



ELECTION 2014

PROPOSED WESTON CHARTER AMENDMENTS

NOVEMBER 4, 2014

Weston residents have important choices to make in the upcoming General Election that impact your city government.

On the ballot will be seven (7) proposed City Charter Amendments. Only a majority vote by the electorate can enact a change to the City Charter.



SUMMARY OF PROPOSED WESTON AMENDMENTS

Proposed Amendment #1. Delete Obsolete Language – would give the City permission to remove references in the City Charter that are no longer relevant.

Proposed Amendment #2. Holding of Special Elections – would extend the time frame for special elections, such as filling of vacancies or approval of charter amendments, to up to 180 days.

Proposed Amendment #3. City Commission Procedures Relating to Quorum and Voting – would allow unanimous approval when less than three members of the commission are eligible to vote due to vacancy or conflicts of interest. The current City Charter requires affirmative votes of at least three members of the Commission to take action.

Proposed Amendment #4. Initiative and Referendum – would add exceptions to the Charter on how electors may propose ordinances to the City Commission. Consistent with state law, the proposed amendment would add the following exceptions: ordinances regarding development orders, comprehensive plan amendments or map amendments.

Proposed Amendment #5. Criteria for, and Limitations on, City Charitable Contributions – would increase the total amount of City charitable contributions from \$25,000 to \$50,000 per year.

Proposed Amendment #6. Charter Review Board Members – would provide that the Mayor's appointee to the Charter Review Board live in Weston. It also eliminates the requirement that a majority of the City Commission approve each appointment.

Proposed Amendment #7. Limitation on Economic Development Incentives – would provide that the City shall not grant economic development incentives to any person or entity unless it is part of a federal, state or county program. In addition, it must ensure that the City will recoup at least the full amount of its portion of the incentive within seven years.

View the Proposed Amendments as they will appear on the ballot:

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

Feel free to contact us with any questions that you might have on the proposed amendments so that you may make a fully informed decision. Contact: 954-385-2000 or cityhall@westonfl.org



ELECTION 2014 VIEW YOUR SAMPLE BALLOT NOVEMBER 4, 2014 GENERAL ELECTION

THE UPCOMING GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT FOR RESIDENTS OF WESTON INCLUDES:

State Constitutional Amendments – 1) Water and Land Conservation – Dedicates funds to acquire and restore Florida conservation and recreation lands; 2) Use of Marijuana for Certain Medical Conditions; 3) Prospective Appointments of Certain Judicial Vacancies.

County Question - Reauthorization of the Children’s Services Council of Broward County.

School District of Broward County – Funding Improvements to and Replacement of Public School Facilities Through issuance of General Obligation Bonds.

City of Weston Charter Amendments – 1) Delete Obsolete Language; 2) Holding of Special Elections; 3) City Commission Procedures Relating to Quorum and Voting; 4) Initiative and Referendum; 5) Criteria for, and Limitations on, City Charitable Contributions; 6) Charter Review Board Members; 7) Limitation on Economic Development Incentives.

Offices to be Elected - Representative in Congress District 23, Governor/Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Chief Financial Officer, Commissioner of Agriculture, Fourth District Court of Appeal, Circuit Judge, County Court Judge and Broward Soil & Water Conservation District Seat 4.



Click to [View Your Sample Ballot](#) – enter your street number and street name.

Sample Ballot

1. House Number of Address

2. Street Name:

Chosen Street: ROYAL PALM BLVD, 33326

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[Precinct statistics](#)

Future Elections	
2014 General Election Sample Ballot Election Date Tuesday, November 4, 2014 Registration Closes Monday, October 6, 2014 Early Voting Starts Monday, October 20, 2014 Early Voting Ends Sunday, November 2, 2014 Would you like to request an absentee/mail ballot for this election? Absentee/Mail Ballot Request	Your precinct (#Q068) votes here on election day. Everglades Elementary School 2900 Bonaventure Blvd Weston FL 33331



For information regarding voter registration please call the Broward County Supervisor of Elections at 954-357-7050 or visit www.browardsoe.org.



