



## VIVA FLORIDA 500 Florida's 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### *Viva Florida 500*

#### What is Viva Florida 500?

In 2013, Florida reached a significant milestone, the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Juan Ponce de Leon's arrival on Florida's east coast. What makes this anniversary so unique is that Ponce de Leon's convoy of explorers was the first group of Europeans to document such a landing and give a name to Florida—La Florida.



Viva Florida 500 is a statewide initiative led by the Florida Department of State, under the leadership of Governor Rick Scott, to highlight the 500 years of historic people, places and events in present-day Florida since the arrival of Juan Ponce de León to the land he named La Florida in 1513. While Florida's Native American heritage dates back more than 12,000 years, Spain's claim in 1513 began a new era.

2013 marks 500 years of history and diverse cultural heritage in Florida – a claim no other state in America can make – and Viva Florida 500 promotes the place where the world's cultures began to unite and transform into the great nation we know today as the United States of America. The Viva Florida 500 commemoration is ongoing throughout 2013, and includes more than 200 events statewide. The goal is to promote 500 years of Florida's history – its people, places and cultural achievements – and this important milestone in American and Florida history.

Join us in celebrating the Florida we live in today!



Viva Florida 500 website also offers various upcoming events, maps, places of interest to visit, timeline History of Florida, media and event requests and the opportunity to sign up for the newsletter.

For more information, please visit [www.vivafloida.org](http://www.vivafloida.org).



March 19, 2013

## BROWARD COUNTY Bike Month

### Florida Bicycle Month Jerseys



**Florida Bicycle Month jerseys are now available! Jerseys can be purchased for \$45 at the following Broward County park offices:**

- Anne Kolb Nature Center
- Brian Piccolo Park
- Central Broward Regional Park and Stadium
- Long Key Natural Area and Nature Center
- Markham Park
- Quiet Waters Park
- Tradewinds Park
- Tree Tops Park
- Vista View Park

### Bike Racks on Buses

All BCT buses are equipped with bike racks so cyclists can easily transition from riding their bike to riding the bus – a healthy and green alternative to the automobile. Bikes ride for free! For more information on bus routes, visit the [Broward County Transit Webpage](http://www.broward.org/BCT/Pages/Default.aspx) to learn how to reach your destination at [www.broward.org/BCT/Pages/Default.aspx](http://www.broward.org/BCT/Pages/Default.aspx).





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## EARTH HOUR SATURDAY, MARCH 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30pm



### Dare the World to Save the Planet

On Saturday, March 23, at 8:30 p.m. (your local time), thousands of cities around the world will go dark for one hour during Earth Hour, World Wildlife Fund's (WWF) annual campaign to raise awareness of the environmental challenges we all face, such as climate change.

Earth Hour is a simple idea that quickly turned into a global phenomenon. Hundreds of millions of people around the world turn off their lights for one hour on the same night, to focus on the one thing that unites us all—our planet.

It is easy to forget how much we depend on the planet for so many things like food, fuel, water and fresh air and that the actions we take—from the energy we use to the food we buy—have an effect on the world. Earth Hour is your chance to make and show your commitment to protect your planet not just for one hour a year, but every day.

Learn more at <http://worldwildlife.org/earthhour>.





## NATIONAL DAY TO DEMAND ACTION TO END GUN VIOLENCE THURSDAY, MARCH 28<sup>th</sup>



Coalition mayors from across the country will come together on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> in support of common-sense gun laws. Weston Mayor Daniel Stermer is a member of the "Mayors Against Illegal Guns" coalition and is part of the move to take action to reduce gun violence.

Demand Action is a campaign of Mayors Against Illegal Guns -- a national, bipartisan coalition of mayors working to make America's communities safer by keeping illegal guns out of dangerous hands. The coalition was founded in 2006 and has grown from a committed group of 15 members to more than 900 mayors from 45 states, including Republicans, Democrats, and Independents, from major cities and small towns around the country. The group has more than 1.4 million grassroots supporters, making it the largest gun violence prevention advocacy organization in the country.

