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## GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND APPROVED FOR BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



On November 5, 2014, the Broward County School Board and Superintendent Robert W. Runcie, accompanied by District leadership and community members, thanked the community for the approval of the \$800 million General Obligation Bond.

The General Obligation Bond will provide the funds necessary to meet our schools' most critical life-safety, technology and facility needs, as well as invest in music, art and athletic programs. The bond is an investment for the

students' futures so they have the resources needed to learn to their highest potential.

### 5 Things to Know About the General Obligation Bond and SMART Initiative:

- 212 schools will receive improvements on their building envelopes and resolve all needs for roof, window and wall renovations and replacements across the District.
- 217 schools will receive renovations to their HVAC systems ensuring that every school in the District has fully-functioning air conditioning and improved air quality.
- 287 safety projects will take place District-wide to address all fire alarm and fire sprinkler needs. Additionally, every school will have a complete Single Point of Entry system.
- All District schools will receive improvements to their computers and technology infrastructure.
- **All District schools** will receive \$100,000 in funding from the Bond that can be used to support school identified capital improvement projects.

For more information about the Approved General Obligation Bond, please visit



http://browardschools.com/Web/Smart-Futures#.VFvfkWd0wuU.





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### **CALLING ALL RUNNERS – REGISTER NOW!**

### Rotary Run for Tomorrow 5K/Half-Marathon

### Sunday, December 14th

Since 1998, the Weston Rotary Club has organized the Run for Tomorrow. In recent years, the run has attracted thousands of participants and spectators.





The Run For Tomorrow & Get Fit Fest is one of the fundraising events organized annually by club members. Proceeds from the event go to fund three areas of Weston Rotary Club's charities. Dozens of fitness partners and health and lifestyle vendors staff booths at the Get Fit Fest with new products, games, food, wellness checks, and a great day of family fun for all ages.

The Half Marathon and 5K will take place on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> with a 6:20am start time from Weston Town Center, 1675 Market Street, Weston. There will also be a One-Mile Family Health Walk for the Mayor's Challenge Cup at 9:00am and a free GetFit Fest until 1pm.



### To register for the road races please visit:

http://www.active.com/westonfl/running/distance-running-races/17th-annualrun-for-tomorrow-2014?int=.

For more information on all of the upcoming events, please visit <a href="https://www.rotaryclubofwestonevents.com">www.rotaryclubofwestonevents.com</a>.

<b>EVENT FEES:</b>	Half Marathon	5K Run
Pre-Register	\$40.00	\$30.00
Raceday	\$45.00	\$35.00







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# New Date! (re-scheduled due to weather)

## HARVEST DRIVE FUN DAY & FOOD COLLECTION Children Helping Children... SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16<sup>th</sup>

Since 1992, Harvest Drive is a yearlong project that partners with Broward County Schools and culminates in a food collection event that takes place at numerous schools prior to Thanksgiving. This year students from over 150 public and private schools, as well as churches, temples and neighborhoods are holding drives to supply the Harvest Drive with the non-perishable food that is distributed to the families.

### DON'T MISS THE HARVEST DRIVE FUN DAY AND COLLECTION

Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 2pm – 6pm at Weston Town Center

Bring your donations to the Fun Day!

#### Requested Donations:

- o Juice
- o Rice
- Jelly
- o Peanut Butter
- Pancake Mix
- o Pasta
- o Cereal
- o Cookies
- Stuffing
- Canned Meats
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Gravy
- Canned Potatoes
- Napkins
- o Dish Soap
- Toothpaste
- Soap

### **FUN DAY EVENTS INCLUDE:**

Pumpkin Painting \* Coloring Contests Pumpkin Patch \* Hay Rides \* and More!

2014 HARVEST DRIVE GOAL: Feed 2,000 families in Broward County



For more information please visit <u>www.harvestdriveflorida.com</u>.





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## FIRE SAFETY MONTH WAS A HUGE SUCCESS (AND TONS OF FUN!)

