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#### WESTON BROWARD SHERIFF'S OFFICE REMINDS YOU TO Practice Bicycle Safety



Every year in the United States, bicycle-related deaths number about 900 and emergency rooms treat almost 500,000 people for bicycle-related injuries, most to the head. Bike mishaps in the U.S. send more children to the ER than any other sport. Proper use of a bike helmet can reduce the risk of head injury by as much as 88%. In Florida, children under the age of 16 riding a bike or as a passenger on a bike are required by law to wear a helmet.

#### Regardless of your age, it's wise to follow these bicycle safety tips:

- HELMETS: Always wear a helmet that meets one or more of the voluntary bicycle helmet standards like ASTM, Snell, or ANSI.
  - Make sure your helmet fits properly and is level on the head. It should not be tilted back on the crown or pulled low over the forehead.
- <u>EQUIPMENT</u>: Before taking your bike out for a ride, make sure it is in good working order and properly adjusted.
  - Wear the proper clothing to help make sure that motorists and pedestrians can see you easily.
- REFLECTORS/LIGHTING: Reflectors on you and your bike make you
  more visible. Pursuant to Florida Statute, section 316.2065,
  every bicycle in use between sunset and sunrise shall be
  equipped with a lamp on the front exhibiting a white light visible
  from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front and a lamp
  along with a reflector on the rear each exhibiting a red light
  visible from a distance of 600 feet to the rear.
- TRAFFIC/RULES: Ride on marked paths and safe areas whenever possible.
  - When riding your bike on the street, always go in the same direction as traffic.
  - Stay alert for vehicles, pedestrians, and potential dangers like potholes or debris.
  - Never ride with another person on the handlebars.
  - Know and use the proper hand signals for bike riding.

For more information about bicycle laws in Florida, please visit <a href="http://www.dot.state.fl.us/safety/2A-Programs/Bicycle-Pedestrian.shtm">http://www.dot.state.fl.us/safety/2A-Programs/Bicycle-Pedestrian.shtm</a>.



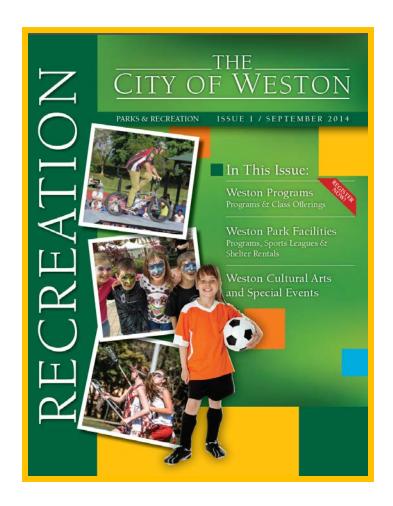






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#### NEW CITY OF WESTON PARKS AND RECREATION BROCHURE MAILED TO RESIDENTS AND AVAILABLE ON-LINE!!!



Be sure to check out our newest City brochure packed full of fantastic information. The brochure will be updated semi-annually to keep our residents in the know of all of the fun, family-friendly City events!

- Community Center Class Offerings and Room Rentals
- Park Facilities and Amenities Chart
- Park Shelter Rentals
- Weston's Cultural Arts and Special Events

 $\underline{www.westonfl.org/Departments/ParksAndRecreation/ParksAndRecreationHome.aspx}.$ 





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#### **HURRICANE WIND SCALE**

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

The National Hurricane Center declares June 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup> as "The Atlantic Ocean hurricane season." When determining the severity of the storm, the National Weather Service uses the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale; used only to describe hurricanes formed in the Atlantic Ocean and Northern Pacific Ocean.

A storm that is classified as a hurricane must first be recognized as a **Tropical Cyclone**. A tropical cyclone is a rotating, organized system of clouds and thunderstorms that originates counterclockwise over tropical or subtropical waters. They are classified as follows:

**Tropical Depression**: A tropical cyclone with maximum sustained winds of 38 mph or less.

**Tropical Storm**: A tropical cyclone with maximum sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph.

**Hurricane Watch**: Indicates that hurricane conditions could arrive within 36 hours.

Hurricane Warning: Indicates that sustained winds of at least 74 mph are expected within 24 hours or less.

