



November 5, 2013

IMAGINE CHARTER SCHOOL AND BSO CELEBRATE RED RIBBON WEEK IN A BIG WAY



On October 24th, students from Imagine Charter at Weston wore red and got into the shape of a ribbon to show their support of Red Ribbon Week. The red ribbon signifies a personal commitment to a drug-free lifestyle.

The BSO helicopter flew over the school snapping this unique view of students and staff.

BSO Detective Mike Okum and K9 dog Asia, did three presentations/demonstrations to students on how the drug sniffing dog assists deputies in doing their job.



On October 28th, the BSO Crime Prevention unit along with McGruff the Crime Fighting Dog visited the school during student drop off and then visited the Pre-K classes to hand out red ribbons. Deputies educated children on just saying no to drugs and no to strangers.





EVERGLADES ELEMENTARY TAKES A SAFETY WALK WITH BROWARD SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The kindergarten students from Everglades Elementary were able to take a walk from school to the Weston Broward Sheriff's Office with Crime Prevention Specialist, Deputy Kari Pallotto. During the walk, the children listened quietly as Deputy Pallotto spoke about gun safety, stranger danger and Halloween safety. Once the students reached the station they were escorted through the entire Police Department including the jail and introduced to a few bomb dogs.



For more information, please call Weston Broward Sheriff's Office at 954-389-2010.



2013 BROWARD COUNTY PROPERTY TAX BILLS HAVE BEEN MAILED

TAXES ARE DUE BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1, 2013



Broward County Records, Taxes and Treasury Division has mailed the property tax bills for 2013, which must be paid no later than March 31, 2014 to avoid penalties and delinquency fees.

Property taxes may be paid early to take advantage of discounts: taxes paid in November 2013 receive a 4% discount; December 2013 receive a 3% discount; January 2014 receive a 2% discount; February 2014 receive a 1% discount.

Property owners without mortgages, or those who do not make use of an escrow arrangement, may pay their taxes in a variety of ways:

- **Online Credit Card/Debit Card:** Visit broward.county-taxes.com. There is an additional non-refundable fee for this service.
- **Online Electronic Check:** Visit broward.county-taxes.com. There is no fee for this service.
- **Mail:** Use the envelope enclosed with your tax bill or mail payment to Broward County Tax Collector, Processing Center, P.O. Box 11905, Newark, NJ. The postmark date will be used to determine the applicable discount amount.
- **In Person:**
 - Broward County Records, Taxes & Treasury Division, Tax & License Section, 115 S. Andrews Ave., Room A-100, Fort Lauderdale, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 - At any one of the [77 Wells Fargo Bank Branches](#) in Broward County, until March 31, 2014, checks only.
- **Partial Payments:** Current taxes may be paid in up to five partial payments. A \$10 processing fee applies to each payment. Each of the first four payments must be a minimum of \$100. No discount is allowed. The final payment must be paid in full by March 31, 2014, or the balance due will be subject to penalties and interest.

For more information on property taxes, visit broward.org/recordstaxestreasury, or call the Broward County Call Center at 311 or 954-831-4000.



NOVEMBER IS JEWISH HERITAGE MONTH COMMEMORATED BY BROWARD COUNTY LIBRARIES

Jewish Heritage Month, commemorated by Broward County Libraries (BCL) each November, recognizes Jewish contributions to American culture and history. From music to movies and arts to literature, the month is filled with programs, history, special events and more that shine a spotlight on Jewish heritage.

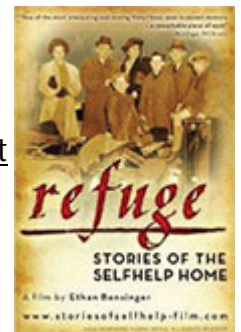
November also kicks off the **2013/2014 Ruth E. Cohan Jewish Book Review Series**, which presents a book review/discussion once a month from November 2013 through March 2014. November's selection is *The Lawgiver* by Herman Wouk. All Ruth E. Cohan Jewish Book Review Series discussions are free and open to the public. This month's dates, times and locations are:



- **November 13** 2pm - 3pm Northwest Regional Library
- **November 14** 1pm - 2pm Main Library
- **November 18** 2pm - 3pm Tamarac Library
- **November 20** 2pm - 3pm North Regional/Broward College Library

Jewish Heritage Month Events @ Broward County Libraries:

- **November 12, 19, 26** International Folk Dancing, North Regional/Broward College Library
- **November 12** Musical Tuesdays with Walter Ladden, Northwest Regional Library
- **November 14** Harry Frank Klezmer Band, Stirling Road Library
- **November 19** Let's Talk about Books: *The Innocents* by Francesca Segal, Southwest Regional Library
- **November 19** Jewish Heritage Month cinema presentation, Galt Ocean Mile Reading Center and *Refuge: Stories of the Selfhelp Home*, Main Library
- **November 20** An award-winning classic film concerning hidden Jewish heritage, Northwest Regional Library
- **November 21** Reel to Real Talk: A Film Forum with Professor Lynne Thorner, North Regional/Broward College Library
- **November 25** Book Discussion of *Peony* by Pearl Buck, Galt Ocean Mile Reading Center



For more information, please visit BCL's website at <http://www.broward.org/library/Pages/Default.aspx>.



