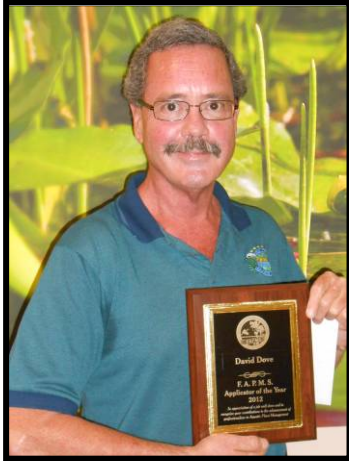




WESTON DRAINAGE MANAGER DAVID DOVE HONORED WITH STATEWIDE AWARD



City Drainage Manager David Dove has been awarded recognition by the Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society (FAPMS) as Aquatic Plant Manager of the Year. David is pictured here with his plaque and also awarded a \$500 prize. Public Works Director Karl Thompson, with the help of staff, completed the nomination submittal without David's knowledge, so he was completely surprised.

David has a wealth of experience and knowledge and has been an asset to the Weston community for 20 years. The nomination must show experience and accomplishments in a series of categories which include Herbicide Control, Biological Control, Mechanical Control, Ingenuity, Research, Education, Public Relations and FAPMS Activities.

Highlighting just a portion of the completed nomination: David was responsible for the implementation of controlling triploid grass by introducing 25,000 grass carp into the lakes of Weston which naturally feed on the invasive species. He designed a truck spray rig and designed all boat spray systems in use by the City as well as perfected the spray systems and rebuilds and repairs all rigs and spray guns. David developed the industry standard "Spray Protection Protocol" which insures the correct application of chemicals, personal protection, and communication of legal and safety issues with all agencies. David is active in the Everglades Restoration Group and a member of the task force for Fuel Distributions for Broward County Hurricane Research.

As for education, David has a Bachelor degree in Zoology and did graduate work in biology. He is a certified commercial diver, diver medic and Ocean Corps Certified EMT Paramedic and has trained as a NASA Medic for six months. David has long been Weston's "go to guy" for information regarding lake concerns or animal issues. He also leads a portion of the Weston University program Community Services day for high school students. And the list goes on....

It is obvious why David was selected for this year's award and the City has always known that David was an exceptional staff member.

Weston has 1,877 acres of lakes and canals which are also carefully maintained by the City and over 1,700 acres in mitigation. The health of this environment and the water levels are all meticulously monitored and we thank David Dove and the Public Works Department for their excellent service.

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Oftentimes, residents question the spraying of vegetation along the lake edges or want to see the "weeds" removed:

The plantings in each area were put there for a specific purpose, whether to attract certain insects, birds and fish, or to provide nesting places for reproduction, or to provide a food supply for others. The City sprays the exotic weeds, which die, fall into the water and deteriorate, leaving only the native plants. Dead plant leaves and stems break down in the water to form small particles of enriched organic material. This feeds many small aquatic insects, shellfish and small fish that are food for larger fish, reptiles, amphibians, birds and mammals.

The vegetation along lakes and canals is necessary for water quality, enabling Weston residents and visitors to enjoy pristine water conditions. Diverse vegetation pulls impurities from the water, like a filter, and releases oxygen and water into the atmosphere. Littoral shelves, varying ground levels along and in the water embankments, are planted with vegetation, are constructed for this purpose as well as being nesting.

THE BENEFITS ARE MANY - water quality, flood protection, shoreline erosion control and opportunities for recreation and nature appreciation.



David provides a tour and information on the City's wetland preservation area to Weston University students.



WHEN DEEP FRYING A THANKSGIVING TURKEY SAFETY TIPS FROM BSO & THE CITY OF WESTON

A popular item that is used at holiday time is the propane gas turkey fryer. These are readily available and inexpensive but can be unsafe, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and Underwriters Laboratories (UL). The NFPA discourages the use of turkey fryers except by properly trained professionals using professional quality equipment. Underwriters Laboratories does not certify any of these appliances with their UL mark. New on the market is a similar outdoor unit that does not use oil and should be considered as an alternative to the oil-containing fryers.



Since deep fried turkey is a longtime favorite food, people will continue to use the deep fryers. Consumer-grade turkey fryers use a substantial quantity of cooking oil at high temperatures and pose a significant danger that hot oil will be released at some point during the cooking process. The use of turkey fryers by consumers can lead to devastating burns, other injuries and the destruction of property. BSO echoes the NFPA suggestion that those who prefer a deep-fried turkey simply purchase one prepared from a grocer, food retailer or restaurant that prepares them using professional equipment.

