



May 27, 2014

# WESTON UNIVERSITY GRADUATION

**CLASS OF 2014** 



# Congratulations Students!

- Veronica Betancur
- Jimmy Boone
- Annabel Campo
- Amanda Cao
- Daniela Cediel
- Camila Chediak
- Kyle Driscoll

- Oriana Fuenmayor
- Stephanie Gomez
- Sofia Guglielmone
- Nicholas Hinostroza
- Adam Levine
- Mary Manuel
- Ricardo Mitrano

- Maria Moncaliano
- Mariam Moratinos
- David O'Shields
- Juliana Rocha
- Scarlett Rocha
- Alexis Sidle
- Michaela White

Plaques, certificates and memory books were presented to the 21 graduating program students at the May 19<sup>th</sup> City Commission meeting, also attended by Broward County School Board Members Robin Bartleman and Laurie Rich Levinson. The program class is made up of students from Cypress Bay, Western and Sagemont High Schools.

Weston initiated the Weston University program in October 2002, to give select high school students an in-depth education on the functions of local government. The sevenmenth program is designed to provide a unique civic education. Students met once a month for a full-day that highlighted different aspects and characteristics of Weston's governmental structure.

The City will initiate application for the next Weston University program through each high school in September 2014.

For more information on the program and to view the memory book, please visit <a href="https://www.westonfl.org/Departments/Communications/YouthInGovernment.aspx">www.westonfl.org/Departments/Communications/YouthInGovernment.aspx</a>.





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# HEROIC CROSSING GUARD HONORED AT CITY COMMISSION MEETING



Ms. Liliana Vargas, a crossing guard who has worked a Weston post for over three years, was honored at the May 19, 2014 City Commission Meeting.

On May 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm, Ms. Vargas was at her post at Saddle Club and Indian Trace. The driver of a vehicle had become unconscious from a seizure, lost control, and at a high rate of speed, crossed over the median, hit a street sign and barreled toward the intersection where Ms. Vargas and three children were standing. Ms. Vargas immediately grabbed the three children and ran. The car came within 10 feet of Ms. Vargas and the children; went up and over the embankment and into the ravine on the other side. The driver was fortunately not seriously injured as well as Ms. Vargas and the children.

Mayor Stermer presented Ms. Vargas with Certificate of Recognition and gift, as a small expression of the gratitude for her heroic actions and dedication to the students in our community.

There are almost 70 crossing guards stationed in Weston who are dedicated professionals whose sole concern is the safety of Weston children each day. They are out at their posts twice a day, five days a week, rain or shine. **Their commitment is greatly appreciated!** 





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# THOR GUARD UPGRADES IN WESTON PARKS

Florida is the "Lightning Capital of the United States" and May through October is the most active period for lightning. The City of Weston utilizes today's technology to keep residents and visitors safe in the event of inclement weather.



Thor Guard reads the activity of the electrostatic field in the atmosphere and predicts the probability of a lighting strike within a predetermined area. When the system detects the possibility of lightning, a loud siren is produced by a cluster of horns



known as the "Voice of Thor". The 15 second blast heard around the park is an indication that lightning is possible and people should take shelter immediately. The system continues to monitor weather conditions generating an "all clear" signal of three, 5 second horn blasts when conditions improve.

While the system has been in place for many years, a determination was made that it was time for upgrades. Vista Park, Tequesta Trace Park and Weston Regional Park visitors will now find upgrades which include new strobe lights near the entrances at each park. A blinking light at the entrance will be an immediate and clear indication that conditions are favorable for lightning for people just arriving at the parks.

One of the most useful aspects of this upgrade will be the text messaging capabilities. When a system goes into a warning it will generate a text message to park staff and league personnel.

Thor Guard is a valuable tool but it should not be a substitute for common sense. If lightning is seen without a siren warning sound, park users should seek shelter inside a building or vehicle.

## **Lightning Precautions**

- Avoid open high ground and isolated large trees.
- Avoid water, beaches and boats.
- Seek shelter inside a building or an automobile. A picnic shelter or dugouts are not safe shelters from lightning.
- Stay away from doors, windows, and metal objects such as pipes or faucets.
- Stay off the telephone and away from electrical devices.
- Do not ignore the warning siren.

