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THE CITY OF WESTON HONORS TWO STAFF MEMBERS AS THE GRAND MARSHALS OF THE 4th OF JULY HOMETOWN PARADE!



The City of Weston is pleased to announce the 2013 Grand Marshal's for the Annual 4th of July parade; two City of Weston Public Works Services Center staff members.

Rich Ropke, Utilities Manager, began working in Weston in 1987. He has enjoyed working in Weston because of the many great people he works with. In his free time, he enjoys visiting the home he built in Port Charlotte where he intends to retire.

One of Rich's favorite memories was getting a call from a resident who lived near a pump station at one of the canals. The resident would complain of the pump running at night during the dry season. Rich went out, found no reason for the pump to be running, but noticed that it was warm as if it had been. Turns out a dove had gotten stuck in a pipe and every time it tried to get out it triggered the pump.



Drainage Manager **David Dove** has worked in Weston since 1992. He enjoys working in a city that is so clean and well maintained, and where people are as environmentally conscious as he is. In his spare time, David loves astronomy and microbiology. He also collects movies and has over 2500 to choose from. His all time favorite movie is "2001 - A Space Odyssey".

David's favorite memories in Weston surround the great wildlife of the area. He particularly enjoys the fantastic birds such as ospreys, snail kites and harriers and even recently spotted a Pileated woodpecker. And of course, who could forget the Weston bear?

Look for these gentlemen at the start of the parade on Thursday, July 4th at 10:30am in and around Weston Town Center!



WESTON'S 4th OF JULY HOMETOWN CELEBRATION TEMPORARY TRAFFIC DELAYS AND LANE CLOSURES

To minimize traffic delays and any inconvenience to motorists, please note the following temporary road and lane closures on Thursday, July 4th:

5K RUN/WALK AT WESTON REGIONAL PARK (7:00AM)

The 5K Run/Walk, sponsored by Broward Health Weston and the City of Weston begins at 7:00am at Regional Weston Park and surrounding roadways.



Temporary Road Closures between 6:00am and 8:00am:

- South Post Road: Closed between Saddle Club Road and the Public Works Complex (2599 South Post Road)
- Weston Regional Park: Access to the park will be restricted between 6:30am and 8:30am

HOMETOWN PARADE (10:30AM)

The City of Weston 4th of July Hometown Parade starts at Three Village and Town Center Roads, east to Bonaventure Blvd and concludes along Main Street in Town Center.



Temporary Road/ Lane Closures between 9:30am and 12:30pm

- Town Center Blvd.: Closed North & South Bound, between Town Center Circle and Indian Trace
- Three Village Road: Closed East Bound, between Town Center Blvd. and Bonaventure Blvd
- Bonaventure Blvd.: Closed South Bound, between Three Village Road and Bell Tower Lane

There will be NO fireworks display put on by the City of Weston. On Thursday, July 4th, all City parks will remain open until 6 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you at the Run and the Parade and Happy 4th of July!



PET SAFETY DURING 4th OF JULY

Pet owners are advised to be cautious during holiday activities



The upcoming Fourth of July holiday is marked by all kinds of celebrations, activities and food that can be fun for your family, but Broward County Animal Care and Adoption offers some important tips to ensure that the Fourth of July is also a safe holiday for your pet.

The bottom line is to have a safe and fun holiday weekend and summer. It's natural to want to include your pet in activities, but the best celebration will be one where your pet is on its normal routine, away from all of the noise and festivities so that they remain healthy, happy and safe.

Top Five 4th of July Safety Tips for Pets:

- 1) Keep your pet inside the house away from fireworks and loud noises. Do not leave them out in the yard.
- 2) Keep your pet safely away from hot grills, charcoal and lighter fluid. Sunscreen, insect repellent, citronella candles and oil are also harmful to your pet.
- 3) Do not feed your pet "people food" or alcohol.
- 4) If your pet ingests a poisonous substance, contact your veterinarian right away or the Animal Poison Control Center at 1-888-426-4435.
- 5) Make sure your dog or cat has a Broward County Pet Registration Tag and that it wears this identification at all times.

Broward County Animal Care and Adoption is dedicated to providing shelter for lost and homeless animals. The agency provides access to hundreds of shelter pets hoping for a new home. For more information about the agency or Pet Registration Tag suppliers, visit broward.org/animal.





