



PROPOSED 2015 WESTON BUDGETS

The Fiscal Year 2015 City Manager Proposed Budgets for the City of Weston, the Bonaventure Development District, and the Indian Trace Development District are available for viewing on the City website.

Vision Forward... *The theme for Fiscal Year 2015*

When Weston was developed it was done so with a vision to create a unique community, apart in appearance and lifestyle from all others. That vision was realized and lives on today. Our vision forward has served us well in the past, and is essential for the City to prosper in the future.

In 2010 the City was confronted with the ramifications of acts by the Florida Legislature and Governor that placed limits on the growth of property values which thereby limited the growth of local government ad valorem revenues, yet the City Commission maintained service levels and for the past four years held the ad valorem rate at 2.0000. That rate can no longer sustain the service levels that residents enjoy and expect as costs to maintain all of the General Fund services, without significant reductions have escalated at a rate greater than the growth in taxable property values.

The recommended budget is based on an ad valorem millage rate of 2.3900 mills. This is the first increase in four years. It will result in an increase in ad valorem revenues of \$3,310,200.

Residents of the City may look forward to the following in Fiscal Year 2015:

- Stability in the ad valorem millage rate for the coming three years
- Public Safety and Fire services maintained at the current levels
- The ordering of new fire apparatus
- Arts, cultural and recreation programs maintained at the current levels
- The opening of the new Administrative Services building to house the City's Emergency Operations Center, code service for Building, Zoning, Fire and Code Enforcement and Information Technology
- Water main improvements in Waterford Landing

To view the 2015 Proposed Budgets:

http://www.westonfl.org/media/docs/budget/FY2015_CM_Proposed_Budget_FINAL.pdf



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TEQUESTA TRACE PARK'S TRACK UPGRADES

In a year of significant park improvements (complete renovations of Peace Mound and Emerald Estates Parks), the City of Weston has also focused on smaller projects that are just as meaningful to park users. The ¼ mile running track at Tequesta Trace Park was in need of refurbishment and crews recently completed a repaving project.

The first step in repaving is actually to remove, or mill, about 1" of the existing surface in order to remove any existing damage, rutting, cracks, etc.



The removed pavement is recycled and used as aggregate in the new pavement, reducing the environmental impact of the project. The large asphalt milling machine was able to mill the entire track surface in one day.



When the surface debris is swept up, the workers apply a binder to help the new asphalt adhere to the existing subsurface. Dump trucks roll in with the new asphalt and a machine begins to lay down the new material.



While the asphalt is still hot, a roller follows behind to compact the surface and give it a finished look.



In a few weeks, after the new asphalt has cured, painters will return to put down the lane lines and other markings.

The track at Tequesta Trace Park is used by many residents on a daily basis. It is also used by the track teams at Sagemont and Tequesta Trace Middle School as well as the cheerleaders in the Weston Warriors Football program.

Tequesta Trace Park is open from 8am to 11pm daily and is located at 600 Indian Trace. For more information on the City's Parks, please visit <http://www.westonfl.org/Departments/ParksAndRecreation/ParksMunicipal.aspx>.

