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WESTON CRIME RATE DECREASES Crime Rate Statistics Released 2012-2013

THE GREAT NEWS

The just released Florida Department of Law Enforcement Uniform Crime Report County and Municipal Offense Data for January-December 2013 places the Weston crime rate per 100,000 persons at 816.1; one of the largest decreases of crime rate in Broward County. The crime rate change for Weston from 2012 to 2013 is a drop of 26.1%; giving us the **LOWEST** crime rate in Broward County.

Congratulations are in order to Chief Kevin Butler, all of the deputies and the support staff that comes to work in Weston each and every day and make Weston the safest place in Broward County.

THE GOOD NEWS

Residents can help that rate decline even further. Crime reports in Weston show that the city's largest crime is larceny (theft).

The Broward Sheriff's office urges residents to **LOCK YOUR CARS AND HOMES** and don't hesitate to report any suspicious persons or activity.



Leaving items in an unlocked vehicle or an open garage is a crime of opportunity.

LOCK IT... DON'T LOSE IT. *An Easy Step to Crime Prevention*



For more information on the crime statistics and reports throughout Florida, please visit <http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/Content/FSAC/UCR/UCR-Home.aspx>.



UNLICENSED CONTRACTORS NABBED BY WESTON'S BROWARD SHERIFF'S OFFICE

During a two-day multi-agency operation in April, Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) cracked down on unlicensed contractors committing fraud in Broward County. **The operation took place in a home in Weston.** Undercover detectives posed as homeowners looking to renovate; setting up meetings with 30 contractors, many of whom have been cited in the past for operating without proper licensing.

Thirty out of thirty did not have the proper license or insurance to perform the work they were offering to do. BSO issued 30 citations and 25 notices to appear in court.

Why do people hire them? According to BSO, they lure consumers with cheaper prices and get the business – however the old adage of “you get what you pay for” is ultimately true. Disreputable contractors often take money never completing the job; leave items improperly installed; do not get required permits; and work may not be to code.

WHY A LICENCED CONTRACTOR IS IMPORTANT TO YOU?

There are several reasons, the first being life safety. Licensed contractors have the tested skills and knowledge to do a proper job. They then must prove the financial capacity to have a company dealing with public funds and they must stay educated on new codes and regulations. Getting a proper permit for work requires a properly licensed professional. They are less likely to cut corners for financial gain or regarding safety procedures. They are mandated to keep workman's comp and general liability insurance which protects you as a property owner, and they go through a rigorous screening procedure.



BSO and the Weston Building Department urge all consumers to carefully review any agreement and verify a contractor's license and work history before signing. It comes down to buyer beware and the responsibility is on the owner – don't just take someone's word for it.

You can search for a valid license online at: www.myfloridalicense.com/wl11.asp.

Questions on needing a permit: Call the Weston Building Department at 954-385-0500. Search for open permits or apply online at: <https://inkforce.westonfl.org/WestonInkforce/Tasks.aspx>



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BCPS HIGH SCHOOLS NAMED AMONG BEST IN THE NATION BY *U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT*

including our own Cypress Bay High School!



Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) is home to several Best High Schools in the nation and state, according to recent rankings by *U.S. News & World Report*.

Weston's own Cypress Bay High School was among Broward's gold medalists' schools (#15 in the state, #159 nationally). In all, 13 BCPS high schools received gold, silver or bronze medals in the *U.S. News'* Best High Schools 2013 national ranking.



American Institutes for Research implemented U.S. News comprehensive rankings methodology, which is based on the key principles that a great high school must serve all of its students well, not just those who are college-bound, and that it must be able to produce measurable academic outcomes to show the school is successfully educating its student body across a range of performance indicators.



A three-step process determined the Best High Schools. The first two steps ensured that the schools serve their entire student body well, using performance on state proficiency tests as the benchmarks. For those schools that made it past the first two steps, a third step assessed which schools produced the best college-level achievement for the highest percentages of their students.

**Congrats to Cypress Bay High School
and all of the BCPS included in this report!**

For a complete listing of the awardees, please visit
<http://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools>.



POLICE SERVICES ACADEMY Offered To Weston Residents Ages 11-17



BSO OFFERS SUMMER PROGRAM – Weston residents, boys and girls ages 11-17, have the opportunity to be a part of a program initiated by the Broward Sheriff's Office-Weston: *The Weston University – Broward Sheriff's Office Police Services Academy.*

In its seventh year, the academy provides youth the opportunity to explore law enforcement services on an in-depth basis with hands-on exercises, education and safety training, and exposes students to a variety of career paths. The eight week, once a week academy, takes place June 16th thru August 4th. This free program is enriching, educational and FUN. Tied into the city's Weston University Program, the academy offers an extension of civics education to students wanting something a little different than the average summer fare.



Lectures and field trips will include topics in:

Defensive Tactics / DUI & D.A.R.E. Classes / Crime Scene Investigations / Internet Safety; Tours may include: Main Jail, Courthouse, BSO SWAT, BSO Aviation and Marine Units

DATES: Begins June 16, 2014
DAYS: Monday evenings
TIMES: 6:00pm –8:00pm
LOCATION: Weston Police Services Building



Application/Registration forms are available on the City of Weston website at www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/2014_WestonU_Police_Services_Academy_flyer.pdf.

