



CITY RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED BUDGET PRESENTATION AWARD

The City of Weston is pleased to once again announce notification of receipt of the **Distinguished Budget Presentation Award** for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2011, presented by the Government Finance Officers Association of the U.S. and Canada (GFOA).

This is the tenth consecutive year that the City has received award recognition. Assistant City Manager/CFO David Keller and Treasurer Darrel Thomas prepared the annual budget pursuant to the GFOA guidelines and requirements and made the submittal on behalf of the City of Weston.



The Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting. In order to achieve the award, the submitting entity must publish a budget document that meets the following program criteria:

- **It must serve as a Policy Document**
- **It must serve as a Financial Plan**
- **It must serve as an Operations Guide**
- **It must serve as a Communications Device**

Publication of an award winning document reflects the commitment of the government body and staff to meeting the highest principals of governmental budgeting. Both Assistant City Manager/CFO David Keller and Treasurer, Darrel Thomas will formally accept the award on behalf of their entire staff at an upcoming commission meeting.

GFOA is a non-profit profession association serving over 17,600 government finance professionals throughout North America. The GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting.



DEPUTY KARI PALLOTTO HONORED ONCE AGAIN ASIS Fort Lauderdale Chapter OFFICER OF THE YEAR FOR COMMUNITY POLICING



Above: Commissioner Angel Gomez, Deputy Kari Pallotto and Weston Police Chief Kevin Butler

Right: Deputy Pallotto with Sheriff Al Lamberti

Deputy Kari Pallotto of the Broward Sheriff's Office Weston District is no stranger to winning awards and on June 10, 2012 she was presented with another. Deputy Pallotto was recognized by the ASIS Fort Lauderdale Chapter at their annual Law Enforcement Appreciation banquet as Officer of the Year for Community Policing. City Commissioner Angel Gomez, Police Chief Kevin Butler and Sheriff Al Lamberti were present to congratulate Kari on her exceptional efforts in the Weston district.



Officers from agencies throughout Broward County were honored by the ASIS, the largest organization of security professionals. Kari was recognized for her work coordinating with residents and officers in Weston's 107 registered Homeowner's Associations (HOA's), hosting a summer police services academy for youth, establishing community

watch groups and developing a mobile community van called "Crime Prevention On Your Corner."

This past December, Kari was presented with the prestigious Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award from the Broward County Chiefs of Police Association.

The City of Weston congratulates and thanks Deputy Pallotto for her professionalism and dedication to duty.

Interested in *Crime Prevention on Your Corner* coming to your community? Contact Deputy Pallotto at 954-389-2030 or Kari_pallotto@sheriff.org





TAKE STEPS NOW TO BE PREPARED HOME DAMAGE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS – A Continuing Series

The Broward County Home Damage Assessment Program provides a simple way to report damage to your home after a storm event by utilizing the four photos below. Be sure to print the photos now, so you have them if and when you need them; **this Newsday Tuesday article is printer friendly for your convenience!** Resident reports will provide a critical early indication of where major damage has occurred.

How it works:

1. Before the storm, download the new **Mobile Device Application** <http://gis.broward.org/mda> to keep handy if you own a “smart” phone.
2. After the storm passes and it is safe to go outside, survey the damage to your home.
3. Compare your home to the four homes pictured on the page and select the one that best represents the condition of your home for damage level and/or flood level. It doesn't matter if you live in a single family home, condominium, townhouse, apartment, duplex, or mobile home.
4. To submit your home damage assessment report you have three options:
 - Call the Broward County Hurricane Hotline at 3-1-1
 - Online at <http://gis.broward.org/damage/>
 - Through the Application downloaded above.

You will be asked to provide the number of the photo below that best describes your home – so be sure to have the photos handy.

- PRINT THIS PAGE OF DAMAGE ASSESSMENT PHOTOS NOW!





I-595 EAST & WEST TO CLOSE FOR 24-HOURS AT UNIVERSITY DRIVE

Residents and businesses are urged to mark their calendars regarding a closure that will impact your drive time.

The FDOT I-595 Express Corridor Improvements Project is at a point where they will need to close the flyover ramp from southbound University Drive to eastbound I-595. Construction crews plan to raise the flyover ramp by 18 inches to accommodate the construction of additional travel lanes. **No cars will be permitted to travel under the structure during this work (for approximately 24 hours).**

**The following roadways will be CLOSED
from 11:30 p.m. Saturday, July 14 until 11:30 p.m. Sunday, July 15:**

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

The flyover ramp from southbound University Drive to eastbound I-595 will remain closed for 120 days. All other movements will be open.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will be holding a Community Update for the I-595 Express Corridor Improvements Project on Thursday, June 21, 2012 from 4:30PM – 7:30PM at the Signature Grand. The purpose of the meeting is to provide residents, businesses and interested parties an opportunity to obtain an update on the I-595 project. There will be no formal presentation during the Open House. Project aeriels, photos and other information will be on display. Staff will be present to answer questions. The interested public can arrive at their convenience during the hours shown above.



