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#### CITIZENS ON PATROL TWO LONGTIME VOLUNTEERS RETIRE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO COMMUNITY AND COUNTRY



Irvin Goldberg and Harold Sloane each volunteered as Weston Citizen on Patrol (COP) members for almost two decades. Each was presented with a plaque by Police Chief Kevin Butler who personally wanted to thank each of the gentlemen for their service to our community as well as their service to our country. Irvin and Harold received a standing ovation from the Commission, staff and audience.

As COP members they patrolled endless hours in the Weston community looking for suspicious activity and offering assistance and safety tips to residents. They did hundreds of Home Watch Checks and worked BSO and City events year round.

Irvin Goldberg started with the Weston COP program in 1996, serving 19 years. Irv served his country as an Army Artillery Specialist in the Korean War.

Harold Sloane began volunteering with Weston COP in 1997, serving 18 years. Harold is also a WWII veteran. He was a flight engineer instructor for B17's, B24's and B29's. Harold was stationed on Tinian Island, where the Enola Gay bomber lifted off with an atomic bomb dropping it on Hiroshima Japan. Harold volunteered two weeks after the bombing to fly over Hiroshima to survey the damage.

Thank you for your service!





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## FROG PRINCE PUPPET SHOW A HIT Up Next; Cinderella – April 25<sup>th</sup>

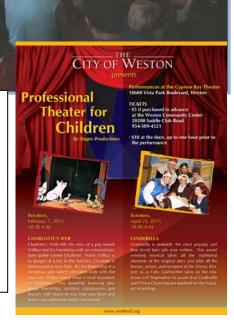


Don Decker, Director of Parks and Recreation engages children prior to the start of "The Frog Prince", the second of professional puppet shows season, provided free of charge at the Weston Community Center. Once the lights were dimmed and the show began, the kids were quiet as mice and enthralled with the show.



#### Coming Up Next:

- Professional Theater for Children presenting *Cinderella*
- Saturday, April 25, 2015 at 10:30 A.M.
- Performance location: Cypress Bay High School Theater
- Tickets: \$5 in advance, purchased at the Weston Community Center
- \$10 tickets if purchased at the door the day of the performance only
- For more information, please call 954-389-4321.







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## JOGGERS AND WALKERS SAFETY

Unintentional pedestrian injuries are the fifth leading cause of injury-related death in the United States for children ages 5 to 19.

#### Here are some tips to stay safe while out on your walk or jog:

Wear bright/light colored clothing and reflective materials.

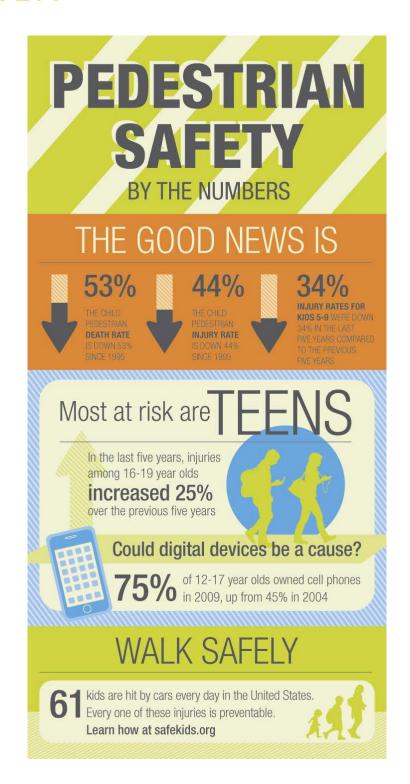
Carry a flashlight when walking at night, dusk or dawn.

Cross the street in a well-lit area at night and use crosswalks when available.

Stand clear of buses, hedges, parked cars, or other obstacles before crossing so drivers can see you.

Don't assume vehicles will stop. Make eye contact with drivers; don't just look at the vehicle. If a driver is on a cell phone, he or she may not be paying enough attention to drive safely.

Be alert to engine noise or backup lights on cars when in parking lots, and near on-street parking spaces.







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#### WESTON BRANCH LIBRARY ART EXHIBIT







The Weston Branch Library is exhibiting 20 paintings by Philip Mann this month through April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Philip Mann studied art at Brooklyn College, New York and the Miami, Florida. University of Through his artwork he offers an impressionist interpretation of the Everglades and surrounding areas. In this exhibit, he also displays short, clever poems with each painting for children to enjoy as they view the birds, trees and nature the fascinating of Everglades.

