



## CITY OF WESTON OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED AS BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

The League of American Bicyclists has announced the latest round of Bicycle Friendly Communities (BFC) in 2013 and Weston has been named a Bronze level BFC.

As bicycling continues to grow in popularity, leaders in cities across the country, like Weston, are embracing the environmental, financial and quality of life benefits that come with a population that likes to ride.



There are now 259 Bicycle Friendly Communities in 47 states across America. The Bronze Level BFC award recognizes Weston's commitment to improving conditions for bicycling through investment in bicycling promotion, education programs, infrastructure and pro-bicycling policies.

### About the Bicycle Friendly America Program

The Bicycle Friendly Community, Bicycle Friendly State, Bicycle Friendly Business and Bicycle Friendly University programs are generously supported by program partner Trek Bicycle.

The League of American Bicyclists promotes bicycling for fun, fitness and transportation, and works through advocacy and education for a bicycle-friendly America. The League represents the interests of America's 57 million bicyclists, including its 300,000 members and affiliates. For more information, visit [www.bikeleague.org](http://www.bikeleague.org).



**For more information on Weston's Bike Friendly Community, please visit [www.westonfl.org/Residents/BikeFriendly/BikeFriendlyHome.aspx](http://www.westonfl.org/Residents/BikeFriendly/BikeFriendlyHome.aspx).**



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## WESTON ROAD PAVING PROJECT UPDATED SCHEDULE AS OF 5/16



The Weston Road corridor encompasses many businesses, so this portion of the project will have the most impact on traffic.

### **Segment Three Paving Dates and Times:**

- Start date anticipated for May 28th through approximately June 11th
- Royal Palm Blvd. to Indian Trace
- 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
- Monday through Friday

*All dates are tentative and subject to change due to weather.*

Lane Closures: Portions of one travel lane in each direction may be closed at any given time. Alternate routes are encouraged where possible.

There will be message boards out in advance of the work to notify travelers but delays are to be anticipated due to the volume of traffic on the Weston Road corridor.



For more information on the road improvement projects in Weston, please visit <http://www.westonfl.org/Departments/DevelopmentServices/Projects/Roadways.aspx>.

Updates will be provided via the City's Twitter, E-notifications, website, AM Radio and Cable TV. Sign up for E-notifications on the city website at [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org).



## OUR LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL RANKS IN THE TOP 20 IN FLORIDA! Congratulations Cypress Bay!



According to a report released by U.S. News & World Report on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, Cypress Bay High School in our wonderful City of Weston, ranked number 15 out of almost 800 Florida high schools!

Rankings are based on how students score on state math and reading tests, including performance by disadvantaged students, as well as for college preparedness, based on Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate tests.

Students at Cypress Bay have the opportunity to take Advanced Placement® course work and exams. The AP® participation rate at Cypress Bay High School is 67 percent. The student body makeup is 52 percent male and 48 percent female, and the total minority enrollment is 63 percent. Cypress Bay High School is 1 of 59 high schools in the Broward County Public Schools.



For more information on the rankings, please visit [www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/florida/districts/broward-county-public-schools/cypress-bay-high-school-4760](http://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/florida/districts/broward-county-public-schools/cypress-bay-high-school-4760).



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## WESTON MOM'S CLUB HAD A GREAT DAY AT FIRE RESCUE STATION 81!



On Wednesday, May 8th, a Weston Mom's Club group joined the Engine and Rescue crew from Station 81 and Life Safety Educator Melanie Oren for a fun fire safety presentation and firefighter experience. Kids had an opportunity to learn about fire safety and play the "what's hot, what's not" game, before exploring the fire engine and taking pictures. Afterwards, the group joined together for a firefighter bunker gear demonstration and more photo opportunities. The morning activities concluded with the kids having an opportunity to spray water from the fire hose and play with their friends. This was a great event enjoyed by all.



If you would like to schedule a visit from the BSO Fire Rescue Department, please call Melanie at (954) 831-8210.



## MEMORIAL DAY HISTORY AND TRADITIONS

### Weston City Administrative Offices Closed on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>



**Memorial Day** is a United States federal holiday that is observed on the last Monday of May. It was formerly known as **Decoration Day**. This holiday commemorates U.S. men and women who have died in military service to their country. It began first to honor Union soldiers who died during the American Civil War. After World War I, it was expanded to include those who died in any war or military action.

Many people observe this holiday by visiting cemeteries and memorials. A national moment of remembrance takes place at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. One tradition is to fly the U.S. flag at half-staff from dawn until noon local time. Volunteers place a U.S. flag upon each gravesite located in a National Cemetery.

In addition to remembrance, Memorial Day is also a time for picnics, family gatherings, and sporting events. Some Americans view Memorial Day as the unofficial beginning of summer and Labor Day as the unofficial end of the season. Some Americans use Memorial Day to also honor any family members who have died, not just servicemen.

