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BSO WESTON EXPLORERS EDUCATION, COMPETITION & EXPLORING!



BSO Weston Police Explorers Post 44 has had an active summer lead by Senior Explorer Advisor Deputy Kevin Maccagli. They first headed to Orlando to participate in the Florida Association of Police Explorers State competition in June, where they won 2nd place in shooting and 3rd place in the Crime scene competition.

In July, they traveled to Flagstaff, Arizona for the *Learning for Life* Nationals. Over 200 posts, totaling over 2,000 Explorers from around the nation including Puerto Rico, representing law enforcement agencies at all levels - local, county, state and federal - competed in 12 categories. The competition categories included domestic, traffic stop, accident investigation, shoot don't shoot, officer down, bomb threat, crime scene, white collar crime, crime prevention, search & seizure, active shooter and In-progress. Each team competed in 4 scenarios.



To fund their trips to competitions, the Weston Explorers held a car wash at Tequesta Trace Middle School, assisted with and raised money on Cinco de Mayo at I Love Tacos and the 'End of School Fun Day' at Carolina Ale House; and they sold raffle tickets to items donated by local businesses and also received corporate donations directly to the explorer post to offset their expenses.



Learn more about the [BSO Explorer Program](#)



CYCLISTS REPAIR BIKES ON THE GO

FIXIT BIKE REPAIR STATIONS NOW AVAILABLE IN FIVE CITY PARKS

Over the last year, the City of Weston Parks and Recreation Department has installed Fixit Bike Repair Stations in five City parks to assist cyclists with simple repairs.

The **Fixit Bike Repair Station** includes all of the tools necessary to perform basic bike repairs and maintenance, from changing a flat to adjusting brakes and derailleurs. The tools and air pump are attached to a stand with stainless steel cables. Hanging a bike from the hanger arms allows the pedals and wheels to spin freely while making adjustments. Three stations were installed last year, and two additional stations were recently installed at Peace Mound Park and Emerald Estates Park.



Among the features of the Fixit:

- A QR code takes smart phone users to a comprehensive bike repair web site.
- Philips and flat head screwdrivers
- Allen wrenches
- Headset and pedal wrench
- Tire levers



Bike Fixit Stations are located at:

- **Peace Mound Park**
- **Emerald Estates Park**
- **Gator Run Park** (along Glades Parkway)
- **Library Park** (along Bonaventure Boulevard)
- **Weston Regional Park** near the basketball courts, adjacent to where most weekend bikers park their cars before heading out for a ride.



For tips and information on cycling safety and more, visit the Weston website [Bicycle Friendly Community](#) page.



HURRICANE SUPPLY KIT SHOPPING GUIDE

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS – A *Continuing Series*

All residents are encouraged to prepare an emergency supply kit that would sustain your family for a minimum of 72 hours after a storm. Preparation is the key to safely weathering any other disaster. This list identifies basic items to sustain you and your family following a storm that may leave you without power and/or drinking water.

[Click here](#) for additional details online.

FOOD GROUPS:

- **Bread** Crackers, pretzels, melba toast, rice cakes, cereal, nutritional bars
- **Meat** Canned tuna, chicken/turkey, beans, peanut butter and beef jerky
- **Milk** Shelf stable milk, powdered milk, boxed pudding, nutritional drinks
- **Vegetable** Canned vegetables, soups of all types, canned 3-bean salad
- **Fruit** Canned fruit, applesauce, dried fruits and 100% fruit juice
- **Snacks** Trail mix, granola bars, cookies, hard candy, instant coffee, etc.

WATER:

At least one gallon per person, per day is needed, for approximately 3 - 5 days. Extra water is needed for food preparation and personal hygiene.

SUPPLIES TO HAVE IN STOCK:

- Items for infants, toddlers and elderly
- Flashlights and extra batteries
- Manual can opener
- Coolers for ice and food
- Charcoal, sterno or propane for grill or camp stove
- Disposable paper goods, plastic utensils, garbage bags and re-sealable plastic bags
- Tool kit, including duct tape, gloves, saw, tarp, rope, and other small tools. Include garbage bags, broom, etc.
- Pet supplies for 3 – 5 days
- Clothing and blankets, including rain gear and closed shoes
- Portable AM/FM radio – battery-operated or hand crank
- Hard-line telephone with jack (not cordless)
- First aid kit and prescription medicines (minimum 2-week supply)
- Mosquito repellent, sunscreen
- Cash and fuel for vehicles and generators





The Facts About

BLUE – GREEN ALGAE

What Is It?

