



CITY OF WESTON BUILDING DEPARTMENT **NO INSPECTIONS MARCH 14th & MARCH 15th**

On Wednesday, March 14 and Thursday, March 15, 2012 no structural, mechanical, plumbing or electrical inspections will be performed. Inspections and plan reviews will resume Friday, March 16, 2012.

Due to state mandated continuing education requirements, all Certified Inspectors, Chief Inspectors and Plans Examiners will be attending the Annual Code Conference order to meet the continuing education requirement necessary to maintain their licenses.

The Weston Building Department will be open and administrative personnel will be available for all transactions that do not require plan review or inspection. Fire, Landscaping and Engineering inspections will be performed as usual.

Building department staff appreciates the understanding of contractors and owner-builder permit holders during this mandatory two-day seminar.

***The Weston Building Department is located at 3265 Meridian Parkway,
Suite 100 Weston, FL 33331.***

For additional information please call 954-385-0500.

Applying for, or tracking a permit?

Just click on the “Online Building & Permitting System” link found on the Building Code Services Department homepage on the City website or click here to go direct:

<http://inkforce.westonfl.org/WestonINKforce/>

You will be able to:

- Check on a Permit (residents & contractors)
- Apply for Permit (contractors)
- Apply for Certificate of Use (businesses)
- Obtain detailed permit information by entering permit number
- Check on a permit without having to login to the system
- Public Records Search - Public access to permit information





BSO REMINDS RESIDENTS *LOCK IT, DON'T LOSE IT...*

The Broward Sheriff's Office Weston and city leaders have long employed the use of this tag line for several years now, urging residents to do just that: *Lock It, Don't Lose It* – when it comes to items in their vehicles.

Vehicular burglary is a crime of convenience. While it cannot be eradicated, a great majority can be prevented by removing or keeping items out of sight and **LOCKING** your car.

Weston is a safe city. Unfortunately, open vehicles with easy access are a target or temptation that is taken advantage of. Don't forget that open vehicles often give people access to your garage door opener as well.



Last year, burglaries to vehicles were Weston's number one crime – and the majority was to UNLOCKED cars.

If you see any unusual activity, including people or vehicles, please call 9-1-1 immediately.

Lock It, Don't Lose It...
An easy step to crime prevention



WATER SAFETY AWARENESS

Drowning is the leading cause of death among children ages 1-4 in Florida and Broward County leads the state in the number of deaths each year.

The YMCA in partnership with Broward County, the Broward Sheriff's Office, Broward Health Department, Children's Services Council and numerous agencies and cities officially kicked off the "SPLASH" Water Safety Awareness program. Broward County and the cities of Weston, Pembroke Pines, Hollywood, Coral Springs, and Lauderdale, have proclaimed March 12-16 as Water Safety Awareness Week and joined together at a Press Conference to promote water safety on Tuesday, March 6th.



The SPLASH program promotes the **"three layers of drowning prevention."** **These include:** Adult supervision, barriers and alarms around residential pools, and water safety instruction for children and adults. "None of these layers are foolproof. But water safety instruction gives a child the ability to defend themselves if they have a water incident," noted Dr. Boaz Rosenblat, Medical Director of Emergency Services at Memorial Hospital Pembroke.

CHILD DROWNING IS PREVENTABLE

The greatest water safety assurance comes from adopting and practicing as many water safety measures as possible.

- Always supervise children around any body of water – keeping children within touching distance.
- Utilize layers of protection including fences with self-closing gates, locks on gates and doors and pool covers.
- Children need swim lessons as soon as they are able to crawl.
- All doors leading to any body of water should have an audible alarm to indicate when they are being opened.
- Any time a child is missing, immediately search all bodies of water first. Do not scan, thoroughly look.
- Call for help by dialing 911 immediately, every second counts so use the phone while checking bodies of water.

Interested in a pool safety inspection?

Crime prevention specialist, Deputy Kari Pallotto, will visit your home to inspect your pool and advise what safety precautions can be taken to ensure a safer backyard environment. *To schedule an appointment please call 954-389-2010.*





2012 STUDENT ARTIST SHOWCASE *OVER 250 WORKS OF ART = THE WOW FACTOR*



This year's Student Artist Showcase hosted by the Weston Arts Council and held at the Weston Branch Library was the biggest yet! With over 250 works of art submitted by 21 art teachers from 15 schools the 2012 exhibition included works from every public and private school in the Greater Weston area.

The Student Artist Showcase provides an opportunity to recognize and reward student's creative skills and to say "thank you" to the art teachers. Instruction in the arts, teaches many of the cognitive and creative skills sought by leading companies in today's global economy.

