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JULY 4TH IN WESTON 5K RUN IS FUN FOR MANY

Independence Day 2014 begins each year in Weston with the **Annual Weston July 4th 5K Run/Walk** sponsored by **Broward Health Weston** and the **City of Weston**. The run originated and ended at the Weston Regional Park. Over 1,100 participants enjoyed another great July 4th run through the city.





2013 WESTON JULY 4TH HOMETOWN PARADE

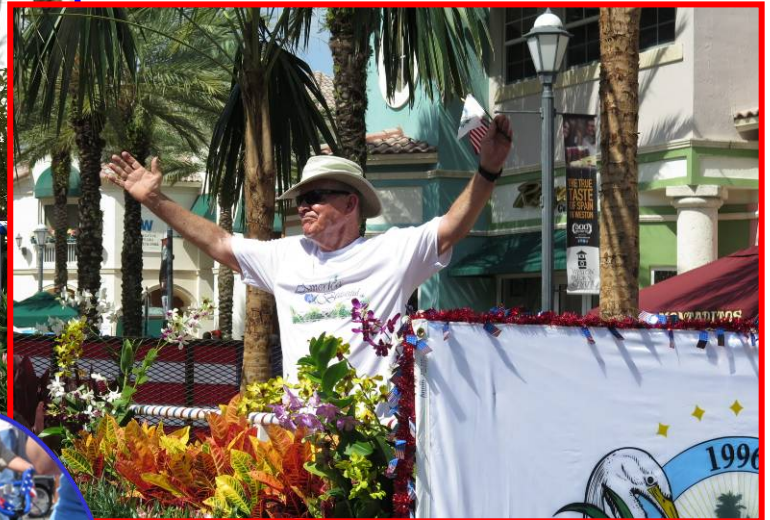
THE
CITY OF WESTON



A beautiful morning was once again the picture perfect setting for Weston's Annual Hometown Parade. With the theme "America the Beautiful", this year's parade had 47 entries with approximately 1,000 people walking, marching or riding in our parade!

Participants included Grand Marshal Mr. Roy Rogers, Honorary Guest, Sgt. Christian Marlow, our City Commission, county elected officials, police and fire, marching bands, boys and girls scouts, civic groups, businesses, schools and religious groups, super heroes, and much more!

Please enjoy the photos on the next several pages.



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See you at, or in, the parade next year!



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SOME OF WESTON'S FINEST RECIEVE AWARDS FROM ASIS INTERNATIONAL



On Wednesday, July 2nd, a few of Weston's finest were honored at a Weston City Commission Meeting by ASIS International Fort Lauderdale Chapter.

ASIS International is the world's largest organization of private security professionals. The organization consists of corporate security executives and other security management personnel; as well as security consultants, security integrators, and federal, state, and local law enforcement and military personnel. The organization exists to allow the public, private industries, and government all to better understand and deal with the constant changes in effective security.

Deputies Kari Pallotto and Alan Barnes were awarded:

Community Policing Officer of the Year Award – Awarded to a Broward County law enforcement officer for personal contributions to furthering community policing in his/her patrol area or city.

Sergeant John Kelly and Deputy John Rodriguez were awarded:

Valor Award – This award is presented to a Broward County law enforcement officer who has exhibited extraordinary bravery and heroism relating to an imminent threat.

We are extremely proud and honored to have these law enforcement officials on our Weston team!



WESTON C.E.R.T Wants YOU

Register for the next volunteer training class provided free by BSO Fire Rescue, call **954-389-2015**.



Assist neighbors and your community in a disaster: learn fire suppression, first aid, terrorism response, disaster psychology and disaster preparedness.

www.westonfl.org/Departments/FireEMS/CERTProgram.aspx



Most recent graduating class, April 2014





Water SMART

A sobering statistic: Every year an average of eight children lose their lives to drowning in Broward County. *What makes that number so tragic is that these deaths are unnecessary and preventable.*

Since 1999, SWIM Central, based at Broward County Parks and Recreation Division, has worked with cities and nonprofit organizations to raise awareness of the problem and to coordinate water-safety instruction for at-risk children. To date more than one million lessons have been provided, with children receiving water-safety instruction and education through public elementary schools, charter schools, and day-care centers.

