



Weston Mayor Throws Down Challenge for 4th Year to Weston Elementary School Students Mayor's Get Fit Challenge Cup/ 1-Mile Family Health Walk – December 8th

Mayor Daniel Stermer is challenging Weston's youngest residents to help win the 2013 Mayor's Get Fit Challenge Cup for their elementary school.

The Mayor and City Commissioners would like to see every student in Weston, and their family, participate in the **Sunday, December 8th Rotary Run for Tomorrow Mayor's Get Fit Challenge Cup/1-Mile Family Health Walk.**

Date: Sunday, December 8th
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: Weston Town Center
1900 Bell Tower Lane



The Challenge and Prizes: The challenge is to get as many students and family members as possible signed up under your Weston elementary school name. The school with the largest number of participants (based on a percentage of their enrollment) will win the 2013 Mayor's Get Fit Challenge Cup **AND** a \$1,500 cash prize from the Rotary Club of Weston for the school. **And** new this year, there will be a \$1,000 for the second place school and \$500 for the third place school!

Prior Mayor's Challenge Cup Winners 2011 and 2012: Imagine Charter School at Weston

The registration form for students in Weston elementary schools will be available at all of the schools or can be accessed on our website at www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/2013_Mayor_Cup_Challenge_Registration_Form.pdf.

After the 1-Mile Family Health Walk there will be tons of fun for kids and parents alike when the free Get Fit Fest kicks off! For more information, visit www.westonfl.org.





CALLING ALL RUNNERS – REGISTER NOW! Rotary Run for Tomorrow 5K/Half-Marathon

Sunday, December 8th



Since 1998, the Weston Rotary Club has organized the Run for Tomorrow. In recent years, the run/walk has attracted thousands of participants and spectators to the run and the accompanying Get Fit Health and Wellness festival in beautiful Weston Town Center.

Since 2010, the Weston Rotary has taken their message of fitness and healthy living into Weston elementary schools. Students and families can compete in the Mayor's Challenge Cup 1-mile Family Walk at 9:00am following the 5K and half marathon events.

The Run For Tomorrow & Get Fit Fest is one of the fundraising events organized annually by club members. Proceeds from the event go to fund three areas of Weston Rotary Club's charities. Dozens of fitness partners and health and lifestyle vendors staff booths at the Get Fit Fest with new products, games, food, wellness checks, and a great day of family fun for all ages.



The Half Marathon and 5K will take place on Sunday, December 8th with a 6:20am start time from Weston Town Center, 1675 Market Street, Weston and the Mayor's Challenge 1-Mile Family Health Walk will begin at 9:00am.



To register for the road races please visit: www.active.com/running/weston-fl/weston-rotary-run-for-tomorrow-2012#Summary. For more information on all of the upcoming events, please visit www.rotaryclubofwestonevents.com.

EVENT FEES:	Half Marathon	5K Run	Mayor's 1-Mile Walk
Pre-Register	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$20.00
Raceday	\$45.00	\$35.00	\$20.00





BIKE LIGHTING REQUIREMENTS

This cyclist can be seen because of his light.

Without it, he looks like this...



Lights are required by law. Every bicycle in use between sunset and sunrise must be equipped with a lamp on the front and the rear.

Nearly 60% of all adult fatal bicycle accidents in Florida occur during twilight and night hours.

Florida Statute 316.2065

As of January 2013, every bicycle has to meet lighting equipment standards or is subject to warnings/fines issued by law enforcement.

Every bicycle in use between sunset and sunrise shall be equipped with a lamp on the front exhibiting a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front and a lamp along with a reflector on the rear each exhibiting a red light visible from a distance of 600 feet to the rear. A bicycle or its rider may be equipped with lights or reflectors in addition to those required by this section.



A Law Enforcement Officer may issue a bicycle safety brochure and a verbal warning to a bicycle rider who violates this subsection or may issue a citation and assess a fine for pedestrian violation. The court shall dismiss the charge against a bicycle rider for a first violation of this subsection upon proof of purchase and installation of the proper lighting equipment.

RIDE SAFE!!



DEEP FRYING A THANKSGIVING TURKEY SAFETY TIPS FROM BSO & THE CITY OF WESTON

A popular item that is used at holiday time is the propane gas turkey fryer. These are readily available and inexpensive but can be unsafe. The National Fire Protection Association discourages the use of turkey fryers except by properly trained professionals. There is a similar outdoor unit available that does not use oil and is a good alternative to the oil-containing fryers.



Since deep fried turkey is a longtime favorite food, people will continue to use the deep fryers. Consumer-grade turkey fryers use a substantial quantity of cooking oil at high temperatures and pose a significant danger that hot oil will be released at some point during the cooking process. BSO echoes the NFPA suggestion that those who prefer a deep-fried turkey simply purchase one prepared from a grocer, food retailer or restaurant that prepares them using professional equipment.