Mayors Against Illegal Guns advocates for common-sense measures that will close deadly gaps in our gun laws and make sure law enforcement agencies have the tools they need to detect and deter gun trafficking. They have worked with more than 100 survivors and family members of gun violence victims in public campaigns to push for solutions from Washington.

For more information about Mayors Against Illegal Guns, please visit [www.MayorsAgainstIllegalGuns.org](http://www.MayorsAgainstIllegalGuns.org) or [www.demandaction.org](http://www.demandaction.org).



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## IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THE ROYAL EGG HUNT!! Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 10am – SHARP! Weston Regional Park

Calling all kids ages 10 and under and their families.... do not miss this year's fun and exciting Weston Royal Egg Hunt.

The Royal Egg Hunt takes place on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> on the Weston Regional Park's Baseball Fields #1-4.

**The egg hunt will start immediately at 10am!** It is recommended to arrive by 9:15am to park and get to the age appropriate field.



### THE CITY OF WESTON ROYAL EGG HUNT

**Saturday, March 30, 2013**  
**10 A.M. - Sharp!**  
Ages 10 and under  
Weston Regional Park, Baseball Fields #1 - #4

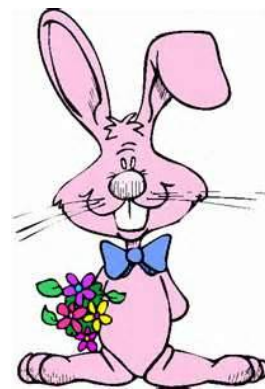
**20,000 candy-filled eggs for the taking!**  
Bring your own basket and don't be late...  
Golden eggs are redeemed for a small prize

**Hunts all go off at 10 A.M.**  
It is recommended to arrive by 9:15 A.M. to park and get to the age appropriate field.

*Photos with the Royal Bunny and bounce houses available after the Egg Hunts*

For more information, please contact the Weston Community Center at 954-389-4321





There will be **20,000 CANDY-FILLED eggs** for the taking!! Bring your own basket and don't be late! Golden Eggs are redeemed for a small prize. **For more information, please contact the Weston Community Center at 954-389-4321 or visit [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org).**



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## 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FREE CONCERT IN THE PARK SATURDAY, MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:00PM

This year's concert presented by the City of Weston and the Rotary Club of Weston is predicted to be bigger than ever! This year we are proud to present.....

**CHRISTOPHER CROSS -and- STARSHIP: FEATURING MICKEY THOMAS**

Don't miss joining your friends and family for a night of great music under the stars! Many families come early to get good seating and bring along a picnic and games as they wait for the start of the evening. The Event Stage is close to the park's largest playground which is a plus for those with smaller children. Concert attendees do need to bring their own lawn chairs or blanket for seating. Food concessions will be available and while people are welcome to bring in their own food or beverages, alcohol is not permitted.

The concert is held at Event Stage next to the Weston Community Center, inside of the Weston Regional Park. For more information, please call 954-389-4321 or visit [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org) for more information.

THE 9TH ANNUAL  
**FREE CONCERT**  
SATURDAY MARCH 30TH, 2013 7PM

Weston Regional Park  
20200 Saddle Club Road  
Weston, FL 33327  
954.389.4321

Presented By:  
The City of Weston & The Rotary  
Club of Weston

 [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org)   
[www.westonrotaryclub.com](http://www.westonrotaryclub.com)  
[www.christophercross.com](http://www.christophercross.com)  
[www.starshipcontrol.com](http://www.starshipcontrol.com)  
Bring blankets & chairs

All inquiries regarding event should be directed to The City of Weston:  
Denise Barrett 954-385-2000 & Don Decker 954-389-4321

Concert Chairman: Tom Kallman      Co-Chairman: Alison Kallman  
954-389-5897 - [tmk@tmkrisk.com](mailto:tmk@tmkrisk.com)      954-389-5897 - [akallman@tmkrisk.com](mailto:akallman@tmkrisk.com)



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CHRISTOPHER  
CROSS



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## BROWARD COUNTY'S WATER PARKS TO OPEN BEGINNING MARCH 22<sup>nd</sup>



Visit the individual water park Web page for details about the facility, including a calendar specific to that park.