Now SWIM Central is part of **Water SMART Broward**, a new initiative to get all organizations that emphasize water-safety working together toward their common goal of preventing child drowning deaths. **That goal entails providing educational resources for parents and guardians.**



With frightening regularity, children continue to drown in Broward County.

A near drowning occurred in Weston this June. Fortunately, the 4 year old was revived with CPR.

Water SMART Broward aims to do what SWIM Central has done except on a larger scale – to reach even more people and save more children's lives.

Water SMART Broward, which just launched its website and includes private partners like Baby Otter, British Swim School, and Just Swim; and agencies such as the Broward Sheriff's Office, the Children's Services Council of Broward County, and the YMCA.

The Website includes links to SWIM Central and its nonprofit S.W.I.M.S. Foundation, as well as the other partner organizations. There is information on CPR and swim lessons and lifeguard training, along with some personal stories about families coping with the loss of a child.

SWIM Central and Water SMART Broward, we are doing their best to ensure that every child in Broward County knows how to survive in the water.

For further information, call SWIM Central at 954-357-SWIM (7946),
or visit WaterSMARTBroward.org.
For free CPR training, contact the BSO Weston Fire Rescue at 954-389-2015.



"ADOPT A CATCH BASIN"



Clogged catch basins can cause extensive flooding in neighborhoods.

Know where the nearest one is to your home and ensure there is nothing blocking it.

Residents are encouraged to act proactively in the event of a storm and remove any debris.

Join the "Adopt A Catch Basin" mentality today!

**4 - 6 inches of rainfall in
24 hours**

Water remains standing in yards, swales and ditches, but the crowns of roads

**7 -10 inches of rainfall in
72-hours**

Roads, as well as swales, ditches and yards flood, but buildings usually

**10-20 inches of rainfall
in 72 hours**

Many houses and businesses can be expected to flood

In gated communities, the HOA is responsible for maintenance, but where ever you live, during a storm, residents need to be proactive and keep catch basins near their homes clear of debris.

What is a catch basin? A catch basin is a part of a storm drain or sewer system which is designed to trap debris so that it cannot enter the drainage pipes. Catch basins are a large scale version of the traps used in home drains to accomplish a similar function. Unobstructed water flow through these drains and water bodies, especially during storm events, is essential to prevent flooding.

Weston's water bodies and canals were designed to hold and move stormwater. Stormwater is excess rain runoff that is removed from our properties and streets by going down into catch basins and prevents flooding.



HURRICANE KIT SHOPPING GUIDE

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS – A Continuing Series

All residents are encouraged to prepare a hurricane supply kit. Being prepared is the key to safely weathering a storm, or any other disaster. The Shopping Guide below identifies the basic items required to comfortably sustain you and your family for a few days following a storm that may leave you without power and potable water.

FOOD GROUPS:

- **Bread** Crackers, pretzels, melba toast, rice cakes, cereal, nutritional bars,
- **Meat** Canned tuna, chicken/turkey, beans, peanut butter and beef jerky
- **Milk** Shelf stable milk, powdered milk, boxed pudding, nutritional drinks
- **Vegetable** Canned vegetables, soups of all types, canned 3-bean salad
- **Fruit** Canned fruit, applesauce, dried fruits and 100% fruit juice
- **Comfort Foods** Quick energy snacks: trail mix, granola bars, cookies, hard candy, lollipops, instant coffee

WATER:

At least one gallon per person per day is needed, for approximately 3-5 days. Extra water is needed for food preparation and personal hygiene.

Other Supplies to have on hand:

- Items for infants, toddlers and elderly
- Flashlights and extra batteries
- Manual can opener
- Charcoal, sterno or propane for grill or camp stove
- Disposable paper goods, plastic utensils, garbage bags and re-sealable plastic bags
- Tool kit including duct tape, gloves, saw, axe, pliers, utility knife, hammer
- Pet supplies
- Waterproof portable plastic containers
- Clothing including rain gear and closed shoes
- Portable am/fm radio – battery-operated or hand crank
- Hard-line telephone with jack (not cordless)
- First aid kit and medicines / prescription drugs
- Mosquito repellent, sunscreen
- Cash





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WESTON TENNIS CENTER Don't miss the upcoming events!