Blue-green algae is a naturally occurring aquatic bacteria, containing chlorophyll and dependant on sunlight to grow, like plants. Found throughout the world, these algae multiply quickly in water bodies with high nutrient levels. The algal blooms affect surface water and are not known to affect groundwater sources.

What Causes It?

Warm temperatures and calm water conditions - common in South Florida – contribute to algal blooms. Storm water runoff and local septic tanks can also fuel the spread of blue-green algae.

What Can You Do?

If you think you spot algal blooms in your community's waterways, report them to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Call 855-305-3903 or log on to ReportAlgalBloom.com.

If you or someone you know has technology that can help this issue, submit it to the [Algal Bloom Innovative Technology Review Portal](#).

UPDATES FROM THE



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Stay up to date in the latest developments of Blue-Green Algae across South Florida by [clicking here](#).

How do the Algal Blooms affect your favorite [aquatic wildlife](#)?





Back to School Shopping on Florida Tax Free Weekend August 5th - 7th

Maximize Your Savings!



- Coupons and buy-one-get-one-free sales help to increase savings during the sales tax holiday.
- Retailers are increasingly competitive during the back-to-school season. Be on the lookout for bargains.
- Download the complete [Florida Sales Tax Holiday Information Sheet](#) to make sure your purchase applies.



The season for Back to School shopping is almost here! The Florida Sales tax holiday is Friday, August 5th through Sunday, August 7th. The Florida Legislature authorized to cut allowances on clothing, shoes and school supplies during this tax holiday.

Tax Holiday Guidelines

Clothing: Garments and accessories are tax free up to \$60 each.

Shoes: Shoes valued at \$60 or less are eligible for tax exemption along with clothing.

School Supplies: Pens, pencils, erasers, you name it! School supplies have a price limit of \$15 per item. A few items, such as staplers and computer paper are excluded.

Internet Orders: Sales tax should not be applied to eligible items that are ordered online – even if those items are delivered after the sales tax holiday ends.





SAFEGUARDING YOUR MOBILE BANKING APP

With technology rapidly evolving, we are slowly transitioning into a world where information is at our finger tips. Our phones can now connect to our banks 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Unfortunately, unlike our banks our phones are not equipped with video surveillance, vaults and security guards on duty; however, there are still ways to defend your mobile banking app:

1. Always make sure to have installed the latest version of your mobile app. Older versions become less secure the more out of date they are.
2. Use caution of how you access the Internet. Yes, phones can download malware, too! Monitor anyone else who uses your phone, especially your children.
3. Create a strong password for your mobile banking app. Try not to use the same password that you use for the rest of your accounts. Use upper case and lower case letters as well as numbers.
4. Free Wi-Fi can come at a price. It is very easy for hackers to access your information over public Wi-Fi. Make sure to have a VPN (Virtual Private Network) installed, this will encrypt all of your information.
5. Always ensure your phone is password protected. A few extra seconds to unlock your phone can save you years of identity theft headaches.

For more tips, [click here](#).





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.



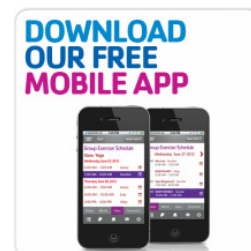
Youth Sports – Fall Baseball

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



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.



PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, August 30, 2016

Polls Open 7 AM – 7 PM

During the Primary Election, voters select candidates for federal, state and local offices, and the ballot may also contain referendum items.

Early Voting for Primary Election

Early Voting will be offered Saturday, August 20th – Sunday, August 28, 2016, 10 AM – 6 PM at locations throughout Broward County. The nearest Early Voting site is: Weston Branch Library, 4205 Bonaventure Boulevard. For additional information about Early Voting, [click here](#).