Weston's Fire Safety Month activities were a huge hit. Due to an overwhelming response from the City's Elementary and Pre-K schools, Weston's fire safety month activities began back in September and will continue to expand through the second week of November.

Weston fire rescue crews and Life Safety Educator, Melanie Oren were very busy visiting schools and hosting station visits to spread the word about fire safety. year, students from Cambridge school, Country Isles Elementary, Eagle Point Elementary, Everglades Elementary, Gator Run Elementary, Imagine Charter School, Indian Trace Elementary, Manatee Bay Elementary, Sagemont Lower School, St. Paul Lutheran School, Three Village Montessori, and Weston Christian Academy had an opportunity to participate in fire safety presentations, activities, tour the fire trucks, play games, and take pictures with the firefighters.





Teachers and parents also joined in the fun by touring the fire station, spraying the fire hose, trying on the firefighters' bunker gear, and posing for pictures with their kids.

PLEASE SEE NEXT PAGE FOR MORE PHOTOS!





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### **FIRE SAFETY MONTH (continued)**

This year, the fire department also held a poster contest and the theme was "Smoke Alarms Save Lives, Test Yours Every Month" which emphasized the importance of smoke alarms. We applaud all of the students and teachers that participated. The winners from each school will be presented with their awards and prizes during an awards presentation during the month of November.

A sincere thank you to all of the schools for participating and working with the fire department to coordinate fun, interactive, educational opportunities for their students to help them learn about fire safety.



For more information about Fire Safety Lessons with LSE Melanie Oren, please call 954-831-8210.









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### BE PROUD TO GROW THAT MOUSTACHE

IT'S MOVEMBER; Men's Health AWARENESS Month

Men, stop the hesitation and mark your calendars now for your next doctor's appointment!

Take the initiative for early prevention and detection on health issues that primarily effect men by speaking up and taking action. Keep in mind, your health is not only important for yourself but also your family and friends.

Join the City of Weston and Mayor Daniel Stermer in the support to raise awareness for men's health by participating in Movember.



Mayor Daniel Stermer supporting Movember with his STYLISH moustache

Using the moustache as a catalyst, the idea of Movember is to bring change, give men the opportunity and confidence to learn or talk about their health, and raising funds for awareness.

The Movember Foundation aims for change by putting a fun twist on serious issues such as Prostate Cancer, Testicular Cancer, Mental Health and general health of men.

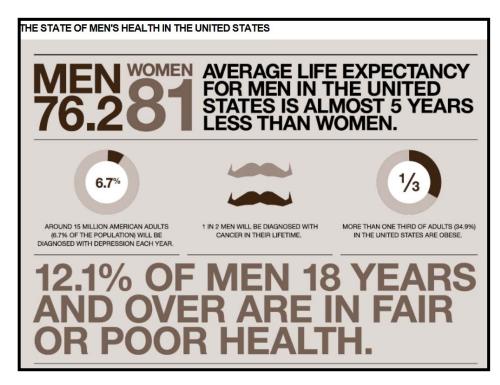
See page 2 for men's health statistics and facts





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### Men's Health AWARENESS Month - Continued



Pick up the phone NOW and schedule an appointment with your doctor!

The reason for the poor state of men's health are numerous and complex and include:

- Lack of awareness and understanding of the health issues men face
- Men not openly discussing their health and how they're feeling
- Reluctance to take action when men don't feel physically or mentally well
- Men engaging in risky activities that threaten their health
- Stigmas surrounding mental health
- Men are 24 percent less likely than women to have visited a doctor within the past year



For more information regarding men's health, sign up for Movember along with official rules, please visit <a href="http://us.movember.com/?HOME">http://us.movember.com/?HOME</a>.