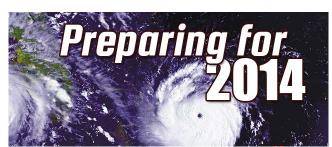




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# HURRICANE SEASON BEGINS JUNE 1 TAKE STEPS NOW TO BE PREPARED

# **HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS – A Continuing Series**



The importance of having a hurricane preparedness plan in place cannot be stressed enough. Families and businesses should take steps to be ready. These include developing a communications plan, putting together a kit, and staying informed of the latest forecasts and local emergency plans.

You cannot control when a hurricane or other emergency may happen, but you can make sure you are ready.

This is the first in a series of Newsday Tuesday informational articles to come on hurricane preparedness.

## REGISTER NOW FOR SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTERS! DON'T WAIT!

Pre-registration is required in advance for the elderly, the vulnerable, those with special needs and those who need pet shelters.

You may always call 3-1-1 for any hurricane registration needs.

Special Needs Shelter	954-357-6385 or TTY 954-357-5608
- Pre-register before use	www.broward.org/AtRisk/Pages/Specialmedical.aspx
Vulnerable Population Registry	954-831-4000
- For elderly, frail or disabled	www.broward.org/registry
Pet-Friendly Hurricane Shelter	954-989-3977 (Broward Humane Society)
	http://humanebroward.com/hurricane-news/
Large Animal Registration	954-831-4000
	www.broward.org/Hurricane/AtoZ/Pages/LargeAnimalRegistry.
American Red Cross of Broward County	954-797-3800
	http://browardredcross-org.redcrossfl.com/
County Hurricane eMail Updates	http://bcegov3.broward.org/notify/
Weston CodeRED Emergency Notices	954-385-2000
	www.westonfl.org/Residents/Hurricane/CodeRed.aspx
Weston E-Notification Systems	954-385-2000
	www.westonfl.org/EmailSubscriptions.aspx
<b>Broward County Hurricane Website</b>	http://www.broword.org/burricano/Dagos/Default.acpy
	http://www.broward.org/hurricane/Pages/Default.aspx





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# WESTON TENNIS CENTER

Junior Tennis Party Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>



Come out and join the fun with Weston Tennis Center for the Junior Tennis Party! The party will include fun games, prizes, food and drinks for all!

When: Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>

**Time:** 1:00PM

**Cost:** This event is complimentary for 2013-2014

junior program participants and open to the public, no tennis experience is required to

participate.

Guests: \$5 per person

For more information, please contact Weston Tennis Center Pro Shop at 954-389-8666 or <a href="www.schuetsz@cliffdrysdale.com">w.schuetsz@cliffdrysdale.com</a>.

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

Visit <u>www.cliffdrysdale.com</u> for information on membership and classes.







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# TWO GREAT SUMMER CAMP OPTIONS AT WESTON TENNIS CENTER

# Take Your Game to the next level at WESTON TENNIS CENTER Weekly Sessions • June 9th - August 15th

Rookie & Academy Camp or Tennis Camp

> Weekly Sessions beginning June 9<sup>th</sup> through August 15<sup>th</sup>

At the Cliff Drysdale Tennis Rookie and Academy Summer Camp at the Weston Tennis Center, we are experienced in training dedicated athletes who want to become world-class tennis players. Our training philosophy is built to create real tennis players who will have a keen knowledge of the greatest game! Our coaching staff has personal playing and coaching experience at the ITF, Collegiate and Professional level, and provides our students with the comprehensive skills necessary to bring our students to the next level in life and their own tennis career. Join us this summer for intensive tennis training and fun in the sun!

#### program includes

- Tennis Drills, Tactics and Strategy
- Latest Tour Techniques
- Match Play and Coaching
- Fitness
- Water Activities

#### equipment/clothing

Please label all articles of clothing and

- Tennis Racquet
- Sunscreen
- Tennis Shoes
- Hat
- Water Bottle
- Bathing Suit & Towel

For more information, please contact Stephen Browne at 954-389-8666 or s.browne@cliffdrysdale.com.

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# AARP SAFE DRIVING COURSE FOR MATURE ADULTS

# Saturday, June 7th

The City of Weston is offering AARP's 55 Alive/Mature Driving Program. This is a six (6) hour classroom session designed as a refresher course in safe driving.



The course is available to anyone 50 and over. A reduction in automobile insurance premium is allowed to each person 55 and over, by most insurance companies when the course is completed and the driver has a safe driving record.

Please bring a bagged lunch and AARP members should bring their card.

For information on other 55+ Club events, visit <a href="http://www.westonfl.org/Departments/ParksAndRecreation/55Plus">http://www.westonfl.org/Departments/ParksAndRecreation/55Plus</a> Club.aspx.