Vote-By-Mail

In order to vote-by-mail (formerly known as absentee ballot) the voter must submit a request in writing. The request can be made in person, by mail, by telephone, or [fill out a request form now](#). The request must be received by the Broward Supervisor of Elections Office no later than August 24, 2016.

Vote-by-Mail [guidelines](#)

Voter Registration Deadline

If you are not already a registered voter, **you must register to vote by August 1st to vote** in the Primary Election **on Tuesday, August 30th**. For more information, visit the [Supervisor of Elections' website](#).



July 26, 2016



20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND RECOGNITION CEREMONY

Saturday, September 3, 2016 5:00 - 8:00 PM

Weston Hills Country Club, 2600 Country Club Way

20th Anniversary Celebration for the City of Weston and Recognition Ceremony honoring the original elected members of the Indian Trace Development District (ITDD) Board of Supervisors, the Steering Committee Members and Former Elected City Officials.

Twenty years ago on September 3, 1996, members of the Steering committee and residents gathered at Weston Hills County Club as the election results were announced: Weston residents voted to incorporate to become a City! And that as they say, was history.

On this evening, members of the original ITDD Board of Supervisors, the nine members of the appointed Steering Committee who worked diligently to study the complex issue of incorporation, and former elected city officials will be recognized and honored for their service to the community. *Recognition program will begin at 6:15PM.*

Music, hors d'oeuvres, refreshments and anniversary cake to be served.

RSVP is requested. Please RSVP via email to Weston20thAnniversary@gmail.com



LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

Monday, September 5, 2016

City administrative offices will be closed in observance of the Labor Day Holiday. City parks will be open and there will be regular garbage and recycling collection services.



PATRIOT DAY AND NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE

Sunday, September 11, 2016

The City of Weston joins our country in honoring and remembering the victims, their families, first responders and rescue and recovery workers, soldiers who have taken up arms to defend our freedom and safety and the volunteers who contributed their efforts in the aftermath of the attacks of 9/11.



July 26, 2016



CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, September 12, 2016*

7:00 PM

Weston City Hall, 17200 Royal Palm Boulevard

A regular meeting of the Weston City Commission. This meeting will also include the first Budget Hearing for Fiscal Year 2017.

**September meeting dates are coordinated with the Broward County School Board and Broward County Commission budget hearings in accordance with Florida Statutes.*



MAYORS' CHESS CHALLENGE

Monday, September 24, 2016 10:00 AM–12:00PM

Weston Community Center, 20200 Saddle Club Road

Join Mayors, elected officials and community leaders in support of scholastic chess! Players of all ages and all skill levels are welcome. No RSVP required.



CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, September 26, 2016*

7:00 PM

Weston City Hall, 17200 Royal Palm Boulevard

A regular meeting of the Weston City Commission. This meeting will also include the second and final Budget Hearing for Fiscal Year 2017.

**September meeting dates are coordinated with the Broward County School Board and Broward County Commission budget hearings in accordance with Florida Statutes.*



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

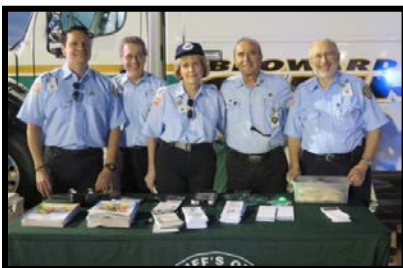
BSO's Weston district office's parking lot serves as a safe haven for the City's online buyers and sellers to meet at 17300 Royal Palm Boulevard.

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.



COP Program (continued):

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.



HOMEWATCH PROGRAM

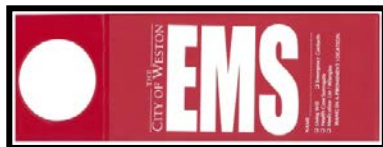
If you are leaving on vacation, a deputy or community service aide will check on your home regularly while you are away. To sign up for this free service, print the [HOMEWATCH](#) request form and return to Weston District in person or by fax: 954-659-3541 or call 954-389-2010.

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.



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.



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* **E-Notifications:** Updates on projects; media releases; events and more.

Subscribe at:

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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>

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