ELECTION 2014 SCHOOL BOARD GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND NOVEMBER 4, 2014 GENERAL ELECTION



The School Board of Broward County approved Resolution 14-88, which has placed an \$800 Million General Obligation Bond on the November 4th ballot.

The proceeds of this bond will be utilized for capital improvements and to purchase technology for teachers and students. SMART stands for: Safety, Music & Arts, Athletics, Renovation and Technology.

To fully understand all of the complexities involved, such as what is a General Obligation Bond; what are the reasons for the bond; what will be improved; and what schools will get what improvements – the School Board has designed a website that can answer these and other questions.

Main Website: <http://browardschools.com/Web/Smart-Futures#.VCxFr2eBHLY>

To see a school by school breakdown of the **\$48,457,000*** earmarked as of now for schools within in the City of Weston or attended by Weston students, please visit: <http://browardschools.com/SiteMedia/Docs/web/SMART/CityReports/Weston.pdf>

SMART Capital Program by School

Country Isles Elementary	1,028,000.00
Eagle Point Elementary	5,237,000.00
Everglades Elementary	1,759,000.00
Gator Run Elementary	3,057,000.00
Indian Trace Elementary	3,839,000.00
Manatee Bay Elementary	2,348,000.00
Falcon Cove Middle	11,329,000.00
Tequesta Trace Middle	4,170,000.00
Cypress Bay High	15,690,000.00
Western High	6,129,000.00*

**not included in the \$48,457,000 total for schools in Weston*



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WESTON UNIVERSITY'S FIRST CLASS AT CITY HALL WAS A SUCCESS

The 13th annual Weston University Program kicked off at Weston City Hall with 21 eager students from Cypress Bay, Sagemont and Western High Schools. The program combines classroom and real world learning environments that provide the students with an opportunity to learn about state and local government and spend one day a month submersed within the various City departments.



On Wednesday, October 22nd, the day began with an informational session with Weston's Mayor, Daniel J. Stermer. Mr. Stermer educated the students on the day-to-day duties of being the Mayor, his educational and career background and his "day job", as well as answered questions from the curious group.



Next City Attorney, Jamie Cole, provided an education on ethics rules, the Sunshine Law and information on the responsibilities of a City Attorney.

The majority of the first day, the students were provided with an extensive history lesson on the City of Weston, its current status as a premier municipality and more from City Manager, John Flint.



For additional information on the program, please visit:
www.westonfl.org/Departments/Communications/YouthInGovernment.aspx.



HALLOWEEN IS A SCARY TIME FOR PETS

The best treat you can give your pet on Halloween is a safe spot in the house, away from all of the excitement and spirit of the holiday.

Spooky sounds and creepy costumes are not only scary to little kids but to your pet as well. The best advice is to keep pets safe and calm inside the home and out of view of trick-or-treaters.



Pets, especially dogs, are easily excited or threatened by strangers and can easily slip out the door. A pet running loose may fall victim to possible abuse by misguided individuals or moving vehicles.

Below are some Halloween Safety Tips to follow to insure pet safety:

- Keep your pet secure inside a room as you open and close the front door to pass candy out.
- Keep lit Jack-O-Lanterns or anything else that's a fire hazard away from pets.
- DO NOT share any candy with your pets, especially chocolate. Candy is toxic to animals and can cause vomiting, restlessness, heart disturbances and possible death.
- Be careful dressing your pet in a Halloween costume as it can be a choking hazard or cause stress.
- Do make sure that your pet is wearing their Broward County pet license on their collar and up to date with all vaccinations.



For more information about Halloween Pet Safety, please visit

<http://vetmedicine.about.com/cs/winterinfo/a/halloweensafety.htm>.