WESTON PAVING PROJECTS

The **Royal Palm Boulevard** and **Weston Road** paving projects were both completed as of June 27th.

With the installation of the new asphalt roadway surface, the following will now occur:

- a) Temporary pavement markings (in traffic paint) are installed immediately.
- b) A quality control inspection of the newly installed surface, for any defects is carried out in the weeks following the pavement installation completion. Any such defects are corrected.
- c) All paver crosswalks will be cleaned to remove any asphalt paving residue.
- d) **The new asphalt must be allowed to cure for several weeks prior to the application of the permanent thermoplastic pavement markings.**



The completion of these projects will provide smooth driving for many years to come.



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HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS – A Continuing Series

TAKE STEPS NOW TO BE PREPARED HOME DAMAGE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

Broward County's Home Damage Assessment assists in quickly identifying areas of devastation, even before damage assessment teams are able to canvass the County. It's easy and a great service to the community! The Home Damage Assessment Program asks residents to report hurricane damage to their home, as soon as it is safe to go outside.

How it works:

1. Before the storm, print the [Home Damage Assessment photos](#) and include them in your hurricane kit and download the new **Mobile Device Application** <http://gis.broward.org/mda> to keep handy if you own a "smart" phone.
2. After the storm passes and it is safe to go outside, survey the damage to your home.
3. Compare your home to the four homes pictured on the page and select the one that best represents the condition of your home for damage level and/or flood level. It doesn't matter if you live in a single family home, condominium, townhouse, apartment, duplex, or mobile home.
4. To submit your home damage assessment report you have three options:
 - PHONE: call the Broward County Hurricane Hotline at 3-1-1
 - WEBSITE: online at <http://gis.broward.org/damage/>
 - MOBILE APP: through the Application downloaded above

When you make your damage report, you will be asked to provide the number of the photo below that best describes your home. Resident reports will provide a critical early indication of where major damage has occurred. For more information, visit www.broward.org/Hurricane/AtoZ/Pages/DamageAssessmentBeforeEvent.aspx.





REPORTING AND TRACKING POWER OUTAGES FPL MAKES IT EASY AND PROVIDES YOU UPDATES

Florida Power and Light which provides electricity to everyone in south Florida makes it very easy to report outages and provides you with updates as to your service.

Report problems online or via the phone

Online: **FPL.COM**; An easy to remember web site name, or just put FPL in your browser search. From the FPL site, just click on report power outage.

Phone: Call **1-800-4outage**

When advising of a power outage you can elect to receive updates on the status of your service repairs. FPL also has a mapping interface online that shows you where outages are in your area.

On the FPL website you can also:

- Report a street light out
- Report a deteriorated or leaning pole
- Report power quality issues such as flickering or dimming lights
- Report electrical interference
- Have your meter checked
- Request to have trees trimmed too close to a power line



WESTON JOINS BROWARD WATER PARTNERSHIP TO SAVE CUSTOMERS WATER AND MONEY

- New collaboration makes water saving toilet rebates available to customers –

Thanks to a partnership with Sunrise, Weston residents now have two reasons to celebrate; the water you will save and the money you will keep! By simply taking advantage of the numerous water-saving tips and incentives, Weston residents can now save money and those with traditional water guzzling toilets can get up to \$100 to replace them with higher efficiency ones.

The Broward Water Partnership includes Broward County and 18 local governments and water utilities. Sunrise Utilities, which provides water to a number of municipalities, recently agreed to expand the Conservation Pays program to Weston residents.

The Partnership has set an ambitious long-term goal to save 30 million gallons of water per day by providing rebates and other free incentives to qualifying residents, businesses and non-profit groups. To date, the Broward Water Partnership has distributed more than \$266,000 in rebates and incentives to eligible participants who made simple changes in their water use habits or have traded in their water guzzling toilets!



If your home was built before 1994, you likely have older model toilets that are huge water-wasters, accounting for up to 35 percent of your average household's water consumption. By replacing those toilets with new, water-saving models, you could [receive a rebate of up to \\$100](#) for each old toilet you replace. The immediate savings are impressive, but the long-term benefits are countless.

Here are some of the details of the program:

- The program is open to nonprofits and qualifying businesses as well.
- Toilets purchased before June 4, 2013 are **not** eligible.
- To check your eligibility and apply for a rebate, visit ConservationPays.com. Rebates **must be preapproved** prior to purchase.

