



June 18, 2013

JOIN THE PARADE! WESTON'S 4th of JULY HOMETOWN PARADE *Friday, June 21st Registration Deadline*

The Annual City of Weston's 4th of July Hometown Parade is just around the corner and Weston's Community Center staff is hard at work planning for this year's event. The parade will take place on Thursday, July 4th through Weston Town Center; participants line up at 9:30am and the parade begins at 10:30am.



"Let Freedom Ring" is the theme of the 2013 parade.

Interested Parade Participants:

All groups, organizations, businesses and bands are welcome! Join us for a 4th of July tradition, and walk or ride with our Grand Marshals in Weston's biggest and most exciting event of the year. **Registration is FREE**, and the deadline to enter is **Friday, June 21st**. Parade spaces fill up quickly, so register today!

Start now... put a group together and fill out the form. Large, small, elaborate or simple - your entry will be special. Everyone loves a parade, so plan on being a part of the celebration.

Download a parade application and get this party started!

http://www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/2013_July4th_Parade_Application.pdf

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





LOCAL EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS RAISE MONEY FOR K-9 POLICE DOGS

On Tuesday, June 4th, Major Mike DiMaggio (Commander of the K-9 Unit), Lieutenant Dennis Additon (Supervisor of the K-9 Unit), K-9 Deputy Charles Young, and Weston Chief of Police Kevin Butler attended Falcon Cove Middle School's Awards night.



There they were presented with a \$1,000 donation for purchase of a bulletproof vest for a BSO K-9 dog. An eighth grade student, **Marilyn Lindsey**, started a fund raiser approximately four years ago to raise money to purchase bullet proof vests for BSO K-9 patrol dogs. Marilyn has raised thousands of dollars for the purchase of protective vests for Police K-9 dogs over the past four years. Marilyn became interested with this initiative a few years ago when she heard on the news that a police K-9 dog was shot and killed by a perpetrator.



The Broward Sheriff's Office K-9 Division relies on donations from the public to purchase bulletproof vests for the K-9's. The purchase of a vest cost between \$800 and \$1,000. There are 16 Patrol K-9's working at the Broward Sheriff's Office. Last week a new K-9 Deputy and his dog joined the K-9 Patrol Unit. The \$1,000 donation Marilyn and her fellow students raised will go to fit the newest member of the K-9 Team "DINO".



WALKING AWAY FROM FOOD COOKING ON THE STOVE DOESN'T END WELL

The good news: There were no injuries. On the afternoon of June 10th, after walking away from food cooking on the stove for just a few minutes, the homeowner and children had to flee their second floor condominium unit as fire crews quickly extinguished a fire that started on the stovetop. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home cooking fires.



Fortunately Weston has been relatively fire free for the last several years after two serious kitchen fires in 2010 that completely destroyed those rooms.



This fire in July 2010 destroyed the entire kitchen.



This stovetop fire in the Falls in 2010 did the same.

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WALKING AWAY FROM FOOD - CONTINUED

Advice to Parents and Homeowners from Weston Fire Chief Harris Bouchillon:

The kitchen can be the most hazardous room in the house
without safety practices.

Cooking is the leading cause of residential fires
and fire injuries in the United States.

Young children are at a higher risk of being burned by hot food and liquids. Keep children away from cooking areas by enforcing a "child-free zone" of three feet around the stove and microwave.

When cooking with young children present, use the stove's back burners whenever possible and never hold a child while cooking, drinking or carrying hot foods or liquids. Keep hot foods and liquids away from table and counter edges.

Combating fire related injuries and death is a team effort. As a parent, you play a key role in protecting your children from the dangers of fire. Invest in the wellbeing of your family by taking the time to teach your children about fire safety. Installing smoke alarms and preparing and practicing your personal escape plan can be made into a fun exercise with your children.

And don't forget, we are here to help you! If you would like our fire fighters to review your personal escape plan please let us know. Bring your children by any of our fire stations and we will be more than happy to show them our fire apparatus and review fire safety information with them. Whether you are a parent, a teacher, a clergy member, or a staff member at a recreational facility, I urge you to join us in sharing fire safety information with our children. Investing a few minutes of your time can make the difference between prevention and tragedy.

