



DISTINGUISHED BUDGET AWARD RECEIVED ONCE AGAIN BY THE CITY

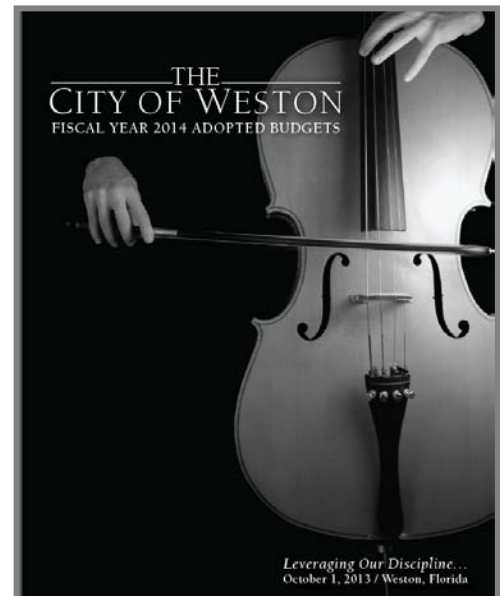
The City of Weston is pleased to announce notification of receipt of the **Distinguished Budget Presentation Award** for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2013, presented by the Government Finance Officers Association of the U.S. and Canada (GFOA).

This is the twelfth consecutive year that the City has received award recognition. Budget Director, Bryan Cahen, Assistant City Manager/CFO David Keller and their team prepared the annual budget pursuant to the GFOA guidelines and requirements and made the submittal on behalf of the City of Weston.

The Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting. In order to achieve the award, the submitting entity must publish a budget document that meets the following program criteria, and the fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories:

- ✓ **It must serve as a Policy Document**
- ✓ **It must serve as a Financial Plan**
- ✓ **It must serve as an Operations Guide**
- ✓ **It must serve as a Communications Device**

GFOA is a non-profit profession association serving over 17,800 government finance professionals throughout North America. The GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting.



City Manager John Flint said of the designation, "Congratulations are in order to our Director of Budget, Bryan Cahen for leading the team. These are the first budgets that Bryan has prepared for the City since joining us last summer. He continues the City's tradition of preparing our annual budgets that have received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, and with this most recent award sets the bar for himself and the City for many budgets to come."

Link to the 2014 Adopted Budget:

http://www.westonfl.org/media/docs/budget/FY2014_Adopted_Budget.pdf.



DON'T MISS 4th OF JULY IN WESTON!



"America the Beautiful" is the theme of the 2014 parade.



Set your alarms and bring the family to join **the annual City of Weston's 4th of July Hometown Parade!**

The parade will take place on Friday, July 4th ending in Weston Town Center; participants line up at 9:30am and the parade begins at 10:30am.

The parade's route will be Town Center Blvd to Three Village Road, concluding on Main Street. Arrive early for to enjoy the best view, music and fun!



For more information, please contact the Weston Community Center at 954-389-4321 or visit www.westonfl.org.



FIELD RENOVATIONS



Summer marks the end of many of Weston's league sports programs and the beginning of off-season maintenance. One of the biggest projects each year is the renovation of the City's soccer and football fields. The amount of play the fields must sustain each year is tremendous and no amount of routine maintenance can keep up.

The preparations for the renovations start several months in advance when crews begin to estimate how much new grass will be needed. The City's contract maintenance provider, Greensource Landscape and Sports Turf, begins looking for a sod farm to purchase from and "stakes a claim" on the grass area of his choice. Jason Wingate, President of Greensource,

drove to a sod farm in Lithia, Florida, west of Tampa, and confirmed that their Bermuda grass met his specifications.

Two different types of grasses are used in Weston. The stadium football field at Tequesta Trace uses a variety known as Celebration. The other fields in Weston use Tifway 419. This year crews will be replacing approximately **435,500 square feet of sod on the City's 16 fields.** The process goes pretty quickly as the sod comes on flatbed trucks in "Big Rolls" that are 4 feet wide by 75 feet long. A tractor and two-man crew can lay one roll of sod in 10-15 minutes.

Once the new sod is in place it must be cared for with proper irrigation, fertilization and other techniques to allow it to grow and, more importantly, root into the ground. **For that reason, the fields remain closed for about 8 weeks or until that rooting has occurred.** The last thing a park professional wants to do is to keep people out of the parks but Parks and Recreation Director Don Decker says that in this case, "Stay Off The Grass" is a request that may sting in the short term but will pay off in the long run. "The success of our Fall '14 and Spring '15 programs really starts now with our field renovations. We appreciate the patience of the sports community while we make improvements that will benefit everyone."





WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROJECT WRAPPING UP

Over **13,000** meters have now been changed out in the Indian Trace portions of Weston.

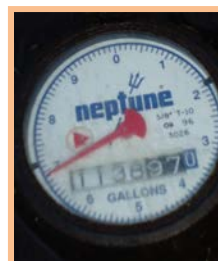
The replacement project, which began in January 2012, is wrapping up with just a few small areas remaining. Line-Tec, the installer of the new water meters, just finished up in Savanna which has over 3200 properties and is by far the largest gated community in the City.

The areas still to be addressed include: The Legends, the Laurels and Mariposa Pointe in Weston Hills and Magnolia Ridge in The Ridges.



- **Why** - Industry standards dictate that meters be replaced approximately every 10+ years. After this time, meters can become inaccurate. Older units begin to deteriorate.
- **No Cost** - There is no cost to the home owner.
- **When** - Installers will work between the hours of 8:00AM-3:30PM weekdays.
- **Notification** – A doorhanger will be placed on your front door advising of a two week window when the replacement will occur. *If you do not receive a door hanger but your neighbor does, your meter does not need to be replaced as not every meter in a subdivision requires replacement.*
- **Who** – The installers will be from the company **Line-Tec**. They will have company vehicles and company ID.

Where – Meters are not located in the same location at every residence, but are generally located in or near the front yard.



The City will continually post updates of installation dates and locations on the city website or you can contact the Public Works Services Center at 954-385-2600.



MAY'S HHW AND ELECTRONICS COLLECTION EVENT IN WESTON WAS A SUCCESS!



On Sunday, May 18th, 467 customers visited the **Free Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collection** event in Weston. Over 96% of the participants were Weston residents.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) refers to used or leftover contents of consumer products that contain chemicals with one of the four characteristics: *Toxic, Ignitable, Corrosive, or Reactive* as defined by the Environmental Protection Agency.

The statistics from Weston's May collection date were impressive.

- 19,851 pounds of HHW was collected
- 14,211 pounds of Electronics was collected

This was the second HHW & Electronics Collection event this year. Broward County had hosted an additional event in Weston in February.

The grand total for the two events this year is: 95,511 pounds of HHW and electronics collected and recycled or properly disposed of.



There are three permanent Drop-off locations in Broward, open every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the disposal of HHW and electronics. Find Permanent Drop-Off Locations [HERE](#).



MANATEE BAY ELEMENTARY 2013-2014 National Champions

First in Math Online Program

Congratulations to the 5th Grade Students, parents and teachers/staff for earning, "**National Champions**" in the **First in Math®** Online Program!



First in Math® is an online math program that is used by more than 10 million students throughout the United States and abroad, as innovative tools that teach a new generation of students to become critical thinkers and problem solvers; invented by Robert Sun.

Robert Sun uses his online math program in multiple schools throughout the U.S. quite actively as a fun competition that allow schools and 5th graders to compete against each other by solving the most online math problems.

Manatee Bay Elementary students solved 5,468,091 math problems in the course of a school year against 1.5 million other students, which is EXTRAODINARY! Manatee Bay Elementary has earned National Champion title twice.

TOP 10 SCHOOLS - All Grades - Nationally for 2013/2014!

Rank	School	District	State	Stickers Per Student	# Students Playing
1	Manatee Bay Elementary	Broward Co Schs-So Ctrl Area	FL	7,811	231
2	S C Lee Junior High School	Copperas Cove indep Sch Dist	TX	6,437	100
3	Bishop Mussio Ctl Jh Sch	Diocese Of Steubenville Ed Off	OH	6,417	140
4	St Francis Desales School	Philadelphia Archdiocese	PA	5,984	297
5	St Veronica School	Philadelphia Archdiocese	PA	5,828	179
6	St Laurence School	Philadelphia Archdiocese	PA	5,079	308
7	Baldi Middle School	SDP Learning Network 8	PA	5,056	1,213
8	Sacred Heart School	Harrisburg Diocese	PA	4,875	141
9	St Didacus School	San Diego Diocese	CA	4,597	202
10	St.Gabriel's School	Pittsburgh Diocese	PA	4,589	143

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additional pictures**



MANATEE BAY ELEMENTARY

Awards presented by Robert Sun, Mayor Daniel Stermer and Principal Heather Hedman-DeVaughn





VEHICLE REGISTRATION RATES GOING **DOWN**



You read it right.
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Beginning **September 1, 2014**, the annual cost for motor vehicle registration fees will decrease.

Anyone who has to renew their registration before September 1st should only select the one-year renewal option instead of the two-year renewal in order to take advantage of the lower fees next year.



