



FALCON COVE 8TH GRADERS EXPERIENCE A PART OF WESTON'S PRE-HISTORIC HISTORY

Few students, including long time residents of Weston, never realize the pre-historic significance of where they live. Eighth grade students in Mr. Steven Hammerman's Falcon Cove Middle School US History class had an opportunity to meet and speak with local leading archeologist, Robert S. Carr. He is known for his work on many of South Florida's most famous pre-historic finds including The Miami Circle, Weston Pond, and the well known Peace Mound Park.



In class, students gain an understanding of what makes each group of people unique by studying the different components of culture. What most never know is that sitting on the corner and just across the street from their school is the remains and evidence of the Tekesta culture dating back over 3,000 years.

With local artifacts in hand which included a 1,000 year old conch shell and a hand-crafted stone pendant which traces back to an Appalachian quarry, Mr. Carr spoke about the importance that the Weston area once had as a pre-historic highway of habitation and trade along the Everglades. Other topics that Mr. Carr spoke on included the Weston Pond site which sits in the middle of what is now know as The Ridges. This site holds a story which includes the remnants of mammoth and saber-tooth tiger bones dating back 7,000 years.



Mr. Hammerman hopes to invoke in his students the meaning of citizenship by teaching them the importance of protecting their local history.

For more information on Weston's history, please visit www.westonfl.org/Residents/AboutWeston.



LOCAL WORKS DAY HIGHLIGHTS SERVICES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

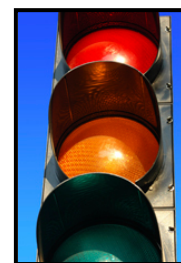
On September 6th the Florida Local Government Coalition honored **Local Works Day**, bringing deserved attention to the hard work that local government employees do for millions of Floridians each day. It's about the public works that are easily overlooked but which bind our community together and touch every aspect of our lives and families.



You get up in the morning and water runs from the faucet; you drive down the street and the traffic light turns green; a bus driver stops to pick up passengers; a garbage truck is loading trash; help arrives when you dial 9-1-1.

Law enforcement, first responders, public parks, recreation, running water, roads and bridges – they are a part of ordinary life – *and that's extraordinary.*

Take a minute to view this brief one and a half minute video:
YouTube VIDEO link: <http://youtu.be/J8rudkoyTqo>





GET CONNECTED WITH THE CITY TODAY!

Connect today.... The City of Weston offers residents a variety of ways to stay connected and up-to-date on city information and events. All connections to registrations are available on the City of Weston website's homepage at www.westonfl.org.



WESTON CONNECTED



E-Notifications



Use E-Notifications to receive our weekly city E-Newsletter called Newsday Tuesday, delivered direct to your inbox each Tuesday morning. You can also sign up for General Notifications which include announcements, activities, projects and other information pertinent to the City of Weston. Register at www.westonfl.org.



Utilized in emergencies only, this is an essential phone registration for residents and businesses. This information is exempt from public records laws and remains completely confidential. This system allows us to send critical communications, to all or targeted areas within the City in case of an emergency situation that requires immediate action. Register at www.westonfl.org.



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THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT ACCESS TO INFORMATION

On March 23, 2010, President Obama signed the Affordable Care Act into law. The reforms brought about by the law are designed to improve access to affordable health coverage for everyone and protect consumers from abusive insurance company practices.

For the uninsured or those who don't get their coverage through work, a key component of the Affordable Care Act will take effect on **October 1, 2013** when the new Health Insurance Marketplace opens for business, allowing millions of Americans to comparison shop for a variety of quality, affordable plans that best meet their health care needs.

