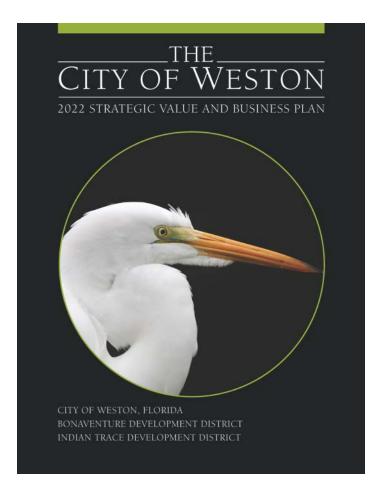




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# WESTON'S LONG RANGE PLAN 2022 Strategic Value and Business Plan

Strategic planning by definition is an organizations process of defining its strategy or direction and making decisions on allocating its resources in pursuit of that strategy. Long range planning looks to the organizations future needs.



Weston's Strategic Value and Business Plan is a long-term strategic policy document, an operating and financial guide and a financial modeling mechanism.

It is designed to ensure a sustainable community. The document, 177 pages in length, projects and charts the needs and costs of services, infrastructure, capital equipment and maintenance.

Similar to its direct predecessor Plans (2010, 2015 & 2018 Plans), the 2022 Plan is the City of Weston and its dependent districts' unique equivalent of the typical government multi-year capital plan seen in other cities, which generally project three to five years out.

Weston's Plan is designed to protect and enhance the quality of life and financial investment that residents made when they moved into the community.

The financial presentation in the 2022 Plan follows the format of the City's adopted operating budget to insure easy reference with the City's current budget. All department and fund-level projections are explained, with clearly identified projection rationales.

The 2022 Plan projects that the City is expected to continue to grow the value for its residents and business owners and continue to provide each with outstanding services at fair costs.

Click to view the City of Weston 2022 Strategic Value and Business Plan.





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# WOW - THIS WEEKEND IT'S THE ROYAL EGG HUNT!

# Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am Weston Regional Park

Bring a basket and search for the golden eggs!







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# IBIS ISLAND II The Nesting of the Wood Stork

Spring has brought even more wildlife to Weston for all to view. In the July 10, 2012 edition of Newsday Tuesday (attached) we reported on what we coined "Ibis Island" just across the waterway that surrounds **Weston's Emerald Estates Park**.

Over the last two months, a colony of over 25 Wood Storks have taken up residence on the same island along with another large aquatic bird, the Cormorant. You can see them all day long nesting in the trees as well as wading along the parks water edge. Then Ibis fly in from all around as the sun is fading and still roost in this same tree island, but have also moved to a cluster of trees just to the east: *Ibis Island II*.



The Wood Stork was just recently taken off the endangered species list in June of 2014.

It is one of the largest American wading birds standing 3 feet tall and having a beautiful black tipped wingspan of up to 6 feet across. It is the only stork that breeds in North America. From Emerald Estates Park

you can view their large stick nests where females lay typically three to five eggs when they breed once a year.



Article from July 2013 on the Ibis on the next page - Click on page to view





July 10, 2012

# WESTON'S ENVIRONMENT

Just off-shore of one of Weston's park gems, Emerald Estates Park, is what can be coined, "Ibis Island". Ibis Island is actually a patchwork of trees in the waterway between the park and Griffin Road, that each night attracts hundreds of Ibis from throughout the area. Beginning around 5:00 p.m. the birds can be seen collecting on the branches. By nightfall, what was

Emerald
Estates Park

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Emerald
Estates Drive
http://www.westonfl.
org/Departments/Par
ksAndRecreation/em
eraldEstates.aspx

completely green vegetation appears from a distance to be covered with white flowers. Take a closer look and you can view the colonies that have for some reason selected this location over all others. Just walk past the tennis courts and look out over the water at sunset to view a unique nightly migration.

The American White Ibis is very common in Florida but can be found as far south as Columbia and Venezuela. This wading bird is frequently seen on residential lawns as well as probing for prey along the shallow waterline. The adult Ibis is easily identified by its white plumage and long curved reddish-orange bill, but they are brown on top as a juvenile until the age of one. They use their curved beaks just like tweezers to root for insects, worms and snails.



With Weston's extensive waterways and lush landscaping residents can enjoy viewing these aquatic birds from sun up to sun down, often viewed in ones backyard or as you drive down the street.



