



November 19, 2013

WESTON UNIVERSITY Fire Department

On November 13th, the City's Weston University program students participated in a fun but very educational day with the men and women of Broward Sheriff's Office Fire Rescue and Emergency Services at Weston Fire Station 81. Students got a taste of just how demanding, physically taxing and complex the fire services really are. They were particularly surprised to find that the complete fire gear weighs 80 pounds, and that firefighters are continually utilizing complex math and science during the course of their job. An example was that as firefighters fight a structure fire, they must account for the rate of water flow (150 gal. per minute dependent upon hose size) and its weight (8.35 pounds per gallon) to ensure that the building can withstand the extra load, if not, they must ensure that there are outlets or holes put in for water to escape at a proper rate.

Students were exposed not only to the wide range of equipment and tactics, but also life safety education, equipment costs, budgeting and staffing considerations. BSO Technical Rescue and BSO Hazardous Materials Team each provided demonstrations and tours of their response vehicles.



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IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THE FANTASTIC **GET FIT FESTIVAL** IN WESTON TOWN CENTER

Sunday, December 8th
9:00am – 2:00pm in Weston Town Center

Get Fit Fest; Following the Run for Tomorrow and Mayor's Challenge Cup Walk is the ever popular and exciting Get Fit Fest!

This event is free to the entire community, being held in Weston Town Center from 9:00am until 2:00pm. Join your friends and family at Weston Town Center for a day of wellness and fitness activities at the **Get Fit Fest**. Browse booths offering the latest in health and lifestyle products, health screenings, and more.



There will be special activities for kids and the world famous Billy Beck III Superman Challenge and demonstrations from the Weston YMCA, Weston Yoga, Imperial Martial Arts, Orange Theory Fitness and the Florida Panthers Dancers! Browse the various displays, enjoy great food, dance to the entertainment and have fun!



For more information on all of the upcoming Rotary Get Fit events, please visit <http://www.westonrotary.com/>.

Also, don't miss out on the 16th Annual Rotary Run For Tomorrow 5K and Half Marathon (6:20am start) and Mayor's Challenge Cup 1-Mile Family Walk (9:00am). To register for the road races please visit: www.active.com/running/weston-fl/weston-rotary-run-for-tomorrow-2012#Summary.





AMAZING TURNOUTS THIS PAST WEEKEND AT TWO FREE CITY EVENTS!

Families packed the Weston Community Center for two FREE shows by Magician Dave Kaplan on Saturday, November 16th. He entertained the crowds with magic tricks of all kinds... coins, cards, ropes, scarves and more!



The next Free Performing Arts for Children is The Frog Prince (a professional puppet show) on Saturday, February 1, 2014.

Later that evening, approximately 1,000 people attended the FREE showing of The

Croods in Weston Regional Park. All ages relaxed and enjoyed the family friendly movie under an almost full moon! The next FREE Moonlight Movie in the Park is The Amazing Spider-Man on Saturday, December 14th at 7:30 pm. Bring your chairs and/or blankets and kick back and enjoy!



For more information on these events and the complete Performing Arts schedule, please visit

www.westonfl.org/Departments/ParksAndRecreation/ParksAndRecreationHome.

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BROWARD COUNTY OFFERS CONVENIENT WAY TO PAY PROPERTY TAXES - NOVEMBER 26TH AND 27TH

Parking Lot Kiosk Provides "Drive-Through" Service



Residents can save time, avoid long lines and reduce parking congestion traditionally associated with making property tax payments by using Broward County's drive-through kiosk, open on three different dates this tax payment season, November 26th, November 27th and March 31, 2014. On those dates, a drive-through kiosk will be located in the parking lot of the Governmental Center Annex building, 115 South Andrews Avenue, accepting payments from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In order for tax payments to be accepted at the kiosk, they must be:

- Current (2013 taxes only)
- Payment in full (no partial payments)
- Properly filled out check (no cash)
- Accompanied by original tax bill stub

Payments will be processed on the day received. Residents can also go online to verify that the payment has been posted, and obtain a printed copy of their receipt by visiting broward.county-taxes.com. Search by property tax name, address or account number, and follow the prompts for a payment verification and receipt.