Below are links to two federal government websites for you to review the law and how it may impact you.

www.whitehouse.gov/healthreform

www.healthcare.gov

The screenshot shows the HealthCare.gov website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Learn' and 'Get Insurance' tabs, and a search bar. Below that, there's a main banner with the text 'The Health Insurance Marketplace is coming soon' and a green button that says 'SEE YOUR OPTIONS'. To the right of the banner, there's a red box that says 'PLAN & COST INFO COMING OCT 1'. Below the banner, there's a sign-up form with 'Email Address' and 'SIGN UP' buttons. At the bottom, there's a section with 'HEALTH INSURANCE BLOG' and 'TOP CONTENT' links, and a 'CONNECT WITH US' section with social media icons and a phone number.



HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS – A Continuing Series

SHOULD YOU EVACUATE?

Who needs to evacuate in Broward County?

Don't wait until the last minute to decide what to do or where to go when the next hurricane threatens. Generally, where you live and the location of the storm will usually determine whether you'll need to leave your home and/or your business.

Who needs to evacuate in Broward County?

Plan A (typically for a Category 1-2 hurricane): all residents in the area east of the Intracoastal Waterway should evacuate. Plan A evacuation zone residents may experience a storm surge 4-7 feet above sea level and winds from 74-110 miles per hour.

Plan B (typically a Category 3, 4, or 5 hurricane): all residents in the area east of U.S. 1/Federal Highway should evacuate. Plan B evacuation zone residents may experience a storm surge 7-11 feet above sea level and winds of 111 miles per hour or greater. NOTE: If you know someone living in these areas, consider offering your home as an evacuation destination.

Also, persons located in low lying areas or adjacent to tidal bodies of water should seek shelter elsewhere. All mobile home residents **MUST** evacuate in both Plan A and Plan B scenarios.

If you plan to evacuate outside of Broward County, leave early while the weather is still nice and be aware that roadways may be jammed and traffic slow moving. **Red Cross Hurricane Shelters typically open 4 hours after an evacuation is ordered.**

Decide on a specific place-either a family or friend's home outside the evacuation area; a hotel or motel; or a shelter. **Call (866) 438-4636 for the nearest Red Cross Emergency Shelter.**

If you have a pet, take it with you. If you go to a shelter, you must be pre-registered for a pet friendly shelter for your pet to join you. **Call the Humane Society of Broward County at (954) 989-3977 for more information.**

For more information, please visit

<http://www.sheriff.org/safety/hurricane/evacuate.cfm>.





GIANT SNAIL INVASION Labrador Retrievers Used For Control Purposes



Who would have ever thought that the Giant African Land Snail would be known as such a nuisance in South Florida that extermination has been put into full effect?

Florida officials are trying to eradicate the Giant African Land Snail, one of the world's most destructive invasive species, and plan to deploy a new weapon in the battle—Labrador Retrievers.

Yes, Labrador Retrievers are now being trained to sniff out snails in order to add to the success in fighting the infestation. The Giant African Land Snail has no natural predators but does give off a strong odor that dogs can be trained to detect.

Last week, Florida officials started the aggressive extermination campaign and collected 128,000 of the snails in Miami. The snails are known to grow as large as a rat and devour plants as well as stucco and plaster in a hunt for calcium they need to grow their big shells. In large numbers, the snails can cause extensive structural damage to buildings.

In addition to being a threat to agriculture, the snails can carry a parasite that causes meningitis in humans.

The snail is said to have been introduced to Florida by a Miami Santeria group, a religion with West African and Caribbean roots that was found in 2012 to be using the snails in rituals.

Richard Gaskalla, the head of plant industry at Florida Agriculture Department, believes the Labrador Retrievers will aide greatly in the detection efforts along with the teams put together to hunt the snails down.

For more information, please visit <http://miami.cbslocal.com/2013/08/29/ag-officials-make-strides-against-meningitis-carrying-mollusks/>.





SEPTEMBER IS... **LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH**



Risk-free, interest-free and cost-free – a **Broward County Library** (BCL) card is one of the smartest things you can carry. School is back in session and learners of all ages, from pre-K to post-grad, can find what they need to succeed at Broward County Libraries. Not in school? Doesn't matter! A Broward County Library card is the ticket to big savings for all.

