



## WESTON CRIME RATE LOWEST IN COUNTY

### THE GREAT NEWS

The just released Florida Department of Law Enforcement Uniform Crime Report County and Municipal Offense Data for January-December 2011 places the Weston crime rate per 100,000 persons at 1,250.8; the lowest in Broward County. The crime rate change from 2010 to 2011 is a drop of 2.6%.

Congratulations are in order to Chief Kevin Butler, all of the deputies and the support staff, who come to work in Weston each and every day and make Weston the safest place in Broward County.

### THE GOOD NEWS

*Residents can help that rate decline even further.* Crime reports in Weston show that the city's largest crime is theft from unlocked vehicles.

The Broward Sheriff's office urges residents to LOCK YOUR CARS and report any suspicious persons or activity.

Just last week, two suspects breaking into vehicles in the Tequesta Lake community were tracked and arrested after an alert neighbor called 9-1-1. The individuals arrested are residents.



Leaving items in an unlocked vehicle is a crime of opportunity.

**LOCK IT... DON'T LOSE IT.** *An Easy Step to Crime Prevention*



## JOIN THE PARADE!

THE  
CITY OF WESTON  
Celebrating



\*\*\* We The People \*\*\*  
JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2012

**2012 WESTON HOMETOWN JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>  
PARADE APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE  
AND BEING ACCEPTED NOW  
Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> Deadline**

**Weston's Annual Hometown July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade** is just around the corner and Weston's Community Center staff is hard at work planning for this year's event.

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

### **Interested Parade Participants:**

All groups, organizations, businesses and bands are welcome! Join us for a Fourth of July tradition, and walk or ride, in Weston's biggest and most exciting event of the year. **Registration is FREE, and the deadline to enter is Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

**Start now...** put a group together and fill out the form. Large, small, elaborate or simple - your entry will be special. Everyone loves a parade, so plan on being a part of the celebration.

### **Download a parade application and get this party started!**

[www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/2012\\_July4th\\_Parade\\_Application.pdf](http://www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/2012_July4th_Parade_Application.pdf)



Contact the  
Weston  
Community Center  
at  
**954-389-4321**  
with any questions  
you may have





## Youth Police Services Academy



*Pride in Service with Integrity*

### Offered To Weston Residents Ages 11-17

**BSO OFFERS SUMMER PROGRAM – Weston residents**, ages 11-17, have the opportunity to be a part of a program initiated by the Broward Sheriff's Office-Weston: *The Weston University – Broward Sheriff's Office Police Services Academy.*



In its fifth year, the academy provides youth the opportunity to explore law enforcement services on an in-depth basis with hands-on exercises, education and safety training, and exposes students to a variety of career paths. The eight week, once a week academy, takes place June 18th thru August 6<sup>th</sup>. This free program is enriching, educational and FUN. Tied into the city's

Weston University Program, the academy offers an extension of civics education to students wanting something a little different than the average summer fare.

#### Lectures and field trips will include topics in:

Defensive Tactics / DUI & D.A.R.E. Classes / Crime Scene Investigations / Internet Safety  
Tours: Main Jail, Courthouse, BSO SWAT, Aviation and Marine Units

**The program begins June 18, 2012**  
**Monday nights 6pm –8pm**  
**at the Weston Police Services Building**



Application/Registration forms are available on the City of Weston website at

[http://www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/2012\\_Police\\_Services\\_Academy\\_for\\_Kids.pdf](http://www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/2012_Police_Services_Academy_for_Kids.pdf)

Applications are also available at the Weston Police Services Building.

**Forms must be submitted no later than June 4, 2012. Space is limited.**



## POLICE & FIRE AROUND TOWN



Life Safety Educator Pamela Gorman (the only slightly larger one in the photo) conducted a community outreach event at VIP Kids Bilingual. Approximately 100 preschool students (5 separate presentations) were taught about fire safety, including: smoke alarms, how to call 9-1-1, who responds to emergencies, firefighting gear, equipment on fire engines, and firefighters are our friends. The children also enjoyed meeting firefighters from Tower Ladder 81 and were provided with a demonstration of the apparatus.



