



HERE THEY ARE!

YOUR WEEKLY NEWSDAY TUESDAY ARTICLES

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BROWARD SHERIFF'S OFFICE

DANGERS OF FLAKKA AND OTHER SYNTHETIC DRUGS

KNOW THE FACTS AND INFORMATION

KNOW THE STREET NAMES

TALK TO YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT THE DANGERS NOW

Flakka Symptoms & Effects:

- Severe Hallucinations
- Hyperthermia
- Rapid Heart Beat
- Anxiety
- Extreme Paranoia
- Combativeness
- Psychosis
- Agitation
- Euphoria
- Kidney Failure, and
- Excited Delirium – which is an extreme medical emergency

Excited Delirium includes aggressive behavior, disorientation, insensitivity to pain, superhuman strength, extreme paranoia and hallucinations, speech disturbances. Elevated body temperature causes internal body systems to break down causing organ failure, often resulting in death.

On June 18, 2015, the Broward Sheriff's Office held a Community Forum on the Dangers of Flakka and Synthetic Drugs, at the Weston Community Center.



Sergeant Ozzy Tianga spoke to approximately 100 interested residents, including parents and children.

Flakka is a synthetic drug that has become prolific in Broward County. **It is easy to obtain, cheap, and deadly.**

What Is Flakka

It is a purely man made substance in the "Bath Salt" category that contains a dangerous synthetic chemical compound identified as Alpha-

PVP. It resembles rock candy and also comes in a powder form.

Bath Salts: *Sounds harmless doesn't it?* They are deadly. The term Bath Salts is a street name intended to keep the drugs under the radar of law enforcement and parents. They are a man-made chemical stimulant.

They are marketed to kids in cute, fun packaging. Many are sold in convenience stores because they have skirted the Federal Analog Act by labeling them "not for human consumption." The City of Weston has banned the sale of Bath Salts but they are easily available in other areas and online.

For More Information: http://www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/BSO_Flakka_Flyer.pdf

Office of National Drug Control Policy: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/ondcp/ondcp-fact-sheets/synthetic-drugs-k2-spice-bath-salts>

Drug Court Treatment Division Synthetic Drug Info Line: 954-375-6237



ARTS COUNCIL SHOWCASES HISTORY AND EVENTS

Established to coordinate arts and cultural event requests.



On June 15, 2015, the Arts Council presented the City Commission with a book highlighting the mission, history, role and some of the many accomplishments of the Arts Council.



L-R: Mayor Daniel J. Stermer, Arts Council President Jami Nix Rahn, Past Presidents Rochelle Koenig and Joy Rodenberg, and board members Betty Silva and Carol Lema.

The [book](#) is viewable on the City website for your enjoyment.

Building the Community through the Arts

The concept of an Arts Council was born from the intention of the City of Weston to coordinate cultural event requests through an Arts Alliance.

The City had already crafted the very successful Weston Sports Alliance, an all volunteer organization, to manage its organized league athletics. The Arts Council would be established along those same principals.

In September of 2003, the Arts Council of Greater Weston, Inc. entered into an agreement with the City to serve as advocate and promoter of arts and cultural events and to review event requests for the City.



To the credit of the passionate, talented and dedicated volunteer members, the residents of the City of Weston are the beneficiaries of diverse and world class events.

Recognition and appreciation is extended to the current and former Presidents for their leadership and vision, and to the members who saw it through to fruition.

Events and programs over the years include: Symphony of the Americas, Miami City Ballet, Weston Foreign Film Series, International celebrations, ArtWalk & Showtime, Student Artist Showcase, Celebrate Dance, Celebrate the Arts Day, lecture series and so much more.

For more information, please visit <http://artscouncilweston.com> and <http://www.westonfl.org/Departments/ParksAndRecreation/ArtsCouncil.aspx>



BUYING OR SELLING ONLINE? BSO PROVIDES A SAFE ZONE FOR TRANSACTIONS

B R O W A R D S H E R I F F ' S O F F I C E



Not everyone selling or buying items online is legitimate. Residents that would like to conduct an exchange from an online agreement can now do so in a safe environment. Sheriff Scott Israel and the Broward Sheriff's Office now provide a free designated "SAFE TRANSACTION ZONE" at all our district offices for online buyers and sellers to meet.

