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YOUR WEEKLY NEWSDAY TUESDAY ARTICLES

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IN CASE OF EMERGENCY SIGN UP TO RECEIVE ALERTS FROM

Hurricane Preparedness – A Continuing Series

Emergency Communication Made Easy.

With the arrival of Hurricane Season, the City of Weston reminds residents and businesses to sign up for CodeRED to receive important emergency alerts.

What is CodeRED?

CodeRED is an ultra high-speed telephone communication service for emergency notifications. system allows the City to send critical communications, to all or targeted areas within the City, in a situation that requires immediate action.

Register today!

Registration is simple and takes few minutes. Visit only www.westonfl.org and click on CodeRed Enrollment (circled below) and follow the prompts to input the required contact information.



Don't have a computer?

Call the Weston Communications Department at 954-385-2000.

How does CodeRED work?

Capable of dialing the entire City within minutes, **CodeRED** delivers message from the City of Weston describing the emergency situation and any instructions for immediate or future action. The number will display on Caller ID as 866-419-5000. To hear the last message delivered, simply dial the number back. If you opt-in for text message and/or email alerts, those will also be sent simultaneously.

Already enrolled? Be sure to verify your registration. Make it part of your annual hurricane preparedness plan to log on to **CodeRED** to update phone numbers, opt in to receive text message and/or email alerts.

PRIVACY: Your contact information remains private and is only used for communications.

THIS SYSTEM WILL ONLY BE USED FOR **EMERGENCY AND LIFE SAFETY PURPOSES.**

The CodeRED system is used by the City of Weston to send out alerts such as drinking water contamination, extended utility outages, evacuation notice and route, missing person, fires, floods, bomb threat, hostage situation, chemical spill or gas leak, hurricane response and cleanup and other incidents where rapid and accurate notification is essential.



Ready. Set. Safe. Follow us! @CityofWeston @ReadyBroward







COMMUNITY FORUM

DANGERS OF FLAKKA AND OTHER SYNTHETIC DRUGS

THURSDAY JUNE 18, 2015 7:00p.m. – 8:30p.m.

WESTON COMMUNITY CENTER

20200 Saddle Club Road Weston, FL 33327 Light refreshments will be served.

Presented by



CITY OF WESTON

NOT KNOWING
IS NOT AN OPTION

THE DANGERS OF FLAKKA AND OTHER SYNTHETIC DRUGS

In response to the growing epidemic of Flakka and other synthetic drugs, the Broward Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with the City of Weston, is hosting this important forum regarding the dangers of synthetic drug usage on the rise in South Florida.



Flakka is a synthetic, highly addictive and inexpensive drug that is lethal. The drug produces symptoms that include excited delirium, agitation and paranoia.

These drugs are challenging our schools, law enforcement and the healthcare system. Over 16 deaths have been attributed to Flakka since September 2014 and it is by far the most dangerous and deadly drug in the bath salt category thus far.

Bath salts is the name given to a family of drugs that have one or more manmade chemicals related to the amphetamine-like stimulate Cathinone.

Not knowing can be deadly. Be informed.







CYPRESS BAY GOING GREEN WITH ARTIFICIAL TURF FIELD

Renovation Project Funded by Community Sponsors, Ensures More Playing Time and Less Maintenance Costs

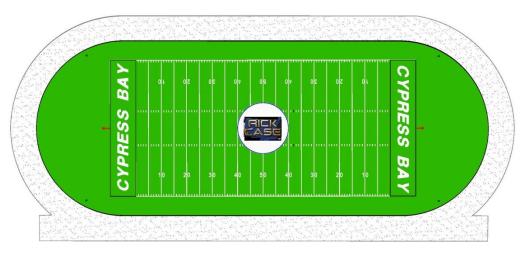
The Cypress Bay High School football field will soon receive a synthetic turf playing surface, finished with an organic infill. The new artificial turf field will reduce maintenance and associated costs and increase available playing time. Additionally, the organic infill will provide lower field temperatures and a safer playing surface over non-organic infill. The project cost is estimated at \$950,000.

The field renovation project is made possible by the generosity of the Rick Case Automotive Group, who donated \$400,000 in exchange for naming the facility the *Rick Case Stadium at Cypress Bay High School*. Additional support is provided by the Ultimate Sports Institute & Fitness Center in the amount of \$200,000. The City of Weston will contribute \$350,000 and will serve as the project manager.

