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**NEWSDAY TUESDAY
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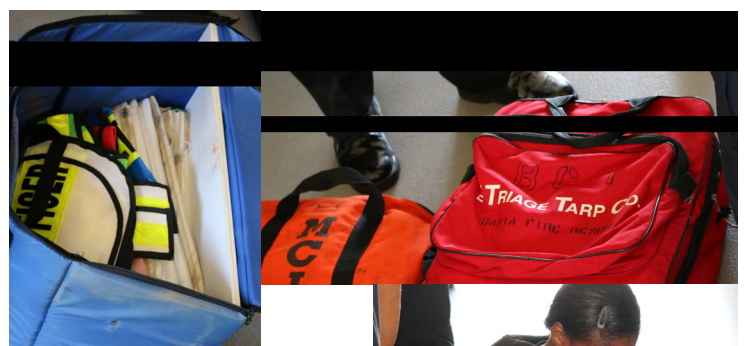
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BSO Fire Rescue Active Shooter Response It's Not Just Police That Prepare and Respond

On Friday, July 8, 2016, BSO Fire Rescue crews in Weston, lead by Weston Fire Chief Bruce Angier, reviewed the agency's Standard Operating Procedures and equipment for a Rescue Task Force and Active Shooter Response. The informal review was prompted by recent events around the country and also attended by members of BSO Law Enforcement, including Weston Police Chief Kevin Butler.

Fire Rescue personnel that respond to scenes with an active threat or danger to treat the injured have a complex job of positioning necessary advance life support (ALS) equipment and entering a hazard zone themselves. These types of situations require specialized protective gear, equipment and training.

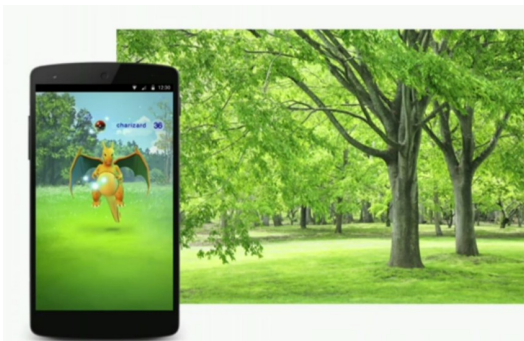




POKÉMON GO: ALL THE RAGE

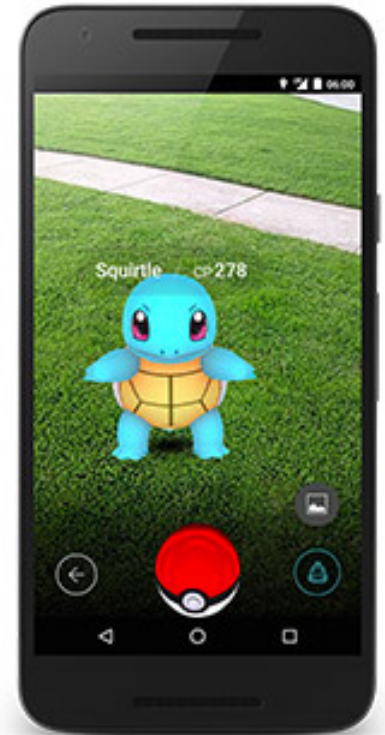
But Precautions are Necessary to Continue the Fun

Whether you are a proficient Pokémon Go human trainer or have no idea why your kids have their faces glued to the phone, and want to explore all areas of town that are landmarked within the app, you need to heed a few safety tips.



This new app for smart phones brings augmented reality to interact with the everyday world in the location of the phones user. The fictional Pokémon creatures and

the game to catch them, has exploded in popularity.



The game has many positives, including getting people out and about in parks and towns and visiting locations people may otherwise have never seen. ***But please look up from your phone.***

There are some unintended consequences as well. The game is so engaging that kids and adults get so caught up in the 'hunt' and lose focus of their surroundings – stepping into traffic, walking into obstacles, driving while playing and trespassing on private property. Beware that children may be tempted to go out at night in search of the 'nighttime' Pokémon creatures which only come out in the evening hours. Criminals have also noted the popularity and are utilizing the game to lure or wait for players.

The City of Miami Police Department quickly came out with a great informational video. It highlights what Pokémon Go is all about AND shares the potential dangers that parents and users need to be aware of.

Excellent viewing for parents as well as game players:

The City of Miami Police Department's [Social Media 101: Pokemon Go](#)



REMINDER: THIS WEEK IS BULK TRASH PICKUP IN WESTON

It's here! Quarterly Residential Bulk Trash Pickup will be done this week throughout Weston. Pickup takes place on your **regularly scheduled garbage collection** day. The next scheduled bulk pick up will take place in October.