BROWARD COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Halloween Reminders



- ❖ Handwashing- Keeping hands clean are one of the most important things you can do to stop the spread of germs and stay healthy.
- ❖ Distribute factory-wrapped candy.
- ❖ Discourage food sharing and apple bobbing activities.
- ❖ Thoroughly rinse all fruit and veggies under cool running water.
- ❖ Do not offer self-serve containers of popcorn, chips, or other edible goodies.
- ❖ Discourage the sharing of masks, hats or head gear.



For more information, please visit the Broward County Health department website at www.browardchd.org.



CELL PHONES

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS – A Continuing Series

Cellular phones can be our best ally during a hurricane. Yet, because wireless calls travel over airwaves to another phone, like radios, they can be obstructed by bad weather.

Residents can maximize their wireless service during an emergency situation by being prepared and following a few simple tips.

- Program all of your emergency contact numbers in your cell phone, including the police department, fire station, hospital and family members.
- Make sure everyone who needs your wireless number has it.
- Keep your wireless phone and back-up batteries charged at all times. Have an alternate plan to recharge your batteries in case of power outages. For example, you can charge with a car charger, or use a disposable cell phone battery.
- Keep extra phones and accessories in a sealed plastic bag to avoid water damage.
- If your cellular phone has a camera, utilize that feature to take and store photos of your property before and after the storm.



In addition to your household phone, make sure your cellular phone is enrolled in **CodeRED**. CodeRED is a system used by the City of Weston that allows you to receive critical in case of an emergency situation that requires immediate action. You can even opt for text message and/or email alerts to be sent straight to your cell phone!

To register for CodeRED, visit

<http://www.westonfl.org/Residents/Hurricane/CodeRed.aspx>.





TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR BEFORE BED ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1st

FALL DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Don't forget that at **2 a.m. on Sunday, November 2nd**, you will turn your clocks back one hour, marking the end of [Daylight Saving Time \(DST\)](#).

BSO Fire Rescue also recommends changing the batteries in your smoke alarms/detectors and carbon monoxide detectors at the same time. When those items are in working order – they save lives!

Any elderly or disabled residents who need assistance changing their smoke alarm batteries can call the Fire Department for this free service at 954-389-2015.

History of Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time was instituted in the United States during World War I in order to save energy for war production by taking advantage of the later hours of daylight between April and October.

Daylight Saving Time is four weeks longer since 2007 due to the passage of the Energy Policy Act in 2005. The Act extended Daylight Saving Time by four weeks from the second Sunday of March to the first Sunday of November, with the hope that it would save 10,000 barrels of oil each day through reduced use of power by businesses during daylight hours. Unfortunately, it is exceedingly difficult to determine energy savings from Daylight Saving Time and based on a variety of factors, it is possible that little or no energy is saved by Daylight Saving Time.

Enjoy your extra hour on Sunday, November 2nd!





HARVEST DRIVE FUN DAY & FOOD COLLECTION

Children Helping Children...

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9th

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 COMMUNITY FUN DAY AND COLLECTION**

**Sunday, November 9th from 2pm – 6pm
at Weston Town Center**

Bring your donations to the Fun Day!

Requested Donations:

- Juice
- Rice
- Jelly
- Peanut Butter
- Pancake Mix
- Pasta
- Cereal
- Cookies
- Stuffing
- Canned Meats
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Gravy
- Canned Potatoes
- Napkins
- Aluminum Foil
- 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
www.harvestdriveflorida.com.*



WESTON BRANCH LIBRARY

NOVEMBER ADULT AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

ADULT SERVICES PROGRAMS

Literacy Programs

Nuzhat Alam (954-357-5304)

<i>ENGLISH CAFÉ</i>	Beginners I	Monday	10:30a- 12:30p
	Beginners II	Tuesday	10:30a- 12:00p
	Intermediate I	Monday	4:00p- 6:00p
	Intermediate II	Wednesday	6:00p- 7:30p
	Advanced	Friday	10:30a- 12:00p
<i>SPANISH CAFÉ</i>	Beginners I	Monday	3:00p- 4:00p
	Beginners II	Friday	3:00p- 4:00p
	Intermediate	Wednesday	3:00p- 4:00p
	Advanced	Friday	10:30a-12:00p