Please note that the City Administration Offices will be closed in observance of the holiday. All City Parks will be open and there will be regular garbage collection.

Have a safe and fun holiday!



## DID YOU KNOW... INTERESTING FUN FACTS

**You learn something new everyday! Take a look and you'll be surprised on the information that has been found to be true.**

Did you know the most commonly used letter in the alphabet is E?  
Did you know the least used letter in the alphabet is Q?  
Did you know dreamt is the only word that ends in mt?  
Did you know a cat has 32 muscles in each ear?



Did you know goldfish can see both infrared and ultraviolet light?  
Did you know the smallest bones in the human body are in your ear?  
Did you know cats spend 66% of their life asleep?  
Did you know macadamia nuts are toxic to dogs?

Did you know spiders are arachnids and not insects?  
Did you know 11% of people are left handed?  
Did you know August has the highest percentage of births?  
Did you know unless food is mixed with saliva you can't taste it?



Did you know the average person falls asleep in 7 minutes?  
Did you know a bear has 42 teeth?  
Did you know an ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain?  
Did you know most lipsticks contain fish scales?



Did you know lemons contain more sugar than strawberries?  
Did you know 8% of people have an extra rib?  
Did you know 85% of plant life is found in the ocean?  
Did you know rabbits like licorice?

Did you know a lobster's blood is colorless & when exposed to oxygen it turns blue?  
Did you know the longest recorded flight of a chicken was 13 seconds?  
Did you know birds need gravity to swallow?  
Did you know apples are more effective at waking you up in the morning than coffee?  
Did you know no two corn flakes look the same?





## WESTON BRANCH LIBRARY'S SUMMER 2013 IMMERSION LANGUAGE PROGRAM LINGUISTICA 2000

The Weston Branch Library will offer an Immersion Language Program with 14 different language options to select from and three learning levels: beginner, intermediate and advanced. **Sessions run May through August 2013.**



**Languages offered:** Arabic, English, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Mandarin, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish.

For those interested in learning a language, this program offers many options for your schedule and all at a very affordable price. Rates for the program range dependent upon which language is selected. This includes 10 hours of class instruction with qualified teachers, text books and handouts.

### Schedule options:

- Monday through Friday 5 consecutive days
- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 2 consecutive weeks
- Saturday 2 hours for 5 consecutive Saturdays

All classes are held at the Weston Branch Library,  
4205 Bonaventure Boulevard, Weston.

For session dates and more details, please call 954-999-5455  
or email [linguistica2000@att.net](mailto:linguistica2000@att.net).



## BROWARD COUNTY ANIMAL CARE AND ADOPTION STANDARD ADOPTION FEES REDUCED



If you are looking to add a furry friend to your life, then now is the perfect time to take advantage of lower adoption fees at Broward County Animal Care and Adoption!

**Beginning Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, the standard adoption fees for cats and dogs will be lowered to \$50.**

- \$50 will include a health exam, all necessary vaccinations, required Broward County pet registration tags and a microchip.
- The reduced fees are to encourage the community to adopt, rather than shop.
- Broward County Animal Care and Adoption receives about 20,000 dogs and cats each year, and this gives the animals the possibility of a second chance.
- Must be a Broward County Resident.



Also, don't miss out and take advantage of the **special pricing and adopt two cats at the single adoption fee of \$50**. Adoptable cats and kittens are available at both, Animal Care and Adoption Centers in Fort Lauderdale and Pompano Beach, as well as the numerous participating Pet Supermarket stores throughout Broward County.

The Fort Lauderdale Adoption Center, located at 1870 SW 39<sup>th</sup> Street is open from Tuesday through Friday, from 1 to 6PM., and Saturday and Sunday, from 11AM-4PM.

The Pompano Beach Adoption Center, located at 3100 NW 19<sup>th</sup> Terrace is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 1-6PM and Saturdays from 11AM-4PM.

Please prevent unwanted animals and have your pet spayed or neutered. **For more information about the agency, please visit [www.broward.org/animal](http://www.broward.org/animal).**





## UPCOMING EVENTS/PROGRAMS



### **WESTON ROAD UPDATED SCHEDULE AS OF 5/21**

#### **Segment Three: Royal Palm Blvd. to Indian Trace**

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- Royal Palm Blvd. to Indian Trace
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- Monday through Friday

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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.



### **CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

#### **Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:00PM**

A regular meeting of the Weston City Commission.

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



### **2013 CITY OF WESTON'S 4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY HOMETOWN PARADE APPLICATION AVAILABLE**

#### **Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> 10:30AM - Parade**

**Interested Parade Participants:** All groups, organizations, businesses and bands are welcome! Join us for a 4<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup>**. Parade spaces fill up quickly, so register today! Download a parade application and get this party started at <http://www.westonfl.org> or call 954-389-4321 for more information.

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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>.