Dangers:

1. Units can easily tip over, spilling boiling hot oil over a large area.
2. An overfilled cooking pot will cause cooking oil to spill.
3. A small amount of oil coming in contact with the burner can cause a large fire.
4. Deep fryers have the potential to overheat the oil to the point of combustion.
5. The sides of the pot, lid and handles can get dangerously hot, causing severe burns.

If You Do Fry a Turkey

- Fryers should always be used outdoors, on a solid level surface a safe distance from buildings and flammable materials.
- Never use a fryer on a wooden deck, under a patio cover, or in a garage.
- Do not overfill the fryer.
- Never leave the fryer unattended; the oil will continue to heat until it catches fire.
- Never let children or pets near the fryer when in use/after use.
- Use well-insulated potholders/oven mitts and wear long sleeves and safety goggles.
- Make sure the turkey is completely thawed before it is placed in a fryer.
- Keep all-purpose fire extinguishers nearby and immediately call 9-1-1 if fryer catches fire.

**We remind residents that Thanksgiving
is the top day for cooking fires.
We wish everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.**



C-SPAN'S 2014 STUDENTCAM NATIONAL DOCUMENTARY CONTEST ANNOUNCED



*This Year's Theme:
A Message to the
U.S. Congress*

**\$100,000 in prizes
to be awarded**

In partnership with Advanced Cable Communications, C-SPAN is calling for entries in its **2014 StudentCam** competition. Now in its tenth year, C-SPAN's national contest invites all middle school students and high school students to produce a five- to seven-minute video documentary using C-SPAN programming.

This year, students will have the opportunity to produce a documentary that focuses on "**A Message to the U.S. Congress: What's the most important issue Congress should consider in 2014?**"

C-SPAN has doubled the number of prizes and amount of prize money for the 2014 contest. The C-SPAN Education Foundation supports the contest by awarding 150 student and 53 teacher awards, totaling \$100,000 in cash prizes. The grand prize winner with the best overall entry will be awarded \$5,000, with multiple cash prize awards of \$3,000, \$1,500, \$750, \$500, and \$250 to students in both middle and high school categories.

Additionally, this year high school students will be competing on a regional level with the U.S. divided into three regions. Middle school students will continue to be judged on a national basis. The grand prize winner will be chosen nationally between all middle and high school entries. The specific breakdown of regions and rules can be found at www.studentcam.org.

Weston had three local students take home a Third Prize designation in 2013! The winners were Brian Bosem, Camily Tussie and Jacob Wilentz, all 8th grade students from Falcon Cove Middle School.

The deadline for entries is Monday, January 20, 2014. Winners will be announced in March 2014, with the top winning videos to air on C-SPAN in April 2014. Complete competition details and the entry form are available at the competition's website, www.studentcam.org.



BASIC CAR SEAT SAFETY FOR INFANTS – YOUNG CHILDREN

Florida law requires children to be properly restrained no matter where they are seated in a vehicle. Following the guidelines below will keep your child safe and sound in the car.

REAR-FACING CAR SEAT; Infants under age 1 AND weighs less than 20 pounds

- Car seat is always in the back seat, rear facing and never in front of an air bag
- Straps are snug on the baby and car seat is buckled tightly into the seat and doesn't move more than 1 inch when pulled on



FORWARD-FACING CAR SEAT; Toddlers over age 1 AND weighs 20 to 40 pounds

- Car seat is always in the back seat and never in front of an air bag
- Always rides in a car seat made for kids the correct size and age
- Snug straps and car seat doesn't move more than 1 inch when pulled on



BOOSTER SEAT; Children under 4 feet 9 inches tall AND weighs more than 40 pounds

- Rides in the back seat and never in front of an air bag
- Always rides in a booster seat using a seat belt with lap and shoulder straps
- Shoulder belt is on the shoulder, not on neck, under arm or behind back
- Seat belt is snug, flat and comfortable



SEAT BELTS; Children over 4 feet 9 inches tall AND weighs more than 80 pounds

- Rides in the back seat and never in front of an air bag
- Always uses a seat belt with lap and shoulder straps that sits low on hips
- Child's back is firmly against the seat back, knees bend at the front edge of the seat, and the belt is snug.



Weston Fire Rescue offers free safety seat installations or inspections twice monthly, by appointment.
For an appointment please call 954-389-2015.



FREE STORYBOOK FESTIVAL
HOSTED BY
BROWARD COUNTY LIBRARIES
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16th
10:00am – 4:30pm

Crafts • Food Trucks • Story Swappin' Ground • FREE book to first 1000 children!

"Hear ye, hear ye!" Come one and all to the 12th Annual StoryBook Festival's King "Author's" Round Table of Tales to be held Saturday, November 16 from 10 am to 4:30 pm at [Southwest Regional Library](#), 16835 Sheridan Street, Pembroke Pines (954-357-6580). This free festival offers a day of music, dance, storytelling, storybook characters, crafts and activities for youngsters and their families. Listen to renowned storytellers tell tales from the days of knights and dragons as well as new stories and classic favorites.