Dangers:

1. Units can easily tip over, spilling boiling hot oil over a large area.
2. An overfilled cooking pot or even a partially frozen turkey - will cause cooking oil to spill.
3. A small amount of oil coming in contact with the burner can cause a large fire.
4. Without thermostat controls, deep fryers have the potential to overheat the oil to the point of combustion.
5. The sides of the pot, lid and pot handles can get dangerously hot, causing severe burns.

If You Do Fry a Turkey

- Fryers should always be used outdoors, on a solid level surface a safe distance from buildings and flammable materials.
- Never use a fryer on a wooden deck, under a patio cover, in a garage or enclosed space.
- Do not overfill the fryer.
- Never leave the fryer unattended because, without thermostat controls, the oil will continue to heat until it catches fire.
- Never let children or pets near the fryer when in use/after use. Oil can remain hot for hours.
- Use well-insulated potholders or oven mitts and wear long sleeves and safety goggles to protect from splatter.
- Make sure the turkey is completely thawed before it is placed in a fryer.
- Keep all-purpose fire extinguishers nearby and immediately call 9-1-1 if fryer catches fire.

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We remind residents that Thanksgiving is the top day for cooking fires

An estimated 2,000 Thanksgiving Day fires in residential buildings occur annually in the U. S., resulting in an estimated average of 5 deaths, 25 injuries and \$21 million in property loss. By far, the leading cause of Thanksgiving Day fires in residential buildings is cooking. These fires occur most frequently between noon and 4 p.m.

Be extra careful:

Avoid cooking over a stove with loose clothing/sleeves

Never leave stove top foods that cooking, unattended

Keep pot handles turned in toward the stove





HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY City of Weston Administrative Offices Closures



Wednesday, November 21st

City Administrative Offices will close at 3:00 p.m.
All parks will be open and there is regular garbage collection.

Thursday, November 22nd

City Administrative Offices will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving.
All parks will close at 6:00pm and there is regular garbage collection.

Friday, November 23rd

City Administrative Offices will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving.
All parks will be open and there is regular garbage collection.





STUFF THE TURKEY, NOT YOUR PET! Broward County Animal Care and Adoption Holiday Tips

Thanksgiving time is here and Broward County Animal Care and Adoption, reminds all pet owners to keep their dogs and cats safe during the holiday. With much of Thanksgiving centering on food and eating, people are often tempted to feed a traditional Thanksgiving meal to their pets. However, such a meal can get your dog or cat very sick **or can even be lethal.**



Here are ten important safety tips to follow:

1. **Keep your pet on its regular feeding schedule and feed them their regular pet food.** Whatever time you normally feed your pet, stay with that routine.
2. **Do not feed your pet any part of the turkey.** While people may think that turkey is safe, often the seasoning from the turkey drippings, along with the skin and gravy can cause pancreatitis — inflammation of the pancreas.
3. **Do not give your pet bones.** Turkey bones are particularly dangerous since they can splinter and cause intestinal damage.
4. **Secure the garbage pail.** Table scraps, food wrappings, bones and other items can be tempting to your pet. Even simple items like aluminum foil and the string from the turkey can be consumed since your pet will smell the food and seasonings on them. Be sure that all trash containers, both inside the house and outside, are securely closed.
5. **Keep your pet in another room during dinnertime,** so that they do not sit and beg at the table. In addition, guests will not be tempted to give them any food.
6. **Do not give pets chocolate!** Chocolate is toxic and can affect the heart and nervous system.
7. **Do not give your pet alcohol or eggnog to drink.** Alcohol can cause coma and death in animals.
8. **Do** make sure that your pet has plenty of fresh water at all times.
9. **Most important,** make sure that your pet is wearing proper identification. Pets can easily escape through the front or patio doors when guests come to your home.

For more information, please visit the Broward County's website at www.broward.org/animal/Pages/Default.aspx.



November 20, 2012

SLEEPING BEAUTY WAS A BIG HIT!

Presented by Professional Theater for Children

Children of all ages and their parents had a great time at SLEEPING BEAUTY, presented by the Professional Theater for Children/Stages Productions on Saturday, November 10th. There was laughter, drama, adventure, autographs and, of course, everyone lived happily ever after!



Mark your calendars now for the next production –
ALLADIN AND THE MAGIC LAMP on Saturday, April 13, 2013.
For more information, please contact the Weston Community Center,
954-389-4321, 20200 Saddle Club Road or visit website at www.westonfl.org.



AARP SAFE DRIVING COURSE FOR MATURE ADULTS

Wednesday, November 28th

The City of Weston is offering AARP's 55 Alive/Mature Driving Program. This is a six (6) hour classroom session designed as a refresher course in safe driving.

