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JULY 4TH IN WESTON RUN, then FUN

Independence Day 2013 began in Weston with a gorgeous sunrise which then lit the roadway for a field of runners that hit maximum capacity. Over 1,700 runners and walkers at every age level took off at 7AM from the Weston Regional Park for the Annual Weston July 4th 5K Run/Walk sponsored by Broward Health Weston and the City of Weston.



Adding a bit of extra interest and fun to the run, a bride and groom to-be, Caitlin Donato and Gregory Eisinger from Cooper City incorporated the 5K run into their 3-days of activities for family and friends leading up to their Saturday wedding. Team Bride and Team Groom hit the pavement with the throngs of runners with the bride wearing a veil and the groom sporting a tuxedo T-shirt. Runners were able to cool off in celebration with a fire truck provided "shower."





THE CITY OF WESTON HONORED THREE STAFF MEMBERS AS THE GRAND MARSHALS



The City of Weston honored three longtime City of Weston Public Works Services Center staff members as the 2013 Grand Marshal's for the Annual 4th of July parade.



L-R: 2013 Grand Marshals Dave Bochenek, Rich Ropke and David Dove

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 a call from a resident who lived near a city pump station. 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 enjoys astronomy and microbiology, and has a 2500 movie collection. His all time favorite movie is "2001 - A Space Odyssey". David's favorite memories surround the great wildlife of the area. He particularly enjoys the birds such as ospreys, snail kites and harriers and recently spotted a Pileated woodpecker. And of course, who could forget the Weston bear?



Dave Bochenek will be a 25 year veteran of the Weston Public Works Water & Sewer division this December and can recall the days the department worked out of a trailer surrounded by miles of empty land. Dave loves all sports and one of his passions is traveling. On July 4th they all got to travel by float for the first time!



2013 WESTON JULY 4TH HOMETOWN PARADE

A beautiful breezy July 4th was the picture perfect setting for Weston's annual Hometown Parade. This year's parade had 50 entries with over several hundred people, including elected officials, police and fire, a marching band, boys and girls scouts, civic groups, businesses, schools and religious groups, super heroes, and much more!



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View highlights of the 2013 Weston Hometown Parade on the Weston Government Cable TV Access Channel or on our Weston YouTube Channel
Youtube.com/CityofWeston



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CONGRATULATIONS TO ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER DAVID KELLER

Our very own David Keller, Assistant City Manager/CFO, for the City of Weston will be honored by the Florida League of Cities as he has been chosen to receive the League legislative advocacy team's "Home Rule HERO Award". This award is being presented to David for being an excellent resource to the League's advocacy team and for advocating for the protection of the home rule rights of citizens throughout the state.



In March 2013, the City Commission adopted a resolution written by David urging the administration and Congress of the United States to preserve the current tax-exempt status of municipal bonds, and reject any proposal that would reduce or eliminate the federal tax exemption on interest from tax-exempt municipal bonds. David forwarded the resolution to the Government Finance Officers Association and has come to learn that the resolution was circulated to all 50 states in the U.S. Wow!

David's oversight of the City's financial matters, his mentoring of the next generation of government finance officers, and his participation in local, state and national government finance affairs, have earned him the respect of his peers, and the admiration of all that know him. Congratulations and our appreciation to David Keller.



For more information on Florida League of Cities, Inc. please visit <http://www.floridaleagueofcities.com>.



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RECYCLING CARTS BEING DELIVERED TO RESIDENTS WITH CURBSIDE RECYCLING



GOODBYE BINS – HELLO CART! AUTOMATED CURBSIDE RECYCLING COLLECTION CART SYSTEM TO BEGIN AUGUST 19, 2013

All residents with curbside recycling will be delivered, free of charge, a new 35-gallon recycling cart between August 5–16, 2013. Use of the cart system will begin for everyone on August 19, 2013.

You will simply roll the cart to the curb or edge of your driveway on collection day.

Those with curbside recycling will receive information in the mail on the new system and you can also watch an informational video on the Weston Government Access Cable Channel, on Weston YouTube and on the City website.

Informational video on YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z6Vc4Fyg-ZQ>

- The cart will fit in the same space that your bins previously consumed.
- Recycling schedules remain the same.
- You can keep your old bins for another purpose OR after August 19th place out empty with your recycling cart and they will be removed.



Your garbage cart and recycling cart need to be placed 3-feet apart; any cart must be 3-feet from an obstruction (mailbox, tree, fire hydrant) for the automated collection arm to pick it up.

*All carts were purchased with grant funding
to further enhance the City's recycling efforts.*



HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS – A Continuing Series
THIS COULD BE A RAINY SEASON AHEAD!
PREVENT STORMWATER DRAIN FLOODS



Weston's water bodies and canals were designed to hold and move storm water. Storm water is excess rain runoff that is removed from our properties and streets by going down into catch basins and prevents flooding.

A catch basin is a part of a storm drain or sewer system which is designed to trap debris so that it cannot enter the drainage pipes.