- [Paradise Cove](#) at [C.B. Smith Park](#), Pembroke Pines
- [Tropical Splash](#) at [Central Broward Regional Park and Stadium](#), Lauderhill
- [Splash Adventure](#) at [Quiet Waters Park](#), Deerfield Beach
- [Castaway Island](#) at [T.Y. Park](#), Hollywood

Water parks will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 5:20 p.m. based on the following schedule:

- March 22 – March 31 Daily
- April 6 – April 28 Saturdays and Sundays
- May 2 - June 2 Thursdays-Sundays
- May 27 Memorial Day
- June 6 - August 18 Daily
- August 22 - September 1 Thursdays-Sundays
- September 2 Labor Day
- September 7-September 29 Saturdays and Sundays.



Effective immediately, coolers are now permitted in the aquatics areas. As always, no glass containers and no alcoholic beverages are permitted.

### **Season Passes Now Available for All Water Parks!**

[Find It All](#) passes are available for purchase at the park offices.

### **Funbrellas**

And while you're at the water parks, enhance your visit by reserving one of the colorful Funbrellas, which can accommodate parties of up to 30 people. Rentals are \$35 on weekdays and \$75 on weekends and holidays.

For more information on the water park, please visit

<http://www.broward.org/Parks/ThingsToDo/Pages/WaterParks.aspx>.



## WESTON YMCA SPRING BREAK CAMPS SIGN UP TODAY!

EXPERIENCE FUN SPRING BREAK CAMPS AT THE YMCA!  
JOIN YOUR FRIENDS AND HAVE A BLAST!

You may register on-line at [www.ymcabroward.org](http://www.ymcabroward.org) or for more information, please contact Jamie Watson, Program Director at the Weston YMCA Family Center, 954-424-9622.

### Adventure Spring Break

Sign up for a full day of fantastic activities that include: swimming, group games, arts and crafts, fitness, leadership activities and FUN! Sign up by the day or the week.

Ages: Kindergarten - 6th Grade

Times: 9am-4pm

(free am/pm care: 7:30a-9a/4p-6p)

#### **WEEKLY CAMP:**

Dates: March 25 through 29

Weekly Fee: Y Members: \$170

Regular rate: \$210

#### **DAILY CAMP-FUN DAYS:**

Dates: March 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29

Daily Fee: Y Members: \$35

Regular rate: \$45

### Diva Camp

Strike a pose! Create your own fashion designs through beading and hand stitching. Pamper yourself with home-made spa delights. Role models get ready to strut down the catwalk in your own fashion show to wrap up this week.

Sign up by the day or the week.

Ages: Kindergarten - 6th Grade

Times: 9am-4pm

(free am/pm care: 7:30a-9a/4p-6p)

#### **WEEKLY CAMP:**

Dates: March 25 through 29

Weekly Fee: Y Members: \$190

Regular rate: \$240

#### **DAILY CAMP - SPECIALTY DAYS**

Dates: March 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29

Daily Fee: Y Members: \$40

Regular rate: \$50







# UPCOMING EVENTS/PROGRAMS

March 19, 2013



## WESTON ROYAL EGG HUNT

**Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 10:00AM sharp!**

Egg Hunts for ages 10 and under. There will be over 20,000 candy-filled eggs! The Royal Bunny will be available for photos and bounce houses open after the egg hunts until 12 noon. **Location:** Weston Regional Park, baseball fields #1-4, 20200 Saddle Club Road.