DATE: <u>Saturday</u>, June 7<sup>th</sup>

**TIME:** 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Weston Community Center

20200 Saddle Club Road Located inside the Weston

Regional Park

**REGISTER:** Advance registration is required

To register, call Sonny

at 954-385-9920.

**COST:** \$15.00 AARP members

\$20.00 non-members







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# WESTON BRANCH LIBRARY JUNE ADULT AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

## **ADULT SERVICES PROGRAMS**

Literacy Programs

Linda Abraham (954-357-5304)

Tuesday English Café, Beginners 10:30a – 12:30p

Citizenship Studies 6:00p - 7:30p

WednesdayEnglish Café6:00p - 7:30pThursdaySpanish Café, Intermediate10:30a - 12:00pFridayEnglish Café10:30a - 12:30p

Spanish Café, Advanced 10:30a - 12:00p

Book Club in a Bag Ongoing Linda Abraham (954-357-5306)

Writers Circle Saturday 10:30a - 12:00p

Jumpstart, Structure & Share Your Gems Astrid (954-389-2245)

# **YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAMS** For information, call 954-357-5430

Thursdays Baby Story Time Ages 3 mos-11 mos 10:30a - 11:00a

Toddler Story Time Ages 12 mos-35 mos 11:30a - 12:00p

Preschool Story Time Ages 3–5 years 12:30p - 1:00p

Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> Library Chess Club Ages 7-17 years 4:30p - 5:30p

Thursday, June 19<sup>t</sup> Wags & Tales Ages 5–12 (pre-register) 3:00p - 4:00p

# Special Events

Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> Rootin' Tootin' Reading Round Up All Ages 11:00a – 11:45a

Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> Spin, Pop, Boom – Mad Science All Ages 11:00a – 11:45a

Wed., June 25<sup>th</sup> Stuffed Animal Sleepover All Ages Drop off 3:30p

*Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup>* Babysitting Class (pre-register) Ages 11-15 2:00p - 4:00p

Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> Fantasy Stew Theatre All Ages 11:00a – 11:45a

For more information and additional classes and events, please call 954-357-5420 or visit <a href="http://www.broward.org/Library/EventsClasses/Pages/ProgramsWE.aspx">http://www.broward.org/Library/EventsClasses/Pages/ProgramsWE.aspx</a>.





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# MAGIC SHOW AT WESTON BRANCH LIBRARY MAGICIAN JONATHAN BLACK

Saturday, May 31st

# Don't miss this free show!

# The magic happens right before your eyes!

Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> 11:00 am show time

Weston Branch Library

Multi-Purpose Room 4205 Bonaventure Blvd.

A Show for ALL Ages!

Mr. Black returns to the Weston Branch Library for another spectacular show!



For more information, please call 954-357-5420 or visit www.broward.org/library.







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# PARENT'S CAFÉ (EN ESPANOL) Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>

# Prevention: The Key to Success





## FREE EVENT

Come and be part of the solution. Join other parents who will share knowledge and experience on how to identify early signs that our children/teens may be using drugs or alcohol.

#### Date:

Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:30-8:30 p.m.

#### Location:

Weston Community Center located inside of the Weston Regional Park 20200 Saddle Club Road, 954-389-4321

#### Presentation:

Dr. Gretchen Rovira

## Pre-registration:

Please call 954-763-4505 or send an email confirming your participation to: <u>jrada@browardsafety.org</u>.

United Way of Broward County Commission on Substance Abuse 1300 South Andrews Ave. Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33316



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# **UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS**



## JUNIOR TENNIS PARTY

Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> 1:00PM

No tennis experience required! Fun games, prizes, food and drink. Free to Junior Program participants and \$5 for all others. For additional information or to sign up call 954-389-8666 or email <a href="mailto:w.schuetz@cliffdrysdale.com">w.schuetz@cliffdrysdale.com</a>

Location: Weston Tennis Center, 1645 Racquet Club Road



# CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup>

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.



## CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup>

7:00PM

A regular meeting of the Weston City Commission. **Location:** Weston City Hall, 17200 Royal Palm Blvd.





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## 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 4<sup>TH</sup> PARADE APPLICATION

Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup> – Parade starts at 10:30AM

All groups, organizations, businesses and bands are welcome! Join us for a 4<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup>. 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



## **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.





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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):

**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/EmailSubsciptions.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.