<i>CITIZENSHIP STUDIES</i>	Tuesday	6:00p- 7:30p
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Book Clubs

Book Club in a Bag	Ongoing	<i>Linda Abraham (954-357-5304)</i>
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Writer's Circle	Saturdays	10:30a - 12:00p
<i>Jumpstart, Structure & Share Your Gems Astrid (954-389-2245)</i>		

Special Events

November 19 th	iPhone/iPad Class, 5:00p-7:30pm	<i>Weston Friends of Library</i>
November 24 th	Property Appraiser Outreach, 4:30pm	<i>Nicoleta (954-357-5579)</i>
Tuesdays	Knitting Club, 3:00p-4:00p	

YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAMS

For information (954-357-5430)

Thursdays	Baby Story Time	3 mos–11 mos	10:30a
(Resumes 11/13)	Toddler Story Time	12 mos–35 mos	11:30a
	Preschool Story Time	3–5 years	12:30p
Resumes in Dec. 11/20	Library Chess Club	7-17 years	4:30p - 5:30p
	Wags & Tales	5–12 years	3:00p - 4:00p

Special Events

November 15 th	Family Movie Day	All Ages	11:00a – 1:00p
November 20 th	What's Happening to me?	Girls Ages 8-12	5:00p - 6:00p
November 22 nd	Sensory Story Time	All Ages	11:00a – 1:00p
<i>(designed for children with autism spectrum disorders)</i>			

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



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1st FILM OF THE 2014-2015 WESTON FOREIGN FILM SERIES

Only Human
Monday, November 10th

The 9th Annual Weston Foreign Festival begins with *Only Human*. There will be a total of 5 films in the Festival.

The first film is a comedic tale of mistaken identity. When a Spanish Jewish girl brings her fiancé, Rafi, home to meet her parents in Madrid, her family assumes he is also Jewish. He definitely is not. Hysterical pandemonium ensues.

Country of Origin: Spain with English Subtitles

DATE: Monday, November 10th

TIMES: Two show times:
5:00 pm and 7:30 pm

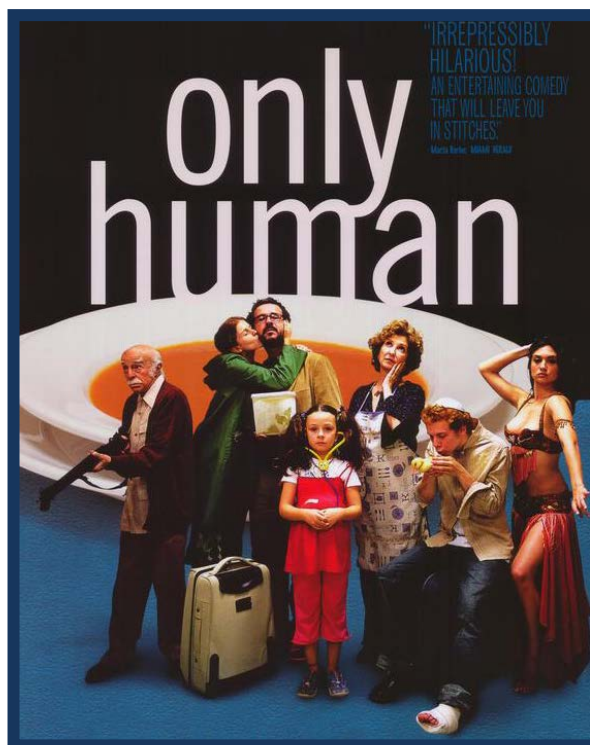
LOCATION: Weston 8 Cinemas
1338 SW 160th Avenue, Sunrise

TICKETS: Series pre-sale tickets available now (through November 10th)

- * Weston Library Friends Store 4205 Bonaventure Boulevard
- * Community Bank of Broward 2400 North Commerce Parkway
- * Weston Community Center 20200 Saddle Club Road
- * On the day of the show, tickets may be purchased at the Weston 8 Cinema (if available).

