



WESTON WILL WELCOME THREE NEWLY ELECTED CITY OFFICIALS Swearing In Ceremony, November 19, 2012



Mayor Daniel J. Stermer



Commissioner Angel M. Gomez



Commissioner Thomas M. Kallman

Newly elected Mayor Daniel J. Stermer, Commissioner Angel M. Gomez, and Commissioner Thomas M. Kallman will be sworn into office at the November 19, 2012 City Commission meeting.

Dan Stermer has previously served on the City Commission from 2002-2010 and brings experience and historic knowledge to his new role as Mayor. Angel Gomez is re-elected having served as Commissioner for the past four years, and Tom Kallman is new to the Commission but has been actively involved in the Weston community for many years. He served on the City's Business Tax Equity Study Board, on the board of the Weston Arts Council and has been active in the Rotary Club of Weston which partners with the City on numerous programs.

The public is invited and friends and family are encouraged to attend the swearing in ceremony on Monday, November 19, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall (17200 Royal Palm Boulevard, Weston, FL 33326) to help welcome and congratulate our new elected officials.

UNABLE TO ATTEND THE CITY COMMISSION MEETING?

City Commission meetings are available for viewing at anytime, anyplace, with internet access. Log on to www.westonfl.org, then click on "Live Commission Meetings" on the homepage then select "live" to view a meeting in progress or "archived" to view a Commission meeting that has already taken place. Meetings are also broadcast live on the city's cable channel and then re-broadcast on: Tuesday at 9:00 p.m.; Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. & 9:00 p.m.; Thursday at 10:00 a.m. & 9:00 p.m.



WESTON TO BE AWARDED CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING

For the 14TH consecutive year, the City of Weston, through Treasurer Darrel Thomas, has been notified that it will be awarded the **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting** (CAFR) for its comprehensive annual financial report for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2011. The award, presented by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the U.S. and Canada, is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting.

Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program (CAFR Program)

The GFOA established the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program in 1945 to encourage and assist state and local governments to go beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles, to prepare comprehensive annual financial reports that evidence the spirit of transparency and full disclosure and then to recognize individual governments that succeed in achieving that goal.



Judging process - The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.



Take a look for yourself. Click on the CAFR cover at left to take you to the document online on the Weston website.

Congratulations are in order for the Weston Finance Department. Members will be recognized at a City Commission meeting once the plaque has been received.



November 13, 2012

FREE POPS CONCERT AT WESTON TOWN CENTER

Symphony of the Americas
Saturday, November 17th

Join your friends and family in Weston Town Center from 5:00pm-6:30pm for this *free* twilight concert of pops and light classes performed by the full Symphony of Americas orchestra. Music of your favorite Broadway shows, movies and hum-along favorites will be featured. Limited seating is available. Bring your lawn chairs and arrive early.

This concert is presented by Weston Town Center, the City of Weston and Arts Council of Greater Weston in partnership with the Weston Philharmonic Society.

Symphony of the Americas
AT WESTON TOWN CENTER

Join us
November 17th

Symphony of the Americas
Pops Concert at Weston Town Center
Saturday, November 17, 2012 5:00PM - 6:00PM
Bell Tower Lane, Weston (behind the Clock Tower)

WESTON TOWN CENTER

Presented by Weston Town Center, the City of Weston and the Arts Council of Greater Weston in partnership with the Weston Philharmonic Society

A free outdoor twilight concert of pops and light classics performed by the full Symphony of Americas orchestra, under the baton of Maestro James Brooks-Bruzzese. Music of your favorite Broadway shows, movies and hum-along favorites will be featured. Limited seating is available.

For more information, please contact the Weston Community Center at 954-389-4321 or visit www.westonfl.org.