Unobstructed water flow through these drains and water bodies especially during storm events is essential to prevent flooding.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP-

1. Keep catch basins free of trash, debris or other obstructions. **NEVER** discard paint, oil or other hazardous waste into the storm drains (this is illegal) and **NEVER** remove the grate – this protects people and pets from falling into the drain and keeps large amounts of debris out of the system which would increase the chance of flooding.
2. Maintain swale areas in good condition. Don't change the shape of swales or obstruct the path of water flow.
3. Do not be alarmed if swales hold water for 24-36 hours. They are designed to hold water and filter it through into the ground. Mosquitoes do not breed until water ponds for over 72 hours.
4. Don't deposit yard waste, grass clippings or debris in waterways, and do not sweep into catch basins.
5. Prune tree branches and shrubs that hang out over any waterways. Avoid fertilizing your lawn before a storm. You lose twice: the fertilizer is washed away, and it washes into the water bodies.



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FLOODING WITHIN HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION MAINTAINED PROPERTIES (HOA's)

Roadways and their drainage systems within private communities are owned and maintained by the community's maintenance association, not the City of Weston. Response to and mitigation of flooding that occurs within these private communities is the responsibility of the community's management company. In the event that flooding is so severe that a structure may be compromised, property owners may call the City's Department of Public Works. They will investigate the situation and determine if the cause of the flooding is the community's drainage system or the City's storm water management system, and take the appropriate action if any is needed. The City does not perform work on privately-owned drainage systems, so you are encouraged to contact your HOA if your street tends to flood regularly (yet the catch basin is clear) as the drain may need to be cleared professionally.

For questions or additional information, please call Weston Public Works Department at (954) 385- 2600.



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QUARTERLY BULK TRASH PICK UP IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD - JULY

FREE Bulk Pick-Up will take place on your *regularly scheduled garbage collection day* only. Items should be curbside by 7 a.m. on that day.

Single Family Homes: Wednesday, July 24th
Thursday, July 25th
Friday, July 26th

Multi-family units with dumpsters:
Saturday, July 27th

Bulk items include but are not limited to:

- Furniture, mattresses, carpets and other large household items. Large and small appliance, such as dishwashers, laundry machines, and stoves.
- Refrigerators or air conditioners must have Freon removed by a certified dealer.
- NOTE: Mirrors, glass, glass top tables, windowpanes, and plate glass items should be safely placed in a rigid container to facilitate safe collection.
- Larger glass items such as table tops, shower doors and windows should be placed in separately from the rest of the bulk pick up.

NOT COLLECTED: Bulk items DO NOT include contractor-generated material, or vegetative waste (landscape materials) or household hazardous waste (HHW). Vegetative/Landscape waste is collected with your regular garbage collection.



THINK BEFORE YOU THROW – CONSIDER DONATING BEFORE TOSSING:

Help those in need, keep items out of the waste stream, **and** get a tax deduction. Several national organizations will even pick-up directly from your residence – you don't have to wait for bulk pick-up day! There are many local, well-established charitable organizations that readily accept donated items. From your home to a new home... and don't forget pets, many pet shelters are in need of sheets and towels on a regular basis.

For questions regarding bulk pick-up please call the City of Weston Public Works Services Center at 954-385-2600 or visit our website at www.westonfl.org/Departments/PublicWorks/BulkPickup.aspx.



THERE IS STILL TIME TO JOIN WESTON TENNIS CENTER'S SUMMER CAMPS

Children, ages 5 to 15, can discover or enhance their tennis skills at the Weston Tennis Center. The Cliff Drysdale Tennis professionals offer 2 fantastic camp options:

Rookie & Academy 2013 Summer Camp

4 Sessions: Now through August 2nd
(half-day, daily and weekly options)

Rookie & Academy Program Includes:

- Tennis drills, tactics and strategy
- Latest tour techniques
- Match play and coaching
- Fitness and Water activities



2013 Tennis Summer Camp

10 Weekly Sessions: Now through August 17th
(half-day, daily and weekly options)

Tennis Camp Program Includes:

- Tennis drills
- Latest tour techniques
- Team competitions
- World-Class tennis instruction
- Water sports and activities
- Prizes and awards

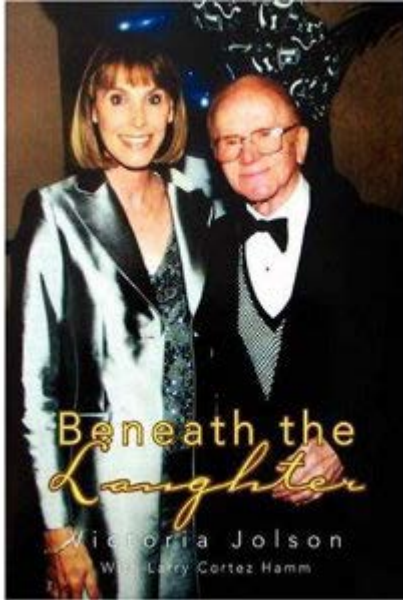


The Weston Tennis Center is located at 16451 Racquet Club Road in Weston.

