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LEADERS SPEAK AT WESTON SYMPOSIUM METEOROLOGY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



Stacy Stewart, Senior Hurricane Specialist, NOAA, Fire Chief Harris Bouchillon, John Flint, City Manager and Charles Lanza, former Director of Broward County Emergency Management Division.

On Wednesday evening, May 7th, Weston hosted its second Disaster Preparedness Symposium in the heart of the Bonaventure community at the Bonaventure Town Center. Residents received first hand information from three top leaders in their fields. Mr. Stacy Stewart, Senior Hurricane Specialist at the National Hurricane Center in Miami; Charles Lanza, former Director of the Broward County Emergency Management Division, and John R. Flint, Weston City Manager, who were moderated by Weston Fire Chief Harris Bouchillon. The event was sponsored by the City and the Weston Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

The two hour presentation covered an array of preparedness, disaster, and response information for residents and businesses.

Mr. Stewart, also a Weston resident, provided a review of Hurricane Wilma and its impacts. One of many interesting facts was the recorded data of wind speeds in Weston. The 3-second wind gust rate was at 105 mph, the 1-second rate as high as 112 mph, and an hour of sustained winds at 100 mph, recorded on equipment located at US 27 & I-75. He also displayed historic data graphs on hurricane patterns.

His prediction: If you look at history, this should not be a below average year for storms.



Prompted by an audience question, he also spoke on micro-bursts, a localized column of air caused by a small, intense downdraft within a thunderstorm. He noted that they can be very damaging and that mid-May to the middle of June in our area is conducive to their formation.

He stressed that storm surge, one of the four major hazards from a hurricane, would not be an impact to Weston, however heavy rainfall and inland freshwater flooding is a serious threat. The best drainage system in the world can only handle so much water at one time.



Frank Dreier, Weston CERT Operations Director explains the CERT program.

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Mr. Lanza, a seasoned south Florida veteran of Emergency Management as well as a former Fire Chief encouraged non-complacency and preparedness. "Without the hit of a hurricane since 2005, people get complacent" stated Lanza. You have seen and heard it a hundred times, but it can't be stressed enough – **prepare early**.

Shopping: Hurricane preparedness lists are readily available including on the Weston website, but the shopping should be done now, not later. It is significantly easier to grab supplies now than when everyone is in line and supplies may run out.



Evacuation Zone: If you reside in Weston you are not in an evacuation zone. However, it is likely you know someone who is. Mr. Lanza encouraged everyone to offer your home now to a friend or relative as a known location to evacuate too.

Lanza stressed that those with special medical needs should register **now** to receive assistance in a disaster, by calling 954-357-6385. Also, residents with any questions can always call **3-1-1** and be directed to the right location.

Weston City Manager John Flint provided an overview of how the City responds to a disaster, the policies, structures and funding that is in place, and ensured the public that everyone would be taken care of. A caveat to that, particularly in the sense of disaster debris collection, is that someone will be first and someone will be last. All main roadways will be cleared first. As for residential debris, the areas receiving attention first will be dependent upon access, the size of equipment that first responds and other factors all of which will determine the most effective and efficient response.

Mr. Flint asked attendees to take an "**Adopt-A-Catch Basin**" philosophy. Stressed also by Mr. Stewart, 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. Storm drains within gated communities are the responsibility of the Homeowners Association but residents are encouraged to act proactively in the event of a storm and remove any debris.



Where to find more information:

Weston Hurricane Info: <http://www.westonfl.org/Residents/Hurricane/Default.aspx>

Broward County Hurricane Info: <https://www.broward.org/Hurricane/Pages/Default.aspx>

National Hurricane Center: <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>

Twitter:

@CityofWeston
@ReadyBroward
@NHC_Atlantic

CERT – Community Emergency Response Team
To join the next Weston training class, please call
954-389-2015.



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STUDENTS MAKE A "PROM PROMISE" SAGEMONT UPPER SCHOOL

It's that time of year again! The high school girls are shopping around for prom dresses, the boys are looking for suits and buying corsages; all for one night that they will remember forever... **PROM.**

Many of us know or have heard about someone that was underage and under the influence of drugs or alcohol after attending their prom, then getting behind the wheel of a vehicle and the results not ending positive.

Sagemont Upper School, Weston Crime Prevention Specialists, Deputy Pallotto and Deputy Barnes, Life Safety Educator Melanie Oren and Weston Police Chief Butler along with Helen Witty from MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) organized Prom Promise so that no parents sadly lose a child due to preventable situations that involved alcohol during the season before, during and after prom.



Approximately 90 students and parents were gathered in the Sagemont Upper School gym on Tuesday, May 6th to attend an educational seminar to remind the students to not to engage in activities that could result in long term consequences or possible death on their prom night.