Please feel free to contact myself or my office by calling 954-389-2015.
I look forward to working with you to keep Weston fire safe.

Harris Bouchillon, Fire Chief



WALKING AWAY FROM FOOD - CONTINUED

Grease Fires Grease fires happen when collections of oil or grease on a stove, oven or fryer get hot enough to ignite. Grease fires are extremely dangerous because the fuel source (the grease) is a liquid, and easily splashed. Grease fire burn very hot and can quickly spread to cabinets or other flammable areas of the kitchen.

The most important thing you can do to prevent a fire in the kitchen is to stay put. **Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home cooking fires.** Stay by the stove and be prepared for flames.

Time Required: You only have a few moments to either put out a grease fire or escape the house.

1. **DO NOT USE WATER ON A GREASE FIRE!** Start evacuating everyone from the building. Fires spread extremely fast and can overwhelm victims in minutes. Treat burns only after evacuating the building.
2. **CALL 911.** There's no reason to wait, and the fire department can always go back to the station if you are able to get the fire out without help.
3. The easiest way to smother a grease fire is to cover it with a pan lid. Be careful with glass lids; they can break from the extreme heat of open flame.
4. Grease fires can also be smothered with baking soda, but it takes a lot of baking soda to do the trick. Unless the baking soda is easily accessible, it's usually easier to quickly find a lid.
5. A dry chemical [fire extinguisher](#) will also work, but it will contaminate your kitchen and food. Class K fire extinguishers are available to put out grease and other kitchen fires, but they are usually only found in commercial kitchens.



BCPS HIGH SCHOOLS NAMED AMONG BEST IN THE NATION BY *U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT*

Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) is home to several Best High Schools in the nation and state, according to recent rankings by *U.S. News & World Report*.



Weston's own Cypress Bay High School was among Broward's gold medalists' schools (#15 state, #180 national). In all, 13 BCPS high schools received gold, silver or bronze medals in the *U.S. News'* Best High Schools 2013 national ranking.

American Institutes for Research implemented U.S. News comprehensive rankings methodology, which is based on the key principles that a great high school must serve all of its students well, not just those who are college-bound, and that it must be able to produce measurable academic outcomes to show the school is successfully educating its student body across a range of performance indicators.

U.S. News analyzed more than 21,000 public high schools in 49 states and the District of Columbia. This is the total number of public high schools that had 12th grade enrollment and sufficient data from the 2010/11 school year to analyze. Schools were awarded gold, silver or bronze medals based on state proficiency standards, exams, how well students are prepared for college and other factors.

A three-step process determined the Best High Schools. The first two steps ensured that the schools serve their entire student body well, using performance on state proficiency tests as the benchmarks. For those schools that made it past the first two steps, a third step assessed which schools produced the best college-level achievement for the highest percentages of their students.

Congrats to Cypress Bay High School and all of the BCPS included in this report!





HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS – A Continuing Series

MAKE A "GO" BAG

This is a bag, which once you have it prepared, that all you will need to do is just grab it and get out in the event of an emergency. Find a large, waterproof bag and put the following items in:

- Copies of all important papers, passports, birth certificates, all insurance documents, etc.; if you have the time, put the originals of all papers in a safe deposit box in a bank
- Your camera, with pictures of your entire house taken before the storm and then pictures after you put up the storm shutters (for insurance purposes)
- List of all medications that every family member is currently taking
- As the time draws nears and the weather is getting worse, put your medicines in a zip-top bag and then into your GO bag
- A phone book or print out of phone numbers of friends and family and doctors
- Pet food, pictures of your pets, pet medicines and rabies vaccination papers
- Flashlights and batteries
- A change of clothes
- Cash
- A radio with batteries
- Pen and paper
- Tissues
- Bandages and anti-bacterial hand wash
- Water and non-perishable snacks
- Anything else important to your family's immediate survival and comfort



Put as many of these items as you can in labeled zip-top bags to help protect them from the elements. Be prepared and stay safe!



DROWNING PREVENTION INFORMATION GETTING READY FOR SUMMER



More than a third of people planning to swim, boat or fish this summer cannot swim well. The survey of more than 1,000 adults, taken earlier this spring, found that 78 percent of households are planning at least one water-related recreational activity this summer. However, 37 percent describe their swimming skills as fair, lacking or non-existent – with 13 percent unable to swim at all.