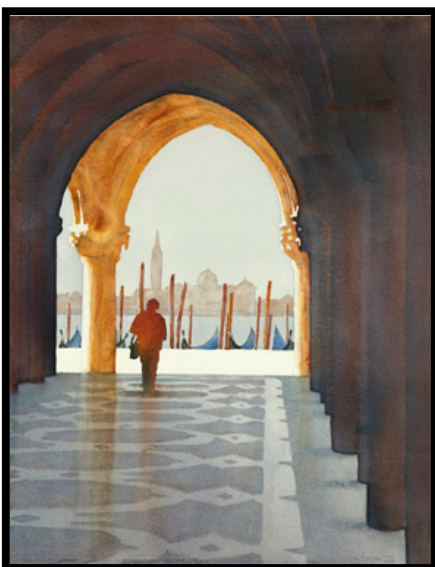
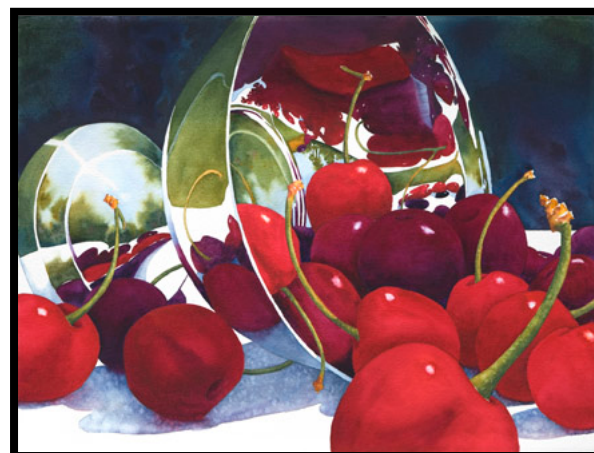


GOLD COAST WATERCOLOR SOCIETY EXHIBIT AT THE WESTON BRANCH LIBRARY



Stop by the Weston Branch Library to experience a fantastic display of paintings created by Gold Coast Watercolor Society members. The exhibit will be featured from November 13th - December 27th.

The Gold Coast Watercolor Society is the largest in South Florida. They are dedicated to advancing the fine art of watercolor painting. GCWS supports exhibitions, watercolor workshops, art education and scholarships. Three workshops are offered each year by world renowned artists. The monthly GCWS meetings provide a creative social interaction with other artists and demonstrations by recognized artists.



For more information about the GCWS, please visit <http://goldcoastwatercolorssociety.com>.





2012 BROWARD COUNTY PROPERTY TAX BILLS HAVE BEEN MAILED

TAXES ARE DUE BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1, 2012



Broward County Records, Taxes and Treasury Division has mailed the property tax bills for 2012, which must be paid no later than March 31, 2013 to avoid penalties and delinquency fees.

Property taxes may be paid early to take advantage of discounts: taxes paid in November 2012 receive a 4% discount; December 2012 receive a 3% discount; January 2013 receive a 2% discount; February 2013 receive a 1% discount.

Property owners without mortgages, or those who do not make use of an escrow arrangement, may pay their taxes in a variety of ways:

- **Online Credit Card/Debit Card:** Visit broward.county-taxes.com. There is an additional non-refundable fee for this service.
- **Online Electronic Check:** Visit broward.county-taxes.com. There is no fee for this service.
- **Mail:** Use the envelope enclosed with your tax bill or mail payment to Broward County Tax Collector, Processing Center, P.O. Box 11905, Newark, NJ. The postmark date will be used to determine the applicable discount amount.
- **In Person:**
 - Broward County Records, Taxes & Treasury Division, Tax & License Section, 115 S. Andrews Ave., Room A-100, Fort Lauderdale, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 - At any one of the [77 Wells Fargo Bank Branches](#) in Broward County, until March 31, checks only.
- **Partial Payments:** Current taxes may be paid in up to five partial payments. A \$10 processing fee applies to each payment. Each of the first four payments must be a minimum of \$100. No discount is allowed. The final payment must be paid in full by March 31, or the balance due will be subject to penalties and interest.

For more information on 2012 property taxes, visit
broward.org/recordstaxestreasury,
or call the Broward County Call Center at 311 or 954-831-4000.



BICYCLES ARE VEHICLES

Avoiding Accidents

As a bicyclist, the key to avoiding accidents is to always stay aware of your surroundings, use caution at all times, and to know/practice the Bicycle Laws and Safety Tips correctly.

