



WESTON WELCOMES TWO NEW CITY COMMISSIONERS



L-R: Commissioner Angel M. Gomez, Commissioner Toby Feuer, Mayor Daniel J. Stermer, Commissioner Jim Norton, and Commissioner Thomas M. Kallman.

City Hall was filled to standing room only on Monday, November 19, 2012. The event was the swearing in ceremony for Weston's new Mayor, Daniel J. Stermer, and two City Commissioners, Angel M. Gomez (Seat 1) and Thomas M. Kallman (Seat 2).

The Broward Sheriff's Office Honor Guard performed the official salute and then joined in the Pledge of Allegiance that was led by students from Indian Trace Elementary School.

Commissioner Kallman was administered the oath of office by long-time friend, former State Representative and now newly elected County Commissioner Martin Kiar. Tom's daughter was in the audience to proudly watch her father take the dais after speaking of his long standing belief of giving back to the community.

Next Commissioner Gomez was administered his oath of office for a second term in office, by outgoing City Commissioner and friend, Mercedes Henriksson. He stood with his wife and children before thanking his family, many of whom traveled from Mexico to be with him, and the Weston community for supporting him in a second term.

Last to be sworn in was Weston's Mayor Daniel Stermer. Having served as a Commissioner from 2002 – 2010, the Mayor is no stranger to Weston or serving his community. The Honorable Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz proudly administered the oath of office as Mayor Stermer stood with his wife and son (two children are away at school.) Mayor Stermer addressed the legacy that he takes over from Mayor Eric Hersh, who was in the audience to congratulate him, and Weston's first Mayor Harry Rosen. He poignantly spoke, stating that "There is no 'I' in Weston, but there is 'We', and that the evening represents the orderly transition of our elected representatives and the mission, drive and reason why those that have had the honor to serve and those of us that do now, do so".

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Commissioner Thomas Kallman (right) is sworn into office by County Commissioner Martin Kiar.



Commissioner Angel Gomez (right), stands with his family as he is sworn into office by outgoing Commissioner Mercedes Henriksson.



Left: Mayor Daniel Stermer is sworn into office by Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz.
Above: The standing room only crowd.

HOW TO VIEW A CITY COMMISSION MEETING

City Commission meetings are available for viewing at anytime, anyplace, with internet access. Simply go to: <http://www.westonfl.org/Departments/CityClerk/CommissionMeetings.aspx> then click on "Live Commission Meeting" to view a meeting in progress or "Archived Commission Meetings" 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: 9:00 p.m.;** **Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. & 9:00 p.m., and Thursday: 10:00 a.m. & 9:00 p.m.**



SYMPHONY OF THE AMERICAS POPS CONCERT WAS ENJOYED BY ALL!

Over 600 residents and neighbors came out on Saturday night, November 17th to enjoy the FREE concert performed by the full Symphony of the Americas Orchestra under the baton of Maestro James Brooks-Bruzzese. The evening was a huge hit with an enthusiastic, diverse crowd who sang and danced to the toe-taping songs!



Joy Rodenberg, President Arts Council of Greater Weston was quoted, "It was a sensational evening! Weston Town Center was a perfect venue. The guests were thrilled by the Symphony and are looking forward to their return to Cypress Bay in March 2013. And I was personally thrilled by the diversity of the audience; toddlers to grannies, families and individuals, ethnically diverse - all loving everything from West Side Story to the Stars and Stripes March!"



Don't miss the remaining concerts held on March 2nd - Symphony of the Americas; Opera to Broadway and April 20th - The Dallas Brass. Both concerts will be held at the Cypress Bay Theater and tickets are available now at the Weston Community Center, 20200 Saddle Club Road. Buy your tickets early, the concerts will sell out. Visit www.westonfl.org for more information.





WESTON UNIVERSITY Fire Department

On November 14th, Weston University students participated in a fun educational day with the men and women of Broward Sheriff's Office Fire Rescue at Weston Fire Station 81. They learned hands on about fire safety, tactics, and equipment. The students started the morning by meeting the Weston Fire Department Chief, Harris Bouchillon before splitting off into groups to start the excitement of visiting each area of interest.





HARVEST DRIVE A HUGE SUCCESS THANK YOU FROM ALL THE "WORKER BEES"

In its 20th year, "Children Helping Children" remained the theme of the Harvest Drive where children throughout Broward County schools assisted in the efforts of collecting food and necessities for a Thanksgiving meal and a week's worth of food for those in need.



This year Cypress Bay joined the list of distribution sites bringing the participating schools in the county to 170. The Harvest Fest was started in 1992 by Renee Herman and the original distribution site was Country Isles Elementary School in Weston. Renee has attracted a dedicated volunteer group of "worker bees" which grows each and every year. Renee has an enthusiasm, dedication, warmth and infectious spirit that lifts all who meet her. You're hooked and you help. But for Renee everything is about helping to feed those in need AND teaching children to give back and share, providing them with the joy she knows one feels after helping others.

