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YOUR WEEKLY NEWSDAY TUESDAY ARTICLES

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FAMILY FUN FESTIVITIES ON THE FOURTH!

A look at Weston's Hometown 4th of July Celebration

On Saturday, July 4th, the City of Weston burst with patriotic pride as the community participated in a morning run event and the annual Hometown Parade. Here's a look back on the holiday festivities:

WESTON 5K RUN/WALK

in partnership with Broward Health

Over 1,000 participants kicked off the 4th of July holiday with a morning run, or walk.



4TH OF JULY PARADE

This year's parade was filled with patriotic pride from community groups, dignitaries, color guards, classic cars, and more, highlighting this year's theme "Celebrating our Grand Old Flag." Floats that hosted the Weston City Commission and Grand Marshal BSO Sheriff Scott Israel, proudly displayed flags flown over the U.S. Capitol.



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See you next year!

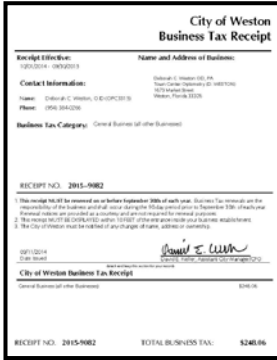




July 7, 2015

BUSINESS TAX RECEIPT RENEWALS

Deadline to Renew is September 30th



All businesses in Weston are required to apply for or renew their Business Tax Receipt (BTR) before engaging in any business transactions in the City of Weston. This includes home-based businesses.

Business Tax Receipts are due and payable on or before September 30th of each year for October 1st through September 30th of the following year.

Beginning July 1st, renewal invoices were mailed out to the mailing address we have on file. It is the responsibility of each business owner to notify the City should there be any changes.

Pursuant to Florida State Statute, Chapter 205, local Business Tax Receipts (BTR) that are not renewed by September 30th are delinquent and subject to a delinquency penalty of **10% for the month of October**, plus an **additional 5% penalty for each subsequent month** of delinquency until paid. Any person who engages in any business, occupation, or profession covered by this chapter, who does not pay the required business tax within 150 days after the initial notice of the tax due, and who does not obtain the required receipt, is subject to civil actions and penalties, including court costs, reasonable attorneys' fees, additional administrative costs incurred as a result of collection efforts, and a penalty of up to **\$250**.

Businesses that do business throughout Broward County may also be required to have a County BTR. [Click here](#) to access information on local business taxes from the Broward County Records, Taxes and Treasury Division, or call 3-1-1 for additional information.

Avoid the Penalties and RENEW online NOW
City of Weston BTR Renewal click here
Broward County BTR Renewal click here

If you receive an invoice from the City of Weston and have any questions regarding exemptions offered by the City, or if you are NOT currently doing business and received an invoice, please contact us.

E-mail: BTR@westonfl.org
Phone: 954-385-2000

For complete detailed information, click here: [Business Tax Receipts](#)

***Remember, the deadline to renew your local Business Tax Receipt is September 30th.
Don't wait! Renew online today.***



July 7, 2015

CITY BUDGET DIRECTOR BRYAN CAHEN INSTALLED AS PRESIDENT OF SFGFOCCA

The South Florida Government Finance Officers & City Clerks Association



Bryan Cahen, Weston's Director of Budget, was recently sworn in as President of the South Florida Government Finance Officers and City Clerks Association.

It was one year ago that Bryan was sworn in as Vice President. Having earned the confidence and respect of his colleagues, Bryan looks forward to leading the association in its goal of providing professional development for members in the coming year.

Bryan brings a wealth of experience to the SFGFOCCA. Currently serving the City of Weston as Director of Budget, Bryan has extensive experience having served in numerous professional roles. Bryan has a Masters of Public Administration with a specialization in City Management and a Bachelor of Science in Recreation Administration.



SFGFOCCA is the local chapter of the Florida Government Finance Officers Association (FGFOA). The FGFOA, founded in 1937, is a professional association with a membership of individuals from state and local governments, school boards, colleges, universities, special districts and other public agencies and representatives from private companies providing financial services to public agencies. An in-depth training and educational institute is held in the Fall. FGFOA sponsors a voluntary professional certification program for designation as a Certified Government Finance Officer.



Bryan is a proud husband to Charlene and father of two children, Ian and Jolie, who attend Weston elementary and middle schools. In his "spare time" he is an accomplished painter and an avid sports fan.



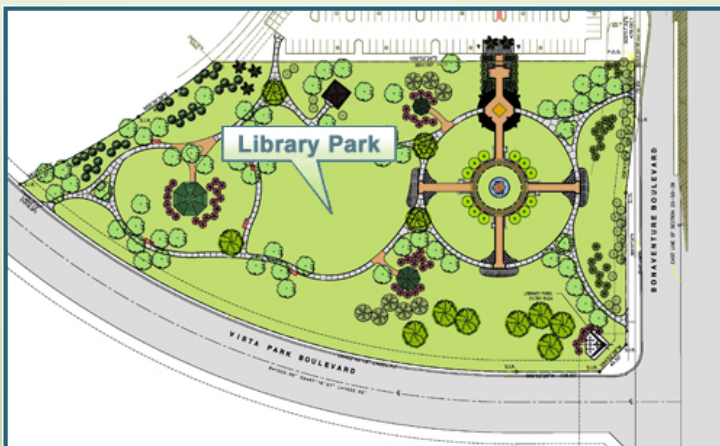
HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR CITY OF WESTON PARKS?