Weston BSO Deputies and Chief Butler along with Colonel Tim Gillette pose for a photo after running in the Broward County segment of the Special Olympics Torch Run on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Officers from around the state join together to bring the Flame of Hope into the stadium of the Special Olympics Florida State Summer Games. The state-wide torch run encompasses over 5, 000 officers who carry the torch on a 1500-mile relay through 66 counties in the state.



## STROKE AWARENESS Continuing Information

 **Cleveland Clinic** *Information will be provided each week during the month of May.*  
Florida

**May is Stroke Awareness Month and an excellent time to set about increasing our community's knowledge on stroke**

What is my risk for stroke? **Your risk of stroke depends on several factors.**

- **Age.** Nearly three-quarters of all strokes occur in people aged 65 years or older, with the chances of having a stroke doubling each decade after the age of 55, according to the CDC. Even so, stroke can occur at any age, with nearly 25% occurring in people younger than 27.
- **Gender.** Each year, about 55,000 more women than men have strokes, according to the National Stroke Association, although incidence at younger ages is higher in men than women.
- **Race.** Stroke death rates are twice as high for African Americans than for whites, even at younger ages, according to the CDC. Pacific Islander and Hispanic populations also are at higher risk of stroke than whites.
- **Family history of stroke.** Every family member of someone who has had a stroke is at increased risk of stroke.
- **High blood pressure.** Several studies have found hypertension to be the most prevalent and modifiable risk factor for stroke.
- **Elevated cholesterol.**
- **Lifestyle.** This includes smoking, alcohol use, exercise and diet.
- **Diabetes.** The risk for stroke is 2 to 4 times higher among people with diabetes. In 2004, stroke was noted on 16% of diabetes-related death certificates among people aged 65 years or older.
- **Atrial fibrillation (irregular heartbeat).** Atrial fibrillation is responsible for 15% to 20% of ischemic strokes. Atrial fibrillation increases one's risk of suffering an ischemic stroke by five times, according to a report from the American Heart Association.
- **Myocardial infarction (heart attack).** The incidence of ischemic stroke is approximately 1% to 2% per year after MI, with the greatest risk occurring in the first month after the MI, according to reports cited in [guidelines](#) from the National Stroke Association.

Keep in mind stroke risk can change as you age. Risk for stroke as a young or middle-aged adult may be low, but may become very high. For example, researchers found that 45-year-old men who have all risk factors well controlled have less than a 2% risk of having a heart attack or stroke in their lifetime. Add one or two more risk factors, and the risk jumps to 50%. A 45-year-old woman with low risk factors has a 4% chance of having a heart attack stroke, but add one or two risk factors, her chances increase 31%.



## SHELTER RENTALS FOR YOUR SPRING FLING!

The City of Weston has picnic shelters available for rent within the Weston Regional Park and Emerald Estates Park. These shelters are covered with an aluminum roof and have 4 picnic tables on a concrete pad. Shelter amenities also include electric (110V) and water as well as a grill. By reserving and renting a shelter at one of these two parks, park personnel will ensure that it is available for only your use on the reserved day.

*Shelters or gazebos in all other parks are first come-first serve and do not have a fee.*

### Fee for Shelter Rental:

**Weekdays \$60** (entire day), plus applicable tax

**Weekends and Holidays \$80** (entire day), plus applicable tax

Bounce houses (without water) are permitted near the picnic shelters, provided the company provides the City with proof of insurance naming the City of Weston as "Additional Insured".

Animals are not permitted in Weston Regional Park and alcohol is not permitted in any city park.

Those interested in renting a picnic shelter must fill out a **Reservation Agreement with payment**, at the Weston Community Center.