Opening Car Doors/Parked Cars

Some crashes are the result of a motorist opening the door of a parked car in front of an overtaking bike. Avoid this by riding no closer than three feet to a parked car. Also, be sure to watch for signs that a motorist wants to move into traffic. Be prepared to use the "**Panic Stop**."



Overtaking Cars

Statistically, this is not a big problem during the daylight hours. It usually occurs at night on rural roads and involves an unlighted bicyclist and a motorist. Many bicyclists worry about what is behind them (this is why some ride against traffic). Becoming proficient at scanning (See Scanning Tips) to occasionally check traffic to the rear will ease worries about involvement in this type of accident.

Scanning Tips



Like most riding skills, scanning to the rear takes practice. If you have trouble looking over your shoulder without swerving, try the following:

- Get a friend to hold your handlebars while you sit on the bike. Look over your left shoulder keeping both hands on the handlebars, and notice what your hands, arms, and shoulders are doing. Your left side is probably pulling back on the handlebar.
- After a little practice at moving only your head, find an empty parking lot and try it while riding in a straight line. Then try dropping your left hand and resting it on your thigh while looking over your left shoulder and coasting for a while.

Communicating With Others

Always signal your intentions and needs. If a motorist gives delay temporarily while you are maneuvering, give a friendly wave of thanks. Being courteous promotes a safer riding environment and reduces incidents of road rage or aggressive driving.

For further information regarding Bicycle Laws & Safety, please visit

[Http://sheriff.org/safety/bike.cfm](http://sheriff.org/safety/bike.cfm).



BROWARD COUNTY ANIMAL CARE Dog Smarts 101 Class



Are you frustrated with your furry friend? Chewed shoes? Accidents in the home? Well, don't give up just yet pet owners! The Broward County Animal Care and Adoption is hosting, "Dog Smarts 101 Class" with Certified Professional Dog Trainer Dawn Hanna. Dawn Hanna has more than 17 years of experience in behavior training which provides pet parents with some important information to make dog ownership easier for both the canine and its family. This class is not just for pet owners to learn more about their companion but also to help reduce the number of pets that are surrendered to shelters each year.

When: Tuesday, November 13th

Where: West Regional Library
8601 West Broward Blvd
Plantation, FL

Time: 6pm- 7pm

Who: Open to all residents

**This class is not a dog training session,
NO pets will be permitted.**

**Advance Registration is not required.
Dog Smarts 101 Class is free of charge.**



For more information regarding pet classes, events, or adoptions, please visit www.broward.org/animal.



20th ANNUAL HARVEST DRIVE "Children Helping Children"

The 20th Annual Harvest Drive is wrapping up THIS WEEK AND NEXT. Weston schools, businesses and religious organizations have been busy collecting items for this year's Drive and the participation has been great! The Harvest Drive provides needy families with children residing in Broward County with a complete Thanksgiving meal and a week's worth of groceries, as well as personal and household necessities during Thanksgiving season.



HOW TO HELP: Drop off donations and/or volunteer your time.

VOLUNTEERING, COLLECTION, SORTING AND DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

CYPRESS BAY HIGH SCHOOL

18600 Vista Park Blvd., Weston (754-323-0350 - Inside the Cafeteria)

Thursday, November 15th 1:00pm – 4:00pm Sorting and Packing

Friday, November 16th 5:00pm – 8:00pm Family Pick-Up

WESTERN HIGH SCHOOL

1200 SW 136th Avenue, Davie (754-323-2400 - Inside the Mini-Gym)

Friday, November 16th 3:00pm – 9:00pm **** Community Drop-Off ****

Monday, November 19th 8:00am – 9:00pm Sorting and Packing

4:00pm – 8:00pm Harvest Boutique Open

Tuesday, November 20th 8:00am - 3:00pm Family Pick-Up

Requested non-perishable items (no glass containers please):

Juice	Pancake Mix	Cereal/Oatmeal	Soap/Body Wash
Rice	Pasta	Cookies	Laundry Detergent
Jelly	Peanut Butter	Stuffing	Toothpaste
Napkins	Aluminum Foil	Shampoo	Deodorant, Etc.
Dish Soap	Canned meats	Canned Vegetables	Canned Fruit
Canned Gravy	Canned Cranberries	Canned Sweet Potatoes	

**For more information on the drive and how to volunteer please visit
www.harvestdriveflorida.com.**



THE STORYBOOK FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17th
10:00am – 4:30pm

Crafts • Food Trucks • Story Swappin' Ground • FREE book to first 1000 children!

