



HURRICANE SEASON BEGINS JUNE 1 TAKE STEPS NOW TO BE PREPARED

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS – A Continuing Series



The importance of having a hurricane preparedness plan in place cannot be stressed enough. Families and businesses should take steps now to be ready. These include developing a communications plan, putting together a kit, and staying informed of the latest forecasts and local emergency plans.

You can't control when a hurricane or other emergency may happen, but you can make sure you're ready.

This is the first in a series of Newsday Tuesday informational articles to come on hurricane preparedness.

- The City urges residents to sign up for the confidential **CodeRED** Emergency Notification System (see adjacent article for details). *This is emergency notifications only.*
- For planning assistance, log on to **ReadyTown**, Weston's online tool to help you to make your emergency plan.

Just click here: <http://www.westonfl.org/Residents/Hurricane/ReadyTown.aspx>

This week we highlight the need for early registrations:

ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Registration for the elderly, the vulnerable, and pet shelters is required in advance. Those with special medical needs should contact the Broward County Elderly and Veterans Services Division now, to pre-register for a Special Medical Needs Shelter.

Special Needs Shelter Registration	954-537-6385 or TTY 954-357-5608 http://www.broward.org/AtRisk/Pages/Specialmedical.aspx
Vulnerable Population Registry For elderly, frail or disabled and may become vulnerable in aftermath of a storm	954-831-4000 www.broward.org/registry
Pet-Friendly Hurricane Shelter Registration (Tamarac location)	954-989-3725
Large Animal Registration	954-370-3725
County Hurricane eMail Updates	http://bcegov3.broward.org/notify/
Weston CodeRED Emergency Notices	http://www.westonfl.org/Residents/Hurricane/CodeRed.aspx
Weston E-Notification System	http://www.westonfl.org/EmailSubscriptions.aspx



RECEIVE EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS SIGN UP FOR **CODERED** TODAY



Hurricane season officially begins on Friday, June 1st. Sign up for **CodeRED** to stay informed and educated about local emergencies.

WHAT IT IS: **CodeRED** is a high-speed telephone communication service for emergency **only** notifications. This system allows the City to send critical communications in an emergency situation that requires immediate action.

Capable of dialing the entire City within minutes, **CodeRED** delivers a message from the City Manager's office describing the emergency and instructions for action. You can also opt to receive texts and/or email alerts.

HOW TO REGISTER:

Visit the City web site at www.westonfl.org
and click on the CodeRED icon.

Register both your HOME and CELL phones.

Click on the icon at right
to take you to CodeRED



:: CodeRED Enrollment

ALREADY SIGNED UP? To opt for the text message and/or email alerts, or to add or change a phone number including cell phones, please revisit the **CodeRED** registration page and enter your information.

PRIVACY: CodeRED is used for emergency communications ONLY.

Your contact information is private, **exempt from public records laws, and cannot be shared, requested or sold**

THIS SYSTEM WILL ONLY BE USED FOR EMERGENCY AND LIFE SAFETY PURPOSES SUCH AS: Drinking water contamination, extended utility outages, evacuation notices, missing person, fires, floods, hurricanes, bomb threats, hostage situations, chemical spills or gas leaks, and other incidents where rapid and accurate notification is essential for life safety.

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GOVERNING.COM HIGHLIGHTS WESTON CONTRACT FORM OF MANAGEMENT



Governing.com, which provides state government news on politics, management and finance, posted an article on May 14, 2012 entitled "How Weston, Florida, a City of 65,000, Gets By on 9 Employees". The article highlights the contract form of management that has been used highly effectively in Weston since incorporation. This management style has kept the number of municipal employees to nine, while approximately 285 dedicated staff are provided by contractors.

The article garnered much attention. Mayor Eric Hersh was asked to appear on Fox & Friends on the Fox News Network on May 21st to discuss the City's philosophy which is stipulated for in Weston's City Charter.

The entire article can be viewed by clicking this link:

<http://www.governing.com/blogs/view/How-.html>

For the past several years, City Manager John Flint has provided presentations to public officials, managers, organizations and universities interested in the outsourcing of public sector departments and services.

Today Weston stands as a model in outsourcing while maintaining a high level of service and the lowest tax rate in Broward County.





WESTON'S COMMUNITY CENTER MANAGER RETURNS FROM DOWN UNDER... ROTARY INTERNATIONAL'S GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE PROGRAM



For the third year, a City of Weston staff member has had the great fortune to be selected by Rotary District 6990, which includes the Weston Rotary Club, to participate in their Group Study Exchange (GSE) program. **Bryan Beard**, the City of Weston's Community Center Manager, was chosen to travel to Sydney, Australia from mid-February to mid-March.