Each year qualified judges from the art community are invited to award 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons to art works in categories: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9&10, 11&12. This year with so many teachers participating at the High School level and including many three dimensional works, a new awards category was added: High School 3-D. Weston City Commissioners Toby Feuer, Angel Gomez and Jim Norton joined The Weston Arts Council at the showcase reception and assisted with the awards presentation.

Placement award recipients received a ribbon as well as a small monetary award. Every participant in the Student Artist Showcase should be considered a winner as each teacher is allowed to submit only 12 works from their entire student body. Each Student artist receives a congratulatory certificate of participation.



For a complete list of events and classes at the Broward County Library Weston Branch, please visit <http://www.broward.org/Library/EventsClasses/Pages/ProgramsWE.aspx>




ADD WESTON EVENTS TO YOUR CALENDAR WITH THE CLICK OF AN ICON

Just a reminder that when visiting the Weston website Calendar of Events, if you see something you like – just click the ADD TO CALENDAR icon and it will automatically be added to your electronic calendar. It's just that easy.

Just click "Add to Calendar" for automatic entry onto your electronic calendar

Concert in the Park: Blue Oyster Cult and The Outlaws 3/24/2012

 Add to Calendar


7:00 PM

The 8th FREE CONCERT IN THE PARK
Saturday, March 24, 2012
7:00PM

Weston Regional Park - 20200 Saddle Club Road, Weston

The City of Weston & The Rotary Club of Weston
presents

BLUE OYSTER CULT
THE OUTLAWS





MOVE OVER AND MAKE WAY FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES *A SAFETY TIP FROM THE BROWARD SHERIFF'S OFFICE*

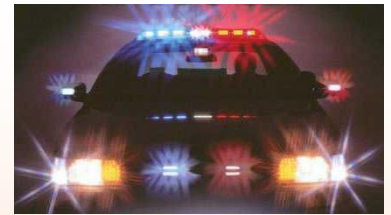
Have you ever approached an intersection and heard a siren? Perhaps you have looked in your rearview mirror and saw flashing lights behind you. Chances are that you have passed an emergency worker or a law enforcement officer who pulled off the roadway with his or her lights flashing. **You should be aware that in Florida, the law requires that you move over, make way and slow down when approaching all emergency and law enforcement vehicles stopped on the roadway.**

The law, known as the *Move Over Act*, is designed to protect law enforcement officers, firefighters and other emergency workers from needless, accidental tragedy. **This past February was the six-year anniversary of the death of Weston Deputy Ryan Seguin, who was killed by a motorist while conducting a traffic stop.** This tragedy and other fatalities and injuries to emergency service workers could have been avoided had the driver simply slowed down and moved over.

The Broward Sheriff's Office strictly enforces the *Move Over Law*.

While on the roadway, please be alert, pay attention and remember the following:

- If an emergency vehicle is approaching from behind, put on your turn signal, yield to the right-of-way, slow down or pull over. Once the emergency vehicle has passed, use your turn signal and carefully re-enter the roadway.
- On a two-lane roadway, you are required to slow to a speed that is 20 miles per hour less than the posted speed limit. If the speed limit is 20 miles per hour or less, you must slow down to five miles per hour.
- If you are driving on an interstate or roadway with multiple lanes of travel in the same direction and you approach an emergency or law enforcement vehicle parked along the roadway, you must vacate the lane closest to that vehicle as soon as it is safe to do so.
- When arriving at an intersection where an emergency vehicle is approaching from the cross street, come to a complete stop and wait until all emergency vehicles have safely passed before continuing.



If you are a driver who violates the *Move Over Law*, you can be charged with a moving violation, which results in a fine and points on your license. More importantly, by violating this important law, you would be putting both yourself and a dedicated "first responder" at risk.

The Broward Sheriff's Office urges you to help protect those who are sworn to serve and protect you. Always remember to make way, slow down and MOVE OVER when approaching an emergency or law enforcement vehicle - it's the law.



NEW WEBSITE TO HELP WITH COUNTY RECORD REQUESTS AND TAX PAYMENTS

Broward County Records, Taxes and Treasury Division has launched a new website, Broward.org/RecordsTaxesTreasury, that makes it easier to find information and do business with the division in its capacity as Broward County's tax collector, banker and official records repository. The new website answers the questions "What Do You Want To Do?" and "What Do You Want To Know?" - making it a valuable resource for those who wish to complete an activity online (Apply, Pay, Purchase, Record, Renew, Search or View) or get information about next steps to complete an activity, either online or in person. Customers can:

- Search public records
- Pay taxes (property, local business, tangible personal property & tourist development)
- Learn how to record a deed, bond or other official document
- Get an application for a passport, domestic partnership or disabled parking permit
- Purchase a fishing or hunting license
- Renew a motor vehicle, motor home or vessel registration
- Participate in a tax certificate sale