Over 2000 families were served this year and non-perishables were also provided to the E.A.S.E. organization in Davie whose building had burnt down; E.A.S.E also assists families in need.

At Cypress Bay alone, 52 families were served. Each and every family is provided with 6-10 bags of food and necessities for the week and a gift card to purchase the non-perishables such as the turkey and pie for Thanksgiving dinner. At Western High School, a clothing boutique was also established for participants to "shop" for what they need.

Families are referred by Broward County social workers and social service agencies and include many right in our own backyard. Family names remain anonymous to volunteers.



For more information please visit:
www.harvestdriveflorida.com

Congratulations to the Harvest Fest team and thank you to all volunteers, sponsors and donators



WESTON COMMUNITY CENTER'S 55+ CLUB CELEBRATES THEIR 11th ANNIVERSARY

The 55+ Club celebrated their 11th Anniversary on Wednesday, October 24th 2012. Over 110 guests attended the celebration which began with a happy hour, fantastic dinner, great entertainment and dancing!



The entertainment was provided Mark Bournfield and Bee Jammin Bartlett, who was on Broadway this summer. The guests had a wonderful time dancing, socializing and winning prizes.

Membership in the 55+ Club is open to residents' ages 55 years and older who have some free time and would like to gather with a great group looking for entertainment and friendship.

There is a variety of monthly activities, ranging from bus trips, seminars, lunch and other great events. There is a \$35 annual membership fee per person.

Membership forms can be picked up at the Weston Community Center or visit the 55+ Club web page for forms and event calendars at: www.westonfl.org/Departments/ParksAndRecreation/55PlusClub.





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CYBER SAFETY TIPS FOR CHILDREN FROM THE BROWARD SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Think B4 UPost



Technology today has turned many of us into publishers of information, pictures and videos. When used appropriately, these technologies provide tremendous opportunity for creativity. However, some children and young people are hiding behind their screens to *gossip* and *bully* their classmates.

There is nothing funny about it!

Posting inappropriate messages about people, or sending disturbing text messages or e-mails can be considered a crime. Bullying via text or e-mail is still bullying!

What can parents do?

Remind your children that the choice to hit send it theirs. Ask them – is this message really important? How would they feel if someone said something negative about them?

Have your kids ask themselves these 5 questions before you post anything!

1. Would your grandma want to see that?
2. Do you really think that's private?
3. Would you say that to someone's face?
4. Is that your work to publish?
5. What if someone published a photo like that of you?

Remind children that they are responsible for their own actions!

For more information on cyber safety and all of the BSO's safety programs, please visit www.sheriff.org.

PARENTS SHOULD LEARN THE COMMONLY USED CYBER-LINGO USED BY THEIR CHILDREN:

A/S/L	age, sex, location
POS	parents looking over my shoulder
PAL	parents are listening
F2F	face-to-face meeting
P911	parents are coming
IWALU	I will always love you
KOL	kiss on the lips



WESTON BRANCH LIBRARY OFFERS FREE HOLIDAY CONCERT

The local Spanish musical group **Amazonia Vocal Ensemble** will perform a free holiday concert for all ages at the Weston Branch Library. The group is dedicated to the education and promotion of music, traditions and culture from Latin America and the Caribbean through musical ensembles, in order to preserve the cultural heritage. Amazonia recently celebrated their 5th anniversary of performing in and around Weston.



Date: Wednesday, December 5th
Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Location: Weston Branch Library
4205 Bonaventure Blvd., Weston

The repertoire performed by Amazonia Vocal Ensemble is typically in Spanish but also in other American languages and original dialects such as Portuguese (Brazil), Papiamentu (Aruba-Curacao), Quechua (Peru) and Chiquitano (Bolivia) among others.

For additional information, please call (954) 389-2098 ext. 3 or visit
www.broward.org/LIBRARY/LOCATIONSHOURS/BRANCHES/Pages/WE.aspx

or

<http://amazoniaensemble.com/>.



WESTON BRANCH LIBRARY DECEMBER ADULT AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

ADULT SERVICES PROGRAMS

Literacy Programs

Janine Rodrigues (ext. 247)

Mondays	English Café	10:30a - 12:30p
Tuesdays	Citizenship Studies	6:00p - 7:30p
Wednesdays	English Café	6:00p - 7:30p
Thursdays	Spanish Café, Intermediate	10:30a - 12:00p
Fridays	English Café	10:30a - 12:30p
	Spanish Café, Advanced	10:30a - 12:00p

Book Clubs

December 12	6:30p – 7:30 p
<i>The Story of a Beautiful Girl</i>	(Rachel Simon) Priya Anand (x 245)

Book Club in a Bag

Ongoing	Linda Abraham (ext. 249)
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Writers Circle

Saturdays	10:30a – 12:00p
<i>Jumpstart, Structure and Share Your Gems</i>	Astrid 954-389-2245

Special Event

December 5	6:00p – 7:30p
Celebración Multicultural con Amazonia Vocal Ensemble	
Concierto especial para toda la familia Waleska Diaz – Ext 244	

YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAMS

December 6	Suzuki Music	Ages 0-5	11:00a - 11:30a
December 10	Anime Club	Ages 13–18	3:30p - 5:30p
December 13	Snow Queen Puppets	Ages 0-5	11:00a - 11:30a
December 20	Santa	Ages 0-5	11:00a - 11:30a
December 15	Movie Based on Book	All Ages (w/caregiver)	2:00p - 4:00p
December 21	Wags & Tales	Ages 5–12 (pre-register)	3:00p - 4:00p
December 22	Fairy Tale Puppets	All Ages	11:00a - 11:30a
December 27	Yoga	Ages 0-5	11:00a - 11:30a

For more information and additional classes and events, please visit
<http://www.broward.org/Library/EventsClasses/Pages/ProgramsWE.aspx>.



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WESTON YMCA WINTER NFL FLAG FOOTBALL BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 4 – 16

The Weston YMCA now has 3 options for flag football participants!
Don't miss this fun, fast and exciting league!

- ✓ NFL Reversible Replica Jerseys
- ✓ New 7 vs. 7 Team Structure
- ✓ New USA Football Rules

Option 1: Non-Competitive (Ages 4-13)

- Player and Coach request available
- Teams will be created by YMCA staff
- No scores, standing or playoffs
- YMCA staff will officiate games

Option 2: Competitive (Ages 8-13)

- No Player or Coach request available
- All players must attend mandatory player evaluation Date TBD
- Coaches will create teams through draft
- Score, Standing and Playoffs
- Certified officials at games

Option 3: Division 6 (Ages 14-16)

- Can register as a team and individual players will be placed accordingly.



Early Bird Registration:	Now through December 23 rd \$110 Y Member; \$160 Regular
Regular Registration:	December 24 th – January 6 th \$135 Y Member; \$185 Regular
Season Dates:	January 19 th – March 16 th

For more information, please contact the Weston YMCA Family Center at 954-424-9622, 20201 Saddle Club Road, Weston or visit www.ymcabroward.org.



THE WESTON TENNIS CENTER

Enjoy a first class tennis experience at the Weston Tennis Center, a spacious, 16-court facility that includes 15 hydro-clay courts and one championship hard court. The Center is equipped with men's and women's showers, lockers, covered patio area for pre- and post-match relaxation and a fully stocked pro shop offering a variety of racquets, shoes, and clothing for sale.

The Weston Tennis Center offers a variety of lessons, clinics, boot camps, social and competitive tennis programs designed to challenge all ages and ability levels.



For more information and to register for any of the programs, please call the

Weston Tennis Center

954-389-8666

16451 Racquet Club Road, Weston, FL



NEW LICENSE PLATE DESIGN VOTING BEGINS TODAY!

~ Runs through Friday, December 14th ~

The website for public voting on Florida's license plate, www.Vote4FloridaTag.com, is open! *Floridians can vote online through December 14th*. The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles wants to upgrade the basic Florida plate to a design that increases readability and features a seven character configuration.

A committee of more than 20 stakeholders, including state agency personnel, law enforcement, tax collectors and affiliated associations participated in the development of the final license plate designs. DHSMV's in-house graphics artist created the designs.

**VOTE FOR
YOUR FAVORITE
LICENSE PLATE
DESIGN TODAY!**

**CLICK ON ONE
PLATE TO THE
RIGHT AND
YOU WILL HAVE
VOTED!**

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HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES

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Did you know you can renew your registrations online at GoRenew.com?
To learn more about online services and other DHSMV services, visit www.flhsmv.gov.

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles provides highway safety and security through excellence in service, education and enforcement. The Department is leading the way to a safer Florida through the efficient and professional execution of its core mission: the issuance of driver licenses, vehicle tags and titles and operation of the Florida Highway Patrol. To learn more about DHSMV and the services offered, visit www.flhsmv.gov.



UPCOMING EVENTS/PROGRAMS

The BSO Shred-A-Thon and Operation Medicine Cabinet originally scheduled for Saturday, December 8th has been **CANCELED**. Notice will be given if and when this event is rescheduled.



Sunday, December 9, 2012 – 6:20AM

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 9, 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.



Sunday, December 9, 2012 – 9:00AM-2:00PM

GET FIT FEST – Free event for the family Weston Town Center

Stay for the Fun! Weston's Health & Wellness Festival. A day full of free activities for kids, adults & families, including exhibitors, demonstrations and live entertainment.

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NOBODY IS PERFECT

Monday, December 10th

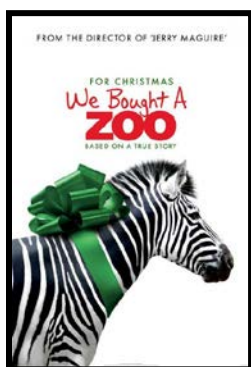
Second Film in Foreign Film Series

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.



MOONLIGHT MOVIE IN THE PARK – Free family event

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

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 then 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!



E Notifications

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.