For additional information and details on the I-595 Express Corridor Improvements Project, please visit <http://www.i-595.com/index.asp>



UNIQUE BIKE FACILITIES OFFERED AT LOCAL COUNTY PARKS

SAFETY TOWN



Sponsored by the Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital, three County parks have set up miniature roadways in areas designated as **Safety Town**. The program has been designed especially for Kindergarten and First Grade aged children with the goal of reducing accidental injuries and deaths. The child-size town features working traffic signals, street signs, crosswalks, miniature houses, along with a variety of interactive stations.

The program is currently available at C.B. Smith Park, Tree Tops Park and T.Y. Park.

For more information call (954) 265-0991 or visit

<http://www.broward.org/Parks/ThingsToDo/Pages/Bicycling.aspx>

VELODROME ARENA



Velodrome racing dates back to the 1800s, when, according to USA Cycling, it enjoyed the sort of popularity NASCAR racing has today.

The Velodrome at Brian Piccolo Park in Cooper City is the only Velodrome in Florida and one of only three in the southeastern U.S. (the other two are in East Point, Georgia, and Asheville, North Carolina) and it attracts more than 3,500 athletes annually. The Velodrome is used for both competitive cycling and recreational cycling and in-line skating. The competitive track is 333.3 meters

long with a maximum 30-degree slope at each end. The recreational track is 200 meters long and has a maximum 10-degree slope at each end. Bicycles for Velodrome cycling have no multiple gears or brakes, which help maximize speed, reduce weight, and avoid sudden braking. Such bikes are available to rent at the facility.



Track passes and youth track passes that include the free use of a track bicycle are available.

For more information call (954)357-5160 or visit

<http://www.broward.org/Parks/ThingsToDo/Pages/Bicycling.aspx>



NATIONAL DUMP THE PUMP DAY
TRY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ON THURSDAY, JUNE 21st
AND BE ENTERED TO WIN A FREE MONTHLY PASS



Sponsored by the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), the 2012 National Dump the Pump Day is a day that encourages commuters to give public transportation a try. Recognizing our challenging economic times and the need for reduced living costs, South Florida residents are asked to make a pledge to join millions of other commuters already using public transportation.

As part of this effort, **South Florida's local transit agencies** are offering a great incentive to encourage the use of public transportation. Commuters who call or visit the website and make the pledge to ride public transit on Thursday, June 21st will be automatically entered to win a monthly pass on Broward County Transit, Miami-Dade Transit, Palm Tran or Tri-Rail.

Whether riding the bus or train, public transit options in South Florida are expanding. Commuters can even try Broward Country Transit's Express Bus Service on I-95 or the **new routes along I-595** as a convenient way to travel to Downtown Miami, the Civic Center or Downtown Fort Lauderdale. Riders can also hop on Miami-Dade Transit's I-95 Dade-Broward Express buses, providing



service between Broward and Miami-Dade counties. Palm Tran's Route 95 Commuter Express also provides service from Martin County to Palm Beach County.

Those interested should call South Florida Commuter Services at 1-800-234-RIDE or visit www.1800234RIDE.com.



HEADING ON SUMMER ROAD TRIP ?

Gas Prices are Dropping – Gas Saving Tips Help Even More

As drivers begin their summer vacation planning, they will get a welcome sight at the gas station... falling prices!

According to AAA, drivers in Florida are paying 34 cents less per gallon of gas than they were paying one month ago. Additionally, drivers are paying nearly 30 cents less per gallon than they were in May 2011.

Here are some helpful gas saving tips to use on your road trip:



Pick the right vehicle for the job: If you have more than one car, choose the one that goes the furthest on a gallon.

Pack light and smooth: Extra weight cuts fuel economy, so pack as light as possible.

Don't buy the high-priced gas: Check your owner's manual for the kind of fuel your car needs. If the manual recommends Regular gas, use it.



Use your cruise control: If you are driving over even terrain, cruise control can prevent unnecessary speed changes which waste gas.

Don't worry about A/C: Using the A/C does not burn more fuel and is safer than riding with the windows open on the highway.

Little things: Make sure tire pressure is set correctly, your filters are clear, your fluids are fresh and the engine is running well.

It's time for Weston families to get out your gear, maps (or GPS) and sense of adventure and have a safe, fun and less expensive road trip!



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

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.



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.

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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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