At the end of the seminar, with teary eyes from almost everyone attending, the students were asked to sign a paper called the "**Prom Promise.**"

Sagemont students sign the "Prom Promise Pledge" to not use drugs or alcohol and not ride with anyone who has.

More Photo on next page.

The Prom Promise is a pledge from the students insuring everyone but mainly themselves that they will not take part in any drinking or drug use on prom night.

Prom Promise Pledge

*I want my prom to be a night I will remember for the rest of my life - a fun evening shared with my best friends, full of great music, dancing and fun. I will not do anything to get in the way of those memories. I promise not to use alcohol or drugs, and I will encourage my friends to do the same. I will not ride in a car with someone who has been drinking or using drugs. This is a promise I take seriously - **for my sake and the sake of my family and friends.***

I make this pledge today, May 6, 2014



The Prom Promise pledge was a huge success and most definitely an informative seminar that will always be remembered and appreciated!

PROM PROMISE



Thank you Sagemont Upper School students for your **Prom Promise!**



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THIRD ANNUAL NATIONAL BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY WAS A HUGE SUCCESS

The roads surrounding Weston schools were busy on Wednesday, May 7th with kids of all ages biking to school!



Deputies Kari Pallotto and Alan Barnes, Crime Prevention Practitioners and SRO Mark Skolnick escorted Manatee Bay Elementary students to their school safely.



There they were welcomed to school by BSO Chief Butler and Lieutenant Brimlow as well as staff from Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital who passed out some biking goodies for the children.



Bike to School Day is a national event that gives communities across the country the opportunity to join together in bicycling to school on the same day.

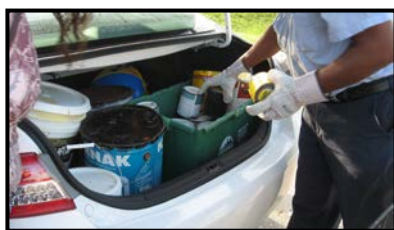
For more information, please visit www.bikeleague.org.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AND ELECTRONICS COLLECTION EVENT IN WESTON *Sunday, May 18, 2014 8AM-3PM*



Put aside items that cannot be placed into the trash or put out for bulk pickup, and bring them to the annual **FREE Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collection** event and they will be recycled or disposed of properly without harming the environment.



On Sunday, May 18th, **simply drive up** and drop off your household hazardous waste and electronic items at the **Weston Public Works Services Center, 2599 South Post Road, between 8:00am and 3:00pm**. Crews will remove items from your vehicle.

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.



What items are accepted? Oil and latex paints and thinners, used motor oil, auto fluids and gasoline solvents, pesticides, fertilizers, pool chemicals, drain cleaners, tires, mercury, rechargeable & automobile batteries and electronics such as computers and televisions will be accepted.

**For more information, please call the
Public Works Services Center at 954-385-2600 or visit www.westonfl.org.**



BROWARD LEAGUE OF CITIES AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS TO FOUR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

College Scholarships Granted to Students Pursuing Careers in Government

Four outstanding Broward County high school students were each awarded \$1,000 scholarships from the Broward League of Cities. The Scholarship for Government Studies program provides financial assistance to high school seniors who plan to attend a college or university to pursue a major in public administration, political science or other government-related field.

Broward League of Cities President and Town of Davie Councilmember Susan Starkey said "We're pleased to be able to help them achieve their dreams of pursuing careers in government and public service."

Scholarships are made possible thanks to the personal contributions of Broward County's elected officials and Broward League of Cities associate members.

This year's recipients are:

- Emily Bonasia, Coral Springs resident: J.P. Taravella High School
- Isabella Muncan, Cooper City resident: Cooper City High School
- Raymond Rif, Davie resident: Nova High School
- Benjamin Sandler, Weston resident: Cypress Bay High School

The scholarship program is one of many ways the Broward League of Cities promotes and supports education.

Chartered in 1957, the Broward League of Cities is a non-partisan, non-profit organization representing the 31 municipal governments and more than 120 associate government, non-profit and business organizations within Broward County. The organization is dedicated to increasing awareness and providing resolutions to issues that affect day-to-day operations at the county, state, and federal levels.

For more information, visit BrowardLeague.org.





CHILD NET IS LOOKING FOR FOSTER PARENTS

WANTED: LOVING, CARING FOSTER PARENTS

**I want you!
I need you!**

Ordinary people in our community do extraordinary things. Your family, friends and neighbors have made a huge difference in the lives of children, opening their hearts and homes to children who have been abused, abandoned or neglected. They have taken on the toughest job they'll ever love — they have become a foster parent.

Foster parents may be a working parent, married or single, home owner or renter, have children or have never been a parent.

They must be able to provide a safe, loving home.

They will receive formal training, support from professional staff and other foster parents, access to free medical, dental and child care services.