For more information, contact Steven Browne at (954) 389-8666 or
email s.browne@cliffdrysdale.com or visit
<http://cliffdrysdale.com/locations/weston-tennis-center>.



BENEATH THE LAUGHTER
CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR
Wednesday, July 17th



Don't miss hearing Victoria Jolson speak about her book of experiences in the entertainment world, ***Beneath the Laughter***, at 2:00pm on Wednesday, July 17th at the Weston. Joining her in this ***Conversation with the Author***, will be Chuck Prentiss, creator of *Jewish Broadway*, a series for Jewish Life Television. Prentiss is a retired entertainment lawyer whose client list included Bette Midler, Robert Goulet, Victor Borge and Richard Rogers.

Beneath the Laughter by Victoria Jolson is a winner of the highly prestigious Irwin Award bestowed by the Book Publicists of Southern California as the "Entertainment Book of the Year".

Victoria Jolson has written a fast-paced, fascinating and delightful memoir about her experiences as a Rockette in New York, a Big Band Singer with the Glenn Miller Orchestra conducted by Tex Beneke, a successful opera singer with solo performances in London and at Carnegie Recital Hall in New York, and who was honored by President Jimmy Carter for her performances at the Royal National Theater in London and as the only American soloist for Queen Elizabeth II at her Silver Jubilee. The story follows her career from the Radio City Music Hall to the Royal National Theatre to Carnegie Hall to Nashville and finally to Beverly Hills.

Victoria's life is filled with experiences that most of us dream about: first married to Al Jolson, Jr., son of legendary Al Jolson; then David Levy, President of NBC Television; then closely involved with Red Buttons over the last six years of this great entertainer's life. Victoria now lives in Weston, FL.

Books will be for sale after the conversation and signed by the author. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Weston Friends of the Library.

The event will take place at the Weston Branch Library,
4205 Bonaventure Boulevard, Weston.
For more information, please call 954-357-5420.



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JOIN THE FREE "SUMMER HOME LANDSCAPE SERIES" AT SECRET WOOD NATURE CENTER

Are you an average homeowner who would like to add to the beauty of your home through landscaping? Then Broward County's Secret Woods Nature Center in Dania Beach has just the ticket for you: the **Summer Home Landscape Series**, which consists of eight free lectures. The popular program runs from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on consecutive Thursdays, starting on July 11th and ending August 29th.

Participants will learn ways to save money on their cooling and water bills, attract wildlife, and preserve native vegetation; they'll improve the appearance of their yards and neighborhoods as well as increase property values.



Topics and presenters are as follows:

- July 11th – "Tools for Serious Gardeners" (horticulturist and landscape designer David McLean)
- July 18th – "Orchid Basics" (orchid curators Sandi Jones and Tom Wells of [Bonnet House Museum and Gardens](#))
- July 25th – "Plants With a Purpose" (parks naturalist Molly Taylor of Secret Woods)
- August 1st – "Tree Trimming and Pruning" (commercial horticulture agent Michael Orfanedes of [UF-IFAS/Broward County Extension Education](#))
- August 8th – "Tomato Gardening in South Florida" (vegetable gardening expert Elaine)
- August 15th – "Create a Quiet Getaway" (outreach coordinator Diana Guidry of [NatureScape Broward](#))
- August 22nd – "Backyard Beekeeping" (senior biological scientist Aaron J. Mullins of UF-IFAS [Department of Entomology and Nematology](#))
- August 29th – "Fungi in the Garden and Yard" (parks naturalist Scott Bryan of Secret Woods)

For more information, contact the nature center at 954-357-8884 or click here [Secret Woods](#).



FUN FACTS ABOUT YOUR DOG IT'S A DOG'S LIFE!



- * 94% of pet owners talk to their animals as if they were human.
- * It is a myth that dogs are color blind. They can actually see in color, just not as vividly as humans. It is akin to our vision at dusk.



- * The only sweat glands a dog has are between the paw pads. (Be extra careful in the summer)
- * Chocolate contains a substance known as theobromine (similar to caffeine) which can kill dogs or at the very least make them violently ill.
- * The U.S. has the highest dog population in the world.
- * It has been established that people who own pets live longer, have less stress, and have fewer heart attacks.



- * Dogs' sense of hearing is more than ten times more acute than a human's.
- * More than 1 in 3 American families own a dog.
- * Dogs were the first animals domesticated by people.
- * A greyhound can run as fast as 45 miles an hour.

- * Spaying/neutering your dog before the age of 6 months can help prevent cancer in your dog.
- * Dogs can smell about 1,000 times better than humans. While humans have 5 million smell-detecting cells, dogs have more than 220 million. The part of the brain that interprets smell is also four times larger in dogs than in humans.





UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS



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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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>.