The StoryBook Festival features live children's performances on three stages as well as an arts and crafts tent where kids can get creative. Roam the *Miami Herald's* Fantasy Forest, a magical place where children can interact with their favorite storybook characters. Enjoy the "Swappin' Ground" area where children may tell their own stories.

This year's event will also feature a human chess game and a maypole dance as well as storytelling in the "Hobbit" room. Children are encouraged to come to the festival in costume, and join the StoryBook Parade along with costumed characters. Parents are invited to bring cameras for the StoryBook Photo Spots. Stay for the Festival's closing ceremony, which features gifted storyteller David Novak in a performance that honors the winners of the Chapel Trail storytelling contest. All are invited to hear Contest winners share their stories, sing along with our singing storyteller and walk away with a free giveaway!



For more information on the StoryBook Festival, please visit
<http://www.broward.org/Library/MyLibraryOnline/Pages/Children.aspx>.

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FREE COMPUTER CLASSES AT BROWARD COUNTY LIBRARIES

Weston Branch Computer Classes

Free computer classes are offered at 12 Broward County Libraries **including our local Weston Branch**. There are a variety of classes offered in English and Spanish including résumé writing, online job searching, and computer literacy to PowerPoint.



Please visit the [Calendar of classes](#) to browse classes by branch or by computer category.

The free computer classes are provided through OASIS. OASIS is a national education organization designed to enrich the lives of adults age 50 plus through programs in the arts, humanities, health, technology and volunteer service. They offer opportunities to learn, develop talents, connect with others, stay healthy and active, and make a positive impact in the community.



Current Class Listings for November:

- Introduction to Microsoft Excel
- Try your Hand at iPad
- Gain the Upper Hand with iPad

The classes are generously funded through a Broward County Public Library Foundation Grant.



Call 954-357-5420 to register for all computer classes.

**Space is limited. For more information, please visit www.broward.org/library.*



NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH



November is National Adoption Month, but anytime is a great time to give a child a forever home.

The Adopt Florida website can answer all of your questions about adoption and you can view videos and photos of children. Log on to www.adoptflorida.org.

Through public education, expanded partnerships and social media, Explore Adoption invites Floridians to learn more about the children immediately available for adoption in their home state and community.

The initiative puts a new face on public adoption by telling the stories of families who have enriched their lives by adopting Florida's children. Florida will never give up on finding an adoptive family for a child.

On any given day there are approximately 750 children are available for adoption from foster care without an identified family. Florida's children come into foster care through no fault of their own. Some enter care because they were abused, neglected or abandoned or because their parents were unable to care for them due to the parent's drug abuse, imprisonment or other impairment. In some cases, children enter care because they have medical needs or disabilities their birth parents cannot cope with. They come from varied backgrounds, circumstances, races and ethnicities. While some have specific medical, physical or emotional issues that require special care, many do not.

Their life histories are shared with prospective adoptive parents. When Florida's children in foster care are available for adoption, the legal rights of their biological parents have been terminated, and the children will never be returned to their birth parents.





YOUTH/ADULT FENCING AT THE WESTON COMMUNITY CENTER

READY TO LEARN A NEW SPORT WITH NON-STOP ACTION?

Boys and Girls & Men and Women of all ages are invited to learn the sport of fencing! Beginner and intermediate level foil classes are offered for both youth and adults. The classes are taught by a former member of the Bulgarian National Fencing Team, Antoaneta Spassova. For more information and exact days and times, please contact the Coach at 954-249-3295 or smotalinkova@aol.com.



Youth Fencing Club (up to age 17)

Dates: Runs Continuously

Cost: \$120 per month

Adult Fencing Club (for ages 18+)

Dates: Runs Continuously

Cost: \$120 per month

For a complete list of children and adult programs at the Weston Community Center, please call 954-389-4321 or visit http://www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/Class_Schedule.pdf.



UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS



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 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, November 28th only.** There is regular garbage and recycling collection.

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CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, December 2nd 7:00PM

A regular meeting of the Weston City Commission.

Location: Weston City Hall, 17200 Royal Palm Blvd.



SANTA'S HOLIDAY REVUE

Saturday, December 7th 10:30AM

Professional theater for children by Stages Productions.

This fast paced rollicking musical takes a joyous 'round the world tour of the dances, songs and stories from Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and many more. It celebrates the true spirit of cultural diversity.

Tickets: \$5 in advance by purchase at the Weston Community Center. \$10 at the door (Cypress Bay Theater)

Performance Location: Cypress Bay Theater, 18600 Vista Park Blvd., Weston.

For more information, please call 954-389-4321.



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 Get Fit 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.*



ROTARY RUN FOR TOMORROW

Half Marathon & 5K Run/Walk

Sunday, December 8, 2013 6:20AM

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



November 12, 2013



CHINESE TAKE AWAY- Argentina
Monday, December 9

The coming together in Buenos Aires of a frightened young Chinese immigrant and a solitary, hermit-like Spanish shopkeeper, changes both men.

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.



PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FILING DATES
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: 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!*



November 12, 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.



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>.