The City has a long-standing community partnership with the Rotary Club of Weston who contacted City Manager John Flint for a participant referral for this year's program. Designed for young business men and women between the ages of 25 and 40, the program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits between areas in different countries, to observe their vocations practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

Bryan was one of five young professionals and a Team Leader to make the trip. He enjoyed meeting and staying with 11 different host families during his 33 day trip (as well as many native inhabitants).

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GSE PROGRAM CONTINUED

During the vocational days, the main purpose of the trip, Bryan spent time with town councils and park/sports administrators discussing and viewing their youth and senior facilities, libraries, sports programs/fields, and parks. He was surprised to learn that they operate very similar to the City of Weston.



Some of the sightseeing activities during the GSE included: Climbing the Sydney Harbor Bridge, touring the Opera House, learning how to surf, paddling in a rescue surf boat, feeding kangaroos and koalas, camping in the Outback, and sapphire fossicking (mining).

Bryan joined the City of Weston's Parks and Recreation Department in October 2006. He relocated to Weston from Stafford Virginia, where he was a Sports Coordinator for Stafford County Parks & Recreation for 3 years. He was originally hired as a facility attendant at the Community Center, and in 2007, he was promoted to Weston Community Center Manager. Bryan volunteers his time coaching local youth sports and is a member of the Florida Parks and Recreation Association.



For more information on the Rotary Club of Weston and the GSE Program, please visit www.westonrotaryclub.com.



PLAYGROUND SAFETY IS SERIOUS WORK

As summer draws near, the playgrounds in Weston are expected to be teeming with children. Keeping those play areas safe is a high priority for the Parks and Recreation Department. This summer, two staff members will be renewing their Playground Safety Inspector Certifications in order to remain knowledgeable about all current trends in safe play equipment.



Weston playgrounds are regularly inspected, repaired and refurbished. Recently, the City replaced a slide at Emerald Estates Park and installed a replacement climber at Eagle Point Park; which will help extend the life of the equipment in addition to ensuring that the areas meet all of the current standards for safety.

It is important to note that all City of Weston playgrounds are designed for children ages 2-12 years old. Children under 2 do not have the required physical development to safely play on the equipment. Children over 12 and adults can damage the equipment, particularly when the equipment is not used as intended.

To help your children play safely, please follow these important tips:

- Children should not play unattended. Parental supervision is the most effective strategy for preventing injury.
- Proper clothing and footwear is essential. Clothes should not have any long drawstrings or hoods that could get caught on the equipment. Shoes should be worn at all times. Children should NOT wear bicycle helmets on the playground and refrain from wearing long necklaces or other loose jewelry.
- Children should wear sunscreen to prevent sunburns and drink plenty of liquids to avoid dehydration.
- Skateboards and rollerblades are not allowed on playgrounds; women are asked to avoid wearing high heels to prevent damage to the surfacing.
- If you have any questions or concerns please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 954-389-4321.

Play is an important part of kids' physical, social, intellectual, and emotional development. *Encourage your children to get outdoors this summer and play safe!*



CITY OF WESTON STAFF MEMBER APPOINTED TO FABTO STATE BOARD

Congratulations to Gina Landry, CBTO

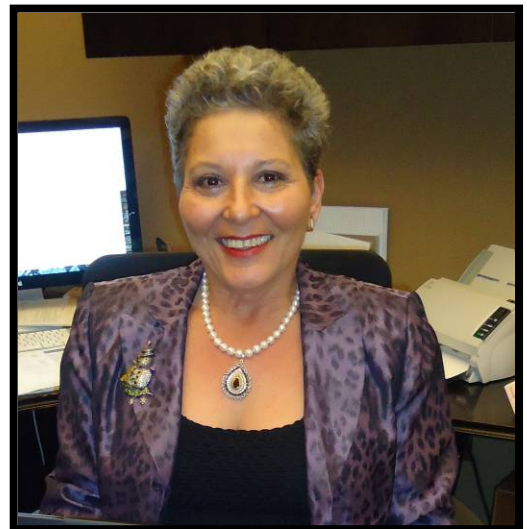


The Florida Association of Business Tax Officials, Inc. (FABTO) has a new member on their State Board. Gina Landry, the Business Tax Coordinator for the City of Weston has been appointed as the newest member of the statewide Board. She joins two other members from the Gold Coast Chapter, which covers 3 counties; Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe.