It's the opportunity of a lifetime to serve your community by helping our most vulnerable children.

*"I may not be able to change the world, but today I made a difference in their lives."
Foster Parent*



**For more information about fostering, please call ChildNet:
954-414-6001, Broward
561-352-2501, Palm Beach**



WESTON TENNIS CENTER'S LADIES DOUBLES MIXER – MAY 16th

**Call 954-389-8666 for more information
and to pre-register today!**

SUMMERTIME
WESTON TENNIS CENTER
IOLA Ladies Doubles Mixer
Friday, May 16th
Enjoy a fun Caribbean themed mixer with your tennis friends to celebrate the end of another fantastic season & the upcoming Summer!

TIME
9:00am-12:00pm

COST
\$20 per person (includes Caribbean themed food & drinks)

FOR INFORMATION
Please call the Pro Shop at
(954) 389-8666 or email at
s.browne@cliffdrysdale.com

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THE ULTIMATE TENNIS EXPERIENCE

The Cliff Drysdale Weston Tennis Center
is located at 16451 Racquet Club Road, Weston.

Visit <http://cliffdrysdale.com/locations/weston-tennis-center>
for more information on membership and classes/events.



A GREAT NIGHT **OUT** AT THE Y!



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT[®]
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

BLACKOUT 2K14

May 17, 2014
7:00 PM – 11:00 PM

Grades 9 – 12
Please Bring School ID

\$10 PER PERSON

**A NIGHT YOU DON'T
WANT TO MISS!**

WESTON YMCA FAMILY CENTER
20201 Saddle Club Road
Weston, FL 33327
954.424.9622

ymcabroward.org

- ✓ DJ & MUSIC
- ✓ BASKETBALL
- ✓ ZUMBA
- ✓ SPINNING
- ✓ YOGA
- ✓ KICKBOXING
- ✓ GAMES
- ✓ FRIENDS
- ✓ FOOD
- ✓ FUN
- ✓ RAFFLES
- ✓ and MORE!!





GO GREEN, DO MORE BLUE

Take another look at all the things you can put in your big blue cart:



- The daily news and boxes for shoes
- Magazines, catalogs, junk mail and paper.



- Beverage cans and glass jars from jam



- Water bottles, shampoo bottles, soda bottles, any bottles
- Milk jugs and butter tubs



- Laundry soap containers or cartons of juice; old phone books you just don't use



- Brown paper bags and old memo pads

But whatever you do,
NO PLASTIC BAGS...



Thank You For Recycling
Go Green and Do More Blue

For a list of items that can and cannot be recycled, please visit:
<http://www.westonfl.org/Departments/PublicWorks/GarbageRecycle.aspx>



UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS



LADIES DOUBLES MIXER – WESTON TENNIS

Friday, May 16th

9:00AM-12:00PM

The Weston Tennis Center is hosting the Iola Ladies Doubles Mixer – Enjoy a fun Caribbean themed mixer with your friends or meet new friends to celebrate the end of another fantastic season and the upcoming summer.

\$20 per person, includes food and drinks.

Call 954-389-8666 or email s.browne@cliffdrysdale.com



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) & ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

Sunday, May 18th

8:00AM-3:00PM

Free drop off of HHW and electronics for recycling and proper disposal. **Just pull up and crews will remove items for you.**

Location: Weston Public Works Services Center, 2599 South Post Road, between 8am-3pm.

http://www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/2014_Household_Hazardous_Waste_and_Recycling_Event.pdf



CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, May 19th

7:00PM

A regular meeting of the Weston City Commission.

Location: Weston City Hall, 17200 Royal Palm Blvd.



MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED

Monday, May 26th

All City Administrative Offices will be closed in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday. The City of Weston, along with our nation, honors those who died while serving in the US Armed Forces.

All city parks will remain open and there will be regularly scheduled recycling and garbage collection.

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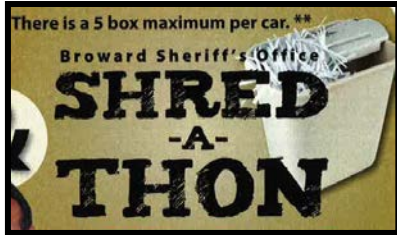


CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, June 2nd 7:00PM

A regular meeting of the Weston City Commission.

Location: Weston City Hall, 17200 Royal Palm Blvd.



BSO SHRED-a-THON &

OPERATION MEDICINE CABINET – Free!

Saturday, June 14th 9AM-12PM

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.



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



2014 WESTON JULY 4TH PARADE APPLICATION

Friday, July 4th – Parade starts at 10:30AM

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.

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



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EMS GO PACKET INITIATIVE

BSO Weston Fire Rescue – Is offering the EMS Go Packet 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.



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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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

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.