The course is available to anyone 50 and over. A reduction in automobile insurance premium is allowed to each person 55 and over, by most insurance companies when the course is completed and the driver has a safe driving record.

DATE: **Wednesday, November 28th**

TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Weston Branch Library
4205 Bonaventure Blvd.

REGISTER: Advance registration is required

**To register, call Sonny
at 954-385-9920**

COST: \$12.00 AARP Members
\$14.00 Non-Members

**ALL VETERANS & SPOUSES WILL BE ADMITTED FREE OF CHARGE FOR
THIS CLASS.**

Please bring a bagged lunch and
AARP members should bring their card.



November 20, 2012

* NEW * PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FILING DATES FOR THE CITY OF WESTON

Broward county property appraiser Lori Parrish has announced special 2012 - 2013 homeowner sign-up dates throughout the City of Weston for homestead, senior and other property assessment exemptions.

Documents required to file a Homestead Exemption include:

- * A current Florida driver's license or Florida identification card, AND
- * A current voter registration card or declaration of domicile
- * Non-US citizens must also provide proof of legal residency



Qualified residents 65 years of age or older as of January 1, 2013 may also apply for the additional Senior Exemption (after January 1, 2013). Eligible seniors must have a total household adjusted gross income not to exceed \$27,030. Seniors must bring a copy of their 2012 Income Tax Return or copy of 2012 Social Security 1099 form if no tax return was filed.

Weston Regional Park Community Center, 20200 Saddle Club Road

Mondays from 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

November 26, 2012

December 17, 2012

January 28, 2013

February 25, 2013

April 22, 2013

June 24, 2013

August 26, 2013

October 28, 2013

November 25, 2013

December 16, 2013

Bonaventure Town Center Club, 16690 Saddle Club Road

Tuesdays from 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

November 6, 2012

December 4, 2012

January 8, 2013

February 5, 2013

The Property Appraiser's full calendar can be viewed at www.bcpa.net/Events.asp.
For further information visit their website at www.bcpa.net.



HELP THE BROWARD SHERIFF'S OFFICE Slam the door on scammers!

If a stranger knocks on your door and asks to go inside your home, **what should you do?** The Broward Sheriff's Office reminds you to be wary even though, he or she may seem clean-cut, friendly and harmless. Don't fall for any stories such as the car breaking down and needing a phone to use or people posing as maintenance workers needing to check something in the home. Please BEWARE! The person knocking could very well be a scam artist trying to get inside your house to rob you. Such scammers use creative tactics, preying your fears, loneliness or sense of sympathy to get inside. Also, know that some scammers work in teams and often target the elderly.

What you should do if someone is at your door that seems suspicious?

- **Without opening** the door, ask the person to identify themselves.
- If you have already opened the door, **shut and lock** it immediately.
- **Dial 911** to report the suspicious person.
- **Call the company** the person claims to represent.
- **Contact a friend or relative** to report what happened.

Always remember to keep ALL windows and doors locked even if your home!



If you think you have been a victim of a scam, call 911 or dial BSO's non emergency number at (954) 765-4321.

To report scammers or any other suspicious activity anonymously, please call Broward Crime Stoppers at (954) 493-8477 or visit, www.browardcrimestoppers.org.



BROWARD COUNTY ANIMAL CARE TO HOST "BLACK FRIDAY" ADOPTION EVENT

Special "Kennel Buster" Promotion Allows Adopters to Pick Their Own Price



Animal Care - An Adoption Center for Broward County Pets

Broward County Animal Care will host the shelter's very first "Pick Your Own Price" adoption promotion on **Black Friday, November 23th, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.** at the Fort Lauderdale Adoption Center, 1870 S.W. 39 Street, Ft. Lauderdale. The special "kennel buster" event will allow adopters to pay any amount they choose for their new pet — from adult dogs and cats, to younger kittens and puppies.

To add to the fun, adopters who bring in an Animal Care and Adoption "wish list" item to the shelter will get to spin the Animal Care Prize Wheel for the chance to win fun prizes, such as T-shirts and discount coupons. The "wish list" items include:

- Bandanas
- Blankets
- Canned dog and cat food
- Dry dog and cat food (all sizes and varieties)
- Cat and dog toys
- Cat litter (non-clumping)
- Dog and cat treats
- Cotton fabric (lightweight, to make bandanas)
- Kuranda dog beds
- MNR (kitten milk replacement) formula
- Kitten bottles and nipples
- Newspaper
- Towels



Broward County's Animal Care and Adoption is dedicated to providing shelter for lost and surrendered animals as well as the successful adoption of homeless pets. The agency also coordinates the registration of dogs and cats and provides rabies vaccinations to encourage a healthier pet population. For more information, visit broward.org/Animal.