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VETERANS DAY OBSERVED

Monday, November 11th – City Offices Closed



All City administrative offices will be closed in observance of Veterans Day. Veterans Day is a day set aside to honor the members of the military, past and present. Please take a moment to pause and give thanks to all of our men and women who have served in uniform, and for those protecting our country today.

All city parks will be open and there is regular garbage collection.

The History of Veterans Day

November 11, or what has come to be known as Veterans Day, was originally set as a U.S. legal holiday to honor Armistice Day- the end of World War I, which officially took place on November 11, 1918. In legislature that was passed in 1938, November 11 was “dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as ‘Armistice Day.’” As such, this new legal holiday honored World War I veterans.



President Eisenhower signs HR7786, officially changing Armistice Day to Veterans Day.

In 1954, after having been through both World War II and the Korean War, the 83rd U.S. Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word “Armistice” and inserting the word “Veterans.” The approval of this legislation was on June 1, 1954; November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.



FREE
PERFORMING ARTS FOR CHILDREN
MAGIC SHOW WITH MAGICIAN DAVE KAPLAN
Saturday, November 16th

The City of Weston is proudly hosting three **FREE** performing arts for children events for the 2013-2014 season. November's show will be magical and February and March's shows are wonderful professional puppet shows!

The first show of this season is a MAGIC SHOW!

Coins, cards, ropes, scarves and rings....

**The magic happens right
before your eyes!**

Kids (and adults!) will be entertained by Magician Dave Kaplan. All shows are best suited for children ages Pre-K thru 2nd grade; children must be accompanied by an adult.

Saturday, November 16th
1:30 pm and 3:30 pm show times
Weston Community Center



All shows take place at the Weston Community Center inside the Weston Regional Park (20200 Saddle Club Road).

For more information call 954-389-4321
and for a complete listing of all community events, please visit
www.westonfl.org/Departments/ParksAndRecreation/ParksAndRecreationHome.aspx.



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FREE MOONLIGHT MOVIE IN THE PARK - NOVEMBER

THE CROODS Saturday, November 16th at 7:30pm

Kick back and relax - the movies are on us...

Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy this **FREE** full-length feature film projected onto a giant inflatable screen.

Saturday, November 16th at 7:30 pm

This prehistoric comedy adventure follows a family as they embark on the journey of a lifetime after their cave that shielded them from danger is destroyed. As the family travels a crossed the spectacular landscape, they discover an incredible new world filled with fantastic creatures; their outlook is changed forever.



The movie is shown at the Community Center Event Stage in the Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Road. For more information, please call 954-389-4321 or visit www.westonfl.org. We look forward to seeing you and your family there!



PEACE MOUND PARK WILL BE CLOSED FOR IMPROVEMENTS NOVEMBER 18, 2013 – JULY 2014

Peace Mound Park will close for the construction of improvements to the park beginning Monday, November 18, 2013. Located at the corner of Indian Trace and Three Village Road, Peace Mound Park is an 8 acre neighborhood park and is the site of a Tequesta Indian burial mound.



The City has been systematically reviewing all of its facilities, including parks, and making improvements to assure accessibility for all and compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. (ADA). Peace Mound Park has a number of accessibility challenges, including parking, walkways, and play areas, all caused by the existing topography. City staff has developed an improvement plan that addresses the necessary changes, upgrades the infrastructure, and adds to the total overall tree count, while maintaining the aesthetic sense of peacefulness and tranquility that Peace Mound Park is known for.

Below is a brief summary of the major improvements to the park:

Two new shelters (same size as the existing shelters)

New playground structure with swings – ADA compliant

New park benches & trash receptacles

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New L.E.D. walkway lighting

New deck material for the bridge/fishing dock

Interpretive plaques that educate visitors

ADA compliant walkways (meeting grade and cross slope requirements)

Parking – ADA compliant. The existing eight space parking lot will be removed. A new 10 space (nine spaces plus one handicap space) parking lot will be constructed to the south (further from the gatehouse) and will be able to be secured at night.

Trees – Many new trees will be planted.

The following quantifies the tree impacts, with an appreciable increase in the number of trees:

Current number of trees: 503 (301 trees and 202 palms);

Number of trees upon completion: 627 (377 shade and 250 palms)

The very large trees will remain in place. Many trees will be temporarily relocated off-site during construction and replaced on-site upon completion of the topographic modifications.