July 2016

Single Family Homes and Multi-Family Units with Curbside Collection **On the day of your regularly scheduled garbage collection:**

Wednesday, July 20th; Thursday, July 21st, or Friday, July 22nd

Multi-family Units with Dumpsters

Saturday, July 23rd

NEXT BULK PICKUP:

October 19th – 21st

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.



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

THINK BEFORE YOU TRASH – CONSIDER DONATING ITEMS:

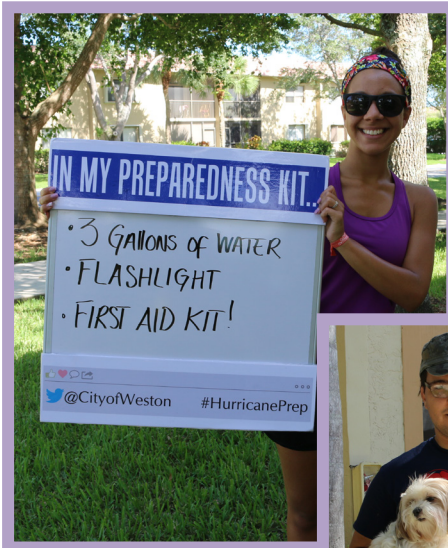
Help those in need, keep items out of the waste stream, **and** get a tax deduction. Several national organizations will even pick-up directly from your residence.

**For more information on residential bulk trash service,
please call 954-385-2600 or [click here](#).**



WHAT'S IN YOUR PREPAREDNESS KIT?

Hurricane Preparedness...A Continuing Series



Everyone needs to be prepared for the unexpected. Your friends and family may not be together when disaster strikes. Will you know if your children or parents are safe?

What will you do if all services are shut off?

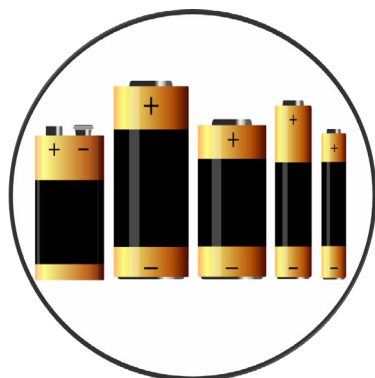
BE PREPARED

BUILD AN EMERGENCY KIT

Helpful tips of items to consider:

[City of Weston Disaster Kit](#)

[Ready.gov Supply List](#)





DOING BUSINESS IN WESTON?

**Renew (or Apply for)
Your Business Tax Receipt
by September 30th**

The City of Weston reminds you that all businesses in Weston are required to have an active Business Tax Receipt (BTR) before engaging in any business in the City of Weston, including home-based businesses. The BTR must be renewed annually.

Business Tax Receipts are due and payable on or before September 30th of each year. Renewal invoices were mailed out on July 1st to the mailing address that the City has on file. It is the businesses responsibility to notify the City of Weston should there be any changes.

According to Florida State Statute, Chapter 205, Business Tax Receipts that are not renewed by the due date are considered delinquent and subject to a delinquency penalty of **10 percent for the month of October**, plus an **additional 5 percent penalty for each subsequent month** of delinquency until paid. Any individual 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**.

AVOID THE PENALTIES AND RENEW ONLINE NOW - [CLICK HERE](#)

If you are NOT currently doing business in Weston but received an invoice, please call 954-385-2000 or email BTR@westonfl.org.

If you have any questions, please call: 954-385-2000 or email BTR@westonfl.org

For complete detailed information, visit [Business Tax Receipts](#).



MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Business Tax Receipts are due and payable on or before September 30th! [Click here](#) to renew today.



BE ELECTION READY PRIMARY ELECTIONS ARE AUGUST 30TH

Florida's Primary Election Day is **Tuesday, August 30th**. On this day, Florida's voters will select candidates for federal, state and local offices, and the ballot may also contain referendum items.

Voter Registration Deadline

Not a registered voter? Be sure to register to vote by August 1st in order to participate in the August 30th elections.

Early Voting for Primary Election

Early Voting will be offered at locations throughout Broward County, as follows:
Saturday, August 20th–Sunday, August 28th
10 AM – 6 PM

Weston's Nearest Early Voting site:
Weston Branch Library
4205 Bonaventure Boulevard

[Click here](#) for details on Early Voting.