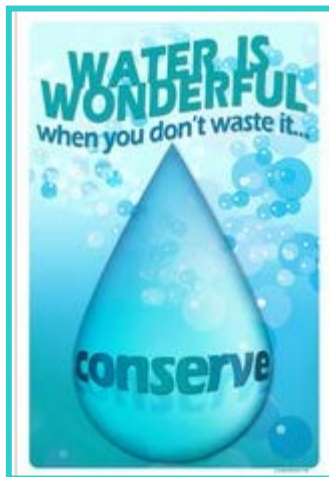
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CONSERVE WATER EVEN DURING THE RAINY SEASON



June is the official start of South Florida's rainy season. But whether it's raining outside or not, conserving water isn't only good for the environment, it can also be good for your pocketbook.



It's hard to think about the importance of water conservation while it's raining. But the fastest and most practical way to reduce water usage is to save for the "non-rainy" days and conserve water year round.

If your home or business has toilets that use more water than they should or you have older model toilets (pre-1994), you may be eligible for a rebate from the [Broward Water Partnership](#).



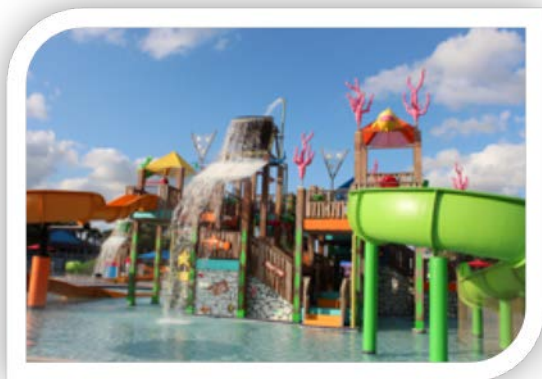
The immediate savings are impressive, but the long-term benefits, which include protecting our treasured Everglades and saving your family money are extraordinary.

[The Broward Water Partnership](#), which includes 19 local governments and water utilities has a long-term goal of saving 30 million gallons of water a day. Many of these partners offer free water-saving devices to qualifying residents, as well.

Visit <http://conservationpays.com/partners/sunrise/> for details on Sunrise/Weston's rebate options and for some additional water-saving tips that you can put to use.



IT'S SUMMER TIME!!! BROWARD COUNTY'S WATER PARKS NOW OPEN DAILY



Four Broward County Parks offer cool summertime fun! These water parks have five-story-tall waterslides, interactive water playgrounds with slides and tunnels, a crazy creek to meander through, kiddie play pools, zero-entry pools, and lap pools.

- **Paradise Cove** at **C.B. Smith Park**, Pembroke Pines
- **Tropical Splash** at **Central Broward Regional Park and Stadium**, Lauderdale
- **Splash Adventure** at **Quiet Waters Park**, Deerfield Beach
- **Castaway Island** at **T.Y. Park**, Hollywood

Water parks will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 5:20 p.m.:

- June 5th - August 17th Daily
- August 21st - August 31st Thursdays-Sundays
- September 1st Labor Day
- September 6th - September 28th Saturdays and Sundays

Season Passes Now Available for All Water Parks

The daily fees are super reasonable and average \$5-\$9 per person! [Find It All](#) passes are available for purchase at the park offices.

Funbrellas

And while you're at the water parks, enhance your visit by reserving one of the colorful Funbrellas, which can accommodate parties of up to 30 people.

For more information each water park, please visit
<http://www.broward.org/Parks/ThingsToDo/Pages/WaterParks.aspx>.



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STAR LIGHT, STAR BRIGHT

Visit the Fox Observatory at Markham Park for Free Stargazing Every Saturday in June

One of South Florida's best-kept secrets is the Fox Observatory at Broward County's Markham Park located at the intersection of Weston Road and State Road 84.

This month you have a chance to find out more about what's going on in the South Florida night sky. From roughly dusk to midnight on Saturdays, June 14th, June 21st, and June 28th, weather permitting, the [South Florida Amateur Astronomers Association](#) (SFAAA) opens the Observatory for free stargazing until midnight. The park's weekend gate admission of \$1.50 per person will be in effect.



This nonprofit organization (SFAAA) has been around since 1965 and is dedicated to "bringing the universe closer to all South Floridians." As well as volunteering on Saturday nights, the members have monthly meetings on the first Thursday of every month. Visit their website at <http://www.sfaaa.com/> for more information on membership with SFAA.



Among the telescopic equipment at the group's disposal are a pair of 16-inch and 14-inch Schmidt-Cassegrains, a Brandon refractor, three Dobson reflectors, and a 12-inch Newtonian. Both Schmidt-Cassegrains are fitted with imagers that offset the effects of light pollution.