For example, property taxes are due **Monday, April 2, 2012**. To pay online, just visit Broward.org/RecordsTaxesTreasury and click **PAY – CURRENT PROPERTY TAX** under "What Do You Want To Do." You'll be directed to the online system where you can actually pay your taxes online. But if you need additional information about payment options *before* you pay, click **TAX INFORMATION – PROPERTY TAX** under "What Do You Want to Know." There's a section on How to Pay Property Taxes that details all the payment options, including mail, online in-person. There's even information about installment payment plans that you can participate in for next year's taxes! Other noteworthy features on the site include:

- comprehensive index to Frequently Asked Questions, organized by topic
- robust search engine
- site map
- glossary of terms
- location listings with links to maps and directions
- contact information
- multiple language translations

If you can't find the information on the new website, call the Broward County Call Center at 3-1-1, or 954-831-4000, for personal assistance.



South Perimeter Road Scheduled to Close March 14 at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport

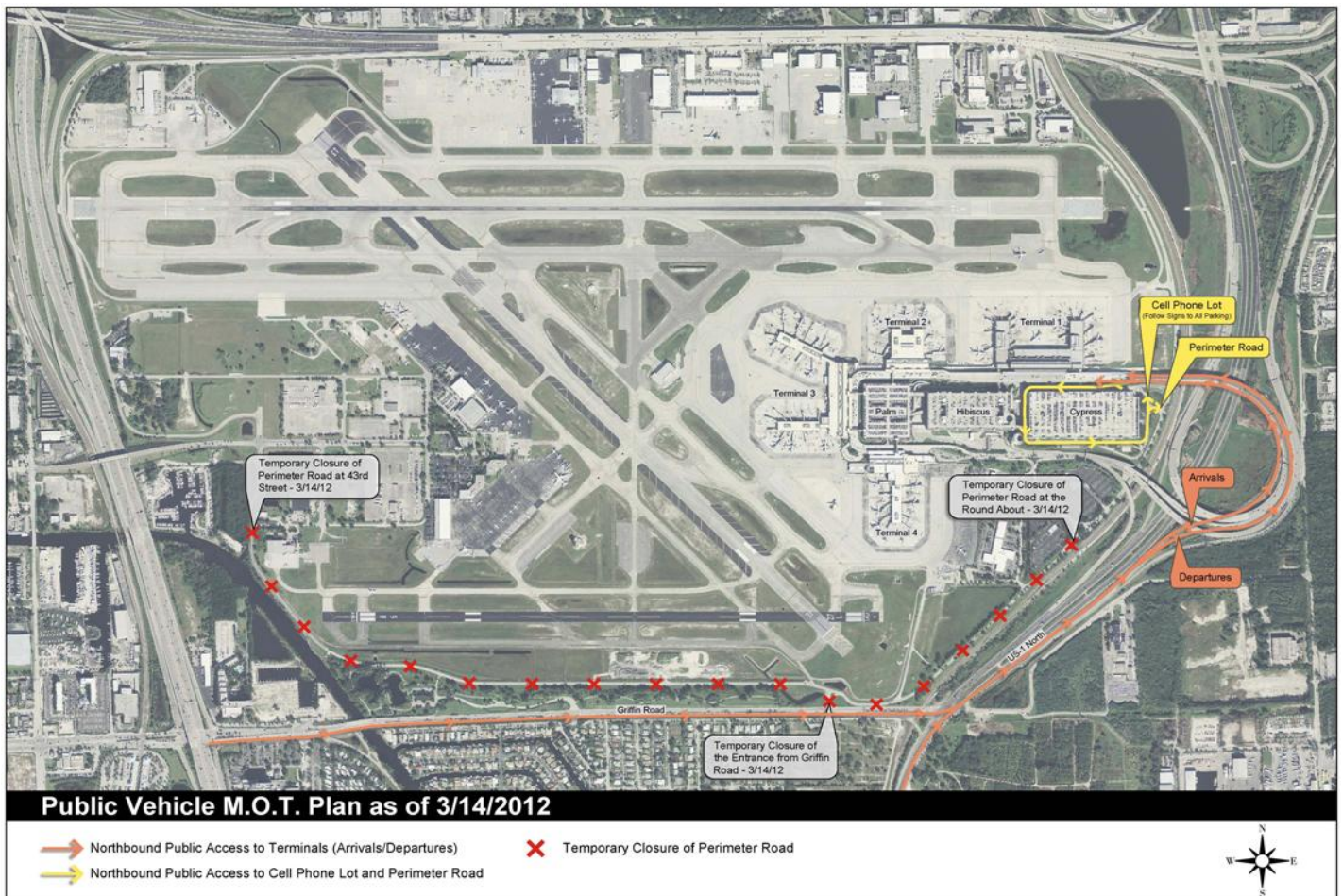
In preparation for the South Runway Expansion Project, the Broward County Aviation Department will temporarily close the south entrance to the airport at the intersection of Griffin and Perimeter Roads on Thursday, March 14, at 12:01 a.m.