Drowning is the number one cause of death for children ages one to four in Broward County. If you could prevent your child's death, would you?

- **NEVER** leave children unsupervised in or around a body of water. Children can drown in as little as two inches of water in less than one minute.
- Install a self-closing gate around the pool.
- Alarm every door leading to water to alert you if a child has gone outside.
- Teach children water and swimming skills.
- During pool parties or beach gatherings, designate an adult to watch the children.
- Install a pool cover to securely cover the water area.
- Install a poolside, cordless phone.
- Keep lifesaving equipment - a pole, life preserver and rope - in the pool area.
- Children with long hair should clip it back or wear a cap in the pool.
- Don't rely on flotation devices to protect your children in the water.
- If a child is missing, check all water bodies and/or pools and call 9-1-1.

Take BSO's [Pool Safety Survey](#) yourself, or contact Deputy Kari Pallotto, BSO Weston, at Kari_Pallotto@sheriff.org to schedule a pool safety inspection at your home.



NATIONAL DUMP THE PUMP DAY TRY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ON THURSDAY, JUNE 20th



Saving money is a priority for most everyone and public transportation is one of the easiest ways to do so. On Thursday, June 20th, the 8th Annual National Dump the Pump Day, Broward County Transit (BCT) will join regional transportation partners Miami-Dade Transit, Palm Tran, South Florida Commuter Services, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority/Tri-Rail and Florida Department of Transportation, as well as public transportation systems nationwide, to celebrate the use of public transportation as a viable cost saving option rather than driving yourself.



This year, residents are encouraged to take the pledge to ride public transportation on Dump the Pump Day and to register online for a chance to receive a *free* monthly pass on Broward County Transit, Miami-Dade Transit, Palm Tran or Tri-Rail.

Sponsored by the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), National Dump the Pump Day was created in June 2006, and has since grown to become a successful initiative to promote public transportation. According to the latest APTA Transit Savings Report, people who ride public transportation can save, on average, more than \$9,700 per year, based on today's gas prices, the cost of owning a car and the average unreserved parking rate.



[Register online](#) for a chance to receive a free transit pass. For information about carpools and vanpools, contact [South Florida Commuter Services](#) at 1-800-234-Ride. To plan your trip using BCT on June 20th, call 954-357-8400 or TTY 954-357-8302, or visit broward.org/bct.



HELP LOCAL HOMELESS CHILDREN BY DONATING TO CHRISTMAS IN JULY



Broward County and Kiwanis Divisions 23 and 24, have partnered once again to host **Christmas In July**, which culminates with a day filled with entertainment, games, food, gifts and, most importantly, provides homeless children, from infants to age 19, with new clothing, socks, shoes and underwear. School aged children also receive school supplies for the upcoming school year. These items are personalized for each child and all made possible through the generosity of Broward County residents and County employees.

Collection boxes are located at select County facilities and at all Broward County Libraries through Wednesday, July 10. To find the nearest branch library, visit broward.org/library, click LOCATIONS/HOURS. Weston Branch Library is accepting collections and is located at 4205 Bonaventure Boulevard.

Christmas In July is a 501(c)3 organization. The number of children helped by Christmas In July has grown annually. Since its inception in 2002, Christmas In July has served more than 11,000 children in Broward County. For more information, call 954-331-4648 or visit <http://www.christmasinjulyinc.com/>.



Please remember that only **NEW** items should be donated for a boy or girl ranging in age from **infants to 19 years old**. The following list is a suggested list of items for donation:

Pants ~ Slacks ~ Shorts ~ Skirts ~ Dresses ~ Shirts ~ Blouses
Shoes ~ Socks ~ Undergarments ~ Baby Clothing
Diapers ~ Wipes ~ Books ~ School Supplies

Collections will take place through Wednesday, July 10th.



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FLORIDA DRIVER LICENSE & ID CARD INFO "COMMUNITY UPDATE / INFORME COMUNITARIO"



Summer is here! The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) is continuing its quest to inform residents and visitors on highway safety issues. The DHSMV is distributing "*Community Update/Informe Comunitario*" versions in English and Spanish to keep Floridians safe and informed.