**To check for shelter availability or for more details, please call the Community Services office at 954-389-4321 or stop by the Community Center.**



Photo of a shelter the renter decorated for a party



## JOIN AYSO'S FOOD DRIVE FOR FEEDING SOUTH FLORIDA

Weston's AYSO has partnered with Feeding South Florida to collect canned goods for the needy on May 12<sup>th</sup> and May 19<sup>th</sup>. Join them by donating to this wonderful local organization.



**Donations are being accepted on  
Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>  
between 9am and 4pm at the AYSO Soccer Building  
located near soccer field #2 within the Weston Regional Park.**

Feeding South Florida's mission is to feed South Florida's hungry in order to improve their lives. We do this by distributing food and groceries through our network of not-for-profit organizations, educating the public about the issue, and engaging our community in the fight to end hunger.

### **Suggested Donation Items**

All items must be canned and nonperishable:

- Canned Meats
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruits
- Canned Fish
- Canned Beans
- Canned Soup





## WESTON STUDENT WINNERS HONORED C-SPAN'S National 2012 StudentCam Documentary Competition

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.



**Out of 1,203 entries from across the country,  
6 winning teams are Weston school students!**

This year's theme for submitted entries asked middle and high school students to focus on any section of the *Preamble, Articles or Amendments of the U.S. Constitution*.

**Advanced Cable Communications and C-SPAN representatives will honor the student winners in the month of May.**

### **Cypress Bay High School – 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Overall:**

Chad Klitzman and Dustin Slade for their documentary titled "*Signed, Sealed and Delivered*".

### **Falcon Cove Middle School – Honorable Mentions:**

5 Winning Teams – Team members: Cole Winton, Zach Aponte, Armando Martinez, Justin Iannacone, Daniel Hsu, Lacey Larson, Jordanne Cantrill, Kendra Blandom, Maria Riilo, Gabrielle Ferguson, Blair Yant, Joshua Prem, David Gilefor

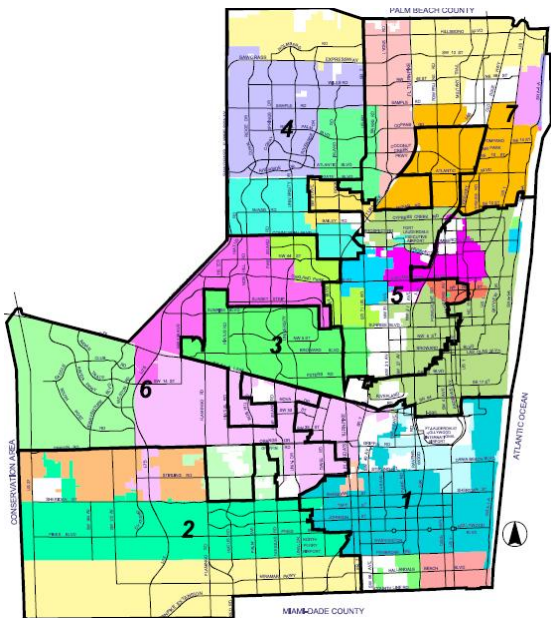
For more information, visit:  
<http://www.studentcam.org/>







## SCHOOL BOARD REDISTRICTING PROJECT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IS SOUGHT



The School Board of Broward County, Florida has initiated the process for preparing a new School Board district map based on the 2010 Census data. Redistricting is the process of redrawing the lines of districts from which public officials are elected to balance the populations of the districts and ensure residents have equal representation on the School Board.

**It is important to know that the map revision will not change which schools students attend, nor will it change bus stops or the availability of transportation to schools.**

The 2011-2013 redistricting project, currently underway, provides for extensive public participation through a series of public hearings – one in each of the seven districts throughout the county – to inform the public about the process and requirements for drawing new School Board district map alternatives and receive input.