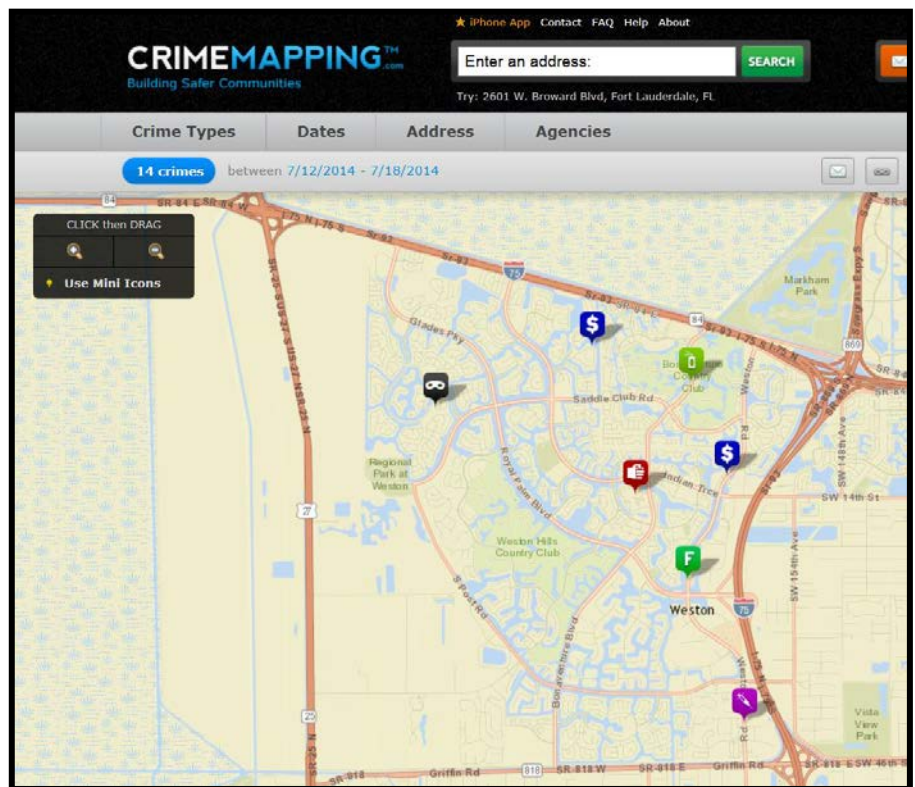


CRIMEMAPPING GOES INTERACTIVE THROUGH BSO'S WEBSITE

Have you ever wished you had a window into the world of law enforcement, a way to see what crimes are being committed in your neighborhood? Now you do.

The Broward Sheriff's Office is launching CrimeMapping, an online mapping application which proactively shares information with the public.

CrimeMapping is a web-based interactive service available to the public starting today. It provides reliable and timely crime information. The site puts analytical information in the hands of users with an easy-to-use interface, icons depicting various types of crimes and search capabilities within the geographical areas served by BSO. The user can also search for crimes within a given date range, going back six months from the date of the search.



Would you like to be alerted when a crime happens near your home, work or school? CrimeMapping allows users to sign up for automatic crime alerts within their areas of interest. The site can also make it easier to report information on specific crimes by providing a link to the Broward Crime Stoppers website.



Access the CrimeMapping site by going to: www.sheriff.org.

Click on the CrimeMapping tab at the bottom right of the page.





BSO OFFERS FREE HOME WATCH PROGRAM REGISTER ONLINE TODAY

Planning a vacation or business trip this summer? The Broward Sheriff's Office offers a **FREE Home Watch Program** in all of its patrol areas in Weston. A BSO deputy, CSA (Community Service Aid) or COP (Citizens on Patrol volunteer) will check on your home daily for signs of break-in or suspicious activity while you are out of town.

To sign up for this FREE service visit please complete the Home Watch Request Form. Download the form by clicking on:

<http://www.westonfl.org/Departments/Police/CommunityServices.aspx>

Once you complete the form, return it to the Weston District Office at 17350 Royal Palm Boulevard or send in by fax at 954-659-3541.

For more information, please visit www.sheriff.org.

When you are away be sure to take the following precautions:

- Let trusted friends and neighbors know that you'll be away.
- Make your home appears occupied. Attach timers to lights and television sets and set them to turn on and off at different times.
- Have your newspaper and mail held, or picked up by a friend or neighbor.
- Disconnect automatic garage door openers.
- Open some of the drapes or blinds on your windows. During daytime hours, it gives the appearance that someone is home, and during the evening, lights inside the house are more visible.



**Please call the Broward Sheriff's Office Weston District
with any questions at 954-389-2010.**



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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES OPERATION S.A.F.E.

Operation S.A.F.E. is a statewide financial education initiative to “Stop Adult Financial Exploitation” and the fraudsters who target Florida’s seniors.



The Florida Department of Financial Services has announced a new series of Operation S.A.F.E. financial workshops to help inform, empower and protect Florida’s seniors from financial scams and fraud.

Comprehensive scam and fraud prevention workshops will be held across the state to inform seniors on the many tactics scam artists use to steal their hard-earned money.

Statistics show that nearly one in five seniors has fallen victim to financial fraud. Florida is home to approximately 4.2 million seniors and currently ranks first in the nation in percentage of residents age 60 and older. Operation S.A.F.E workshops have already helped nearly 11,000 seniors protect themselves from becoming victims of financial fraud.