The StoryBook Festival is funded through the [Broward Public Library Foundation](#) with support from the City of Pembroke Pines, Baptist Medical Plaza at Pembroke Pines, the *Miami Herald*, *Broward Family Life Magazine* and [Friends of Southwest Regional Library](#).

Come to the 2012 StoryBook Festival and listen to tales from around the world, that will make you think, make you laugh and make you want to share your own stories. Two stages and the grounds surrounding the library will have you enjoying folk tales, music and dance. Crafts will be part of the free family fun. There will be costumed characters, so don't forget to wear your favorite costume...and join in the costume parade at 10:30 a.m. The event will take place at the [Southwest Regional Library](#), 16835 Sheridan Street, Pembroke Pines, 954-538-9996.

- Folk Tales by Michael Parent, Carrie Sue Ayvar, Janie DeVos, Baba Lyons
- Superstar Productions' *Hansel & Gretel*
- Japanese koto player, Yoshiko performs with Taiko drummers, Fushu Daiko
- Music from the Andes of South America by Wayna
- Hawaiian dance by Ohana Arts
- Mocko Jumbie Stilt Dancers
- Coral Springs Chinese Cultural Association Lion dance team
- Baptist Medical Plaza's Big Book Giveaway
- The *Miami Herald's* Fantasy Forest



For more information on the StoryBook Festival, please call 954-538-9996 or visit <http://www.broward.org/Library/MyLibraryOnline/Pages/Children.aspx>.



TRAVEL SAFETY TIPS

The holidays are approaching fast and many Broward County residents will be taking vacations or leaving town to visit with family and friends. The Broward Sheriff's Office reminds everyone that there are certain security-minded steps to take before leaving town. Knowing your home is protected will put your mind at ease while being out of town; The Broward Sheriff Office offers the Free Home Watch Program.

What is the Home Watch Program?

Once you have signed up for the Home Watch Program, a deputy, community service aide or BSO volunteer will check on your home regularly while you are out of town. An exterior check of the home will be conducted to make sure there have been no unlawful entries and that no other obvious problems have occurred outside of your home.

Additional Home Security Tips

1. Make sure home appears occupied. Consider placing lights on a timer.
2. Disconnect automatic opener to garage.
3. Let a trusted neighbor know you are leaving, provide spare key and to call 911 for anyone not authorized on property.
4. Install good locks on all doors and windows.
5. **NEVER** leave a message on telephone answering machine stating you are out of town!
6. Leave window blinds as you normally would if you were home.
7. Invite your neighbor to park car in your driveway.

Traveling by Air



1. Arrive Early
 - Check-in
 - Security Check Points
 - Long Lines
 - Baggage
2. If you're picking up guests at the airport, you are reminded not to park on the swale at the entrance of airport.

Traveling by Car

1. Allow yourself enough time to reach your destination; roadways could be congested.
2. Confirm your car is in proper working order.
3. If you stop at rest area, make sure it's well-lit and lock your doors!

Happy & Safe Holiday Travel!

To sign up for the free Home Watch Program, visit www.sheriff.org. Complete form and return it to the Weston BSO District Office at 17300 Royal Palm Blvd., Weston, phone 954-389-2010 (non-emergency).



Don't Miss The 15th Annual Rotary Run for Tomorrow 5K/Half-Marathon Mayor's Challenge 1-Mile Family Health Walk and Get Fit Fest Sunday, December 9th

Since 1998, the Weston Rotary Club has organized the Run for Tomorrow. In recent years, the run/walk has attracted thousands of participants and spectators to the run and the accompanying Get Fit health and wellness festival in beautiful Weston Town Center.

Since 2010, the Weston Rotary has taken their message of fitness and healthy living into Weston elementary schools. Students and families can compete in the Mayor's Challenge Cup 1-mile Family Walk at 9:00am following the 5K and half marathon events.