The City of Weston has a facility use agreement with the Broward County School Board which enables the City use of the field for certain organized athletic and civic events when not in use by the school. Currently, the City maintains the natural Bermuda grass turf on the field through an agreement with the School Board. The significantly reduced maintenance costs of the synthetic turf will enable the City to recoup its costs in approximately six years. The new turf has a life expectancy of approximately ten years.

The project is currently out to public bid and once the bids are received, a construction schedule will be established.

Installation of a new artificial turf field at Cypress Bay High School is anticipated to begin this summer after the selection of a contractor.



Click to view page two and additional details regarding the organic infill surface





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Cypress Bay Will be the First High School in Florida with an Organic Infill

While artificial turf fields have increased in popularity amongst school facilities and parks, the unique aspect of Cypress Bay's project is the organic infill, which is the surface that is put in place below the actual turf. Traditional artificial turf fields utilize rubber infields; however, there are significant benefits to organic infill which include:

- Organic infill emulates natural dirt and stays significantly cooler than rubber infill products. Estimates place the temperature difference at 30-50 degrees cooler.
- o Athletes who have played on both surfaces overwhelmingly prefer the organic infill as it plays more like a real grass field; soccer players state that the ball reacts more naturally.
- O The organic infill is environmentally friendly. At the end of its useful life, the organic infill can be used as mulch in a plant bed, whereas the crumb rubber would require special disposal or incineration.
- O Below the visible surface of the field, there will be a sub-base lined with drainage pipes to handle the heavy South Florida rains.
- The field will be lined for football and soccer, and it will include special marking for lacrosse that will make it easier for crews to line the field for those games.
- O The synthetic turf will allow for an increased usage of the field to accommodate multiple high school sports activities, physical education classes, marching band and school events, as well as the City's use for certain organized athletic and civic events.
- The City has already utilized artificial turf with organic infill. Two roller hockey rinks in the Weston Regional Park have been converted to small soccer fields.



Stay tuned on Newsday Tuesday for updates on this progressive project.





News Release

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SPOTLIGHT ON WESTON CITY HALL BUSINESS TAX RECEIPT INFORMATION

The of Weston City welcomes and invites new businesses within our City. Any new business is required to apply for a Business Tax Receipt (BTR) before engaging in any business in the City of Weston, home-based including businesses. The purpose of the law enacted by the Florida Legislature is to prevent fraud.



HOW TO OBTAIN A BUSINESS TAX RECEIPT (BTR)

STEP ONE - Obtain a Certificate of Use

In accordance with City Code, a City of Weston Certificate of Use, issued by the City's Building Code Services Department, is required prior to applying for a Business Tax Receipt.

STEP TWO - Submit a Business Tax Receipt Application

Download your BTR <u>Application</u> or pick up an application at City Hall.

STEP THREE - Payment due within 30 days

WHERE DO I FILE THE BTR APPLICATION?

Completed BTR applications, including required documentation copies and applicable fee are accepted and processed at Weston City Hall.

The following documents are required upon filing your Business Tax Receipt application:

- Copy of Certificate of Use (CU)
- Fictitious Name Registration
- Federal Employer Identification
- Payment

For complete detailed information, click here: Business Tax Receipts

	City of Westo Business Tax Recei	
Receipt Effective: 10/01/2014 - 06/30/2015	Name and Address of Business:	_
Contact Information: Name: Deborah ⊂ Weston, ○ D (CPC3315) Phone: 1954) 304-0266	Deborah C Weston OD, PA. Town Carter Optometry (D W83 TON) 16/72 Market Street Weston, Planda 33326	
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If you have questions regarding Business Tax Receipts or the online application process, please contact the Weston Business Tax Coordinator at 954-385-2000, stop by Weston City Hall at 17200 Royal Palm Boulevard, or send an email to BTR@westonfl.org.





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HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR CITY OF WESTON PARKS?

HERON PARK 2300 Country Isles Road

Every month we are highlighting one of the City's parks with pictures and details of the principal amenities, so our residents can be more knowledgeable when selecting from the various recreational opportunities.