Operation S.A.F.E. workshops provide valuable resources and information such as:

- The Psychology of a Scam- How do scam artists think?
- How to Spot Fraudulent Behavior- Are you at risk?
- Common Scams that Target Seniors- Is this too good to be true?
- How to Fight Identity Theft- Protect, Prevent, Police
- Resources to Keep You Safe- Know where to go for help

The next workshop is on **Wednesday, August 6th** between 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at Hollywood Boulevard Heights Community Center, 6770 Garfield Street, Hollywood, FL 33023.

The workshops are open to seniors, family members and their caregivers. Florida Department of Financial Services encourages everyone to sign up/register for a workshop near you to learn how to protect your families’ financial security.

For more information on Operation S.A.F.E. or how to register, please visit www.MyFloridaCFO.com/SAFE or call the Consumer Helpline at 1-877-693-5236.





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PET SURVIVAL KIT

Prepare Your Hurricane Supplies For Your Pet(s) Now!

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS – A Continuing Series

Emergencies come in many forms and they may require anything from a brief absence from your home to permanent evacuation. Each type of disaster requires different measures to keep your pets safe. The best thing you can do for yourself and your pets is to be prepared. In order to have all the necessary items for your pet at hand in case of an emergency, it's recommended to have a Pet Survival Kit packed and ready.

The kit or container for paperwork, medications and food should be waterproof with a secure plastic lid. Include the following:

- A crate or carrier large enough for your pet to stand and turn
- Leashes and collars
- Two-week supply of moist or dry food with manual can opener
- Two-week supply of bottled water (or more if using dry food)
- Water and food dishes
- Extra cat litter, litter pan and puppy training pads (consider the fact that your dog may not be able to "potty" outside during or after a storm)
- Emergency phone numbers for veterinarian, animal shelters, friends or relatives.
- Veterinary clinic address and phone number
- Veterinary records with rabies certificate and current Broward County Pet Registration Tag number
- Medications with instructions (ensure you have enough medication on hand before the storm hits as vet offices may be closed and mail will not be delivered)
- Cleaning supplies (newspaper, plastic bags with ties, paper towels, disinfectant)
- A photo of you and your pet together (to help prove the pet is yours), and a photo of the pet by itself, showing any distinguishing marks that will help with identification

If in need of a pet friendly shelter, [Millennium Middle School](http://www.millenniummiddle.com) in Tamarac has limited space so please pre-register at <http://humanebroward.com/hurricane-news/hurricane-pet-friendly-shelter/>.

For more information on Pet Preparedness please visit <http://www.aspca.org/pet-care/disaster-preparedness>.





TEN FUN FACTS ABOUT SUMMER FOR KIDS (Adults might enjoy them as well!)

What do you know about summer? These *ten fun facts about summer* provide answers to some of the most obscure topics ☺!

#1 - The Eiffel Tower grows in summer. This structure is made of iron. Metal expands with heat. As a result, it can grow more than six inches.



#2 - Ice cream is sold the most in July. July is National Ice Cream Month. U.S. citizens consume about 5.5 gallons per year.



#3 - Frisbees were invented by accident. This toy was created in the 1870s as a pie plate. Students started throwing them around in 1940s changing the use to a form of entertainment.



#4 - Swimming without clothes use to be the norm. This practice changed around the 17th century. Laws were put in place about decent swimming attire.

#5 - Summer Olympic games used to be exclusive. Initially in 1896, the fairer sex could only be a spectator. This reality changed by 1900.



#6 - An educator invented summer vacation. His name was Horace Mann and, in 1837, as Secretary of the Massachusetts Board of Education used this platform to add a summer break.

#7 - Summer breaks vary around the globe. Children in various countries go to school for more hours in a day and more days per year, making their breaks shorter.

#8 - The first day of summer has a name. The summer solstice and, in Latin, means sun stand still.



#9 - Three holidays occur in the summer. Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day! These celebrations include a favorite food for most - barbecue.

#10 - Watermelon is a vegetable. As the air heats up, so does the consumption of watermelon. This vegetable is part of the cucumber, squash and pumpkin family.

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!



FOOD-BORNE ILLNESS IS NO PICNIC

Now that summer is here and picnicking is on the rise, Extension Education's Family Nutrition Program reminds everyone to keep food at proper temperatures – both before you take it outside and after you're dining *al fresco*.