Broward County Records, Taxes and Treasury Division will continue to accept property tax payments at their offices in the Governmental Center Annex, 115 S. Andrews Ave., Suite A100, Fort Lauderdale, through March 31, 2014. Payments can also be made online and at any [Wells Fargo Branch Bank](#) in Broward County through March 31, 2014. Property taxes must be paid no later than March 31, 2014, to pay without penalty and avoid delinquency.

For more information on paying your property tax, visit broward.county-taxes.com or call 954-831-4000.



HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY City of Weston Administrative Offices Closures



Wednesday, November 27th

City Administrative Offices will close at 3:00 p.m.
All parks will be open and there is regular garbage collection.

Thursday, November 28th

Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Hanukkah!

City Administrative Offices will be closed.
All parks will close at 6:00pm and
there is regular garbage collection.

Friday, November 29th

City Administrative Offices will be closed.
All parks will be open and there is regular garbage collection.



STUFF THE TURKEY, NOT YOUR PET!

Broward County Animal Care and Adoption Holiday Tips

Thanksgiving time is almost here and Broward County Animal Care and Adoption, reminds all pet owners to keep their dogs and cats safe during the holiday. With much of Thanksgiving centering on food and eating, people are often tempted to feed a traditional Thanksgiving meal to their pets. However, such a meal can get your dog or cat very sick **or can even be lethal.**



Here are some important safety tips to follow:

1. **Keep your pet on its regular feeding schedule and feed them their regular pet food.** Whatever time you normally feed your pet, stay with that routine.
2. **Do not feed your pet any part of the turkey.** While people may think that turkey is safe, often the seasoning from the turkey drippings, along with the skin and gravy can cause pancreatitis for your pet.
3. **Do not give your pet bones.** Turkey bones are particularly dangerous since they can splinter and cause intestinal damage.
4. **Secure the garbage pail.** Table scraps, food wrappings, bones and other items can be tempting to your pet. Be sure that all trash containers, both inside the house and outside, are securely closed.
5. **Keep your pet in another room during dinnertime,** so that they do not sit and beg at the table. In addition, guests will not be tempted to give them any food.
6. **Do not give pets chocolate.** Chocolate is toxic and can affect the heart and nervous system.
7. **Do not give your pet alcohol or eggnog to drink.** Alcohol can cause coma and death in animals.
8. **Do** make sure that your pet has plenty of fresh water at all times.
9. **Most important,** make sure that your pet is wearing proper identification. Pets can easily escape through the front or patio doors when guests come to your home.

For more information, please visit the Broward County's website at www.broward.org/animal/Pages/Default.aspx.



SAVE THE DATE!!! This year's FREE outdoor concert in the park 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.....

**THE CHARLIE DANIELS BAND
and Special Guest Wet Willie**



Weston Regional Park
20200 Saddle Club Road
Weston, FL 33327
954-389-4321

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



Special Guest
Wet Willie

www.westonfl.org
www.westonrotaryclub.com
www.charliedanielsband.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
954-389-5897 - tmk@tmkrisk.com

Co-Chairman: Alison Kallman
954-389-5897 - akallman@tmkrisk.com

Don't miss joining your friends and family for a night of great music under the stars! The concert will be 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.



HURRICANE SEASON IS ALMOST OVER But not for CODERED!

November 30th marks the end of the hurricane season in Florida. Luckily, this year has been successful in the sense of not having any destructive hurricanes or storms. CODERED is a great source when looking for answers during an emergency such as a hurricane but let's not forget it has many other purposes!

CODERED is a free emergency notification system – an ultra high-speed telephone communication service for emergency notifications. The City will ONLY send out messages on CodeRed in an emergency situation or with updates after an emergency. You may also opt-in for text message and/or email alerts. Your contact information is private, exempt from public records law, and cannot be shared, requested or sold.

CODERED, once registered, can be used for updates such as alerts on missing children, missing elderly, disabled or at risk adults, boil water alerts, utility outages, floods, emergency management incidents such as bomb threats or HAZMAT incidents, serious criminal incidents that need notifications or immediate alert for residents to stay within their home until safety has been announced.