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### HURRICANE SAFETY TIP REMINDERS

### BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER A STORM

### **HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS – A Continuing Series**

Hurricane Season comes to an end on November 30<sup>th</sup> but keep in mind disaster can strike at any time without notice. Staying alert and prepared before, during and after a storm will help control last minute confusion, panic, and scrambling for hurricane supplies.

As a reminder, please keep in mind the following hurricane safety tips below to insure safety for yourself, family and assets.







- Build an emergency kit and make a family communications plan.
- Learn the elevation level of your property and whether the land is flood-prone.
- Know hurricane evacuation routes and how to find higher ground.
- Cover all your windows. Permanent storm shutters offer the best protection.
- Be sure trees and scrubs around your home are well trimmed.
- Clear loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts.
- Plan to bring in all outdoor furniture, decorations, and garbage cans.
- Determine how and where to secure your boat or outdoor animals/livestock.
- Install a generator for emergencies.
- Have enough non-perishable foods and medicines for family and pets.
- Keep documentation of assets via pictures and serial numbers in a waterproof bag.
- Report downed power lines and stay away from them.

### For more information, please visit

http://www.fema.gov/disaster/4068/updates/hurricane-safety-tips-learn-what-do-during-and-after-hurricane.





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## NEW WEBSITE LAUNCHED FOR FORT LAUDERDALE/HOLLYWOOD AIRPORT

### SITE ALLOWS FOR BETTER FUNCTIONALITY ON ALL DEVICES

Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL) has unveiled a new and improved design for its official website, <u>FLL.net.</u> The home page now features an updated look and feel, with streamlined content and enhanced functionality for any mobile device.

The improved site allows for better information gathering and transaction processing even as travelers are waiting for their flights. The site is built in "responsive design," automatically adjusting to different devices, including smaller mobile and tablet devices, without losing functionality.





New to the site are interactive terminal maps that provide information and direction to departure and arrival gates, bathroom facilities, and vendor locations such as restaurants and news stores.

In a nod to the growing expectation for real-time information, the new site also gives prominence to advisories and special announcements to warn travelers of travel delays and weather alerts.

### The homepage provides for access to the most commonly used features:

- Parking, ground transportation, rental cars, dining, maps and more
- Real-time arrival and departure flight status reports
- Access to three runway cameras to track construction and weather conditions
- Weather widget featuring South Florida's current weather conditions

For updates on airport programs and services, follow us on <a href="mailto:Twitter@FLLFlyer">Twitter@FLLFlyer</a>, or visit <a href="mailto:FLL.net">FLL.net</a>. FLL offers free wi-fi service throughout the airport's four terminals.





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### NOVEMBER IS "NaNoWriMo" -NATIONAL NOVEL WRITING MONTH Visit your Broward County Library

National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) is a fun, seat-of-your-pants approach to creative writing. Established in 1999, NaNoWriMo is for anyone who has ever thought fleetingly about writing a novel. Get a head start with various fun and free events at Broward County Libraries!

### Online Resources for National Novel Writing Month

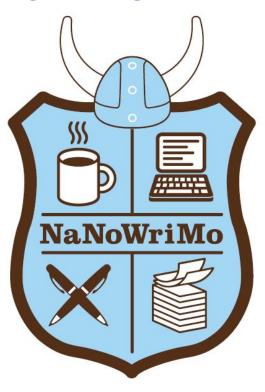
Use your Broward County Library card to access these free online resources from your library. Get inspired and explore the world of authors, books, literature and writing, wherever and whenever.

- Books & Authors: A valuable reference source for everyone from students and professionals to the casual reader. Explore endless possibilities and combinations of books authors and topics.
- <u>Literature Criticism Online</u>: Literature criticism archive resources, including Dictionary of Literary Biography Complete Online, Literature Criticism Online and Something About the Author Online.
- <u>Literature Resource Center</u>: Full-text biographies, bibliographies and critical analyses of more than 20,000 authors from every time period and literary discipline. Also includes overviews of major literary works, Web links, timelines, and MLA International Bibliography.