Construction Time Line: November 18, 2013 – July 2014





WESTON COMMUNITY CENTER'S 55+ CLUB

Weston's 55+ Club provides wonderful programming for social seniors, including a range of activities; lectures, luncheon outings, movie afternoons, board game days and other events as interest arises. Come once a week or once a month!

To join the club you have to be 55 years or older, have some free time and want to gather with a great group looking for entertainment and friendship.



The Events Calendar, along with all information on RSVP's and maximum number of tickets available for each special event, are posted on the City's website each month at

www.westonfl.org/Departments/ParksAndRecreation/55PlusClub.

Membership runs from October 2013 through September 2014 with a \$35 annual membership fee per person. Membership forms can be picked up at the Weston Community Center at 20200 Saddle Club Road in the Weston Regional Park. Please call 954-389-4321 for more information.



WESTON 55+ CLUB November, 2013

RSVP	Wednesday Activity	
RSVP: Dottie by Nov 4th for Birthday Bingo on Nov. 6th (954-592-6280) or email Dot41@aol.com	6 Meet at the Community Center at 10:30 a.m. for "Birthday" Bingo game & lunch-Cost \$10.00-members \$12.00 for nonmembers & caretakers	
RSVP: Dottie by Nov 11th for Happy Hour on Nov. 13th (954-592-6280) or email Dot41@aol.com	13 Meet at 4:30 p.m. for "HAPPY HOUR" at J G McGuinness Irish Pub & Restaurant, 1744 Main Street, Weston Town Center (954-349-2100)	
RSVP: Shelley by Nov. 13th for Diva Duck Tour of Miami -Send check made out to The Weston 55+ Club for \$25.00 to Shelley	20 Meet at the Community Center at 10:00 a.m. to catch bus to Miami for The Diva Duck Tour of Miami - Cost \$25.00 (lunch on your own prior to the tour)	
	27 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!!	
Board Meeting November 4th at The Community Center at 10:00 a.m.		



SOCIAL COMMUNICATION STATION Fall Classes at Weston Community Center

For students with Asperger's Syndrome, High-Functioning Autism, ADD/ADHD or other Social Learning Challenges

Sign up today for the City of Weston's Social Communication Class. They are pragmatics courses for students with a diagnosis of Asperger's Syndrome, High-Functioning Autism, ADD/ADHD, Social Anxiety, or any other social learning challenges. In the classes, the instructors integrate group activities along with the Social Thinking® and Superflex Curriculums.

Candidates for the class should have average to above average cognitive abilities, as our classes focus on teaching students skills such as:

- perspective taking
- self-awareness and self-regulation
- problem-solving
- understanding emotions
- reading body language and non-verbal clues
- conversation skills

For registration information, email socialcommunicationandlearning@yahoo.com, or visit www.socialcommunicationstation.com and complete the online form.

Please include your **child's name**, **age**, and **diagnosis**. You will be contacted for additional information in order to determine appropriate placement in the Social Communication Classes.

Price: \$300/8-week session
When: Tuesday; November 19th – January 21st
Time: 7-10 year olds 4:15pm-5:15pm -or-
5:15pm-6:15pm
11-13 (tweens) 6:30pm-7:30pm
13 + (teens) 7:30pm-8:30pm



Classes are held at the Weston Community Center located inside the Weston Regional Park (20200 Saddle Club Road, Weston). For a complete listing of all classes and details, call the Weston Community Center at 954-389-4321 or visit our website at www.westonfl.org/Departments/ParksAndRecreation.



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NOVEMBER KIDOKINETICS CLASSES AT THE WESTON COMMUNITY CENTER

A Fun Way To Fitness



kidokinetics

**The fun way to inspire kids to get up,
get moving and get in shape!**

These diverse sport fitness programs help babies and children to learn discipline, confidence, coordination, fine and gross motor skills, and fitness. Babies will interact with soccer balls, footballs, bouncy balls, bean bags, cones, hula

hoops, tunnels and much more, all with their parents proudly standing by. The older children will participate in activities such as: soccer, hockey, tennis, basketball, football, volleyball, golf, lacrosse, hula-hoops, obstacle courses, hurdles and more.



Next Session Begins in November

Kidokinetics Jr.

Ages 15 months-4 years

The youngest children will develop important building blocks for life with a variety of different activities each class.

Kidokinetics

Ages 3-5 years

The "Fun Way to Fitness" – your child will learn a new sport each week.

Monthly Sport Clinics

Ages 3-5 years

The Sports Clinics will combine games, drills, and exercises to aid in the development of strong basic skills, proper technique, and knowledge of the sport.

Sportkinetics

Ages 5-10 years

Sportkinetics focuses on teaching boys and girls ages 5-12 years old the basic concepts of various sports.