Applications are also available at the Weston Police Services Building. For additional information please call 954-389-2010 or email Deputy Pallotto at kari_pallotto@sheriff.org.

Forms must be submitted no later than June 10, 2014. Space is limited.



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WALK IN A BROWARD COUNTY PARK... IT'S GOOD FOR YOU!

What better place to walk – or hike or stroll – than a park right around the corner? Here are some group opportunities at various Broward County Parks this month (there are fees for some of the walks, please visit the Park's website for details):



Nature at Night Hike

* Friday, May 9, 8-9 p.m.

[Long Key Natural Area & Nature Center](#)

* Wednesday, May 14, 8-9 p.m.

[Secret Woods Nature Center](#)

* Saturday, May 17, 7-8 p.m.

[Tall Cypress Natural Area](#)



Trail Stroll

* Sunday, May 11, 2-4 p.m.

[Anne Kolb Nature Center](#)

Guided Nature Hike

* Sunday, May 25, 10-11 a.m.

[Long Key Natural Area & Nature Center](#)

Plankton-a-Plenty Hike

* Saturday, May 31, 10-11 a.m.

[Anne Kolb Nature Center](#)

Solo walking is also popular at most of the parks. Visit Broward.org/Parks for a complete list.





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**ENTREPRENEURS AND INVENTORS
BUSINESS WORKSHOP
SATURDAY, MAY 17TH AT WESTON BRANCH LIBRARY**

— 2014 —
**BUSINESS
DEVELOPMENT**
— Workshop Series —

Saturday, May 17, 2014
10:30 AM - Noon
[Weston Branch Library](#)
4205 Bonaventure Blvd.
Weston, FL 33332

Get the Universal Skills Needed to Succeed in Business!
The “Business Development Series” is a **FREE** monthly workshop series presented by the Office of Economic and Small Business Development in partnership with the Purchasing Division.

Aspiring Entrepreneurs and Inventors
Take Your Idea to the Next Level

This workshop will show you how to transform your business idea into a successful business. Get important facts and tips you need to know on topics such as patents, royalties and marketing.

Welcome Remarks:
Broward County Commissioner Martin David Kiar, District I
Featured Guest Speaker:
Jay Leopardi, Founder & CEO, Bad Boy Branding

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 954-357-6400
OR VISIT WWW.BROWARD.ORG/ECONDEV.**



GREATER FORT LAUDERDALE 2014 SUMMER SAVINGS 2-for-1 Summer Offers

Discover another side of summer at a bargain with unique 2-for-1 offers, valid May 1st through September 30th. The Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau has announced their annual 2-for-1 partners for this year! This offer provides visitors and residents with options to play, explore, relax and revel in experiences from the ocean to the Everglades.

Discover a passion for diving. Charter a fishing boat for an afternoon adventure. Spend the day relaxing and revitalizing at the spa. It's all part of a vacation that goes beyond the ordinary. Discover another side of summer and yourself and get your personal journey started.

2 ways to access the deals (take your pick):

- [Print your 2-for-1 coupon now](#) or
- [Receive your 2-for-1 Summer Savings Card by mail](#)



Either the printed coupon or the Summer Savings card must accompany your visit to receive the 2-for-1 offers.

For more information and for a full listing of the 'Super Summer Savings' offers visit <http://www.sunny.org/ways-to-play/summer/>.



NEW DAYS FOR OPEN BRIDGE PLAY AND MAHJONG

WESTON COMMUNITY CENTER ADULT PROGRAMS

Open Bridge Play

Dates: Runs Continuously
Days: Monday 12:30 pm-4:00 pm
Wednesday 12:00 pm-3:30 pm
Friday 12:00 pm-3:30 pm
Cost: Free



Join the fun for social Bridge!

Open Mahjong

Dates: Runs Continuously
Days: Thursday 12:30 pm-3:30 pm
Cost: Free



Join the fun on Thursdays
for Mahjong.



For a complete list of programs at the Weston Community Center, please call 954-389-4321 or visit www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/Class_Schedule.pdf.



UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS



DISASTER PREPAREDNESS SYMPOSIUM

Wednesday, May 7th 6:00PM-8:00PM

Free symposium will offer residents and businesses the opportunity to learn about the current hurricane forecast, what you can expect during and after a disaster in Broward County and the City. Refreshments will be served.

Guest Speakers: Mr. Stacey Stewart, Senior Hurricane Specialist, NOAA, National Hurricane Center, Miami, Mr. Chuck Lanza, Broward County Emergency Management Director, and Mr. John R. Flint, Weston City Manager.

Location: Bonaventure Town Center, 16690 Saddle Club Road – Theater room. Info or RSVP: 954-389-2015



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.

CLICK ON PAGE FOR MORE EVENTS!!!



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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.



CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, June 2nd

7:00PM

A regular meeting of the Weston City Commission.

Location: Weston City Hall, 17200 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.



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/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.