#### **Weston Branch Library**



Address: 4205 Bonaventure Blvd, Weston

**Phone:** 954-357-5420

**Hours:** Mon. – Wed: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Thurs. – Sat: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sun: Closed

#### Website:

www.broward.org/LIBRARY/LOCATIONSHOUR S/BRANCHES/Pages/WE.aspx





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## HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR CITY OF WESTON PARKS?

#### EAGLE POINT PARK

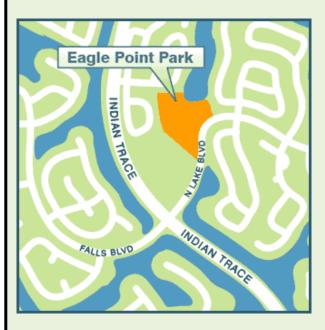
18691 North Lake Boulevard

Did you know that Weston has 14 parks and recreational facilities throughout the city?

Each month we will be highlighting one park with pictures and details of the principal amenities so residents can be more knowledgeable when selecting from the various recreational opportunities.



#### Eagle Point Park:



- Hours: 8:00am Dusk
- Located adjacent to Eagle Point Elementary
   School (to access the park, take the walkway past the basketball court)
- 7 acres of neighborhood park
- 2 Baseball fields
- Sand volleyball court
- Shaded playground
- Exercise path with lakefront views
- Parking
- Dog Friendly

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#### **EAGLE POINT PARK - Continued**

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



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#### **POOL SAFETY – DRAINS AND LIGHTING**



No matter how safe you think you are, every family benefits from adding new safety steps to their routine at the pool or spa.

A drain entrapment occurs when a body is held against a pool or spa drain by the force of the pool's suction or when an article of clothing, jewelry, hair or a limb is caught in a faulty drain. Children's public wading pools and in-ground spas that have flat drain grates and single main drain systems pose the greatest risk of entrapment.



The best way to prevent these hazards is to recognize them ahead of time, and to use caution when in a pool or spa. The key entrapment hazards include:

- Body: Body part covers a drain and is held down by the intensity of the suction
- Hair: Long hair is caught in a faulty drain cover
- Limbs: Arms, legs, feet or fingers are lodged in a suction opening
- Mechanical: Jewelry, bathing suits or other materials are entangled in a drain cover. Purchase inexpensive safety face plates and drain covers that meet new standards to avoid entanglement.



The biggest risks of electrocution in a swimming pool come from faulty underwater lighting, aging electrical wiring, sump pumps, power washers and vacuums that are not grounded and electrical appliances and extension cords that fall into the water. The risk is especially apparent if lighting and circuits aren't protected by Ground-Fault Circuit-Interrupters (GFCIs), which are one of the best ways to prevent electrocution.

The best step in avoiding electrocution in swimming pools is in preventative measures. Ensure your pool does not 120-volt fixtures. If so, have them changed to 12-volt fixtures. Following code, proper maintenance, and qualified professionals are key. The next step is having an emergency plan to follow if an accident does occur.

Your local Weston BSO provides free pool safety inspections. For more information, please contact Deputy Pallotto at 954-389-2010.







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### FLORIDA BIKE MONTH MARKHAM PARK BIKE TRAILS

Did you know that there are beautiful biking trails in Markham Park in Sunrise? The trails range from the mild to the wild. With nearly 11 miles of trails, the Markham Park Mountain Bike Trails offer bicycle enthusiasts a challenging experience. Trails are available for the novice, intermediate, and the expert/pro rider. Helmets are required, and riders under the age of 17 must have written consent from parent or legal guardian to ride. Only mountain bikes; other types of bicycles, bike trailers, and child seats are not allowed on the trails.

#### MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS

Markham Park (Sunrise)

\* For ages 6 and up

- \* Trails open 8:00 am until 6:00 pm daily
- \* \$5 for a daily pass; \$25 for an annual pass

First-time riders must sign a waiver in the park office before using the trails. For more information call the park at 954-357-8868 or visit <a href="http://www.broward.org/parks/markhampark">http://www.broward.org/parks/markhampark</a>.











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## BROWARD COUNTY OFFERS CONVENIENT WAY TO PAY PROPERTY TAXES – TUESDAY, MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>

#### Parking Lot Kiosk Provides "Drive-Through" Service



Residents can save time, avoid long lines and reduce parking congestion traditionally associated with making property tax payments by using Broward County's drive-through kiosk, open on Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. On this date, a drive-through kiosk will be located in the parking lot of the Governmental Center Annex, 115 South Andrews Avenue, and accepting payments from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In order for tax payments to be accepted at the kiosk, they must be:

- Current (2014 taxes only)
- Payment in full (no partial payments)
- Properly filled out check (no cash)
- · Accompanied by original tax bill stub

Payments will be processed on the day they are received. Residents can also go online to verify that the payment has been posted, and obtain a printed copy of their receipt by visiting broward.county-taxes.com.