Follow these simple food-safety rules:

- Never serve food reusing plates or utensils that have been in contact with raw meat (including poultry) or seafood. Wash the serving items first in hot, soapy water to avoid spreading bacteria from raw juices to cooked or ready-to-eat food. This is particularly important to remember when grilling.

- Cold perishable food should be kept in a refrigerator or cooler at 40° F or below until serving time. Once presented for serving, such food should not sit out for longer than two hours (one hour if the outdoor temperature is above 90° F). When in doubt, throw it out.



- Remember to wash your hands before preparing or serving foods. Proper hand washing is highly effective in stopping the spread of infection.

- Foods like chicken salad and desserts in individual serving dishes can be placed directly on ice or in a shallow container set in a deep pan filled with ice. Drain water as ice melts and replace ice frequently.



- Hot food should be kept at or above 140° F. Wrap well and place in an insulated container until time to serve. Just as with cold food, hot food should not sit out for more than two hours, one hour if outdoor temperature is above 90° F. Discard food if it is left out longer.





SOUTH FLORIDA BOOK FESTIVAL RETURNS ON JULY 25TH AND JULY 26TH



The South Florida Book Festival is returning to the [African-American Research Library and Cultural Center](#) (AARLCC) on July 25 and 26, 2014, with national best-selling authors, two world-renowned basketball players and events for all!

- Friday, July 25th features an “Evening of Stars” reception from 6:00pm to 9:30pm, where guest can mingle with Festival authors, including Sunny Anderson, host of the Food Network’s *Cooking for Real* and *The Kitchen* TV shows. This event is \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door; for advance tickets visit www.sfbf.eventbrite.com.
- Saturday, July 26th is Family Day and all events are free! It runs from 10:00am to 5:00pm. The Keynote speaker is Congressman James E. Clyburn, a risk taker who once organized Civil Rights sit-ins and walked with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. There will be workshops on cooking, poetry, beauty, and finances.

The two-day festival features bestselling writers Eric Jerome Dickey, Donna Hill and Pamela Samuels Young as well as Dr. Carl Hart, a neuroscientist and frequent national guest on PBS, CNBC, and Fox News. Guests may enjoy free workshops on finance, poetry, natural hair care, Caribbean cooking and more.



Sign up now to ensure your seat for the various events; go to www.sfbf-saturday.eventbrite.com or call 954-357-6282 for details. The weekend event promises to be exciting and offers a wide variety of subjects from dynamic authors.



UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS



QUARTERLY RESIDENTIAL BULK PICKUP

Single Family and Multi-Family Units with Curbside Collection:

Wednesday, July 23rd, Thursday, July 24th, or Friday, July 25th

Multi-Family Units with Dumpsters:

Saturday, July 26th

Bulk trash will be picked up **on your regularly scheduled collection day**. For more information, call 954-385-2600.



PARK CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

View photos and narratives of the progress on both Peace Mound and Emerald Estates Parks' renovations.

Peace Mound Park:

http://www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/Peace_Mound_Park_Blog.pdf

Emerald Estates Park:

http://www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/Emerald_Estates_Park_Blog.pdf



MEET POTENTIAL ONLINE BUYERS AT POLICE STATION

When selling items online, keep in mind that not all buyers are legitimate. Whenever possible, consider meeting strangers in a safe place. Starting immediately, BSO's Weston district office's parking lot will serve as a safe haven for the City's online buyers and sellers to meet. Weston Police Services Building is located at 17300 Royal Palm Boulevard. The parking lot is accessible 24 hours a day.



EMS GO PACKET INITIATIVE

BSO Weston Fire Rescue – The EMS Go Packet is being offered for free to residents. It is designed to contain all of your important medical information and legal documents to place in an accessible spot such as bedroom or inside of front door so that EMS and hospital personnel can be immediately aware of your medical conditions and adhere to your rights as a patient. Call Fire Station No. 81 at 954-389-2015.

CLICK HERE FOR MORE EVENTS!!!



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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.



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REGISTER FOR CodeRED TODAY

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. To register, please visit:

www.westonfl.org/Residents/Hurricane/CodeRed.aspx.

Enjoy a safe and FUN summer!