<u>Universal Class</u> is an online educational service providing a diverse offering of intellectually stimulating courses, including classes in creative writing, freelance writing, humor writing, marketing and outreach for authors, novel writing 101, romance writing and more. Use your <u>Broward County Library card</u> to access these and other free, inspiring classes that will get your creative juices flowing.







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## BROWARD COUNTY PARKS FAMILY HAYRIDE & CAMPFIRE SERIES



Come out and bring the entire family for hayrides around the park, a marshmallow roast around the campfire along with hot dogs or s'mores all while enjoying the great outdoors!

The Family Hayride and Campfire Series will be held on Fridays from November through January.

Pre-registration and pre-payment are required by calling or visiting the park of your choice.

Easterlin Park - November 21, January 23

1000 N.W. 38th St., Oakland Park

Time: 7:00PM-9:30PM

954-357-5190

**Quiet Waters Park** - November 7, December 12

401 S. Powerline Rd., Deerfield Beach

Time: 7:00PM-9:30PM

954-357-5100

Tradewinds Park & Stables - January 9, February 6,

February 20, March 6 Time: 7:00PM-9:30PM

3600 W. Sample Rd., Coconut Creek

954-357-8870

T.Y. Park - November 14, December 19

Time: 6:00PM-9:00PM

3300 N. Park Rd., Hollywood

954-357-8811





For more information about Family Hayride & Campfire Series, please visit

http://www.broward.org/PARKS/THINGSTODO/Pages/Family-Hayride-and-Campfire-Series.aspx.





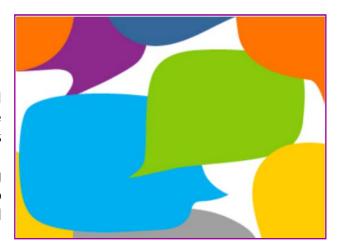
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### SOCIAL COMMUNICATION STATION CLASS

### **Begins December 2nd**

For students with Asperger's Syndrome, High-Functioning Autism, ADD/ADHD or other Social Learning Challenges

Sign up today for the City of Weston's Social Communication Class. It is a pragmatics course for students with a diagnosis of Asperger's Syndrome, High-Functioning Autism, ADD/ADHD, Social Anxiety, or any other social learning challenges. The instructors integrate group activities along with the Social Thinking® and Superflex Curriculums.



Candidates for the class should have average to above average cognitive abilities, as the classes focus on teaching students skills such as:

- \* Perspective taking
- \* Problem-solving
- Conversation skills
- \* Self-awareness and self-regulation
- \* Understanding emotions
- \* Reading body language and non-verbal clues

For registration information, email <u>socialdevelopmentclass@gmail.com</u>, or visit <u>www.socialcommunicationstation.com</u> and complete the online form.

Please include your child's name, age, and diagnosis. You will be contacted for additional information in order to determine appropriate placement.

**Price:** \$300/8-week session

**Days:** Tuesdays: 12/2/14 -2/3/15

**Age:** Class time broken up by ages.

Please visit website for details.

Now accepting Parent Questionnaires for Winter Season www.socialcommunicationstation.com/parent-questionnaire.html.

Classes are held at the Weston Community Center located inside the Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Road, Weston.

For a complete listing of all classes and details, call the Weston Community Center at 954-389-4321 or visit our website at <a href="https://www.westonfl.org/Departments/ParksAndRecreation">www.westonfl.org/Departments/ParksAndRecreation</a>.





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### **UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS**



#### **VETERANS DAY**

### Tuesday, November 11th

All City Administrative Offices will be closed. All parks will be open; and there is regular garbage collection. Veterans Day is set aside to honor the members of our military, past and present.