The Broward Sheriff's Office is committed to keeping the residents and visitors of the South Florida area safe. The Broward Sheriff's Office "SAFE TRANSACTION ZONE" is a necessary precaution to prevent and deter crime.

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For more information please contact,
BSO Weston District Office
17300 Royal Palm Blvd., Weston, FL 33326
Phone: 954.389.2010
Non-Emergency: 954.764.HELP (4357)



DROWNING PREVENTION INFORMATION GET READY FOR SUMMER

More than a third of people planning to swim, boat or fish this summer cannot swim well. The survey of more than 1,000 adults, taken earlier this spring, found that 78 percent of households are planning at least one water-related recreational activity this summer. However, 37 percent describe family member swimming skills as fair, lacking or non-existent – with 13 percent unable to swim at all.



Take BSO's [Pool Safety Survey](#) yourself, or contact Deputy Kari Pallotto, BSO Weston, at Kari.Pallotto@sheriff.org to schedule a pool safety inspection at your home.



Drowning is the number one cause of death for children ages one to four in Broward County.

- **NEVER** leave children unsupervised in or around a body of water. Children can drown in as little as two inches of water in less than one minute.
- Install a self-closing gate.
- Alarm every door leading to water to alert you if a child has gone outside.
- During pool parties or beach gatherings, designate an adult to watch the children.
- Install a pool cover to securely cover the water area.
- Install a poolside, cordless phone.
- Keep lifesaving equipment - a pole, life preserver and rope - in the pool area.
- Children with long hair should clip it back or wear a cap in the pool.
- Don't rely on flotation devices to protect your children in the water.
- If a child is missing, check all water bodies and/or pools and call **9-1-1**.



WATCH VS. WARNING

Hurricane Preparedness – A Continuing Series



Understanding the difference between National Weather Service *watches* and *warnings* is critical to being prepared for any dangerous weather hazard, including hurricanes.

A *watch* lets you know that weather conditions are favorable for a hazard to occur. It literally means "be on guard!" During a weather watch, gather awareness of the specific threat and prepare for action - monitor the weather to find out if severe weather conditions have deteriorated and discuss your protective action plans with your family.

A *warning* requires immediate action. This means a weather hazard is imminent - it is either occurring (a tornado has been spotted, for example) - or it is about to occur at any moment. During a weather warning, it is important to take action: grab the emergency kit you have prepared in advance and head to safety immediately. Both watches and warnings are important, but warnings are more urgent.

Tropical Storm Warning: An announcement that tropical-storm conditions are *expected* within the specified area.

Hurricane Warning: An announcement that hurricane conditions are *expected* within the specified area. Because outside preparedness activities become difficult once winds reach tropical storm force, **warnings are issued 36 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical-storm-force winds.**

Action:

During a watch, prepare your home and review your plan for evacuation in case a Hurricane or Tropical Storm Warning is issued. Listen closely to instructions from local officials.

During a warning, complete storm preparations and immediately leave the threatened area if directed by local officials.

Did you know...? Hurricane Category Chart

- 1: 74-95 mph
- 2: 96-110 mph
- 3: 111-130 mph
- 4: 131-155 mp
- 5: over 155 mph



PETS REQUIRE PLANNING TOO HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

TOP TIPS

#1: **License & Vaccinations:**

Make sure your pet has all of its proper vaccinations and Broward County pet registration.

Shelters, kennels and hotels will not accept a pet without proper documentation.

#2: Pet ID: Keep current identification on your pet (including indoor cats). A County license, name tag, microchip or tattoo, are all ways your pet can be identified if it becomes lost.



DON'T FORGET THE PETS

If you have pets, a **Pet Survival Kit** should be a part of your preparedness plan.

