



October 29, 2013

## OFFICERS HONORED



**L-R:** Commissioner Angel Gomez, Commissioner Toby Feuer, Mayor Daniel Stermer, BSO Colonel Alvin Pollock, BSO Major Greg Page, Deputy John Rodriguez, Sgt. John Kelly, Miami-Dade Officer Jonathan Dweck, Weston Chief Kevin Butler, Commissioner Jim Norton and Commissioner Thomas Kallman.

**Three dedicated law enforcement officers were honored and recognized by the City Commission and Broward Sheriff's Office on October 21, 2013 for their actions that attempted to save the life of an innocent victim while they were exposed to a suspect's line of fire.**

Sergeant John Kelly and Deputy John Rodriguez from Weston's BSO District VIII, and Miami-Dade Police Officer Jonathan Dweck were named BSO Employees of the Month for their actions on scene after a U.S. 27 cross-county pursuit on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

In Miami, officers had responded to a multiple shooting where the two victims died and the armed suspect fled the scene. Multiple agencies responded, following the dangerous suspect north on US 27, who reached speeds in excess of 120 MPH as he traveled into Broward County in a deliberate and reckless manner. As the suspect approached the intersection of US 27 & Griffin Road he failed to yield to the red light, violently striking a vehicle in the intersection which caused the innocent driver to be ejected from her vehicle.



Arriving at the scene, Officer Dweck and Deputy Rodriguez rushed to the victim to render first aid and initiated CPR. As other officers approached the suspects vehicle just yards away, the suspect opened fire on officers causing them to retreat. Officer Dweck and Deputy Rodriguez remained with the victim continuing CPR despite being exposed to the suspects' line of fire.

Sgt. Kelly drove his vehicle to the victim's location, shielding the victim and officers from gunfire. They worked in unison to place the victim into the police car, continuing CPR and transporting her out the way of further harm. Unfortunately, the victim died from her injuries.

Sgt. Kelly returned to the intersection to coordinate and direct numerous responding deputies to perimeter positions and instilled a sense of order to a very chaotic scene unfolding. After a standoff and then an approach by three SWAT teams, the suspect, with no chance to escape, took his own life with a self-inflicted gunshot.

Sergeant Kelly, Deputy Rodriguez and Officer Dweck chose to remain and assist a victim without hesitation or concern for their own safety. Chief Kevin Butler presented each the BSO Employee of the Month award for their valor, heroic efforts, professionalism and willingness to sacrifice themselves to render aid and protect a citizen.

At the time of the Commission recognition, Mayor Daniel Stermer noted that the evenings presentation highlighted how multiple agencies and jurisdictions effectively and seamlessly work together to protect and serve the community.

**We thank every first responder for the jobs that they do each and every day.**

*On Tuesday, October 22, 2013, Sgt. Kelly and Deputy Rodriguez were presented the BSO Medal of Honor by Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel; Miami-Dade Officer Dweck was presented with the Sheriff's Special Recognition.*





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## WESTON UNIVERSITY'S FIRST CLASS AT CITY HALL WAS A SUCCESS

Government has never been so fun!



The City's unique Weston University Program kicked off at Weston City Hall with 21 eager students from Cypress Bay, Sagemont and Western High Schools.

On Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, the students were provided with an extensive history lesson on the City of Weston, it's current status as a premier municipality and more from City Manager, John Flint.

The day continued with a visit from City Attorney, Jamie Cole, where the students had an education in ethics training and information on the responsibilities of a City Attorney.

After a fantastic lunch and getting to know each other, the students returned to City Hall where they were treated to an informational session with the Mayor, Daniel Stermer.



For additional information on the Weston University program click on the link:

<http://www.westonfl.org/Departments/Communications/YouthInGovernment.aspx>.





## BROWARD SHERIFF'S OFFICE DAY WITH CUB MASTER PACK 183

The cub scouts from Cub Master Pack 183 were given the opportunity to participate in an eventful learning experience with the Weston Broward Sheriff's Office and Crime Prevention Specialist, Deputy Kari Pallotto. The program consisted of the scouts learning about gun safety, the possibility of danger with strangers, saying no to drugs along with a detailed career description given by a few K-9 deputies.



The kids not only had a great time but were able to learn important safety tips that they can carry with them throughout life and decision making.