SOCIAL COMMUNICATION

New Weston Community Center Classes

The City of Weston's Community Center announces new Social Communication Classes. They are pragmatics courses for students with a diagnosis of Asperger's Syndrome, High-Functioning Autism, ADD/ADHD, Social Anxiety, or any other social learning challenges. In the classes, the instructors integrate group activities along with the Social Thinking® and Superflex Curriculums developed by Michelle Garcia Winner and Stephanie Madrigal. The course instructors are Renea Kraus & Kristin Judd, who are nationally certified speech-language pathologists.

Candidates for the class should have average to above average cognitive abilities, as our classes focus on teaching students to:

- learn how to improve perspective taking skills by teaching students how to think about thinking
- learn how to improve self-awareness and self-regulation skills
- learn how to modify behaviors by understanding the thoughts of others
- learn how to understand the meanings of body language and emotions
- learn conversation skills
- learn problem solving strategies

For registration information, email socialcommunicationandlearning@yahoo.com, or visit www.socialcommunicationstation.com and complete the online form.

Please include your **child's name**, **age**, and **diagnosis**. You will be contacted for additional information in order to determine appropriate placement in the Social Communication Classes.

Price: \$250/8-week session
When: Tuesdays starting November 27th
Time: 4:30pm-5:30pm for 7-11 year olds
5:30pm-6:30pm for 12-15 year olds

Class minimum: 5 students; class maximum: 10 students



Classes are held at the Weston Community Center located inside the Weston Regional Park (20200 Saddle Club Road, Weston, FL 33327). For a complete listing of all classes and details, call the Weston Community Center at 954-389-4321 or visit our website at www.westonfl.org/Departments/ParksAndRecreation.



November 20, 2012

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/



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 & recycling collection on all days.



Sunday, December 9, 2012 – 6:20AM

Rotary Run for Tomorrow

Half Marathon & 5K Run/Walk

This annual Half Marathon and 5K Run/Walk sponsored by the Rotary Club of Weston and co-sponsored by the City of Weston begins at 6:30AM at the Weston Town Center.

5K Run: 8 and under, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-19 with 5 year groupings to 80 and over

Half Marathon: 19 and under, 20-24 with 5 year groupings to 80 and over.

To register: <http://www.rotaryclubofwestonevents.com>



Sunday, December 19, 2012 – 9:00AM

Mayor's Get Fit Challenge Cup Walk

All Weston elementary students are invited to participate in a special 1-mile *Mayor's Challenge Walk*. The "Mayor's Get Fit Challenge Cup" and a \$500 check will be awarded to the school with the most participants.

Register at school today or visit www.westonfl.org

The Mayor's Challenge Walk takes place at the Weston Town Center.

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NOBODY IS PERFECT

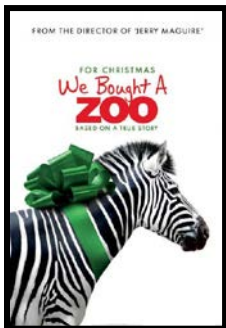
Second Film in Foreign Film Series—Monday, December 10th

This eye-opening film narrates stories of 3 men and a woman, who could be described as differently-abled. Carlos is blind, Dani is deaf and Ruben has lost his left leg.

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

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

Tickets: \$7 individual tickets if available, at the door one hour prior to show.



FREE MOONLIGHT MOVIE IN THE PARK

WE BOUGHT A ZOO – Saturday, December 15th at 7:30PM

Following his wife's death, LA journalist Benjamin Mee makes a fresh start, quitting his job and moving his children to property containing the closed Rosemoor Wildlife Park. Still home to many animals he opens his heart and checkbook to renovate and reopen it. (PG: parents may find a few incidents of objectionable language)

Location: At the Event Stage next to the Community Center in the Weston Regional Park. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Bring

lawn chairs or blankets and sit back and relax....the movie is on us!

HOLIDAY GIFT GIVING SUGGESTION....Concerts tickets on sale now!



Two fabulous upcoming concert events:

Saturday, March 2, 2013 – Symphony of the Americas-Opera to Broadway
Saturday, April 20, 2013 – The Dallas Brass

Both concerts are at 8PM at the Cypress Bay Theater.

Advance tickets are on sale now at the Weston Community Center for just \$20.

Last year's events were a sell out, so get your tickets early!



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.