



May 14, 2013

## LET'S CHEER ON OUR LOCAL RACE HORSE *CITY OF WESTON*



*City of Weston* is a three year old colt who, this year, has steadily gained ground as one of the best in class, heading straight to the winners circle in his last three stakes races. After his last decisive win at Calder, *City of Weston* was selected for the invitation only Chick Lang Stakes race, this Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> on Preakness Day, at Pimlico Racecourse in Baltimore, Maryland.

His owner, Luis Ortiz of Weston, bought him as a one-year old and named him for his beloved new home. Mr. Ortiz moved his family to Weston five years ago to escape the political oppression and critical security concerns in his native country of Venezuela. He recalls it as a very dark day that they left behind their home and everything they had worked for, to start again in a new country with language and cultural barriers that they had never known.



L-R: Trainer Antonio Sano, wife Maria Sano, children Alessandro, Maurizio and Marie Lena. Owners Monica and Luis Ortiz, daughter Jackeline, Asst. Trainer Jesus 'Chino' Prada, daughter-in-law Marie Ortiz and grandchildren Rodrigo and Anarella.

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The Ortiz family did not know where they were going but they knew that they had to leave. The Ortiz family doesn't want sympathy; conversely they are expressing their gratitude and appreciation. They are infinitely grateful for finding a wonderful new home in the City of Weston.

Wife Monica Ortiz explains very simply, "We loved it immediately. It is so beautiful. If I had to design a place to raise my children, the City of Weston is it." Their youngest daughter Chrisol is thriving at Cypress Bay as an honor student and member of the Astronomy Club, with a desire to be an engineer like her father and older sister. The Ortiz's have five children and three grandchildren. Three of the children and all of the grandchildren also reside in Weston. But this is only where this story begins.

Back to *City of Weston* our star. Mr. Ortiz has had a lifelong passion and love of horses, owning several race horses in Venezuela. After successfully transitioning to the U.S., he returned to that hobby with one goal in mind – to own a great racehorse and name him City of Weston in recognition of the City that gave them their new found home and sense of belonging.



The journey of *City of Weston* presents a number of interesting dynamics that came together at the right time and the right place to all culminate in producing a winning result. Not only do the owners live in Weston, trainer Antonio Sano, also lives in Weston. He was at one time the most winning trainer in Venezuela. Mr. Ortiz calls him "The Magician." Assistant trainer "Chino" Prada lives in Weston, and yes, he too is from Venezuela, all having left due to political and security concerns. In a telling twist of fate, for the upcoming race on Preakness Day, he will have jockey Javier Castellan, the second best jockey in the U.S. today and as you may have guessed, also from Venezuela. But *City of Weston* is pure Florida born and bred and will be representing our great city as he races for glory.

The Ortiz family could not be happier. A most gracious, fun-loving and close-knit family, the Ortiz' embrace their new home and look to share their success with the community as *City of Weston* races in the Chick Lang Stakes on March 18<sup>th</sup> at Pimlico. Never ones to sit on their laurels, their next big dream: a horse in the Kentucky Derby. According to the infectiously exuberant Mrs. Ortiz, "Nothing is impossible. Look at what *City of Weston* has done."



## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AND ELECTRONICS COLLECTION EVENT *Sunday, May 19th*



Put aside items that cannot be placed into the trash or put out for bulk pickup, and bring them to the annual **FREE Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collection** event and they will be recycled or disposed of properly without harming the environment.

On Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, simply drop off your household hazardous waste and electronic items at the **Weston Public Works Services Center, 2599 South Post Road, between 8:00am and 3:00pm.**

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) refers to used or leftover contents of consumer products that contain chemicals with one of the four characteristics: *Toxic, Ignitable, Corrosive, or Reactive* as defined by the Environmental Protection Agency.



**What items are being accepted?** Oil and latex paints and thinners, used motor oil, auto fluids and gasoline solvents, pesticides, fertilizers, pool chemicals, drain cleaners, tires, mercury, rechargeable & automobile batteries and electronics such as computers and televisions will be accepted.

***For more information, please call the Public Works Services Center at 954-385-2600 or visit [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org).***



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## SECOND ANNUAL NATIONAL BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY WAS A HUGE SUCCESS

The roads surrounding Weston schools were busy on Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> with kids of all ages biking to school!

BSO Deputy Kari Pallotto, Crime Prevention Practitioner, SRO Mark Skolnick, and the BSO Mounted Patrol, escorted Eagle Point Elementary students to their school safely. There they were greeted by staff from Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital who passed out some biking goodies for the children.