Vote-By-Mail

In order to vote-by-mail (formerly known as *absentee ballot*) voters must submit a request in writing. The request can be made in person, by mail, by telephone, or you can [fill out a request form now](#). Only the voter or a designated member of his or her immediate family or legal guardian can request an Vote By Mail ballot for the voter. Immediate family means the voter's spouse, parent, child, grandparent, or sibling of the voter or of the voter's spouse. Requests must be received by the Broward Supervisor of Elections Office no later than August 24, 2016. Ballots will be mailed out starting August 2nd and must be received by the Supervisor of Elections office no later than 7:00 PM on August 30th.

[Click here](#) for details on Vote by Mail.

Primary Election Day

On Tuesday, August 30th the polls will be open 7 AM – 7 PM.

[Download a sample ballot](#) for your precinct by entering your home address.

Visit the Broward County Supervisor of Elections office online at
BrowardSOE.org



Put your
Super Hero
cape on and
watch this
[video!](#)



Be a HERO. Spill The Water! FIGHT MOSQUITOES

Stop scratching! Mosquitoes are everywhere in Florida, they not only make us itch, but they also carry diseases like Zika and the West Nile Virus.

Mosquitoes lay their eggs in water. Just a teaspoon of water is enough! So it is important to get rid of standing water around your home.

Ways to prevent mosquitoes from breeding:

- *Change water collection saucers for potted plants weekly.*
- *Maintain swimming pools with proper care*
- *Keep the rain gutters and drains clean.*
- **Spill out** standing water and clean up debris and other trash around your yard

By spilling the water, you can be a super hero at home, school or in your community by preventing mosquitoes from breeding.

For more information, contact the Florida Department of Health at 850-245-4444 or email at health@flhealth.gov



The rules of the road are changing constantly.

Make sure you are up to date!

[Click Here](#)

for a copy of the current **Florida Driver's Handbook.**

[Key Highway Safety Laws in Florida](#)

Follow Directions

Traffic signs give drivers a lot of information in a simple way.

Traffic Sign Colors		
Red	Stop. Do not enter. Wrong way.	
Orange	Construction and maintenance warning.	
Yellow	General warning. Advisory of unexpected roadway conditions.	
Fluorescent Yellow Green	High emphasis warning of school, pedestrian, and bicycling activity.	
White/Black	Regulatory.	
Green	Guide, or directional information.	
Blue	Motorist services guidance. It is also used to identify parking spaces for disabled drivers.	
Brown	Areas of public recreation, cultural, and historical significance.	

COMMON ACTIONS THAT LEAD TO POOR DRIVING ETIQUETTE

Mistakes on the road are not hard to come by and small ones are easy to ignore; however, a small mistake can turn into a big accident. Simple driving etiquette can keep you, your passengers and others on the road safe.

MANNERS ON THE ROAD ARE SERIOUS BUSINESS

Make sure to keep yourself in check, be mindful of these common actions found in our daily travels across South Florida:

NOT USING TURN SIGNALS

Your car's turning signals are not cheap light shows for concert enthusiasts, they are there to help others know where you are going without a crystal ball. Many near collisions occur on the road everyday because of the lack of this simple courtesy.

CUTTING OFF TRAFFIC

Remember in elementary school when you would tattle furiously on line cutters? Not much has changed since then. Cutting off traffic is the grown-up version of cutting in line. It is not only dangerous, it puts you at fault for any angry retaliation from other drivers. Make sure to switch lanes with ample time, using the appropriate turn signal of course!



LOVE THY MERGER

At first glance it may be hard to realize but the freeway is not a NASCAR track. Be aware of other drivers and allow them to merge when necessary. Slowing down can prevent surrounding cars from having to race you to switch lanes. Or even side tackling you into the hospital.



HAPPENINGS...

AT THE WESTON YMCA FAMILY CENTER

Aquatics – Swim Lessons

The Weston YMCA is the place for your family to learn how to swim, regardless of age. Whether just learning how to swim, improving strokes, or competing against other top swimmers, Weston residents are in safe hands with our certified swimming instructors and lifeguards. The classes are about more than just techniques and skills; participants build lasting friendships from their positive experiences that will last a lifetime. Visit the Weston YMCA to sign up today!



Youth Sports – Girls Volleyball

Bump, set, spike in our youth girls volleyball league at the Weston YMCA! This league is for girls ages 7 through 16 and will begin September 17th. Registration is currently open!



Youth Sports – Girls Basketball

Introducing our brand new program tailored specifically for girls at the Weston YMCA. We will be starting an ALL GIRLS basketball league beginning September 24th and running through December 17th. The league is for girls ages 6-14. Registration is open through September 9th.