To find out if you may also qualify to receive [free, low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators](#) or call 800-270-9794. To reduce water use in commercial kitchens, qualified businesses can also receive [free, pre-rinse spray valves](#).



WESTON BRANCH LIBRARY JULY ADULT AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

ADULT SERVICES PROGRAMS

Literacy Programs

Janine Rodrigues (954-357-5307)

Monday	English Café	10:30a - 12:30p
Tuesday	Citizenship Studies	6:00p - 7:30p
Wednesday	English Café	6:00p - 7:30p
Thursday	Spanish Café, Intermediate	10:30a - 12:00p
Friday	English Café	10:30a - 12:30p
	Spanish Café, Advanced	10:30a - 12:00p

Book Club in a Bag

Ongoing

Linda Abraham (954-357-5306)

Library Book Club

July 10 6:30p - 7:30pm
The Forgotten Garden by Kate Morton
For more information, call Priya Anand (954-357-5308)

Writers Circle

Saturday 10:30a - 12:00p
Jumpstart, Structure and Share Your Gems
For more information, call Astrid (954-389-2245)

Special Events

July 17 2:00p – 3:00p
Conversation with the Author – *Beneath the Laughter*
July 22 6:00p - 7:30p
Spanish Book Presentation
July 24 6:00p – 7:30p

YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAMS

For more information, call 954-357-5430

July 2	Puppet Show-Prof. Funnybone	All Ages	11:00a - 12:00p
July 11, 18, 25 & 27	Family Story Time	Ages 0-5	11:00a - 11:30a
July 11	Babysitting Class	Ages 11-15 (pre-register)	2:00p - 4:00p
July 13	Family Story Time	All Ages	11:00a - 11:30a
July 19	Wags & Tales	Ages 5–12 (pre-register)	3:00p - 4:00p
July 27	Musical Puppets	All Ages	11:00a - 12:00p

For more information and additional classes and events, please call 954-357-5420 or visit <http://www.broward.org/Library/EventsClasses/Pages/ProgramsWE.aspx>.



55 Ways to FIND SUMMER FUN

Broward County offers great things to do this summer! Click on each item below for more information.

1. Visit an [insect museum](#).
2. Take an Everglades excursion in an [airboat](#).
3. [Camp out in a tepee](#).
4. Learn how to give your yard an [extreme makeover](#).
5. Search for [buried treasure](#).
6. [Catch a largemouth bass](#).
7. [Go mountain biking](#) – without leaving your [chair](#).
8. Pretend to be a [pirate](#).
9. Learn how to [identify constellations](#).
10. Watch an [amateur talent show](#).
11. Go water-skiing – [without a boat](#).
12. Participate in a [sea turtle hatchling release](#).
13. Hold a [family reunion](#).
14. [Learn how to swim](#).
15. [Play detective](#) at a nature center.
16. [Explore a dog park](#) – from a dog's [point of view](#).
17. Take a [nature hike by moonlight](#).
18. Ride a [Jet Ski at the edge of the Everglades](#).
19. Find out [what's eating your back yard](#).
20. Visit an island that was once on [Al Capone's wish list](#).
21. Have a staff meeting – [away from the office](#).
22. Ride a model [steam train](#).
23. Plunge down a [450-foot waterslide](#).
24. Learn to tell a [vert wall](#) from a [mini-spine](#).
25. [See the Atlantic and the Intracoastal](#) from atop a tower.



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26. Find out what to plant to attract butterflies.
27. Play "golf" with a Frisbee.
28. Learn how to ride a horse.
29. Fly a radio-controlled model airplane.
30. Eat lunch – away from your desk.
31. Learn how to identify frog calls.
32. Let your kids frolic in a newly renovated kiddie pool.
33. Witness feeding time in a 3,500-gallon saltwater aquarium.
34. Go kayaking through a mangrove swamp.
35. Play miniature golf.
36. Sign up for a softball team.
37. Discover some new recipes.
38. Learn how to sit in the lotus pose.
39. Compete in a triathlon.
40. Get married in a hilltop gazebo next to a duck pond.
41. Ride a bicycle without brakes.
42. Pet a goat.
43. Watch a movie in the water.
44. Get in a few rounds of target practice.
45. Pretend you're on an archaeological dig.
46. Play in a folk music jam session.
47. Harvest air potatoes.
48. See how many burrowing owls you can spot.
49. Learn the difference between black, red, and white mangroves.
50. Wander through an art exhibit.
51. Picnic in a park you can reach only by boat.
52. Enroll your dog in an obedience class.
53. Try to figure out the game of cricket.
54. Practice your batting swing.
55. Cool off under a waterfall.