If you reside or own property, including a business within Weston, you are urged to sign up for CodeRed emergency messages.

If you're interested in signing up for CODERED, you can sign up at www.westonfl.org.

If you have any difficulty in submitting your information, or at any time wish to be removed from the CodeRed database, please send your information by e-mail to CityHall@westonfl.org or call the Weston Communications Department at 954-385-2000.



FLORIDA DRIVER LICENSE & ID CARD INFO "COMMUNITY UPDATE / INFORME COMUNITARIO"



The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) is continuing its quest to inform residents and visitors on highway safety issues. The DHSMV is distributing *"Community Update/Informe Comunitario"* versions in English and Spanish to keep Floridians safe and informed.

Also of great interest to all is the ban on texting while driving that went into effect October 1, 2013. Help the DMV make the public aware of it as we all need to *"Put it Down"* to make Florida highways safe for residents and visitors.

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FLORIDA card
more than a license

Starting Jan 1, 2010: NEW DRIVER LICENSE & ID CARD REQUIREMENTS

Beginning January 1, 2010, Florida has new documentation requirements for residents renewing or obtaining a new driver license or identification card. For office visits, you must bring original documents that prove your **identity, social security number and residential address**.

OR ID: Statement regarding the Department of Homeland Security's extension of material compliance deadline.

You must visit an office with these documents:

- if you are applying for your first driver license or identification card
- when your current credential expires and you have already used the one-time "convenience" renewal option
- if you legally change your name (eg. by marriage or divorce)

If none of these apply then you can [renew your license online](#), or by mail.

Remember: if you visit an office to obtain a driver license or ID card after January 1, 2010, you will need to meet the new requirements.

If you need to come in...
Find out what you need to bring with you before you make the trip. Tell us a little about yourself and we'll create your own personal checklist.

***Items in red are required**

Citizenship *

Date of Birth *

Current license/ID Expires On

County or Zip * or zip

Have you legally changed your name due to marriage or a court order? * No Yes

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All information and requirements to secure a Florida driver license or identification card is available electronically at www.GatherGoGet.com, www.ReunaVengaObtenga.com (Spanish), or www.RasanbleAlePran.com (Creole). Knowing what to bring, facilitates a speedy experience when visiting to one of the DMV offices.

The State of Florida is issuing REAL ID compliant driver licenses and identifications and you should be aware of the documentation requirements in place, in order to prevent having to return with additional documentation.

The links above are the best source of personalized information regarding what documents to bring to a DHSMV office when renewing or replacing a driver license or identification card. For more information, please visit www.flhsmv.gov.



Newsday Tuesday

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News Release

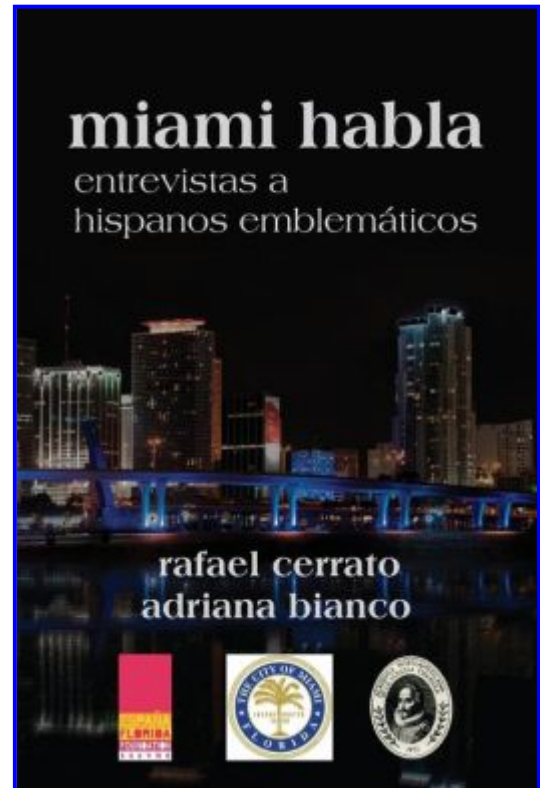


AUTHOR BOOK PRESENTATION
MIAMI HABLA:
ENTREVISTAS A HISPANOS EMBLEMATICOS
Saturday, November 23rd

It is no easy feat to leave one's country. Those who migrate always carry the same hope – to find a better life in a different place, but success is never guaranteed.