#### <u>Categories</u> <u>Sustained Winds</u>

1	74-95 mph
2	96-119 mph
3	111-129 mph
4	130-156 mph
5	157 mph or higher

For more information on Hurricane winds, please visit <a href="https://www.nhc.noaa.gov">www.nhc.noaa.gov</a>.

Once winds exceed 73 mph, they are classified hurricanes and based on wind severity are catorgorized from a 1-5. classifications The can provide some indication of potential damage and flooding caused upon landfall.

<u>Category 3 or higher</u> are considered "major" hurricanes; Their potential is significant for loss of life and damage.







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#### WHEELS UP FOR RESOURCE DEPUTY



BSO School Resource Deputy Charles Rawls is wheeling around campus at Cypress Bay High School thanks to the temporary use of a three-wheeled vehicle. The BSO scooter is on loan from the airport for the next several weeks. It allows for quick mobility with excellent stability.



The goal of trying out the scooter at the large high school campus is to provide increased visibility, which in turn increases security.

**Security is taken very seriously.** The Broward District Schools Police Department at Broward County Public Schools will do everything possible to resolve your concern as quickly and as safely as possible.

You can **ANONYMOUSLY** help and securely report anything that's scaring you or endangering you, your friends or your family. Never be afraid to contact the School Resource Deputy or the Department.

- Call (754) 321-0911
- Send a text to CRIME 274637. Message MUST begin with SBBC
- Send an email to: school911@browardschools.com
- Fill our form on this webpage: <a href="www.broward.k12.fl.us/siu/siunew/tipsemail.asp">www.broward.k12.fl.us/siu/siunew/tipsemail.asp</a>





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# TEEN READ WEEK CONTEST WIN GIFT CARDS FROM THE BROWARD COUNTY LIBRARY

**Show Your Bookface** during Broward County Libraries' Teen Read Week Contest by taking your picture with an awesome book cover and submitting it to <a href="mailto:TeenLibrary@broward.org">TeenLibrary@broward.org</a> or at your local library.

Prizes include \$100 and \$50 gift cards for the most creative entries.

Entries will be accepted September 8<sup>th</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>. The contest is open to students in grades 6-12.

**Bookface** is when a person obscures or augments any part of their body with a book cover creating the illusion that the illustration and the subject are one. Make yourself an extension of your favorite cover. Select it, snap it and submit your original entry. Enter as many times as you want.

Winning entries will be displayed throughout Broward County Libraries during Teen Read Week, October 12-18, 2014.



Bookface is sponsored by Broward County Libraries and Florida Teen Network.

#### Each entry must be accompanied with the following information:

■ Name ■ Grade ■ Contact Phone Number

Anyone who is recognizable in the photo is required to complete a photo release.

For more information, ask a Youth Services librarian at your local library:

The Weston Branch Library 4205 Bonaventure Boulevard Weston, FL 33332 (954) 357-5420





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# WESTON BRANCH LIBRARY SPECIAL EVENTS

4205 Bonaventure Boulevard ■ Weston ■ FL ■ 954-357-5420

#### Be Ready To Vote - Broward

Date: Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>

Event Time: 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Contact: League of Women Voters of Broward County,

Be Ready To Vote Information, 954-735-1311

The following amendments will be on the November ballot:

#### **State 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 Appointment of Certain Judicial Vacancies

#### **Broward County Issues:**

- (1) School Board Bond Issue for Facilities
- (2) Re-authorization of the Children's Services Council of Broward County

#### **Amazonia Vocal Ensemble Concert**

Date: Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>

Event Time: 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

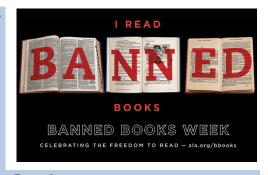
The Amazonia Vocal Ensemble will be presenting a Vocal Ensemble Concert for Hispanic Heritage Month.



#### Weston Library Banned Books Week Display

Date: Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> – September 27<sup>th</sup>

Banned Books Week is the national book community's annual celebration of the freedom to read. Hundreds of libraries and bookstores around the country draw attention to the problem of censorship by mounting displays of challenged books - Celebrating the Freedom to Read.







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# WESTON BRANCH LIBRARY MICROSOFT ACCESS 2013 CLASSES

4205 Bonaventure Boulevard ■ Weston ■ FL ■ 954-357-5420

Your local library provides a wealth of services beyond what is traditionally thought of as library offerings.