FABTO is a non-profit professional association meeting the educational and informational needs of municipal and county business tax officials throughout Florida.

Gina has been a staff member of the City for over 14 years. The City of Weston is proud to have Gina in this leadership role. Weston continues to promote staff development and staff involvement within the community.

For more information about the Finance Department at the City of Weston, please visit www.westonfl.org.





NEW TENNIS DIRECTOR WELCOMED FOR SUMMER

Steven Browne chosen as New Summer Season Director of Tennis



Cliff Drysdale Tennis (CDT), which manages the Weston Tennis Center, announced the promotion of Junior Program Director, Steven Browne as the new Director of Tennis for the 2012 Summer Season. A native of Barbados, Browne has had a stellar playing and coaching career, and demonstrated unprecedented success in growing Weston's junior program, making him the perfect choice to oversee the facility during the summer season with the facility filled with young tennis enthusiasts enrolled in summer camp and academy-level curriculums.

Weston's chief Director of Tennis, Reza Tompsett, will be overseeing the opening of a new Cliff Drysdale summer tennis facility in Southampton, NY, and return to Weston Tennis Center for the Fall 2012 season.

Career Highlights:

As a junior, Browne was ranked in the top 150 of the ITF World Juniors and was a member of the Junior Davis Cup Team for Barbados. A graduate of Jackson State University, Browne was ranked #1 and #2 in Division I Men's Tennis during his college career. As Junior Program Director at Weston Tennis Center, Browne earned the Tennis Coach of the Year Award for Broward County in 2011 after leading the Sagemont School tennis team to a number 1 title. Prior to joining the Cliff Drysdale Tennis family, Brown served as Program Director for the Mississippi Tennis Academy.

"We are excited to advance Steven to the Summer Director position at Weston Tennis Center," said Don Henderson, CEO of Cliff Drysdale Tennis. "Steven is an impressive coach and personality; we look forward to a stellar summer for players at every level."

Browne began oversight of all programming, instruction and clinics at the Drysdale Tennis School as of May 21, 2012, with Reza Tompsett resuming the Director position in September.

The Weston Tennis Center
16451 Racquet Club Road
Weston, FL 33326
954-389-8666

<http://cliffdrysdale.com/locations/weston-tennis-center>





CYPRESS BAY STUDENTS HONORED BY C-SPAN

Congratulations to Chad Klitzman and Dustin Slade



Weston is so proud of our local students! On Monday, May 21st, Cypress Bay seniors, Chad Klitzman and Dustin Slade were honored by Carolyn Beurskens, Advanced Cable Communications and Jennifer Curran, C-SPAN.

The students placed 2nd Prize Overall in C-Span's National 2012 StudentCam Documentary Competition. They were presented with a check in the amount of \$1,500 for their documentary titled "*Signed, Sealed and Delivered*". Chad and Dustin wrote, directed and starred in this documentary which followed C-Span's 2012 theme of "The Constitution and You".

Annually, C-SPAN hosts **StudentCam**, a nationwide documentary competition that encourages students to create a short film about issues affection their communities and nation. This year 1,203 videos were submitted and out of those entries \$50,000 in cash prizes is awarded between 75 student awards and 11 teacher awards.

Later in the day, C-Span also honored students at Falcon Cove Middle School. There were 5 Honorable Mention winners.

Congratulations to our Weston students! For more information or to enter the 2013 competition, please visit: www.studentcam.org.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY - Water Meter Replacements in Windmill Ranch Estates, Cameron Lake and Hampton 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



YOUTH POLICE SERVICES ACADEMY REGISTRATION BSO Police Services Academy for ages 11-17

This is a free, 8-week program that meets on Monday nights from 6-8PM from June 18 – August 6th. The program is designed to introduce students, ages 11-17, to law enforcement and the Broward Sheriff's Office as well as a variety of career paths. This is a hands-on program that combines training, demonstrations, education and fun. Space is limited.

Click here to download an application form: **Application deadline is June 4th**
http://www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/2012_Police_Services_Academy_for_Kids.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



SUMMER TENNIS CAMP REGISTRATION

Weston Tennis Center

Weekly session will run from June 11 thru August 17th
Half day, daily and weekly options available. Program includes tennis drills, tour techniques, team competitions, team sports, water sports and activities, awards and video show. For details and registration: <http://cliffdrysdale.com/locations/weston-tennis-center>



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.