The kit should include:

Enough food, kitty litter and bottled water for two weeks, leashes and collars (nylon or leather), medications, cleaning supplies, puppy training pads and a carrier for each pet.

Records: In addition, your kit should have copies of your pet's rabies certificate and Broward County license, as the license is the easiest way someone can identify your pet if it gets lost.

Photo: Take a picture of you and your pet together (this helps prove the pet is yours). Also, take a picture of your pet by itself. Be sure to photograph any distinguishing marks that will help with identification.

Sanitation: For dogs, set aside an area of the house so the dog can go to the bathroom when the weather becomes too severe to go outside. Have cleaning products, puppy training pads or newspapers. Have a litter box and litter for cats; and bedding material for other pets. Fish tanks can be fitted with an adapter or batter power.





June 23, 2015

WHITE HOUSE OFFICIALS JOIN BROWARD COUNTY SCHOOLS TO ANNOUNCE LAUNCH OF "LATINOS IN ACTION"

Broward County School Board members, Superintendent Robert W. Runcie, officials with the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics, the Executive Director of the national "Latinos in Action" program, and District staff announced the launch of the "Latinos in Action" pilot program at six Broward County high schools.

Participating high schools include:

- Charles W. Flanagan H.S.
- Cypress Bay H.S.
- Everglades H.S.
- Hollywood Hills H.S.
- McArthur H.S.
- West Broward H.S.

The "Latinos in Action" initiative is part of the District's ongoing commitment to meeting the needs of Broward's growing Latino community. The program focuses on providing Latino students with increased opportunities for educational, service, cultural and leadership experiences, while empowering them to complete their high school education and attend a college or university after graduation. The program is being offered as an elective course at the identified high schools.



In addition to the news conference, the group visited Hollywood Hills High and Flanagan High. They spent time talking with educators, visiting classrooms and participating in round table discussions with students, school staff and community members.

For more information on "Latinos in Action," contact Michael Ramirez, director, Office of School Performance and Accountability, at 754-321-3810.

For more information on the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics visit: <http://www.ed.gov/edblogs/hispanic-initiative/>.





SUMMARY OF UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS CITY EVENTS

<http://www.westonfl.org/Events/EventsCalendar.aspx>



WESTON'S ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY HOMETOWN CELEBRATION FEATURES 5K RUN/WALK AND HOMETOWN PARADE Saturday, July 4th *Celebrating Our Grand Old Flag*

4TH OF JULY 5K RUN/WALK 7:00AM

Join your friends and family for a holiday celebration 5K run or walk sponsored by the City of Weston and Broward Health Weston.

Location: Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Road
Registration: splitsecondtiming.com for pre-registration
Race day registration begins on site at 5:30AM.

4TH OF JULY HOMETOWN PARADE 10:30AM

Join us at the City of Weston Annual 4th of July Hometown Parade. Elected leaders, local businesses, civic groups, schools, bands, organizations and residents gather to march in Weston's biggest and most exciting event. This year's **Grand Marshal is Rick Folbaum, resident and anchor, CBS 4 News, Miami.** Show off your patriotic pride – wear your red, white and blue and come out and cheer on parade participants.

The parade begins promptly at 10:30AM, at the corner of Town Center Boulevard and Three Village Road. It progresses east on Three Village Road to Bonaventure Boulevard then heads south briefly to Bell Tower Lane. The parade culminates by winding through Weston Town Center to the heart of Main Street where hundreds gather for the fun. For additional information, please call the Weston Community Center at 954-389-4321.



KEEP SCROLLING FOR ONGOING CITY PROGRAMS



June 23, 2015



CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, July 6th

7:00PM

A regular meeting of the Weston City Commission.

Location: Weston City Hall, 17200 Royal Palm Blvd.

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.



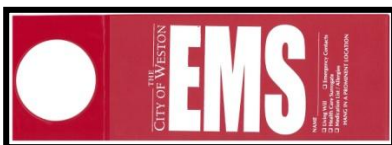
SAFE SELLING TRANSACTION ZONE A LOCATION FOR ONLINE BUYERS/SELLERS

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.



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