For more information or to schedule a visit, please call Weston Broward Sheriff's Office at 954-389-2010.



## HISTORY OF RED RIBBON CAMPAIGN OCTOBER 23<sup>rd</sup> – OCTOBER 31<sup>st</sup>



**The Red Ribbon Campaign® is now the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the nation reaching millions of young people!**

### WHAT IS RED RIBBON WEEK?

- It is an ideal way for people and communities to unite and take a visible stand against drugs.
- Show your personal commitment to a drug-free lifestyle through the symbol of the Red Ribbon, October 23 - 31st.

### WHY?

- The Red Ribbon Campaign® was started when drug traffickers in Mexico City murdered DEA agent Kiki Camarena in 1985.
- This began the continuing tradition of displaying Red Ribbons as a symbol of intolerance towards the use of drugs.
- The mission of the Red Ribbon Campaign® is to present a unified and visible commitment towards the creation of a DRUG - FREE AMERICA.

### WHO?

- The National Family Partnership is the national sponsor of the Red Ribbon Campaign®. They help citizens across the country come together to keep children, families and communities safe, healthy and drug-free, through parent training, networking and sponsoring the National Red Ribbon Campaign®.



**For more information, please visit  
[www.nfp.org](http://www.nfp.org) and [www.redribbon.org](http://www.redribbon.org).**



## TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR BEFORE BED ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>!

### FALL DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Don't forget that at 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, you will need to turn your clocks back one hour, marking the end of [Daylight Saving Time \(DST\)](#).

BSO Fire Rescue also recommends changing the batteries in your smoke alarms/detectors and carbon monoxide detectors at the same time. When those items are in working order – they save lives!

Any elderly or disabled residents who need assistance changing their smoke alarm batteries can call the Fire Department for this free service at 954-389-2015.

#### History of Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time was instituted in the United States during World War I in order to save energy for war production by taking advantage of the later hours of daylight between April and October.

Daylight Saving Time is four weeks longer since 2007 due to the passage of the Energy Policy Act in 2005. The Act extended Daylight Saving Time by four weeks from the second Sunday of March to the first Sunday of November, with the hope that it would save 10,000 barrels of oil each day through reduced use of power by businesses during daylight hours. Unfortunately, it is exceedingly difficult to determine energy savings from Daylight Saving Time and based on a variety of factors, it is possible that little or no energy is saved by Daylight Saving Time.

Enjoy your extra hour on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>!





## WESTON COMMUNITY CENTER OPEN FOR BUSINESS DURING IMPROVEMENTS



Beginning November 4, 2013, improvements to the Weston Community Center will get underway with construction to the administrative offices side of the building. Construction will include a reconfiguration of the administrative area to provide for additional offices and better use of the current space.

### **The community center activities will remain in full swing!**

All classes, programs and events will continue as usual. The reception staff will be at a temporary desk in the lobby providing you with the assistance you need.

View a list of current community center classes:

[http://www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/Class\\_Schedule.pdf](http://www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/Class_Schedule.pdf)



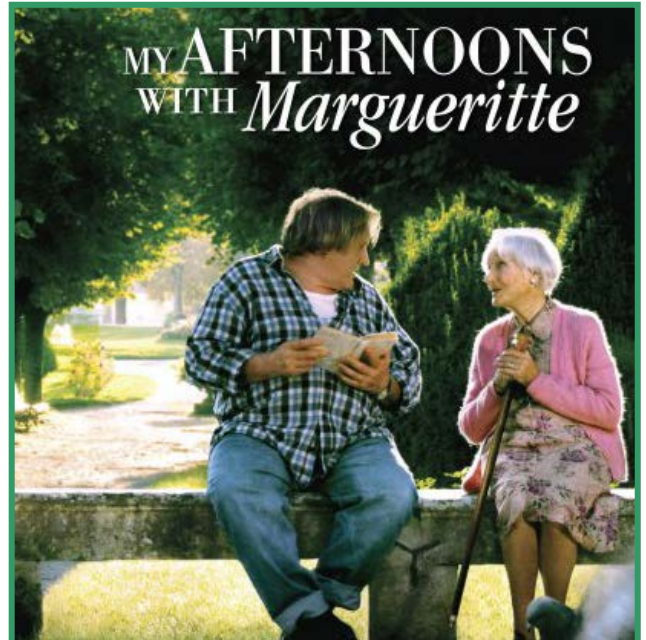


## 2013-2014 WESTON FOREIGN FILM SERIES BEGINS

### My Afternoons with Margueritte Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

The Arts Council of Greater Weston announces the start of the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Weston Foreign Festival. The 2013-2014 lineup has comedy, tragedy, family life, mystery and satire. It is a season of fine award-winning films that you won't want to miss.