This year's 500th anniversary of Spanish explorer, Juan Ponce de Leon's arrival to Florida inspired Spanish writer Rafael Cerrato and Argentine journalist Adriana Bianco to present their new book. Miami Habla-Entrevistas a Hispanos Emblematicos is a collection of personal interviews with notable Hispanic figures living in Miami, Florida; ordinary people who come from all walks of life but share a common denominator that holds them together: their Spanish language, Hispanic roots and their journey as immigrants to and within the United States.

Each section of the book is dedicated to individuals from a particular Spanish-speaking country aiming at highlighting the rich, cultural diversity that exists in Miami. Forty-five Hispanics from twenty-five countries were held in dialogue to explain their country's history and give testimony of their lives. It is evident through this documentary that Immigrants' love for the greater good and persistence in making things happen is emblematic of their work. The only apology the authors provide to the readers is the brevity of the book.



The reading of Miami Habla will take place on
Saturday, November 23rd from 2:00 pm – 4:00pm
at the Weston Branch Library, 4205 Bonaventure Boulevard.

For more information, please call 954-357-5420.

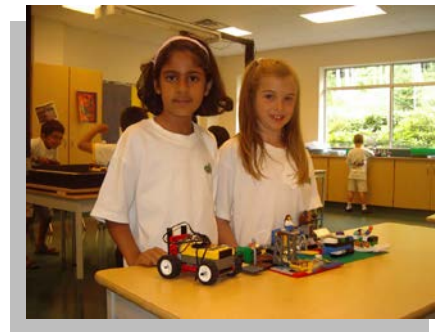


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BUILDBOTS ROBOTICS ACADEMY at Weston Community Center



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.

Winter Class Information

Dates: Continuous
Days: Mondays or Tuesdays
Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm
Ages: Boys and Girls 7 years and up
Cost: \$240 for 8 sessions
Info: www.buildbots.com

For information on other Weston Community Center classes, please visit www.westonfl.org/Departments/ParksAndRecreation/ParksAndRecreationHome or contact the Weston Community Center at 954-389-4321.



UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS



THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

Thursday & Friday, November 28th & 29th

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.



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 8th 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.*



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**ROTARY RUN FOR TOMORROW
Half Marathon & 5K Run/Walk**

Sunday, December 8th 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



GET FIT FESTIVAL

Sunday, December 8th 9:00AM-2:00PM

The Get Fit Fest is free to the entire community and is held in Weston Town Center from 9AM until 2PM after the Run for Tomorrow. Dozens of fitness partners and health and lifestyle vendors line the streets at the Get Fit Fest. There are booths filled with new products, games, food, wellness checks, and a

great day of family fun for all ages. There will be entertainment and a children's play area as well. **Location:** Weston Town Center.



CHINESE TAKE AWAY- Argentina

Monday, December 9th 5:00PM & 7:15PM

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.



FREE MOONLIGHT MOVIE IN THE PARK

The Amazing Spider-Man

Saturday, December 14th 7:30pm

Peter Parker finds a clue that might help him understand why his parents disappeared when he was young. His path puts him on a collision course with Dr. Curt Connors, his father's former partner.

Location: Event Stage in Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Road. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Bring lawn chairs or blankets, the movie is on us!



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 Mondays: November 25, December 16	4:30PM – 6:00PM
Bonaventure Town Center Club 16690 Saddle Club Road Tuesdays: December 3, January 7, February 4	4:30PM – 6:00PM
Weston Branch Library 4205 Bonaventure Blvd. Mondays: January 27, February 24	4:30PM – 6:00PM

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!*



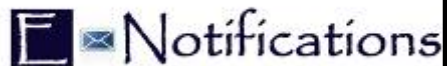
CPR SAFE COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

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 Code**RED** Emergency Notification System. The

City will only send out a message on Code**RED** in an emergency situation or to update residents after an emergency. To register, please visit <http://www.westonfl.org/Residents/Hurricane/CodeRed.aspx>.