For more information on any of the 55 Summer Fun ideas, please visit WWW.BROWARD.ORG.



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WESTON YMCA SUMMER TINY TOTS CLASSES BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 2 – 5

Tiny Tots is a fun instructional sports and activities program for boys and girls ages 2 – 5 designed to build athletic and socialization skills.

SOCCER	Ages 2-3	Times 10:30am -11:00am
	Ages 3-5	Times 4:00pm -4:45pm
BASKETBALL	Ages 3-5	Times 5:00pm -5:45pm
FLAG FOOTBALL	Ages 3-5	Times 3:00pm -3:45pm



START DATES: July 9th and August 6th
 DAYS: Tuesdays and Thursdays
 WHERE: *Soccer/Football on Soccer Field # 5
 *Basketball on Outside Court # 1
 COST: 8 Classes / 4 Weeks
 Y Members: \$65.00
 Regular: \$85.00

SUMMER FUN PASS: 10 Classes
 Y Members: \$80.00
 Regular: \$100.00

DETAILS: Organized activities (1) Ball, Medal!
 *Parents must remain on-site.

Register online at www.ymcabroward.org
 For more information, please contact
 Lamar Silvera, lsilvera@ymcabroward.org
 or 954-424-9622.





UPCOMING EVENTS/PROGRAMS



CITY OF WESTON'S 4th OF JULY 5K RUN/WALK

Thursday, July 4th 7:00AM

New location this year – Weston Regional Park!

Join your friends and family for a holiday celebration 5K run or walk sponsored by Broward Health Weston and the City of Weston. The race will take place at the Weston Regional Park with registration beginning at 5:30am for race day entries and the race start time at 7:00am. To pre-register, visit www.splitsecondtiming.com or www.active.com/running/weston-fl/weston-hometown-july-4th-celebration-2013

See road closure information article in this weeks Newsday Tuesday



CITY OF WESTON'S 4th OF JULY HOMETOWN PARADE!

Thursday, July 4th 10:30AM

Join us beginning at 10:30AM for a 4th of July tradition – cheer on and enjoy watching all of the parade entries including our Grand Marshals, city leaders, civic organizations, bands, business and more, in Weston's biggest and most exciting

event of the year.

Location: The parade starts at Three Village Road & Town Center Blvd. and travels east to Bonaventure Blvd, concluding all along Main Street in the Weston Town Center.

We encourage viewers to remember to use sunscreen and bring water due to the South Florida sun and heat.

See road/lane closure information article in this weeks Newsday Tuesday



CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES CLOSED

Thursday and Friday, July 4th & 5th

In observance of the Independence Day holiday.

City Parks: Will close at 6PM on July 4th only.

Garbage & Recycling: Regular schedules

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FREE QUARTERLY RESIDENTIAL BULK PICK UP

Wed., July 24th, Thur., July 25th or Fri., July 26th
Multi-family units with dumpsters: Sat., July 27th

Bulk trash will be picked up **on your regularly scheduled collection day**. Bulk trash must be placed curbside by 7AM for single family residences. For residences with dumpster service (*condominiums & apartment complexes) place items alongside dumpster.

For more information, please contact Public Works at 954-385-2600.

Think Before You Throw – Consider donating before tossing.



CPR SAFE COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

BSO Weston Fire Rescue – This program offers FREE CPR classes to residents, organizations and businesses and their employees. Convenient weeknight and weekend CPR classes are offered as well as training right at your own location at a time convenient for you (min. 8 persons). **Call 954-389-2015** today.



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.



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

- **Newsday 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.



REGISTER FOR CodeRED TODAY

Hurricane Season began June 1st – be prepared!

All residents and businesses should register with the City's CodeRED Emergency Notification System. The

City will only send out a message on CodeRED in an emergency situation or to update residents after an emergency. To register, please visit

<http://www.westonfl.org/Residents/Hurricane/CodeRed.aspx>.