The opening French film, *My Afternoons with Margueritte*, is about the unhappy Germain who is illiterate, and the gentle Margueritte, who is passionate about reading. When the two meet by chance in a public garden, doors he never knew existed open for him and his life changes almost magically. All movies are shown with English subtitles.



**DATE:** Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

**TIMES:** Two show times:  
5:00 pm and 7:15 pm

**LOCATION:** Weston 8 Cinemas  
1338 SW 160<sup>th</sup> Ave., Sunrise

**TICKETS:** Pre-Sale tickets available:  
\* Weston Library Friends Store – 4205 Bonaventure Blvd.  
\* Community Bank of Broward – 2400 North Commerce Parkway  
\* Weston Community Center – 20200 Saddle Club Road

**COST:** \$30 for Entire Series of 5 Films; \$7 for Individual Tickets (if available)

At the first movie, series tickets for the 5 films will be available the day of the show. Single tickets are sold the day of the show (if available). These may be purchased one hour prior to the movie at the Arts Council table, located inside the Weston 8 Cinema.

Please visit

[www.westonfl.org/Departments/ParksAndRecreation/ArtsCouncil.aspx](http://www.westonfl.org/Departments/ParksAndRecreation/ArtsCouncil.aspx)  
for more information and enjoy the film.





## HOWL-O-WEEN Halloween Safety Tips for Pets

Be sure to keep your pets  
safe and happy this Halloween!



1. No trick, no treats: That bowl of candy is for trick-or-treaters, not for Scruffy or Fluffy! Chocolate in all forms-especially dark or baking chocolate can be **VERY** dangerous for dogs and cats.
2. Popular Halloween plants such as pumpkins and decorative corn are considered to be relatively nontoxic but can produce stomach upset.
3. Wires & cords from electric lights or decorations should be kept out of reach of pets.
4. Exercise caution if you chose to add a candle to your carved pumpkin. Pets can easily knock the pumpkin over.
5. Don't put your pet in a costume unless they love it because wearing one may cause undue stress. Costumes shouldn't constrict movement, hearing or impede the ability to breathe, bark or meow.
6. All but the most social dogs/cats should be kept in a separate room away from front door during peak Halloween hours. Too many strangers can be scary & stressful for pets. This will help with not wanting your pet to dart outside.
7. Always make sure your pet has proper identification!



If you suspect your pet has ingested something toxic, please call your veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435.

**For more information regarding Halloween Safety Tips, visit**  
<http://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/pet-care-tips/halloween-safety-tips.aspx>.



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## FUN FALL FACTS Did You Know?



o When leaves turn colors in the fall they actually are returning to their normal colors.

o People are most likely to fall in love in cooler climate temperatures.

o Pumpkins come in other colors besides orange—white, blue, and green.

o Pumpkins are in the same family as squash and cucumbers.

o Pumpkins were once used to remove freckles and cure snake bites.



o In the United States, about 280 million turkeys are sold for family Thanksgiving celebrations.

o The first day of fall has approximately equal amounts of daytime and nighttime.

o There are only two days of the year when you can stand an egg on its end, the autumn and spring equinox.



o The apple is the most popular fall fruit.

o Apples can prevent Alzheimer's and are a natural tooth whitener.

o It's not fall all over the world.

o Jack o' Lanterns originated in Ireland.

o Fall's full moon is called, "The Harvest Moon."