LIBRARY PARK 4255 Bonaventure Boulevard

July is Parks and Recreation Month, so we invite you to get out and enjoy what Weston parks have to offer. Each month we have been highlighting one of the City's parks with pictures and details of the park's amenities so our residents can get to know more about each facility.



Library Park Showcases Weston History:



- Hours: 8:00am – 9:00pm
- 5 acres passive “reading” park
- Adjacent to the Weston Branch Library
- 3 Gazebos
- Florida Author’s Fountain
- Lighted Pathways
- Seating and open areas for picnic
- Weston History Walk (provides education on our City’s archeological past)
- Parking

See page 2 for additional photos



LIBRARY PARK – continued



For more information
about Weston parks,
please call the
Community Center at
954-389-4321
or visit

www.westonfl.org/Departments/ParksAndRecreation/ParksAndRecreationHome.aspx



TAKE STEPS NOW TO BE PREPARED REGISTER FOR SPECIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS 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. The following table provides all of the numbers you need to know to be prepared before a storm threatens our area.

Please visit westonfl.org/hurricane or broward.org/atrisk for more important details.

REGISTER NOW FOR SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTERS

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 - Pre-register before use	954-357-6385 or TTY 954-357-5608 www.broward.org/Hurricane/AtRisk/Pages/SpecialNeeds
Vulnerable Population Registry - For elderly, frail or disabled	954-831-4000 www.broward.org/registry
Pet-Friendly Hurricane Shelter	954-989-3977 (Broward Humane Society) 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 browardredcross-org.redcrossfl.com/
County Hurricane eMail Updates	http://www.broward.org/hurricane/Pages/Default.aspx
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
Broward County Hurricane Website	www.broward.org/hurricane



BE GOOD TO YOUR EYES! JULY HEALTHY LIVING TIP



Sunglasses have practical uses other than just as a fashion accessory to a particular outfit. Throughout this summer it is important to remember that in order to have the most fun, you need to protect yourself! Here are three reasons why wearing sunglasses can improve life in the summer sun:



Sunglasses will help to protect your eyes from harmful UV Rays.

Ultraviolet (UV) radiation has been linked to the development of many eye problems including cataracts, a serious condition that can lead to impaired vision.

They will also help to prevent wrinkles by protecting the delicate skin around the eyes from premature aging. Good quality sunglasses protect your eyes from 100% of the sun's harmful UV rays.

Sunglasses reduce glare

Most surfaces will reflect light. Water, car windshields, and the road surface can have extremely bright reflections that distract and interfere with vision which can be very dangerous.

Consider sunglasses such as those that include polarized filters or mirror coatings, which will reduce glare for safer and more comfortable vision.

Sunglasses reduce headaches and eyestrain

In very bright conditions, the pupil which controls the amount of light reaching the light sensitive retina, cannot constrict small enough to reduce light to a comfortable level. This causes a person to squint, using the eyelids to further reduce light entering the eye. Muscle fatigue associated with squinting and constant constriction of the pupil can lead to headache and eyestrain.

Sunglasses reduce the amount of light reaching the eyes to a more comfortable level, eliminating the need for squinting and severe pupil constriction.

Use this information as motivation to protect your eyes!

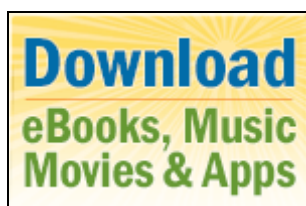


Check it out!

**BROWARD COUNTY
LIBRARY
WITHOUT WALLS**

Visit broward.org/library

And click on:



**Broward County Library
Without Walls** (BCL WoW) offers the community a wealth of resources online anytime, anywhere. Your library card is the key to access these outstanding programs.

Visit the [BCL WoW webpage](#) for links and instructions on how to access all of these resources.

In addition to the programs listed here, BCL WoW also offers live librarian assistance via chat, email or text; live online tutoring for K-12 and adult learners; foreign language learning with Byki Mobile; and live job coaching to help with interview and resume preparations and job searches.

E-BOOKS, MUSIC, MAGAZINES AND MORE!

*ACCESS DIGITAL RESOURCES
WITH YOUR LIBRARY CARD*

Broward County Library cardholders have access to several digital resources anytime, anywhere. It truly is a library without walls! Your library card number gives you access to the following services and more.

[Click here](#) to get started.

Download music

Freegal Music offers free access to songs from Sony Music. Download up to 6 songs per week from the Freegal music website link or download the app for Apple or Android devices.

Download movies, eBooks, audiobooks & music

With *Hoopla*, you can stream movies, TV shows, audiobooks, music, eBooks and comics to your computer, smartphone or tablet. Check out music or TV shows for three days, audiobooks, eBooks and comics for 21 days. Currently, users are limited to 8 downloads per month from the website or the app.