If none of this makes much sense to you, don't worry. Members are there to help you learn about such gear and how it operates. They often even bring along their own telescopes, so that on a clear night there may be as many as 15 set up in various spots around the observatory.

For more information on the park and observatory, please visit Broward County's website at <http://www.broward.org/Parks/MarkhamPark/Pages/Default.aspx#observatory>.



WESTON 55+ CLUB AT THE WESTON COMMUNITY CENTER

Join the fun with the Weston Community Center's 55+ Club!

The Weston 55+ Club is an incredible opportunity for mature adults to socialize with other seniors while participating in a weekly variety of activities.

The range of activities are year around which include but not limited to bus trips, seminars, board game days, luncheon outings, movie afternoons, lectures and other events as interest arises.

Examples of the Club's activities include:

Bingo-Mania and Gamedays

Monster Mini Golf in Miramar

Trip to the Perez Museum in Miami

Lunch at D'Angelo Pizza in Weston

Trip to Festival Flea Market

To join the club, you have to be 55 years or older, register for membership, and have free time to gather with a great group that's looking for entertainment and friendship.

To register for Weston 55+ Club Membership, please visit

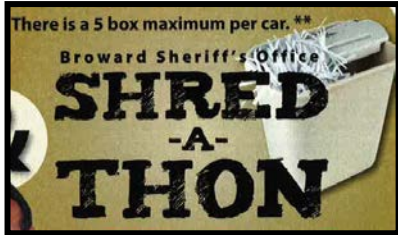
http://www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/55Plus_Membership_Form.pdf.

For more information about Weston 55+ Club or to view current schedule of events, please call 954-389-4321 or visit

http://www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/55Plus_Club_Class_Schedule.pdf.



UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS



BSO SHRED-a-THON & OPERATION MEDICINE CABINET – Free! **Saturday, June 14th 10AM-1PM**

Residents can shred away identity theft by safely disposing of their personal documents, check stubs, credit card offers, receipts and any other material that might contain sensitive data. Operation Medicine Cabinet collects any unused, unwanted or expired medications for safe disposal. Come early and receive a \$5 gift card while supplies last. For more information, call 954-389-2010.

Location: Weston Police Services Building, 17300 Royal Palm Blvd.



CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP & MEETING **Monday, June 16th**

Workshop 5:45PM Meeting 7:00PM

A workshop and then a regular meeting of the Weston City Commission.

Location: Weston City Hall, 17200 Royal Palm Blvd.



WESTON'S ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY EVENTS **5K WALK/RUN AND HOMETOWN PARADE** **Friday, July 4th**

"America the Beautiful" is the theme!

5K Walk/Run starts at 7:00AM
Parade starts at 10:30AM



4th of July 5K Walk/Run - Join your friends and family for a holiday celebration 5K run or walk sponsored by Broward Health Weston and the City of Weston. The race will take place at the Weston Regional Park with registration beginning at 5:30am and race start time at 7:00am. To pre-register, visit www.splitsecondtiming.com.

CLICK HERE FOR MORE EVENTS!!!



4th of July Parade – **APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE NOW TO WALK IN THE PARADE!**

All groups, organizations, businesses and bands are welcome! Join us for a 4th of July tradition and walk or ride with our City Commission and this year's Grand Marshal, Mr. Roy Rogers, in Weston's biggest and most exciting event of the year. **Registration is FREE!** The deadline to enter is **Friday, June 20th**. Parade spaces fill up quickly so register early.

Download a parade application and get this party started! For additional information call 954-389-4321.

www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/2014_Parade_Application.pdf



FREE July 4th of July Parade 10:30AM

Join us at the City of Weston's Annual 4th of July Hometown Parade! Participants including elected leaders, local businesses, civic groups, schools, bands, organizations and residents gather to march in Weston's biggest and most exciting event. Show off your pride in our country - wear your red, white and blue and come out and cheer on parade participants.

The parade begins promptly at 10:30AM at the corner of Town Center Blvd. and Three Village Road, continuing east on Three Village Road to Bonaventure Blvd. then heading south briefly to Bell Tower Lane. The parade culminates by winding through Weston Town Center to the heart of Main Street where hundreds gather for the fun.

For more information on this wonderful FREE community event call at 954-389-4321.



CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, July 7th 7:00PM

A regular meeting of the Weston City Commission.

Location: Weston City Hall, 17200 Royal Palm Blvd.

KEEP SCROLLING FOR EVEN MORE EVENTS!



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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.

KEEP SCROLLING FOR EVEN MORE EVENTS!



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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*):

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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.