Heron Park

- Hours: 8:00am Dusk
- 5.253 acres of neighborhood park space
- Adjacent to Country Isles
 Elementary School
- Two Baseball Fields
- Football/Soccer Field
- Parking
- Dog friendly

See page 2 for additional photos





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HERON PARK - continued







For more information about Weston parks, please call the Weston Community Center at 954-389-4321 or visit www.westonfl.org/Departments/ParksAndRecreation/ParksAndRecreationHome.aspx.









ARE THE FIELDS OPEN?

Have a child in one of the many sports leagues in Weston?

Want to know if you can kick a ball around with your kids?

Know before you go! Call the RainoutLine or elect to receive alerts about field closures in Weston's parks.

PHONE LINE

754-227-8999

WEB

www.westonfl.org

AUTOMATED ALERTS

http://rainoutline.com/search/dnis/7542278999

FREE MOBILE APP



Available from Apple App Store, Google Play, Amazon App Store, Nook & Android Market

PARK & FIELD CLOSURES KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Summer rainstorms often interrupt sports league practices, games and family outings. **RainoutLine** is a new field status notification system offered by the



City of Weston Parks and Recreation Department. This service is easy to use and offers a variety of ways to receive alerts about field closures. When a decision is made, RainoutLine

allows you to receive cancellation information instantly through your choice of communication tools.

RainoutLine Notification Options

- **Weston Website:** Visit the homepage or Parks and Recreation Page at Park/Field Closures
- **Phone Line** Call **754-227-8999** and follow the extension for the park and field that you are interested in.
- **Free Mobile App** Download the RainoutLine app from the Apple App Store, Google Play, Amazon App Store, Nook or Android Market.
- **Email** Create a free login, then add your email address to the email alert list for real-time alerts.
- **Text Message** Create your free login, then add your phone number to the text message alert list.
- **Are the fields open?** Find out instantly with RainoutLine.





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ALLIGATOR MATING SEASON GATORS BECOME MORE VISIBLE AS THEY LOOK FOR LOVE

With our close proximity to the Everglades and expansive bodies of water intertwined within our community, there is a possibility that you may see an alligator crawling by. Most of the year alligators primarily remain out of sight. In May and June, gators become more visible as they seek a mate. This time of year it is possible to see alligators cruising lakes and canals, sunning on water banks or traversing over berms to get to another body of water. It is suggested to keep children and pets away from the water's edge. The larger, mature male alligators are the ones most likely to be seen. Most have no intentions of bothering you – they are just heeding natures call and looking for love.

If you see an alligator nearby, stay calm. Feeding, harassing, or killing an alligator violates State law. If an alligator appears threatening, comes close to your home, or becomes a risk for humans or pets, contact the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) at 866-392-4286.

Only nuisance alligators can be removed and the FWC will make that determination and contact a licensed trapper. Generally, alligators may be considered a nuisance when they are at least four feet in length and pose a threat to people or their pets or property.

The City is not permitted to handle alligators for any reason. Please pay a little extra attention to your surroundings when you and your family are spending time near the water, but continue to enjoy the uniqueness of our environment.

Alligators are a part of Florida's natural environment and play an important role in the State's wetlands ecology.

For more information about these natural inhabitants visit the following website:







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ENVIROFLASH AIR QUALITY ALERTS NOW AVAILABLE

The Broward County Pollution. Prevention, Remediation and Air Quality Division, in partnership with the United States Environmental offers Protection Agency, environmental news alerts through the EnviroFlash program. EnviroFlash is an email alert system that immediately notifies subscribers via email or text, when there is poor air quality in County Broward and provides information on any precautions that should be taken.

To register for this service, visit the Broward County Air Quality website at broward.org/air or click icon below to go to the direct link.





Exposure to high levels of air pollution can aggravate heart disease, asthma and other respiratory diseases. By being aware of the air quality levels, residents can take precautions to protect themselves or family members who are sensitive to environmental air quality impacts.



Broward County was the first county in Florida to offer this service.







JUNE HEALTHY LIVING TIP

Safe Sun Practices



For information on early detection and skin cancer prevention, visit skincancer.org.

TIME FOR SUMMER FUN IN THE SUN Skin Cancer Prevention is Key

Sun protection is important year round in South Florida. As we head into summer, now is the time to fine tune our habits to minimize the damaging effects of sun exposure and reduce the risk of developing skin cancer, which is predominantly caused by overexposure to UV radiation.