Florida residents are encouraged to learn about the outreach initiative by visiting www.GatherGoGet.com in English, www.ReunaVengaObtenga.com in Spanish, or www.RasanbleAlePran.com in Creole.

The State of Florida is issuing REAL ID compliant driver licenses and identifications and you should be aware of the documentation requirements in place, in order to prevent having to return with additional documentation.

The links above are the best source of personalized information regarding what documents to bring to a DHSMV office when renewing or replacing a driver license or identification card. For more information, please visit www.flhsmv.gov.

The screenshot shows the GatherGoGet website interface. At the top, there are navigation links for 'Español' and 'Creole'. Below that are menu items: 'Checklist', 'Document Help', 'Office Locations', 'Renew Online', 'FAQs', and 'News'. The main heading is 'GatherGoGet' in large blue letters. To the right is the 'FLORIDA card' logo with the tagline 'more than a license'. A green banner reads 'Starting Jan 1, 2010: NEW DRIVER LICENSE & ID CARD REQUIREMENTS'. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains text about documentation requirements for renewing or obtaining a new license or ID card, and a list of documents to bring. The right column is a form titled 'If you need to come in...' with fields for Citizenship, Date of Birth, Current license/ID Expires On, and County or Zip. There is also a checkbox for 'Have you legally changed your name due to marriage or a court order?'. A green 'START' button is at the bottom of the form. At the bottom of the page, there is a disclaimer and social media icons for Facebook and Twitter.



UPCOMING EVENTS/PROGRAMS



WESTON ROAD REPAVING PROJECT

Segment Three – Final Phase:

Royal Palm Blvd. to South New River Circle

Segment Three encompasses Weston Road, between Royal Palm Blvd. to South New River Circle, (located north of Country Isles Plaza). Please visit www.westonfl.org/NewsItem.aspx?ID=1643 for daily updates of the project location.

- Approximate completion date of June 21st
- 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
- Monday through Friday

There will be intermittent lane closures and traffic delays. All dates are tentative and subject to change due to weather. For more information, please visit <http://www.westonfl.org/Departments/DevelopmentServices/Projects/Roadways.aspx>.



POLICE SERVICES ACADEMY FOR AGES 11-17

Registration Underway

This is a free, 8-week program that meets on Monday nights from 6-8PM from June 24 – August 12th. The program is designed to introduce students, ages 11-17, to law enforcement and the Broward Sheriff's Office as well as a variety of career paths. This is a hands-on program that combines training, demonstrations, education and fun. Space

is limited. **Application deadline is June 17th.** Click here to download an application form: <http://www.westonfl.org/Departments/Police/Events.aspx>.



WESTON DISASTER PREPAREDNESS SYMPOSIUM

Tuesday, June 18th 6:30PM

Learn what you need to know to keep your home, family and business safe. Guest Speakers: Dr. Rick Knabb, Director of NOAA's National Hurricane Center in Miami, Charles Lanza, Director of the Broward County Emergency Operations Center, and John R. Flint, Weston City Manager. Presentation by Weston CERT and BSO Weston Fire Rescue.

Location: The Weston Community Center, 20200 Saddle Club Road (Weston Regional Park) – Seating is limited. Please **RSVP** to Harris_Bouchillon@sheriff.org or 954-389-2015.

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CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, July 1st 7:00PM

A regular meeting of the Weston City Commission.

Location: Weston City Hall, 17200 Royal Palm Blvd.



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Thursday, July 4th 10:30AM – Parade

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the year. **Registration is FREE**, and the deadline to enter is **Friday, June 21st**. Parade spaces fill up quickly, so register today! Download a parade application and get this party started at or call 954-389-4321 for more information. Application link: www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/2013_July4th_Parade_Application.pdf.



2013 CITY OF WESTON'S 4th OF JULY 5K WALK/RUN

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 and 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



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.

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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.



Notifications

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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 Code**RED** Emergency Notification System. The

City will only send out a message on Code**RED** in an emergency situation or to update residents after an emergency. You can receive messages via telephone and/or text messaging.

To register, please visit <http://www.westonfl.org/Residents/Hurricane/CodeRed.aspx>.