The 1.7 mile section of Perimeter Rd will close from SW 43rd St on the west side of the airport to the roundabout on the east side of the airport. This section of roadway will close to all vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle traffic. Access to the west side of the airport is available through Ravenswood Rd and Lee Wagener Blvd.

The closure will enable engineers and construction crews to prepare for the bridge structure as part of the runway expansion that will extend over Perimeter Road, the Florida East Coast Railway, and US Highway 1. This closure is necessary to ensure the safety of workers on-site for activity associated with the project.

Access to the Cell Phone Waiting Area, located under the main entrance roadway to the airport, will be available from the north. As you enter the airport on the main entrance roadway, follow the signs to the Cell Phone Waiting Area. The Cell Phone Waiting Area will no longer be accessible from the south side of the airport (Griffin Road) during this closure. The road is expected to re-open at the completion of the South Runway Expansion Project at the end of 2014.

For updates on airport programs and services, visit www.fll.net.





UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2012 - Water Meter Replacements in Emerald Isles

Water meters in residential communities in the Indian Trace portions of Weston are being systematically replaced. A door hanger will be placed on your front door 24 hours prior to service personnel replacing your water meter. For additional information:

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

**Click on this page to see all
Upcoming Events**



Saturday, March 24, 2012 7:00PM **8th Annual Free Concert in the Park** **Blue Oyster Cult and The Outlaws**

Residents are invited to a great rock concert under the stars! Bring your lawn chairs or blankets for seating and enjoy the great hits of Blue Oyster Cult and The Outlaws. **Blue Oyster Cult** spans three decades with a long and storied history, originating in upstate New York and are well known for hits which include "(Don't Fear) The Reaper", "Burnin' for You", and "This Ain't the Summer of Love". They have sold over 24 million albums worldwide.

The Outlaws are a southern rock band originally formed in Tampa, FL. Well known songs include "There Goes Another Love Song", and "(Ghost) Riders in the Sky".

Concert is held at the **Event Stage in the Weston Regional Park**, 20200 Saddle Club Road.



Saturday, March 31, 2012 11AM-2PM **BSO Fire Rescue OPEN HOUSE**

An open house at Fire Station 81, 17350 Royal Palm Blvd. Come by and tour the station, meet fire rescue personnel, paint a fire truck, meet Sparky the Fire Prevention Dog and enjoy refreshments.



Saturday, April 7, 2012 – 10:00AM

Weston Royal Egg Hunt

Over 18,000 candy filled eggs will fill four ball fields for Weston's Annual Royal Egg Hunt. There will be four age groups, for children ages 10 and under, on baseball fields #1 thru #4, in the Weston Regional Park.

Whatever you do, **DON'T BE LATE** – plan for traffic delays getting into the park as hundreds of children come out to this event each year.

ALL EGG HUNTS WILL GO OFF AT 10AM PROMPTLY!

Remember to bring a basket or bag for your eggs and goodies. There will also be photos with the Royal Bunny and bounce houses available after the egg hunts.

Saturday, April 14, 2012 – 1:30PM



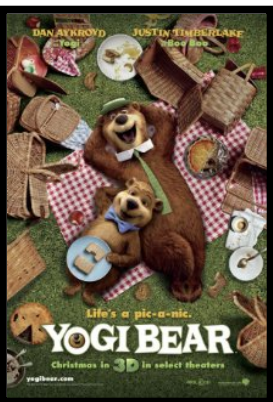
Professional Theater for Kids

The Ugly Duckling

Born bigger and different than the other hatchlings, the ugly duckling is ridiculed by his brothers and sisters, rejected by the other ducks, and eventually shunned by the entire barnyard. The little bird leaves home, embarking on a rollicking journey through hecklers, hunters, and hilarious hi-jinks.

Tickets: \$5.00 in advance (by credit card or check) available at the Weston Community Center and \$10 at the door (by cash or credit card).

This production will take place at the **Cypress Bay Theater** located at 18600 Vista Park Boulevard, Weston, Florida. Parking is plentiful and free.



Saturday, February 4, 2012 – 8:00PM

Moonlight Movie in the Park

YOGI BEAR

A documentary filmmaker travels to Jellystone Park to shoot a project and soon crosses paths with Yogi Bear, his sidekick Boo-Boo, and Ranger Smith. **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.

**Final Movie of the Season
Note new 8PM start time**



Bulk Trash Pickup



The next free Residential Bulk Trash Pickup will occur in **APRIL** on your regularly scheduled garbage day as follows:

Wednesday, April 25th, Thursday, April 26th, or Friday, April 27th

Multi-family: Saturday, April 28th