**WESTON BRANCH LIBRARY**

**NOVEMBER ADULT AND YOUTH PROGRAMS**

**ADULT SERVICES PROGRAMS**

Literacy Programs

Janine Rodrigues (954-357-5307)

Monday	English Café	10:30a - 12:30p
Tuesday	Citizenship Studies	6:00p - 7:30p
Wednesday	English Café	6:00p - 7:30p
Thursday	Spanish Café, Intermediate	10:30a - 12:00p
Friday	English Café	10:30a - 12:30p
	Spanish Café, Advanced	10:30a - 12:00p

Book Club in a Bag

Ongoing Linda Abraham (954-357-5306)

Library Book Club

November 13<sup>th</sup> 6:30p - 7:30pm  
*April in Paris* by Michael Wallner  
 For more information, call Priya Anand (954-357-5308)

Writers Circle

Saturday 10:30a - 12:00p  
*"Jumpstart, Structure and Share Your Gems"*  
 For more information, call Astrid (954-389-2245)

Special Event

November 2<sup>nd</sup> 3:00p – 4:00p  
 Free Affordable Healthcare Act Information Session: How-to workshop on healthcare program basics and enrollment.

**YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAMS**

For more information, call 954-357-5430

Thursdays	Baby Bumblebee Lapsit	Ages 3 mos–11 mos	10:30a - 11:00a
Thursdays	Toddler Story Time	Ages 12 mos–35 mos	11:30a - 12:00p
Thursdays	Preschool Story Time	Ages 3–5 years	12:30p - 1:00p
November 12	Library Chess Club	Ages 7-17 years	4:30p - 5:30p
November 21	Wags & Tales	Ages 5–12 (pre-register)	3:00p - 4:00p

For more information and additional classes and events, please call 954-357-5420 or visit <http://www.broward.org/Library/EventsClasses/Pages/ProgramsWE.aspx>.



## AARP SAFE DRIVING COURSE FOR MATURE ADULTS Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

The City of Weston is offering AARP's 55 Alive/Mature Driving Program. This is a six (6) hour classroom session designed as a refresher course in safe driving.



The course is available to anyone 50 and over. A reduction in automobile insurance premium is allowed to each person 55 and over, by most insurance companies when the course is completed and the driver has a safe driving record.

Please bring a bagged lunch and AARP members should bring their card.

For information on other 55+ Club events, visit [www.westonfl.org/Departments/ParksAndRecreation/55PlusClub](http://www.westonfl.org/Departments/ParksAndRecreation/55PlusClub).

- DATE:** Saturday, December 7th
- TIME:** 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- LOCATION:** Weston Community Center  
20200 Saddle Club Road  
Located inside the Weston Regional Park
- REGISTER:** Advance registration is required  
**To register, call Sonny at 954-385-9920.**
- COST:** \$12.00 AARP members  
\$14.00 non-members

**AARP**  
**Driver Safety  
Refresher Course**



## UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS



### **TURN CLOCKS BACK**

**Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> before going to bed**

The end of Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 3, 2013. This is an excellent time to change the batteries in any smoke alarms, smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.



### **HARVEST DRIVE COMMUNITY DAY**

**Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2:00PM-6:00PM**

"Children helping Children" – collection of non-perishable donations to help families in the city and county. An afternoon of music, entertainment, kids activities and community spirit.

Suggested donations: juice, cereal, pasta, rice, peanut butter, jelly, stuffing, canned tuna, gravy, vegetables, soup.

**Location:** Weston Town Center

For a full list of items and more information, please visit [www.harvestdriveflorida.com](http://www.harvestdriveflorida.com)



### **CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

**Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm**

A regular meeting of the Weston City Commission.

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



### **VETERANS DAY**

**Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**

All City administrative offices will be closed in observance of the holiday. All city parks will be open and there will be regular garbage collection.

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.



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## 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. 11<sup>th</sup>.

**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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade. Info: 954-389-4321*

**Location:** The Weston Community Center, 20200 Saddle Club Rd.



## FREE MOONLIGHT MOVIE IN THE PARK *The Croods*

**Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> 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 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](mailto:s.browne@cliffdrysdale.com)

**Location:** Weston Tennis Center, 16451 Racquet Club Road



### CITY COMMISSION MEETING

**Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm**

A regular meeting of the Weston City Commission.

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



### 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](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and \$500 to 3<sup>rd</sup>

place schools). **Register at school today** or visit [www.westonfl.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.westonfl.org/EmailSubscriptions.aspx).



**REGISTER FOR CodeRED TODAY**

**Hurricane Season began June 1<sup>st</sup> – 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>.