Bike to School Day is a national event that gives communities across the country the opportunity to join together in bicycling to school on the same day.  
<http://www.bikeleague.org/programs/bikemonth/biketoschoolday.php>.



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**IT'S SPLASH TIME!**  
**YMCA OF BROWARD COUNTY**  
**IS OFFERING FREE SWIM LESSONS**  
**MAY 20<sup>th</sup> – MAY 23<sup>rd</sup>**



This year's SPLASH program will feature FREE Swim Lessons, hands-on learning, including safe swim conditions, parent education and water safety. Parents can register their children ages 3-12 at any participating YMCA of Broward County location.

The **FREE** Splash swim lesson is available on a [first-come, first-served](#) registration basis. To register please contact the Aquatics Department at one of the following locations:

- Pembroke Pines YMCA Aquatic Center - 1361 NW 129th Avenue
  - Elise Silsby, [esilsby@ymcabroward.org](mailto:esilsby@ymcabroward.org)
  - (954) 447-4645
- Greater Hollywood YMCA - 3161 Taft Street
  - Kelly Cassidy, [kcassidy@ymcabroward.org](mailto:kcassidy@ymcabroward.org)
  - (954) 989-9622
- Weston YMCA Family Center - 20201 Saddle Club Road
  - Scott Hendy, [shendry@ymcabroward.org](mailto:shendry@ymcabroward.org)
  - (954) 424-9622

For more information on SPLASH, please visit [www.ymcabroward.org](http://www.ymcabroward.org) or call 954-334-9622.





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## BUILDBOTS ROBOTICS ACADEMY 2013 Spring and Summer Classes at Weston Community Center



Explore the magic of **Lego® Robotics** and apply your knowledge to design, build and program robots that can solve the most amazing challenges. The Buildbots program combines creativity, design, logic, teamwork, scalability and problem solving skills, the main building blocks for an exciting future in tomorrow's high-tech world.

The class provides a step-by-step progression from beginner to advanced levels, accommodating individual abilities. With the aid of Lego®'s programmable bricks along with sensors, motors and more, children can create robots limited only by their imagination.



Where: Weston Community Center, Weston Regional Park  
Ages: Boys and Girls ages 7-14  
More Info: Please visit [www.buildbots.com](http://www.buildbots.com)

<b>Spring</b>	<b>May 1<sup>st</sup> - June 28<sup>th</sup></b>
Days/Times: Tuesday 4:30pm–6:30pm Friday 5:30pm–7:30pm	

<b>Summer</b>	<b>July 18<sup>th</sup> - August 16<sup>th</sup></b>
Days: Thursday and Fridays Time: 12:00pm - 4:00pm	

For information on other Weston Community Center classes, please visit [www.westonfl.org/Departments/ParksAndRecreation/ParksAndRecreationHome.aspx](http://www.westonfl.org/Departments/ParksAndRecreation/ParksAndRecreationHome.aspx). or contact the Weston Community Center at 954-389-4321.



## THE WESTON FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEED YOUR DONATIONS!

The Weston Chapter of the Friends of the Library raises funds for library programming, events and activities that otherwise would not be offered at the Weston Branch location. By donating used and new books to the Friends, you are helping keep these programs going!



- ✓ Books for adults
- ✓ Novels
- ✓ Children's books
- ✓ Chapter Books

The Friends of the Library Bookstore is located in the entrance to the Weston Branch Library, 4205 Bonaventure Boulevard, Weston, FL 33332.

### Library Hours:

Monday - Wednesday: 10am-8pm

Thursday - Saturday: 10am-6pm

### Friends of Broward County Libraries

The Friends of Broward County Libraries is an "umbrella" organization of 29 local chapters. The Friends have been instrumental in the growth of the library system since 1975. The umbrella group brings together the leaders of local Friends groups at meetings at the county, state and federal level and helps to sustain county, state and federal funding for the library system.



For more information and a complete list of activities offered at the library please visit [www.broward.org/library](http://www.broward.org/library) or call 954-357-5420.



## INTERESTING FACTS Cicadas Life Cycle Begins After 17 Years



Do you remember playing outside and listening to those loud buzzing sounds that came from up above in the trees? It's almost like a hovering noise or flying saucers from a 1950's movie.

Those sounds you heard were mating calls from both the male and female, 1.5 inch flying bugs called the Cicadas.

Don't be surprised if you see a few here in South Florida during the months of June and July as their emergence will be much along the U.S East Coast.

This year heralds the springtime emergence of billions of so-called 17-year periodical cicadas with their distinctive black bodies, buggy red eyes, and orange-veined wings. The mating music they produce, along with the unusual synchronous mass emergence and lengthy development cycles have amazed scientists for centuries.