#### Microsoft Access 2013 Course

#### **FREE**

Class Date/Time: Wednesday for 11 weeks

September 10<sup>th</sup> through November 19<sup>th</sup>

5:00pm - 7:30pm

Note: The course and course work is progressive

so new students will not be accepted after

week two.

#### The course requires the following:

- Flash Drive
- Purchase of course book
- Advanced computer knowledge

Microsoft Access 2013 lets you create desktop databases. Create custom apps or use a collection of new and professionally designed app templates. Create browser-based database applications that can help you run your business. Users of Access can create tables, queries, forms and reports and connect them together with macros.

#### Pre-registration is encouraged.

For additional information or to register, please contact the Weston Branch Library Computer Center at **954-357-5377**.







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# BUILDBOTS ROBOTICS ACADEMY FALL CLASSES

#### at Weston Community Center



Explore the magic of Lego® Robotics and apply your knowledge to design, build and program robots that can solve the most amazing challenges. The program combines creativity, design, logic, teamwork, scalability and problem solving skills, the main building blocks for an exciting future in tomorrow's high-tech world.

With the aid of Lego®'s programmable bricks along with sensors, motors and more, children create robots limited only by their imagination.

#### **Fall Class Information**

Dates: Begins September 8<sup>th</sup> and

runs monthly

Days: Monday

Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Ages: Boys and Girls Ages 7 - 18

Cost: \$120 per month





For more information on the program, please visit, www.buildbots.com.

For information on other Weston Community Center classes, please visit <a href="https://www.westonfl.org/Departments/ParksAndRecreation/ParksAndRecreationHome">www.westonfl.org/Departments/ParksAndRecreation/ParksAndRecreationHome</a> or contact the Weston Community Center at 954-389-4321.







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# WESTON YMCA FALL BASEBALL, T-BALL AND SOFTBALL BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 4 – 14 BEGINS SEPTEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>

#### Don't miss this fun, fast and exciting league!

- ✓ FULL Replica MLB Uniform
- √ 8 game Season (Playoffs for Ages 8 and up)
- ✓ Fast-Paced Learning Environment
- ✓ All players ages 8 and up will be evaluated and drafted by coaches

#### Regular Registration:

Now through September 7<sup>th</sup>

- \$140 Y Member
- \$230 Regular

#### Season Dates:

September 20<sup>th</sup> through November 15<sup>th</sup>



For more information, please contact LaMar Silvera at <u>Isilvera@ymcabroward.org</u> or Nick Rakestraw at <u>nrakestraw@ymcabroward.org</u>.

You may also call 954-424-9622, or register on-line at <a href="www.ymcabroward.org">www.ymcabroward.org</a>. The Weston YMCA Family Center is located at 20201 Saddle Club Road.





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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS**



## NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE

#### Thursday, September 11th

The City of Weston joins our country in remembering the victims, their families, first responders and rescue and recovery workers, the soldiers who have taken up arms to defend our freedom and safety, and the volunteers who contributed their efforts in the aftermath of 9/11/2001.



#### CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM

A regular meeting and Budget Hearing of the Weston City Commission.

Location: Weston City Hall, 17200 Royal Palm Blvd.



#### CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM

A regular meeting and Budget Hearing of the Weston City Commission.

**Location:** Weston City Hall, 17200 Royal Palm Blvd.



## PARKS REOPENED – SOFT OPENING PEACE MOUND & EMERALD ESTATES

While small items within the parks are still being worked on, Peace Mound and Emerald Estates Park are open to visitors! Enjoy these beautifully renovated spaces.

View photos and narratives of the progress that took place 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**:

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# COMMUNITY CENTER CLASSES/PROGRAMS View our list today!

For children, young adults and adults. www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/Class\_Schedule.pdf.



## SAFE SELLING LOCATION FOR POTENTIAL ONLINE BUYERS/SELLERS

When selling items online, keep in mind that not all buyers are legitimate. Meet strangers in a safe place. Starting immediately, BSO's Weston district office's parking lot will serve as a safe haven for the City's online buyers and sellers to meet. Weston Police Services Building is located at 17300 Royal Palm Boulevard. The parking lot is accessible 24 hours a day.



#### **EMS GO PACKET INITIATIVE**

**BSO Weston Fire Rescue** — The EMS Go Packet is being offered for 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 weekly 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.

Watch for many upcoming community events beginning in October including Movies in the Park and much more!