetsPoolsGenerators.aspx>



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BUILDBOTS ROBOTICS ACADEMY Part of the Weston Community Center Summer Class Schedule



Explore the magic of **Lego® Robotics** and apply your knowledge to design, build and program robots that can solve the most amazing challenges. The Buildbots program combines creativity, design, logic, teamwork, scalability and problem solving skills, the main building blocks for an exciting future in tomorrow's high-tech world.

The class provides a step-by-step progression from beginner to advanced levels, accommodating individual abilities. With the aid of Lego®'s programmable bricks along with sensors, motors and more, children can create robots limited only by their imagination.



Class Details:

Where: Weston Community Center
Dates: July 10th - August 2nd (two or four week packages available)
Days: Tuesday and Thursday
Time: 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Ages: Boys and Girls ages 7-14
Cost: 2 weeks/\$120 4/weeks/\$230
More Info: Please visit www.buildbots.com

For information on other Weston Community Center classes, please visit www.westonfl.org/Departments/ParksAndRecreation/ParksAndRecreationHome.aspx or contact the Weston Community Center at 954-389-4321.



Move It Movement Tour



Advanced Cable and Cartoon Network invite you to join them on Saturday, June 16th at the Coral Spring Sportsplex for the third annual **MOVE IT MOVEMENT TOUR**. The Tour is a summer campaign targeting youth 6-14 to help solve the problem of childhood obesity, in partnership with the President's Council on Fitness, Sports & Nutrition and in support of First Lady Michelle Obama's *Let's Move!* initiative.

Families planning to visit and participate in the MOVE IT MOVEMENT TOUR can enjoy a host of activities:

- **NBA/WNBA FIT & NBA Hoop Troop** — kids can demonstrate their fitness level by testing their basketball skills and shoot against the clock for prizes;
- **The PGA of America Driving Range** — drive the ball for accuracy and distance with The PGA driving range! Top scores are posted on the PGA Sports Authority leaderboard;
- **Crayola** — kids can exercise their imagination creating their own sidewalk masterpieces using Kaleidoscope 3-D Chalk™, 3-D Sidewalk Chalk™ and Sidewalk Tattoos™, Outdoor Glow Sand Ball™ and Glow Chalk™
- **NFL PLAY 60** — kids can practice a variety of football-themed activities, including running patterns and passing skills;
- **Skate Park Challenge** — BMX and skateboard experts perform high-flying demonstrations followed by interactive safety and riding tips sessions for kids;
- **Soccer Shootout Challenge** — kids can show off their footwork and take aim at a custom soccer goal.

The tour also will feature a **Cartoon Network Chill Zone**, a themed area to refuel and recharge while sampling some of the best new programming, online activities and premium items from Cartoon Network. The Chill Zone also offers a green screen photo activity and a **Stop Bullying: Speak Up** pledge station.

For more information on this, please visit www.MoveItMovement.com.



Christmas In July Seeks New Clothing Items for Homeless Children



Donation priorities for the County's homeless children, ages infant to 18, include new socks, shoes and underwear for boys or girls, to be presented at the annual *Christmas In July* Event coordinated by Kiwanis Divisions 23 and 24 and Broward County. The event brings over 1,000 area homeless children together to enjoy a day away from the harsh reality of being homeless.

Collection boxes will be at all Broward County libraries including the Weston Branch Library, county governmental buildings, courthouses and additional locations.

For all donation box locations, visit the [Christmas In July website](#).

The donation drive continues through July 6.

How children are selected

Each county homeless shelter or facility is contacted repeatedly to provide the name, age, gender, underwear size, clothing size, and shoe size of every single homeless child, so that the gift packages can be personalized for each child. It takes the planning committee about seven to eight months to prepare adequately for this event. Preparation includes working closely with shelters and facilities, seeking sponsorships and donations from local organizations and businesses (whether monetary or in-kind), locating a packing facility, shopping for the items, storing the goods in a central location, preparing labels with the children's names and relevant information, packing the personalized bags, transporting them to the facility, and arranging for entertainment and food for the event day. **The children only receive new items.** Santa and his helpers are on site to distribute the gifts to the children. On the event day, at the very end, families can also obtain additional items for the children in a specified grab bag area.

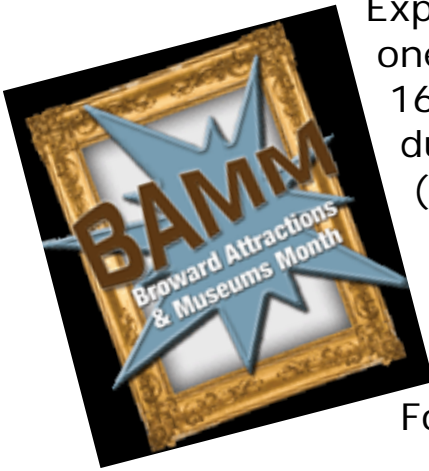


The 2011 event: This was a day of food, fun, and gift giving and the children were provided with new underwear, clothing, shoes, toys, games, book bags, toileteries, and school supplies. The book bags filled with supplies were sent back to the facilities for the children who were unable to attend. Additionally, Broward County Health Department coupons for free immunizations and vaccinations were provided to all kids at the event.

<http://www.christmasinjulync.com/>



BROWARD ATTRACTIONS AND MUSEUMS MONTH (BAMM)



Experience diverse cultural treasures all for the price of one membership, thanks to the collaborative effort of 16 attractions, museums, and cultural destinations during Broward Attractions and Museums Month (BAMM).

Purchase a membership to any of the 16 institutions will enjoy reciprocal membership to the other venues free of charge **during the month of June**. For details, visit <http://www.bamminfo.org>

Participating Organizations in 2012 include:

[African American Research Library & Cultural Center](#)
[Art and Culture Center of Hollywood](#)
[Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum](#)
[Bonnet House Museum & Gardens](#)
[Cinema Paradiso](#)
[Classical South Florida 89.7 & 90.7 FM](#)
[Fort Lauderdale History Center](#)
[Historic Stranahan House Museum](#)
[IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame & Museum](#)
[International Swimming Hall of Fame Museum](#)
[Museum of Art - Fort Lauderdale Nova Southeastern University](#)
[Old Davie School Historical Museum](#)
[Old Dillard Museum](#)
[Plantation Historical Museum](#)
[Seminole Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum](#)
[The Children's Museum - Boca Raton](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE - Water Meter Replacements in Heritage Lake, Stanton Lake, and Carrington Lake. 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



WESTON JULY 4TH PARADE APPLICATION

Weston's 2012 July 4th Parade Entry Form – FREE registration
Join the parade! Participants include city leaders, local businesses, civic groups, schools, bands, organizations who gather to march or ride in Weston's biggest and most anticipated event. There is no entry fee.

http://www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/2012_July4th_Parade_Application.pdf

Applications deadline is June 22nd

JULY 4th EVENTS – Wednesday, July 4, 2012

7:00AM – 5K RUN/Walk: On Wednesday, July 4th 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: www.splitsecondtiming.com

10:30AM – PARADE: Join us later that morning for the **City of Weston 4th of July Hometown Parade!** **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.



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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