The first scientific recording of the specimens was in 1843. When the male cicada has reached maturity they are best known for their acoustic signals or songs to attract the females. To create their unique choruses, male cicadas use ribbed tymbal membranes on their abdomens to produce sound, while females- lacking tymbals- click or snap their wings. This clamor is all done by July. Cicadas do not sting or bite, and they are not harmful to crops.



After mating occurs, females lay their eggs on trees; the eggs hatch later in the season, and the nymphs drop to the ground and burrow underground to restart the 17-year cycle. Every 17<sup>th</sup> year, a few weeks before emerging, the young cicadas build exit tunnels to the surface. When the soil exceeds 64 degrees Fahrenheit, nymphs leave their burrows usually after sunset, settle on a nearby tree or shrub and start their final molt to adulthood.

The last emergence cycle of cicadas was in 1996. **For more information, please visit [www.cicadamania.com](http://www.cicadamania.com).**





## UNIQUE AND FUN SUMMER CAMPS OFFERED THROUGH BROWARD COUNTY PARKS!

### Equestrian Camp at [Tradewinds Park](#), Coconut Creek

Ages 9-16; This camp offers riding instruction, grooming, saddling, horse care and maintenance, tack and equipment, and other activities. Call (954) 357-8720 to register and for fees.



### Fern Forest Nature Detectives at [Fern Forest Nature Center](#), Coconut Creek

Ages 8-11; Topics vary daily and include: tropical hardwood hammock and cypress maple swamp exploration; prairie habitat exploration; ponds, creeks, and canals; oak, pine, and palm community. Call (954) 357-5198 to register and for fees.

### Science Eye Safari Camp at [Long Key Natural Area & Nature Center](#), Davie

Ages 7-12; Campers are immersed in the roles of a scientist making observations, conducting experiments, and engaging in field studies. Participants will learn to explore the world around them, gain insights, and become aware of why it's important to take care of the environment by taking part in interactive, hands-on projects. Call (954) 680-7977 to register and for fees.



### Summer Sports Camp at [C.B. Smith Park Tennis Center](#), Pembroke Pines

Ages 6-14; Tennis, basketball, soccer, football, softball, water park, tube rides, mini-golf and driving range. Call (954) 868-6100 to register and for fees.

For more information, please visit [broward.org/parks](http://broward.org/parks).





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## COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

In preparation for the upcoming hurricane season, members of the Weston Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) recently participated in a live drill exercise that put their knowledge and training to the test. CERT members received their activation notification, met at the designated staging area and were deployed to a fictitious disaster location. They were met with numerous role players who served as disaster victims, bystanders and entrapped occupants. CERT members implemented the Incident Command System, conducted a scene size-up, performed mass casualty triage, conducted fire suppression, and performed search and rescue.



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Following a large scale disaster such as a hurricane, local emergency resources can initially become overwhelmed. CERT members can apply the training they receive to give critical support in the immediate area until help arrives. CERT members also assist with non-emergency projects that improve the safety of the community.

The CERT program educates local residents and business owners about disaster preparedness and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations.

**CERT training is free for Weston residents and business owners.**

For more information about the CERT program, please contact Weston District Fire Chief Harris Bouchillon at [Harris\\_Bouchillon@Sheriff.org](mailto:Harris_Bouchillon@Sheriff.org) or call (954) 389-2015.





## UPCOMING EVENTS/PROGRAMS



### **WESTON ROAD UPDATED SCHEDULE AS OF 5/14**

#### **Segment Two: South Post Road to Royal Palm Blvd.**

(Through May 14<sup>th</sup>)

Milling and paving will take place between 8:30AM-4:30PM

#### **Segment Three: Royal Palm Blvd. to New River Circle**

(Anticipated start date is May 27<sup>th</sup>)

Milling and paving will take place between 8:30AM-4:30PM

All dates are tentative and subject to change due to weather. There will be intermittent lane closures and traffic delays.



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For additional information contact the Public Works Services Center at 954-385-2600.

**Location:** 2599 South Post Road, Weston. Items will be taken out of your car for you.



### **CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

**Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM**

A regular meeting of the Weston City Commission.

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

**CLICK ON PAGE FOR ADDITIONAL EVENTS**



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## MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED

**Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**

All City Administrative Offices (City Hall, the Community Center, Public Works Services Center and the Building Department) will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.

All City Parks will remain open and there will be regularly scheduled garbage collection.



Notifications

## 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).



## REGISTER FOR CodeRED TODAY

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. You can receive messages via telephone and/or text messaging.

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