Sportkinetics for girls

Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd Graders

Ideal for girls who are not really into "sports" or the ones who can't get enough. Classes include a variety of sports and fun activities.

For more information on the classes,
please call 954-385-8511 or visit www.kidokinetics.com.

For detailed dates and prices, contact the Weston Community Center at 954-389-4321 or visit www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/Class_Schedule.pdf.



UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS



VETERANS DAY

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Veterans Day is a day set aside to honor the members of our military, past and present. Please take a moment to pause and give thanks to all of our men and women who have served in uniform, and for those protecting our country today.



MY AFTERNOONS WITH MARGUERITTE - France

First Film in Foreign Film Series Monday, November 11th

220 pounds and 40 years separate the unhappy Germain who is illiterate, and the gentle Margueritte, who is passionate about reading.

Location: Weston 8 Cinema, 1338 SW 160 Ave, Sunrise

Show Times: 5:00PM & 7:15PM

Tickets: \$30 for series of 5, available thru November 11th.

Series tickets: Weston Community Center, Community Bank of Broward and Friends Book Store in the Weston Library.

Single tickets: \$7 at the door if available or call 954-389-4321.



MAGIC SHOW

Saturday, November 16th 1:30PM & 3:00PM

Don't miss this free family event! Coins, cards, ropes, scarves & rings... the magic happens right before your eyes!

Suggested Age Level: Pre K – 2nd Grade. Info: 954-389-4321

Location: The Weston Community Center, 20200 Saddle Club Road



FREE MOONLIGHT MOVIE IN THE PARK *The Croods*

Saturday, November 16th 7:30pm

This prehistoric adventure follows a family as they embark on the journey of a lifetime after their cave that shielded them from danger is destroyed. **Location:** Event Stage in the Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Road. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. 954-389-4321. **Bring lawn chairs or blankets, the movie is on us!**



TENNIS CLINIC

Saturday, November 16th 9:00AM-11:00AM

Intense and action packed! Cost: Members \$25; non-members \$35

Includes after tennis refreshments.

Call or email today: 954-389-8666 or s.browne@cliffdrysdale.com

Location: Weston Tennis Center, 16451 Racquet Club Road



CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, November 18th 7:00pm

A regular meeting of the Weston City Commission.

Location: Weston City Hall, 17200 Royal Palm Blvd.



THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

Thursday & Friday, November 28 & 29

All City administrative offices will be closed in observance of the holiday.

City Parks will close at 6PM on Thursday, Nov. 28th only

There is regular garbage and recycling collection.



PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FILING DATES-2013

Special sign-up dates within Weston

No need to drive downtown. The Broward County Property Appraiser is providing dates for homeowner sign-up at two Weston locations for Homestead, Senior and other property tax exemptions. For information visit www.bcpa.net.

Weston Community Center 20200 Saddle Club Road 4:30PM – 6:00PM

Mondays: November 25, December 16

Bonaventure Town Center Club 16690 Saddle Club Road 4:30PM – 6:00PM

Tuesdays: November 5, December 3, January 7, February 4

Weston Branch Library 4205 Bonaventure Blvd. 4:30PM – 6:00PM

Mondays: January 27, February 24

Documents required to file a Homestead Exemption: A current Florida driver's license or Florida identification card, AND A current voter registration card or declaration of domicile (Non-US citizens must also provide proof of legal residency).



HOLIDAY GIFT GIVING SUGGESTION.....*Concert tickets on sale now!*

Fabulous upcoming symphony concert event:

Saturday, February 8, 2014 – Symphony of the Americas – Celebrating Romance, A Concert. Performance is at 7:30PM at the Cypress Bay Theater. Advance tickets are on sale now at the Weston Community Center for just \$20. *Get your tickets early!*



**Mayor's Get Fit Challenge Cup Walk
Elementary Students - Register Now! Sunday,
December 8, 2013 9:00AM**

All Weston elementary students are invited to participate in a special 1-mile *Mayor's Challenge Cup Walk*. The "Mayor's Get Fit Challenge Cup" and a \$1500 check will be awarded to the school with the most participants (\$1000 to 2nd place, and \$500 to 3rd

place schools). **Register at school today** or visit www.westonfl.org. *The Mayor's Challenge Walk takes place at the Weston Town Center during the Run For Tomorrow 1-Mile Family Health Walk.*



**Sunday, December 8, 2013 6:20AM
Rotary Run for Tomorrow
Half Marathon & 5K Run/Walk**

This annual Half Marathon and 5K Run/Walk sponsored by the Rotary Club of Weston and co-sponsored by the City of Weston begins at 6:30AM at the Weston Town Center. Early

registration pricing. **Online Registration:** www.westonrotary.com/run-for-tomorrow



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. Call **954-389-2015** to schedule this FREE service for our Weston residents.



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.



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>.