### FREE MOONLIGHT MOVIE IN THE PARK RIO 2

Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> 7:30PM

It's a jungle out there for Blu, Jewel and their three kids after they're hurtled from Rio de Janeiro to the wilds of the Amazon. Rated "G"

**Location:** Outdoors at the Event Stage in the Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Road, 954-389-4321. *Bring lawn chairs or blankets, the movie is on us!* 



### CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup>

7:00PM

A regular meeting of the Weston City Commission. Swearing In Ceremony for elected commissioners. **Location:** Weston City Hall, 17200 Royal Palm Blvd.



## CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES CLOSED THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

Wednesday, Nov. 26 - Offices close at 3PM Thursday, Nov. 27 - Offices closed; Parks close 6pm Friday, Nov. 28 - Offices closed; Parks are open There is regular garbage collection on all days.

### **VIEW OUR UPCOMING 2014-2015 EVENTS VIDEO:**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SyQlGo1G8Bo&list=UUsk894Yc5M8HaXI7LDa0HDq

### **CLICK HERE FOR MORE EVENTS**





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Monday, December 1st

7:00PM

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### FOREIGN FILM SERIES – MY BEST ENEMY

Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> 5:00PM & 7:30PM A dark World War II comedy about two friends, stolen artwork, and a case of mistaken identities. Austria – English Subtitles

**Location:** Weston 8 Cinema, 1338 SW 160 Ave, Sunrise. **Tickets: \$7 for individual tickets**; pre-purchase at the Weston Community Center, Community Bank of Broward and Friends Book Store in the Weston Library.



### FREE MAGIC SHOW FOR CHILDREN

Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> 1:30PM & 3:00PM Calling all curious children... Join Magician Dave Kaplan at this free family event! Coins, cards, ropes, scarves & rings... the magic happens right before your eyes.

Best suited for ages Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade with a

Best suited for ages Pre-K through 2<sup>na</sup> grade with a parent or guardian.

**Location:** Weston Community Center inside the Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Road, 954-389-4321.



## FREE MOONLIGHT MOVIE IN THE PARK FROZEN

Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> 7:30PM

Fearless optimist Anna teams up with Kristoff in an epic journey in a race to find Anna's sister Elsa whose icy power have trapped the kingdom in eternal winter. Rated "PG"

**Location:** Outdoors at the Event Stage in the Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Road, 954-389-4321. *Bring lawn chairs or blankets, the movie is on us!* 





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## SAFE SELLING LOCATION FOR POTENTIAL ONLINE BUYERS/SELLERS

BSO's Weston district office's parking lot serves as a safe haven for the City's online buyers and sellers to meet. The Police Services Building is located at 17300 Royal Palm Boulevard. The parking lot is accessible 24 hours a day.



## C.E.R.T. BASIC TRAINING PROGRAM - FREE Tuesdays, January 6<sup>th</sup> - February 24<sup>th</sup>

Community Emergency Response Team training program is offered by the BSO Division of Fire Rescue. The program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, including CPR certification. Call 954-389-2015 to register.



#### **EMS GO PACKETS**

### **BSO Weston Fire Rescue - Free for Residents**

The packets are designed to hold medical information and legal documents to be placed in an accessible spot so EMS and hospital personnel can be aware of your medical conditions. 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 classes are offered as well as training 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**

**BSO Weston Fire Rescue** – This free service is designed to reach seniors or disabled who are unable to safely install smoke alarms and/or replace the batteries in existing alarms. Call 954-389-2015 to schedule.



## WESTON DELIVERS THE LATEST NEWS DIRECTLY TO YOUR INBOX

**Select from two options** (we recommend BOTH):

- \* **Newsday Tuesday**: A collection of weekly city news articles, information and events.
- \* General Notifications: Updates on projects; media releases; sports registrations, events and more.

**Subscribe at** <u>www.westonfl.org/EmailSubsciptions.aspx</u>.



### REGISTER FOR CodeRED TODAY

All residents and businesses should register with the City's CodeRED Emergency Notification System. The City will send out a message for an emergency situation only. To register, please visit:

www.westonfl.org/Residents/Hurricane/CodeRed.aspx.