## 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FREE CONCERT IN THE PARK

**Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM**

**CHRISTOPHER CROSS & STARSHIP: Featuring Mickey Thomas**

This year's concert is on track to be the biggest and best to date with performances by two iconic top #1 hit makers and their bands. This free, family friendly concert draws all ages, bring chairs or blankets and enjoy a fabulous show under the stars.



**Location:** Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Road. Presented by the Rotary Club of Weston and the City of Weston. 954-389-4321



## CITY COMMISSION MEETING

**Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> 7:00PM**

A regular meeting of the Weston City Commission.

**Location:** Weston City Hall, 17200 Royal Palm Blvd.



## WESTON FAMILY FUN RIDE & BIKE RODEO

**Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> 1:00PM – 4:00PM**

Calling children and parents/guardians of all ages with a bike... join us at the Weston Family Fun Ride! There will be an **Open Family Ride** from 1pm-3pm with 1-, 2- and 3- mile loop options for riders. There will also be a **Bike Rodeo** from 1pm-3:30pm for those just learning to bike or those needing to learn biking skills and safety rules! Don't miss the additional activities at this family fun day which include: great music, bounce houses, bike safety information and booths, give-aways, and concession food available for purchase.



## ALADDIN AND THE MAGIC LAMP

**Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 10:30AM**

Professional theater for children. This musical production will delight all. Set in ancient Persia this exciting production of The Arabian Nights' most famous tale comes alive with music, magic and mayhem. **Tickets:** \$5 in advance / \$10 at the door. Pre-sale tickets are sold at the Weston Community Center. **Performance:** Cypress Bay High School Theater



## MOONLIGHT MOVIE IN THE PARK – Free!

**Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 8:00PM** *Note time change*

### MADAGASCAR 3 – EUROPE'S MOST WANTED

Alex the Lion, Marty the Zebra, Gloria the Hippo, and Melman the Giraffe are still fighting to get home to New York. This time the journey will take them to a traveling circus in Europe. **Location:** Event Stage next to the Community Center in the Weston Regional Park. Bring lawn chairs or blankets, then relax, the movie is on us!



## CITY COMMISSION MEETING

**Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM**

A regular meeting of the Weston City Commission.  
**Location:** Weston City Hall, 17200 Royal Palm Blvd.



## THE DALLAS BRASS

**Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 8:00PM**

Founded in 1983, the Dallas Brass has become one of America's foremost musical ensembles. The group has established a unique blend of traditional brass instruments with a full complement of drums and percussion, which creates a performing entity of extraordinary range and musical challenges. The Dallas Brass repertoire includes classical masterpieces, Dixieland, swing, Broadway, Hollywood and patriotic music. A Dallas Brass concert is intended for the entire family; the ideal audience ranges from 5 to 95. *After a daytime Clinic for high school musicians, and a rehearsal, students are invited to join the ensemble onstage at the evening performance to perform one piece.*

Tickets are available at the Weston Community Center, 954-389-4321 and the Community Bank of Broward in Weston; \$20 in advance / \$30 at the door / \$10 student in advance / \$15 student at the door.

**Location:** The Cypress Bay Theater, 18600 Vista Park Blvd., Weston – free parking.



## QUARTERLY RESIDENTIAL BULK PICKUP

**Wed., April 24<sup>th</sup>, Thur., April 25<sup>th</sup> OR Fri., April 26<sup>th</sup> for Single Family Homes and Sat., April 27<sup>th</sup> for Multi-Family with Dumpsters**

Bulk pickup will take place on your *regularly scheduled garbage collection day* only. Items should be placed curbside by 7AM (do not block access to the garbage cart).

For Details: <http://www.westonfl.org/Departments/PublicWorks/BulkPickup.aspx>



## WESTON DELIVERS THE LATEST NEWS DIRECTLY TO YOUR INBOX.

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](http://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.