With just this card, you can access more than three million books, videos, cassettes, CDs, DVDs, CD ROMs, and audiobooks.

Owning a library card provides students with the resources they need to compete academically. Public libraries are the number one access point for free Internet access. This is an important resource for families without internet services at home, because 96 percent of school districts require students to use the Internet to complete their homework.

Getting a Broward County Library card is easy. **Apply online at broward.org/library** or in person at any Broward County Library. You'll need photo identification and address verification. There is no charge for cards for Broward County residents, and a free courtesy card, good for one year, for non-residents living and working in Broward County.

For more information on Broward County Library, visit any of Broward County Library's 36 locations in person or visit the library online at broward.org/library.

The Weston Branch Library is located at 4205 Bonaventure Boulevard.
For more information as well as programs and classes offered, please call 954-357-5420.

Library hours:

Monday – Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Thursday – Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sunday: Closed



BROWARD COUNTY LIBRARIES PRESENTS A FIESTA OF FUN FOR HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH ¡VIVA LA FIESTA!



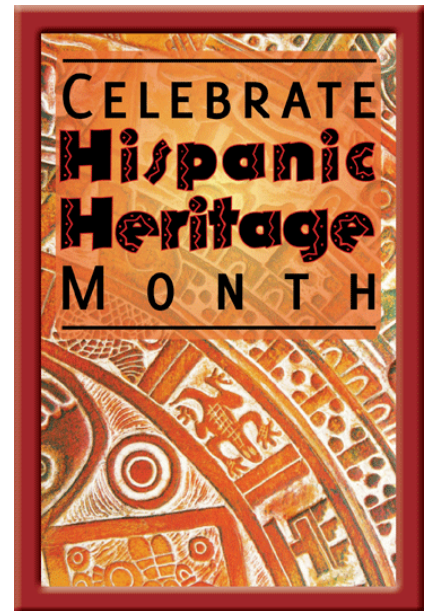
**From art to dance,
celebrate Hispanic
heritage with Broward
County Libraries**

This year, Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15th – October 15th) takes on special meaning for Floridians. It was 500 years ago that Juan Ponce de Leon first explored the Sunshine State, bringing with him Hispanic culture, language and traditions that continue to enrich all people of Florida. Statewide, communities and organizations are also celebrating [Viva Florida 500](#), the anniversary of this discovery and the commemoration of Florida's rich history.

According to the 2010 United States Census, 37 million residents of our country ages five and older speak Spanish at home. Hispanic culture – food, dance, language, literature and more – has greatly influenced U.S. culture, paving the way for Hispanic Heritage Month, a time to honor and celebrate those contributions.

Five Fun Ways to Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Week with Broward County Library

1. Start your own "Hispanic Heritage" music collection by downloading free samba, bolero, salsa, merengue, and more music with your library card.
2. Pick up a Spanish-language film from BCL's extensive international DVD collection.
3. Learn to make the perfect paella with a free "Spanish Cooking 101" class from Universal Class, an online classroom that offers non-credit courses for personal enrichment.
4. Take in a free exhibit of works from Hispanic artists at three BCL locations: Northwest Regional, South Regional/Broward College and Southwest Regional libraries.
5. Listen to the Language: Take your child to a bilingual storytime or check out a bilingual Toastmaster's lecture.



With flags from many countries flying during this month, Broward County Libraries urges everyone to experience the sounds, sights and flavors of Hispanic Heritage Month at various free events. Click here for more information: [Broward County Library](#) and don't miss the great events and displays between September 8th and October 15th.



WORLD WATER MONITORING DAY WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

Residents can help protect our most precious resource by limiting water usage.



People around the world will get their hands wet testing the condition of their local bodies of water all in observance of [World Water Monitoring Day](#) on Wednesday, September 18th. The Water Environment Federation and the International Water Association sponsor this day in order to raise awareness worldwide of the importance of water quality.

Broward County residents can join the effort and do their part to protect our most precious resource by conserving the limited water supply we have.