Download magazines

Zinio gives you free access to subscribe to hundreds of popular magazines to be viewed on your computer or tablet/mobile device.

Borrow eBooks and audiobooks

OverDrive allows library cardholders to virtually borrow the latest bestsellers and popular titles to your eReader or tablet. The books will appear on your bookshelf upon download.

[Click here for a direct link to eBooks.](#)



FIVE FUN FACTS ABOUT SUMMER FOR KIDS (Adults might enjoy them as well!)

What do you know about summer? These *five fun facts about summer* provide the answers to some of the most obscure topics!



#1 The Eiffel Tower grows during summer time. This structure is made of iron. As the temperature rises, the metal expands. As a result, it can grow more than six inches with the hot weather!

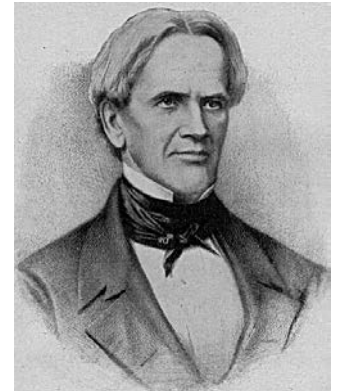
#2 Ice cream is sold the most throughout July. July is *National Ice Cream Month*. U.S. citizens consume about 5.5 gallons of ice-cream per year.



#3 Frisbees were invented by accident. This toy was created in the 1870s as a pie plate. Students started throwing them around in 1940s changing the use to a form of entertainment.

#4 An educator invented summer vacation "break"!

His name was Horace Mann and, in 1837, as Secretary of the Massachusetts Board of Education, Mr. Mann used this platform to add a summer break for students. His reasoning was students that take breaks in between learning are able to retain more information!



#5 There are holidays that occur during the summer.

Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day are the American holidays that occur during the summer time! These holidays are usually celebrated with family and friends and feature favorite foods – burgers, hot dogs, and barbeque!

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!



SUMMARY OF UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS CITY EVENTS

westonfl.org/events



QUARTERLY RESIDENTIAL BULK PICKUP

July 22nd – July 25th

Single Family or Multi-family with curbside collection
(on the day of your regularly scheduled garbage pickup):

Wednesday, July 22nd - or -
Thursday, July 23rd - or -
Friday, July 24th

Multi-family with dumpsters:

Saturday, July 25th

Bulk trash will be picked up on your regularly scheduled garbage collection day and should be placed at the curb by 7:00AM.

For more information, please visit

www.westonfl.org/Departments/PublicWorks/BulkPickup

or call 954-385-2600.

Think Before You Trash – Consider Donating Items

ONGOING CITY PROGRAMS

BSO WESTON POLICE SERVICES

More information on programs listed below: Call 954-389-2010 or visit www.westonfl.org/Departments/Police/PoliceHome.aspx.



CLICK HERE FOR MORE EVENTS & ONGOING PROGRAMS



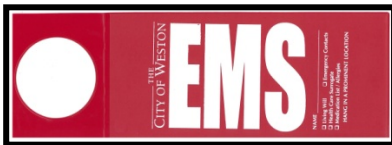
SAFE SELLING TRANSACTION ZONE A LOCATION FOR ONLINE BUYERS/SELLERS

BSO's Weston district office's parking lot serves as a safe haven for the City's online buyers and sellers to meet at 17300 Royal Palm Boulevard.

[Safe Transaction Zone](#)

BSO WESTON FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

More information on programs listed below: Call 954-389-2015 or visit www.westonfl.org/Departments/FireEMS/FireEMSHome.aspx.



FREE EMS GO PACKETS

These packets hold medical information and legal documents for EMS and hospital personnel can be aware of your medical conditions.



FREE CPR CLASSES

FREE CPR classes for residents, organizations and businesses. Classes are offered at your own location (minimum of 8 persons).



SMOKE ALARM AND BATTERY REPLACEMENT

This free service is designed to reach people who are unable to safely install smoke alarms and/or replace the batteries in existing alarms.



WESTON COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

More information on the programs below, call 954-385-2000.



REGISTER FOR CODERED TODAY

All residents and businesses should register with the City's CodeRED Emergency Notification System.

To register, please visit:

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



WESTON DELIVERS THE LATEST NEWS DIRECTLY TO YOUR INBOX

* **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 <http://www.westonfl.org/EmailSubscriptions.aspx>



WESTON GOVERNMENT INFORMATION CHANNEL

The Weston government access channel can be found on these channels with local cable television providers:

Advanced Communications – Channel #25

Comcast Cable – Channel #78

AT&T U-verse – Channel #99, then scroll to Weston Government TV



WESTON GOVERNMENT RADIO 1680AM

Information on City events, programs, registrations and more. In the event of an emergency, all broadcasts will be interrupted and emergency notification information provided. This AM channel can be accessed in your car while in and around the City of Weston. Tune in today.

[Hurricane Preparedness](#)

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS INFORMATION

Visit WestonFL.org/Hurricane for tips on how you can prepare your home, family and business throughout the hurricane season – June 1st through November 30th.