Broward County Records, Taxes and Treasury Division will continue to accept property tax payments at their offices in the Governmental Center Annex, 115 S. Andrews Ave., Suite A100, Fort Lauderdale, through Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Payments can also be made online and at any Wells Fargo Branch Bank in Broward County through March 31, 2014.

For more information on paying your property tax, visit <u>broward.county-taxes.com</u> or call 954-831-4000.





March 24, 2014

#### SEA TURTLE NESTING SEASON IS UNDERWAY

#### BE CAUTIOUS WHEN HEADING TO THE BEACH

Sea turtle nesting season began in March and will continue through October<sup>t</sup>. These large marine reptiles have begun visiting Broward County's beaches and, as a precaution, Broward County Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department wants to inform beach residents and users to be aware!

Threatened and endangered sea turtle mothers come ashore at night to deposit their egg clutches and then they return to sea. If you are on the beach at night and see a large turtle coming ashore, watch from a distance and avoid the urge to get closer.





After a short incubation period, hatchling sea turtles will leave the nest with their instinct to head in the direction of the brightest horizon. On our beaches, under natural conditions, this would be east toward the ocean due to the dark silhouettes of dunes and a starlit illuminated ocean. However, artificial lights toward the west can confuse hatchlings and cause them to search for the ocean in the wrong direction.

If members of the public see hatchling turtles heading in the wrong direction they should call the sea turtle emergency response cell phone at 954-328-0580.

Members of the public wishing to participate in organized tours to witness the nesting ritual can contact the Broward County Sea Turtle Conservation Program at 954-519-1255 for more information.





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

#### View our <u>Upcoming Events on YouTube</u>



# WESTON'S ROYAL EGG HUNT Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> 10:00AM ARRIVE BY 9:15AM to park & get to field All age group egg hunts go off at 10AM

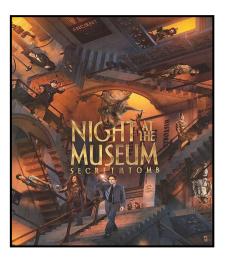
Egg hunts for children ages 10 and under. There will be 30,000 candy-filled eggs for the taking. Bring a basket or bag and don't be late! After the hunt, take photos with the Royal Bunny and enjoy bounce houses.

**Location:** Weston Regional Park Baseball Fields #1 through #4



#### CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM
A regular meeting of the Weston City Commission.
Location: Weston City Hall, 17200 Royal Palm Blvd.



## FREE MOONLIGHT MOVIE IN THE PARK NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM: SECRET OF THE TOMB Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> 8:00PM

Larry spans the globe, while embarking on an epic quest to save the magic before it is gone forever. Adventure, Comedy; 105 min. Rated "PG"

**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!** 

#### CLICK HERE FOR MORE EVENTS





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#### CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

7:00PM

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



#### QUARTERLY RESIDENTIAL BULK PICKUP

April 22<sup>nd</sup> – April 25<sup>th</sup>

Single Family or Multi-family with curbside collection:

Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> - or -Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> - or -Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

#### Multi-family with dumpsters:

Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

Bulk trash will be picked up on your regularly scheduled garbage collection day and should be placed on the curb by 7:00AM. For more information, call 954-385-2600.



## CINDERELLA – PROFESSIONAL THEATER FOR CHILDREN BY STAGES PRODUCTIONS AN OFFICIAL BROWARD 100 EVENT

Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

10:30AM

Cinderella is probably the most popular and best loved fairy tale ever written.

**Location:** Cypress Bay High School Theater, 18600 Vista Park Boulevard

<u>Tickets:</u> \$5.00 if purchased in advance at the Weston Community Theater, 20200 Saddle Club Road; \$10.00 at the door if available



### 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 at 17300 Royal Palm Boulevard.





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#### **EMS GO PACKETS**

#### **BSO** Weston Fire Rescue - Free for Residents

The packets hold medical information and legal documents for EMS and hospital personnel can be aware of your medical conditions. Call 954-389-2015 for information.



#### CPR SAFE COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

FREE CPR classes for residents, organizations and businesses. Classes are offered at your own location (minimum of 8 persons). Call 954-389-2015 today.



#### 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. Call 954-389-2015.



#### **REGISTER FOR CodeRED TODAY**

All residents and businesses should register with the City's Code**RED** 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.



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