COST: \$30 for entire series of 5 films; \$7 for Individual Tickets

The movie is brought to you by the Arts Council of Greater Weston and the City of Weston. For more information, please visit www.artscouncilwestonfl.com or www.westonfl.org or call 954-389-4321.





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. Membership in the club runs November – November and dues are \$40 per person per year.



The range of activities run year around which include bus trips, seminars, board game days, luncheon outings, movie afternoons, lectures and other events as interest arises.

Here are a few of the yearly activities:

Birthday and Holiday Bingo

Overnight Trips

Holiday Parties

Lunch Get-Togethers

Game Day

And Much, Much More!

To register for Weston 55+ Club Membership, please call 954-389-4321 or visit <http://www.westonfl.org/Departments/ParksAndRecreation/55PlusClub.aspx>.



UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS



TURN CLOCKS BACK – DAYLIGHT SAVING

Sunday, November 2nd 2:00AM

It is suggested that you turn your clocks back on SATURDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 1st before going to bed. BSO Fire Rescue also recommends changing batteries in all smoke/carbon monoxide detectors/alarms.



GENERAL ELECTION

ELECTION DAY: November 4th 7AM-7PM

Early Voting: October 20th – November 2nd

Early Voting Locations/Times: <http://www.browardsoe.org/>

Vote for Elected Offices, State Constitutional Amendments, City of Weston Charter Amendments and more.

View Ballot: <http://www.browardsoe.org/content.aspx?id=283>



THE MAGIC OF CIRQUE DE LA SYMPHONIE

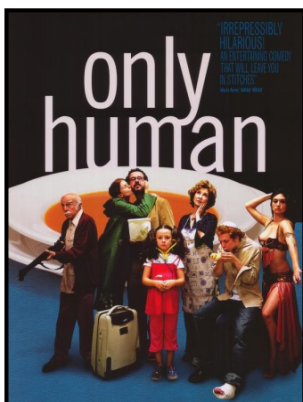
Saturday, November 8th 7:30PM

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Artists include acrobats, contortionists, dancers, jugglers and balancers. Each selection is choreographed to classical masterpieces and popular contemporary music in collaboration with the Symphony of the Americas orchestra under the direction of James Brooks-Bruzzese.

Location: Cypress Bay Theater, 18600 Vista Park Blvd.

Tickets: Advance tickets, \$20 adult/\$10 student, on sale at the Weston Community Center (954-389-4321) and the Community Bank of Broward.



FOREIGN FILM SERIES BEGINS! ONLY HUMAN

Monday, November 10th 5:00PM & 7:30PM

Buy your series tickets for all 5 films through 3/15!

When a Spanish Jewish girl brings home her fiancé, Rafi, to meet her parents in Madrid, her family assumes he is also Jewish. He definitely is not. Hysterical pandemonium ensues. Spain/2004 – English subtitles

Location: Weston 8 Cinema, 1338 SW 160 Ave, Sunrise.

Tickets: \$30 for the entire series; pre-purchase at the Weston Community Center, Community Bank of Broward and Friends Book Store in the Weston Library.

VIEW UPCOMING EVENTS VIDEO: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SyQlGo1G8Bo&list=UU5k894Yc5M8HaXI7LDA0HDg>

CLICK HERE FOR MORE EVENTS



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 15th 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.

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 17th 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.



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.



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C.E.R.T. BASIC TRAINING PROGRAM - FREE Tuesdays, January 6th – February 24th

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.

Join 80 other community members by registering now! Call 954-389-2015 to register.



EMS GO PACKETS

BSO Weston Fire Rescue - Free for Residents

The EMS packets are designed to hold your important medical information and legal documents to be placed in an accessible spot so that EMS and hospital personnel can be immediately 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.



SMOKE ALARM AND BATTERY REPLACEMENT

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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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 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 send out a message for an emergency situation only. To register, please visit:

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