- * The Right Sunscreen: Be sure to read the label to chose a sunscreen with broad spectrum protection (against both UVA and UVB rays) and with an SPF factor of 30 or higher. Some of the key ingredients include zinc oxide, titanium dioxide, ecamsule, and avobenzone (Parsol 1789). Check expiration dates to be sure it is still effective.
- * Seek shade: Limit sun exposure by avoiding the outdoors or direct sunlight for long periods, especially during the hot summer months. UV light is strongest between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Cover your skin: Clothes, especially fabric that has a UV protection factor (UPV), provide another layer of sun protection. Read the labels to find lightweight, comfortable clothing that offer UPV protection to cover up.
- Wear a hat: A hat, especially one that has a 2 3 inch brim all around is ideal, as it protects areas that are often exposed to intense sun, such as ears, forehead, nose and scalp.
- Sunglasses that block UV rays: The skin around the eyes, as well as the eyes themselves, need to be protected, too. Check the label to make sure the glasses block UV rays. If there is no label, do not assume sun protection is provided.

Information from the American Cancer Society, the American Academy of Dermatology and the Skin Cancer Foundation.





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SUMMER KIDOKINETICS CLASSES

AT THE WESTON COMMUNITY CENTER

Inspiring kids to get up, get moving and get in shape!



Children learn to enjoy the fun way to fitness through a structured program that focuses on discipline, confidence, coordination, fine and gross motor skills, and fitness. Babies interact with soccer balls, footballs, bouncy balls, bean bags, cones, hula hoops, tunnels and much more, all with their parents proudly standing by. The older children participate in activities such as: soccer, hockey, tennis, basketball, football, volleyball, golf, lacrosse, hula-hoops, obstacle courses, hurdles and more!



REGISTER TODAY!!!

Summer Sessions Begin June 16th and July 28th
Cost is \$66 per 6 week session

Babykinetics

Ages 6-18 months

This is an introduction to physical activity for babies! Classes help increase body awareness and help babies learn coordination and balance.

Tuesdays

9:15 - 10:00am

Kidokinetics Jr.

Ages 18 - 34 months

Children will develop important building blocks for life with a variety of different activities each class.

Tuesdays

10:15 - 11:00am

Kidokinetics/Sportkinetics

Ages 3-10 years

The "Fun Way to Fitness" – your child will learn a new sport each week.

Wednesdays

4:30 - 5:15pm

Ages 3 - 7

Wednesdays

5:15 - 6:00pm

Ages 5 - 10

For class information, contact Kidokinetics at 954-385-8511 or visit <u>kidokinetics.com</u>. For information on additional classes available at the Weston Community Center, call 954-389-4321 or <u>click here</u> to download the current Class Schedule.





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SUMMARY OF UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

CITY EVENTS

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



PARADE APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE NOW! WESTON'S 4TH OF JULY HOMETOWN PARADE

Applications are available online for entry into Weston's 4th of July Hometown Parade. Civic groups and organizations, clubs, schools, bands and businesses are all encouraged to participate.

<u>Parade Application</u> Click for an application and details.

Application deadline: Friday, June 19, 2015.

<u>Video</u> Click to view short promotional video: 5K & Parade



AARP SAFE DRIVING COURSE

Saturday, June 13th

9:00AM - 3:00PM

A six hour classroom only session designed as a refresher course in safe driving, available to anyone 50 and over. A reduction in auto insurance premium is allowed to each person 55 and over by most insurance companies when this course is completed, providing the driver has a safe driving record.

Location: Weston Community Center, 20200 Saddle Club

Road, Weston.

Cost: AARP Members \$15; Non-members \$20

Please bring a bag lunch and AARP card if a member. **Registration Required:** Call Sonny at 954-385-9920.



CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, June 15th

7:00PM

A regular meeting of the Weston City Commission. **Location:** Weston City Hall, 17200 Royal Palm Blvd.

CLICK HERE FOR MORE EVENTS



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WESTON'S ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY HOMETOWN CELEBRATION FEATURES 5K RUN/WALK AND HOMETOWN PARADE Saturday, July 4th

"Celebrating Our Grand Old Flag"

5K Run/Walk Starts at 7:00AM
Parade Starts at 10:30AM



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:** <u>splitsecondtiming.com</u> 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.





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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 Code**RED** Emergency Notification System. To register, please visit:

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



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