The [Broward Water Partnership](#), which includes Broward County and 18 local governments and water utilities, has made it easy and cost-effective to conserve water. The Partnership set a goal to save 30 million gallons of water per day by providing rebates and other free incentives to qualifying residents.

If your home was built before 1994, you likely have older model toilets that are huge water-wasters, accounting for up to 35 percent of your average household's water consumption? Replace those toilets with new, water-saving models and you could receive a rebate of up to \$100 for each old toilet you replace (preapproval required). To check your eligibility and apply for a rebate, visit [ConservationPays.com](#).

You may also qualify to receive [free, low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators](#). To reduce water use in commercial kitchens, qualified businesses can receive [free, pre-rinse spray valves](#). To conserve water outside your home, it's best to maintain your yard regularly. A well-maintained yard requires less water, so weed, prune and mow as needed! When planting, choose grass and plants that have low water requirements and that will thrive in our climate. Visit [broward.org/NaturalResources](#) and click **NATURESCAPE BROWARD** to learn how to better maintain your landscapes in an environmentally-friendly manner.

Request a kit if you would like to take part in World Water Monitoring Day and test the water supply near your home by visiting <http://www.monitorwater.org>.



SUPERSTARS DANCE AND BATON CLASSES AT WESTON COMMUNITY CENTER



Superstars Dance and Baton

Dates: Next session begins in September

Days/Ages: **Thursdays** 4:00-5:00 pm (Beginner Ages 4-7)
5:00-6:00 pm (Beginner Ages 8-12)
6:00-7:00 pm (Intermediate)

Cost: \$50/month
\$50 registration fee and \$20 for Baton
Monthly fee includes unlimited classes at locations around Broward County.

Superstars Dance and Baton are high energy combination classes that include dance, cheerleading and baton twirling. This class allows you to develop grace, poise and self confidence. Members will be invited to perform in Disney

World, a University of Miami half time show, local events and much more! Wendy Russell is an award winning professional choreographer and will be the instructor for these classes. For more information, please call 954-438-2075 or visit www.floridasuperstars.com.

For a complete list of children and adult programs at the Weston Community Center, please call 954-389-4321 or visit

www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/Class_Schedule.pdf.





UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS



SEPTEMBER 11, 2013

The City of Weston joins our country in honoring and remembering the victims, their families, first responders and rescue and recovery workers, the soldiers who have taken up arms to defend our freedom and safety and the volunteers who contributed their efforts in the aftermath of 9/11.



CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, September 12th 7:00PM

A regular meeting of the Weston City Commission.

This meeting is also the first of two budget hearings for the FY2014 City budgets. The date is not on the regular first or third Monday of the month to meet with State Statutes to

coordinate budget hearings that do not conflict with the County or School Board.

Location: Weston City Hall, 17200 Royal Palm Blvd.



CALLING ALL RUNNERS - Training for the big race

Wednesday, September 18, 2013 7PM-9PM

Seminar providing information on how to train safely & effectively to achieve your personal best whether training for a marathon or 5K. BMI and Blood Pressure screenings before and after the program.

Speakers: *Frankie Ruiz, Chief Running Officer, US Road Sports/ING Miami Marathon; Jesse Shaw, D.O., Orthopedic Surgeon, All Pro Orthopedics and Sports Medicine; and Lucette Talamas, R.D., Community Health Registered Dietician.*

Location: Cypress Bay High School Auditorium, 18600 Vista Park Blvd., Weston.

REGISTRATION Required: Free event, limited space. Please call 954-837-1130.

[CLICK ON PAGE TO VIEW ADDITIONAL EVENTS](#)



CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, September 23rd 7:00PM

A regular meeting of the Weston City Commission.

This meeting is also the second and final budget hearing for the FY2014 City budgets. The date is not on the regular first or third Monday of the month to meet with State

Statutes to coordinate budget hearings that do not conflict with the County or School Board. **Location:** Weston City Hall, 17200 Royal Palm Blvd.



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. Please 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>.