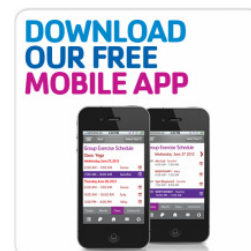
Youth Sports – Fall Baseball

Hit a homerun this fall in our youth baseball/T-ball League at the Weston YMCA! This league is for boys and girls ages 4-14. The season starts September 10th and runs through December 3rd. Registration is open now through September 4th.



We're Mobile For You

We know you're using your mobile phone more and more everyday! Now get YMCA info when you want it, where you want it....on the go! **NOW** available for iPhone and Android!



YMCA of South Florida - Weston YMCA Family Center

20201 Saddle Club Road, Weston, FL 33327 | ymcasouthflorida.org | 954-424-9622

Located inside the Weston Regional Park



UPCOMING CITY EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Westonfl.org/Events



QUARTERLY RESIDENTIAL BULK TRASH PICKUP JULY 2016

Single Family or Multi-family with curbside collection:

Wednesday, July 20th **-or-** Thursday, July 21st **-or-**

Friday, July 22nd

Multi-family with dumpsters:

Saturday, July 23rd

Bulk trash will be picked up on your **regularly scheduled garbage collection day** and should be placed at the curb by 7:00 AM. For more information, [click here](#) or call 954-385-2600.



CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, August 15, 2016

7:00 PM

Weston City Hall, 17200 Royal Palm Boulevard

A regular meeting of the Weston City Commission.

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.

Download a flyer here: [Safe Transaction Zone](#)



LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORER PROGRAM

For young men and women ages 14-21. The program provides interaction with law enforcement and other community advisors in a serious, regimented atmosphere where students can demonstrate personal initiative. Offers students the opportunity to learn & experience lawful citizenship as they participate side-by-side with certified BSO deputies in ongoing training and community service projects. For detailed program information and an on-line application, [click here](#).



CITIZEN OBSERVER PATROL (C.O.P.) PROGRAM

A model program, COP's are the additional eyes and ears of the community, assisting and enhancing our own BSO policing efforts. Members of the Broward Sheriff's Office Countywide Operations professionally train all volunteers. Typical assignments in addition to patrol, include performing checks on unoccupied residences at owner's request, checking on elderly or homebound and reporting potential problems and neighborhood hazards and assist at Weston community events. COP volunteers wear uniforms and drive specially marked vehicles. You must be 18 years of age with a valid driver's license. **Interested?** Please call the Weston District at 954-389-2010.



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HOMEWATCH PROGRAM

If you are leaving on vacation, a deputy or community service aide will check on your home regularly while you are away. To sign up for this free service, print the [HOMEWATCH](#) request form and return to Weston District in person or by fax: 954-659-3541 or call 954-389-2010.

BSO WESTON FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

More information on programs listed below:

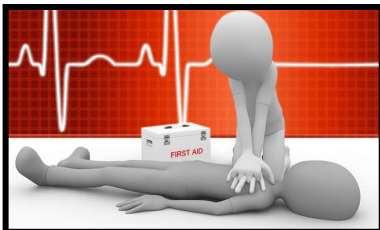
Call 954-389-2015 or visit

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 Weston Fire Station No. 81. Classes are also offered at your own location with a minimum of 8 persons. Call 954-389-2015 Mon-Fri.



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.



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COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

The Weston CERT Program educates citizens about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations. **Join today!** Call 954-389-2015

View our CERT webpage:

<http://www.westonfl.org/Departments/FireEMS/CERTProgram.aspx>

WESTON COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

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



REGISTER FOR CODERED

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 TO YOUR INBOX

- * **Newsday Tuesday:** A collection of weekly city news articles, information and events.
- * **E-Notifications:** Updates on projects; media releases; events and more.

Subscribe at:

<http://www.westonfl.org/Events/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, scroll to *Weston Government TV*



WESTON GOVERNMENT RADIO 1680AM

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

HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE – ARE YOU PREPARED?



Prepare now for Hurricane season, which runs from June 1st – November 30th. Gather supplies for your family's disaster kit, review your family's plan on evacuation or sheltering at home, survey your home's preparation needs, etc. Sign up for the City of Weston's **CodeRED** system by clicking [here](#) to register. CodeRED is used only for emergency and life safety purposes. Register loved ones for the Broward County Vulnerable Population or Special Needs registries, if applicable. For more details, visit Westonfl.org/Hurricane.

View [hurricane preparedness videos](#) on the Weston YouTube channel and follow us on **Twitter** @CityofWeston <https://twitter.com/cityofweston>

THE
CITY OF WESTON

For your style... for your life