The Run For Tomorrow & Get Fit Fest is one of the fundraising events organized annually by club members. Proceeds from the event go to fund three areas of Weston Rotary Club's

charities. Dozens of fitness partners and health and lifestyle vendors staff booths at the Get Fit Fest with new products, games, food, wellness checks, and a great day of family fun for all ages.

The Half Marathon and 5K will take place on Sunday, December 9th with a 6:20am start time from Weston Town Center, 1675 Market Street, Weston and the Mayor's Challenge 1-Mile Family Health Walk will begin at 9:00am. To register for the road races please visit: www.active.com/running/weston-fl/weston-rotary-run-for-tomorrow-2012#Summary.



EVENT FEES:	Half Marathon	5K Run	Mayor's 1-Mile Walk
Pre-Register	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$20.00
Raceday	\$45.00	\$35.00	\$20.00



For more information on all of the upcoming events, please visit www.rotaryclubofwestonevents.com.



UPCOMING EVENTS/PROGRAMS



GET FIT WESTON – Fitness Initiative

Now through December 9, 2012

Get Fit Weston is back for the third year! This fitness initiative offers anyone an opportunity to **pay just \$25** and choose from 35 weekly fitness programs from 7 local fitness partners. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Weston, the City of Weston and the YMCA, this initiative offers a great way to try out various fitness clubs and classes and see what works best for you.

REGISTER: www.rotaryclubofwestonevents.com or www.westonrotary.com/Get-Fit-Weston/



SLEEPING BEAUTY

Saturday, November 10th 10:30AM

The City offers a professional theatrical presentation for children of Sleeping Beauty. A sleeping princess, a spellbound prince and more fairies than you can shake a stick at are all part of this quirky adaptation of the popular tale.

Location: Cypress Bay Theater, Cypress Bay High School, 18600 Vista Park Blvd.

Tickets: **\$5.00 in advance** or \$10.00 at the door. Tickets are purchased at the Weston Community Center, 20200 Saddle Club Road (inside the Weston Regional Park).



AN APARTMENT IN ATHENS

First Film in Foreign Film Series – Monday, November 12th

A Greek couple with a 12 year old son and a 10 year old daughter in Nazi-occupied Athens must share living quarters with a tough German officer.

Location: Weston 8 Cinema, 1338 SW 160 Ave, Sunrise

Show Times: 5:00PM & 7:15P

Tickets: \$30 for series of 5 or \$7 individual tickets if available.

Series tickets available at the Weston Community Center, Community Bank of Broward and Friends Book Store in the Weston Library. **Single tickets:** at the door if available.



VETERANS DAY OBSERVED

Monday, November 12th – City Offices Closed

All City administrative offices will be closed in observance of Veterans Day. Veterans Day is a day set aside to honor the members of our military, past and present. Please take a moment to pause and give thanks to all of our men and women who have served in uniform, and for those protecting our country today.

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

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FREE POPS CONCERT: SYMPHONY OF THE AMERICAS

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A Free twilight concert of pops and light classes performed by the full Symphony of Americas orchestra. Music of your favorite Broadway shows, movies and hum-along favorites will be featured. The Concert will take place on Bell Tower Lane in Weston Town Center, behind the clock tower. Limited seating is available. Rain date: December 8, 2012.

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CITY COMMISSION MEETING – SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Monday, November 19th – 7PM - Weston City Hall

The Swearing In Ceremony for newly elected City officials and a regular meeting of the City Commission will be held in the City Commission Chamber located in Weston City Hall, 17200 Royal Palm Boulevard.



THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY CLOSURES

City Administrative Offices will close:

3:00pm Wednesday, November 21, 2012

Thursday & Friday, November 22 & 23, 2012

City parks will close at 6PM on Thursday, November 22nd only.

There is regular garbage collection on all days.



Weston now delivers the latest news direct to your inbox.

Select from two options (*we recommend BOTH*):

- **Newsday Tuesday:** sent each Tuesday, a collection of city news articles, information and events.
- **General Notifications:** Updates on construction projects; media releases; sports registrations and events. Subscribe at www.westonfl.org/EmailSubscriptions.aspx.



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.