#### **Interesting Cultural Factoid:**

The University of Miami Hurricanes mascot is Sebastian the Ibis. They chose this mascot because the Ibis is the last animal to take cover during a hurricane and the first animal to come out after a hurricane.







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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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# COMMON CAUSES OF HOUSEHOLD WATER DAMAGE

Things to know and check for now, rather than pay for damage later...

 Check appliance hoses and plumbing fitting for signs of wear including bulges, cracks, crimping or bending.
 Stainless steel braided hoses are 10X less likely to fail and are more flexible.



- Know where the main water shut off valve is.
- If you will be away for awhile, consider shutting the water supply off.
- Check or have your air conditioning system inspected regularly by a professional.
   Check the drain lines at least annually and clean them if clogged.
- Inspect water heaters, showers tubs, toilets, sinks and dishwashers annually. Install water heaters in an area with floor drains to minimize damage if leaks should occur. Install water heater pan under the water heater.
- If your refrigerator has an ice machine or water dispenser, the hose between the wall and the refrigerator should be made of braided copper which will help prevent cracking and corrosion.



These simple steps can help to protect your home from the most common causes of water damage.





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# DON'T MISS WESTON'S LAST <u>FREE</u> MOONLIGHT MOVIE OF THE SEASON

# NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM: SECRET OF THE TOMB Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm

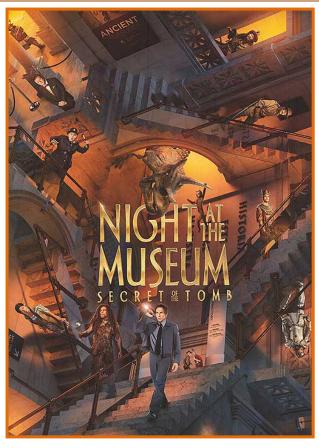
## Kick back and relax - the movies are on us...

Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy this *FREE* full-length feature film projected onto a giant inflatable screen.

Please note time change due to Daylight Saving.

Larry spans the globe, while embarking on an epic quest to save the magic before it is gone forever.

Adventure, Comedy / 105 minutes / Rated "PG"



The movie is shown at the Community Center Event Stage in the Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Road. For more information, please call 954-389-4321 or visit <a href="www.westonfl.org">www.westonfl.org</a>. We look forward to seeing you and your family there!





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# WESTON'S BULK TRASH PICKUP SCHEDULE <u>APRIL 2015</u>

**FREE** Bulk Pickup occurs quarterly throughout the year. Pickup takes place on your regularly scheduled garbage collection day.

## **APRIL 2015:**

Single Family Homes Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> and Multi-Family Units Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> with Curbside Collection: Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

Multi-family units with dumpsters:

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

**FUTURE DATES:** 

JULY 2015: OCTOBER 2015: July 22<sup>nd</sup> – July 25<sup>th</sup> October 21<sup>st</sup> – October 24<sup>th</sup>

## Bulk items include but are not limited to:

- Furniture, mattresses, carpets and other large household items.
- Large and small appliances, such as dishwashers, laundry machines and stoves.
- Refrigerators or air conditioners must have Freon removed by a certified dealer.
- Mirrors, glass, glass top tables, windowpanes, and plate glass items should be safely placed in a rigid container to facilitate safe collection.

**NOT COLLECTED:** Bulk items DO NOT include contractor-generated material, or vegetative waste (landscape materials) or household hazardous waste.



## BEFORE YOU THROW - CONSIDER DONATING:

Help those in need, keep items out of the waste stream, **and** get a tax deduction. Several national organizations will even pick-up directly from your residence.

For more information, please call 954-385-2600 or visit <a href="https://www.westonfl.org/Departments/PublicWorks/BulkPickup.aspx">www.westonfl.org/Departments/PublicWorks/BulkPickup.aspx</a>.





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# WESTON BRANCH LIBRARY APRIL ADULT AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

## **ADULT SERVICES PROGRAMS**

## **Literacy Programs**

Nuzhat Alam (954-357-5304)

ENGLISH CAFÉ

Beginners I Monday 10:30 am Beginners II Tuesday 10:30a Intermediate I Monday 4:00 pm Intermediate II Wednesday 5:30 Advanced Friday 10:30 am

SPANISH CAFÉ

Beginners I Mon 3:00 pm & Sat 3:00 pm

Intermediate Wednesday 3:00 pm Advanced Friday 10:30 am

• CITIZENSHIP STUDIES
Tuesday 6:00 pm

Writer's Circle First Saturday of Month; 10:30am Astrid Parrish (954-389-2245)