**The School board invitation letter and flyers for the mapping workshops and public hearings**, translated in multiple languages, have been posted on the Weston website on the **SCHOOLS** page at <http://www.westonfl.org/Residents/Schools/SchoolsHome.aspx> - scroll to the bottom of the page.

**The next mapping workshop will occur on Saturday, May 5, 2012 at Dillard High School, 2501 NW 11 Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL beginning at 10 am.**

**The next public hearing will be occur in District 3 on Thursday, May 9, 2012 at the City of Pembroke Pines Senior Center, 301 NW 103 Avenue, Pembroke Pines, FL beginning at 6 pm.**

For more information, or to schedule a mapping appointment, please call Patrick Sipple, District Demographer at (754) 321-2480, or visit: <http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/redistricting>.



## TAKE THE CLEAN AIR CHALLENGE DURING CLEAN AIR MONTH AND SHARE A RIDE TO WORK

Florida Department of Transportation's South Florida Commuter Services (SFCS) is asking you to take the Clean Air Challenge and **MAKE THE PLEDGE** with a chance to win \$100. This is to support Clean Air Month in May by sharing a ride and reducing our impact on the environment. See below for details, or simply visit the SFCS's website; [www.1800234ride.com/cleanairchallenge](http://www.1800234ride.com/cleanairchallenge).

Transportation is responsible for 25% of the nation's green house gas emissions. This May, share your ride and reduce your impact on the environment. By making the Clean Air Month pledge, you can reward yourself and your company!

**Rewards For You:** South Florida commuters that participate in the Challenge will be entered into a drawing to win one of four \$100 American Express Cards. Four easy steps and you could be a winner!

**Rewards For Your Company:** Companies with more than 100 employees that have at least 10% of their workforce join the challenge and make the pledge will be entered into a drawing to win a \$1,000 transportation incentive. The incentive can be used to help your company further its transportation program by purchasing transit passes or bike racks, implementing a carpool parking program or hybrid parking spaces, etc.

### How It Works:

**Step 1:** Make the pledge to carpool, vanpool, ride the bus or train, bike, or walk to work at least once during the month of May.

**Step 2:** Use your alternative rideshare method between May 1, 2012 and May 31, 2012.

**Step 3:** Respond to the Clean Air Month follow-up email and tell us about your experience.

**Step 4:** Be entered into the drawing to win one of the four \$100 American Express Cards.

**TO REGISTER YOUR COMPANY OR PROPERTY:** [www.1800234ride.com/generalinformationforemployers](http://www.1800234ride.com/generalinformationforemployers)

**MAKE THE PLEDGE FOR  
A CHANCE TO WIN \$100**

Support Clean Air Month this May by sharing the ride and reducing our impact on the environment. By making the pledge, you can reward yourself and your company!

All participants will be entered into a drawing to win one of four \$100 American Express Cards and could help their company earn a \$1,000 transportation incentive.

1800234ride.com/cleanairchallenge





## 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](http://www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/2012_Residential_Water_Meter_Replacement.pdf)



**Sunday, May 20, 2012 – 8AM – 3PM**  
**Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collection Event**

Free annual event where residents may drop off household hazardous waste products and electronic to be recycled or disposed of properly without harming the environment.

Items include: oil and latex paints/thinners, motor oil, auto fluids, gasoline solvents, pesticides, fertilizers, pool chemicals, drain cleaners, mercury, rechargeable batteries, automobile batteries and electronics such as computers, keyboards and televisions.

**LOCATION:** The Weston Public Services Center, 2599 South Post Road – just drive up and drop off. Crews will be on-hand to unload your items. 954-385-2600



**Monday, May 28, 2012**  
**Memorial Day**

All City offices will be closed on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day, a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service.

All city parks will be open and there is regular garbage collection.



**Summer Tennis Camp Registration Underway**  
**Weston Tennis Center**

Weekly session will run from June 11 thru August 17<sup>th</sup>  
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>