Interested in participating in fun-filled tennis events for the entire family, with friends or just looking to improve personal skills?

Don't wait any longer and sign up for the Weston Tennis Center today!



You can choose to either join various tennis clinics, camps, educational programs or retreats. There are multiple tennis events that offer daily, weekly or multi-week participation options, locations, along with age appropriate curriculums.



Take advantage now of the amazing opportunity to train with the pros, great courts, and programs all in a wonderful tennis atmosphere!

For more information on the Weston Tennis Center's programs and events, please call 954-389-8666 or visit <http://cliffdrysdale.com/locations/weston-tennis-center>.



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FLICKERS AND POWER DISTURBANCES: WHY THEY OCCUR AND WHAT YOU CAN DO

Power flickers ... momentary outages ... brief service interruptions – these are some of the terms used to describe brief power outages lasting less than 60 seconds. Regardless of what you call them, they're annoying because they can briefly shut down the electronic devices and appliances in your home or business. Power flickers are an ongoing challenge for electric utilities nationwide and Florida Power and Light (FPL) reports that it is working hard to reduce them.

WHY THEY MAY OCCUR:

Flickers may occur at any time – even on a sunny day – and can be caused by a number of factors, including:

- Lightning strikes
- Damaged electrical equipment
- Vegetation – tree branches, palm fronds or other debris – making contact with power lines
- Animals interfering with electrical equipment

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

As FPL focuses on reducing flickers, you can take steps to minimize their effect on your home or business. Devices such as uninterruptible power supplies (UPS) and surge protectors can help maintain the flow of electricity and prevent possible damage to your appliances and equipment.



FPL is working aggressively on several fronts to reduce power disturbances:

- Investigating and testing a number of new cutting-edge technologies
- Clearing vegetation from 15,000 miles of power lines annually
- Adding new safeguards to discourage interference from animals and birds

For more information on power flickers,
please visit FPL's website at www.FPL.com/flickers.



CITIZENSHIP CORNERS NOW IN 17 BROWARD COUNTY LIBRARIES Including Weston Branch Library



Seventeen Broward County Libraries (BCL) have been equipped with resources to assist immigrants with the naturalization process. The resources include the N-400 forms, flyers and brochures for customers to take as well as books, DVDs and CDs will be available for check-out for customers to prepare for the citizenship exam and interview.

Each of these locations has designated an area in the library that displays these items and will be considered to be the Citizenship Corner in that branch. The corners will allow immigrants of Broward County to have access to the various citizenship resources and information about the naturalization process. Newcomers seeking information about becoming a citizen can come to one of these libraries for resources, information and will not have to travel to the USCIS office. Fourteen of these locations offer citizenship classes and English classes.

Staff is available to assist customers with resources and accessing the USCIS website. For more information contact the Learning Services office at 954-357-6230 or learningservices@Broward.org.

Free Online Tutoring for United States Citizenship Test Available at BCL!

Get free, live online tutoring for the United States citizenship exam from Broward County Library at [HelpNow from Brainfuse](#). Find practice tests and resources to help you prepare for the test – all you need is a [Broward County Library](#) card to connect with a live tutor. Achieve your goals with Broward County Library – it's free, easy and available online.





UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS



QUARTERLY RESIDENTIAL BULK PICKUP

Single Family: Wednesday, July 23rd, Thursday, July 24th, or Friday, July 25th

Multi-Family: 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

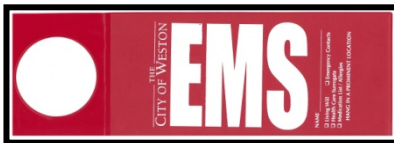
View photos and narratives of progress within both Peace Mound and Emerald Estates Parks.

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



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.



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.

CLICK HERE FOR MORE EVENTS!!!



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.