Special Events

April 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>
 Tuesdays
 Free Knitting Club
 Free Chair Yoga
 6:00 pm
 3:00 pm
 12:00 pm

### YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAMS

For information (954-357-5430)

<ul><li>Thursdays</li></ul>	Baby Story Time	3–11 months	10:30 am
	Toddler Story Time	12-35 months	11:30 am
	Preschool Story Time	3–5 years	12:30 pm
• April 6 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Chess Club	7-17 years	4:30 pm
<ul> <li>April 11<sup>th</sup></li> </ul>	Sensory Story Time	All Ages	11:00 am
(for children with autism spectrum disorders)			
<ul> <li>April 13<sup>th</sup></li> </ul>	Muchkin Mondays	K- 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	4:00 pm
<ul> <li>April 16<sup>th</sup></li> </ul>	Wags and Tales	5-12 years	3:00 pm
<ul> <li>April 20<sup>th</sup></li> </ul>	Kids Club	3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	4:00 pm
• April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Teen Scene	6 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	4:30 pm
All Month	Computer Classes	Call for details	

#### **SPECIAL EVENT:**

• April 18<sup>th</sup> Suzuki Music Academy Performance

All Ages 2:00 pm

For more information and additional classes and events, please call 954-357-5420 or visit <a href="http://www.broward.org/Library/EventsClasses/Pages/ProgramsWE.aspx">http://www.broward.org/Library/EventsClasses/Pages/ProgramsWE.aspx</a>.





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# WESTON'S "POP" TIP OF THE DAY Look for a new tip every weekday during April



Weston will be communicating daily POP Tips of the Day throughout the month of April. POP is short for – Protect Our Planet.

These **Green** practical tips will be promoting environmental awareness. With **daily** action tips throughout the month of April, we can help preserve our

environment through simple lifestyle choices.

Not just Earth Day (April 22<sup>nd</sup>) but every day...

# **How To Get Your POP Tip:**

- Follow us on Twitter
- Visit our website's Happening Now section and the Calendar of Events (<u>www.westonfl.org</u>)
- View our Government Cable TV Channel
- All with no paper wasted!

Check it out... and help preserve the environment and possibly save yourself time and money in the process.





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# **UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS**

# View our **Upcoming Events on YouTube**



(click on picture to view promo)

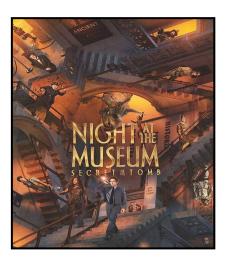
# WESTON'S ROYAL EGG HUNT Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> 10:00AM ARRIVE BY 9:15AM to park & get to field All age group egg hunts go off at 10AM

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" Don't miss this last movie of the season.

Moonlight Movies in the Park will return again in October.

**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 20th

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**

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

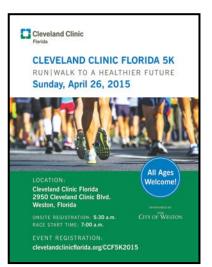
10:30AM

Cinderella is probably the most popular and best loved fairy tale ever written. An official Broward 100 event.

Location: Cypress Bay High School Theater, 18600

Vista Park Boulevard

Tickets: \$5 if purchased in advance at the Weston Community Center; \$10 at the door, day of event.



## **CLEVELAND CLINIC FLORIDA 5K**

Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

7:00AM

Run/Walk to a healthier future. The Cleveland Clinic 5K, co-sponsored by the City of Weston will start and end on the Cleveland Clinic campus. All ages welcome!

Location: 2950 Cleveland Clinic Blvd.

Registration: www.clevelandclinicflorida.org/ccf5k2015

On-site registration: 5:30AM

Early Registration fees through April 3<sup>rd</sup>.





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# **DISASTER PREPAREDNESS SYMPOSIUM**

Thursday, May 28th

6:00PM

Free symposium offers residents & businesses the opportunity to learn about the 2015 hurricane forecast, how to prepare and what you can expect during and after a disaster. Refreshments will be served.

## **Guest Speakers:**

Stacey Stewart, Senior Hurricane Specialist, NOAA-National Hurricane Center, Miami
Craig Setzer, Chief Meteorologist, WFOR-TV Miami
John R. Flint, City Manager, City of Weston
Location: Weston Community Center, Weston Regional
Park, 20200 Saddle Club Road



# 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.



#### **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.





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

All residents and businesses should register with the City's CodeRED 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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