



## HERE THEY ARE!

### YOUR WEEKLY NEWSDAY TUESDAY ARTICLES

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## WESTON UNIVERSITY HITS THE BOOKS

### Government Budgeting, Finance, Technology...and Agendas, too

Program six of Weston University's Class of 2016 was the day to learn about budget, finance, and technology services. Weston Budget Director, Bryan Cahen, reviewed the art of budgeting from a government perspective, as well as a personal perspective. Accounting Manager Cindy Tao, explained what is entailed from an accounting perspective in the Finance Department. The students participated in a millennial career survey, under the leadership of City Manager, John R. Flint. Students were also excited to pick their roles for the upcoming Simulation Commission Meeting that will take place in April.

Lunch was enjoyed outdoors at City Hall, after which Communications Director Denise Barrett-Miller led a comprehensive review of the simulation agenda and took the students through each item and how their roles will play out during the meeting. The students will study their roles and return to lead a meeting in April, which will be their final program day for the Class of 2016.





## Weston University Day 6: Budget, Finance & Technology





## **SYMPHONY OF THE AMERICAS** *Classics Live On*

Music lovers were given the gift of orchestral classics along with Broadway and movie favorites on a perfect Sunday evening in the Weston Town Center. It takes special music to survive centuries, and the Symphony of the Americas Orchestra put their individual souls into the musical works that they shared on Sunday night, under the baton of Maestro James Brooks-Bruzzese.



The orchestra has been bringing classics to Weston for over 10 years, through a partnership with the City of Weston, the Weston Philharmonic Society, the Arts Council of Greater Weston and for this outdoor event, the Weston Town Center.



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## OLD WORLD CLIMBING FERN

Highly invasive  
Severe threat to Everglades  
Smothers native trees  
Can become a fire ladder  
Spreading rapidly in S.  
Florida public conservation  
lands



Click for more information on  
[Old World climbing fern](#)

## AERIAL SPRAYING OVER MITIGATION AREA

### ***South Florida Water Management District to conduct aerial spraying to control invasive exotic plants***

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) will be taking proactive measures to stop the spread of invasive species, such as melaleuca and Old World climbing fern, within a 300 acre parcel of their property. The property is adjacent to the City of Weston Wetland Mitigation Area.

An aerial treatment application will take place between South Post Road and US 27, between March 17 and March 31. While not a populated area, the treatment will not cause harm to humans or animals. To safeguard against any unintended drift into populated areas, the applicator will only spray when winds are steadily out of the east.

**WHY:** Invasive plant species, such as melaleuca and Old World climbing fern, represent significant threats to the health of Everglades ecosystems. The area to be sprayed currently contains dense infestations of invasive plants.

**WHEN: Completed in one day, between March 17 and March 31, 2016.** It is necessary to reserve several days to select one day with optimal weather conditions.

Old World climbing fern is an aggressive non-native invasive fern. It often completely dominates native vegetation. It is known to serve as a fire ladder that carries fire into the tree canopy that kills native trees.

If you have any questions, please contact Dave Colangelo at (561) 682-2843, email at [dcolang@sfwmd.gov](mailto:dcolang@sfwmd.gov) or Laura Corry at (561) 682-6012, email at [lcorry@sfwmd.gov](mailto:lcorry@sfwmd.gov) at the South Florida Water Management District.



## TENNIS ANYONE?

### SPRING BREAK TENNIS & SPORTS CAMP OFFERED AT WESTON TENNIS CENTER

Spring Break is almost here, so why not enroll your child in the **Spring Break Camp** at the **Weston Tennis Center**?

- The camp is open to juniors' ages 5 years old and up.
- The program includes workouts, drill sessions, latest tour techniques, and team competitions along with games and prizes.

**Session Dates:** March 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>  
**Ages:** 4 - 16  
**Times:** Full day: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Half day: 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Cost varies for members and non-members, full and half days.  
Before and after care program available for additional fee.

[Click here](#) to register online.

#### Equipment/Clothing needed:

- Tennis Racquet
- Sunscreen
- Tennis Shoes
- Hat
- Water Bottle



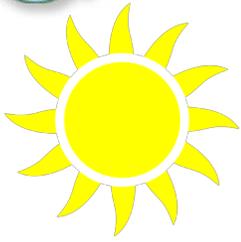
**Campers must bring their own lunch & snacks!**

**SPACE IS LIMITED - SIGN UP NOW!**

For more information on Spring Break Camp or other tennis programs,  
contact the Weston Tennis Center at 954-389-8666,  
or visit [WestonTennis.com](http://WestonTennis.com).



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## THINGS TO DO DURING SPRING BREAK

Spring Break is almost here! No travel plans? Here are a few ideas to explore to round out the idle time.

### Splash around at a water park

The Water Parks at Broward County Parks are open daily during spring break. [Click here](#) to view locations, admission fees and more details.

### Get outdoors

Be a tourist in your own backyard. Have a picnic at a Weston park, take a long bike ride, break out a Frisbee or a kite, or try out an activity like [disc golf](#) or [geocaching](#).

### Read a book

Reading takes us on a variety of adventures, realistic and imagined. Pick out a new book and settle in for your own personal adventure. Check out book lists for [adults](#), [teens](#) and [children](#) or [award winners](#) for all ages to choose the perfect one!

### Check out a cultural event, exhibit or show

Cultural events abound in south Florida. Visit [ArtsCalendar.com](#) to find fun things to do with your family around town.

### Start a garden

Dig in to the earth to create a garden at your home. There are so many options, including container gardening, edible gardens and butterfly gardens! [Click here](#) to find Florida-friendly gardening tips from the Broward County Parks Master Gardener program.

### Volunteer

Take time to give back to the community by volunteering. Volunteer opportunities can be found at [HandsOnBroward](#) or [Broward.org/Volunteer](#).





## FIRE HYDRANTS FLUSHED REGULARLY THROUGHOUT THE CITY

Fire hydrant flushing is conducted regularly throughout the City of Weston during daytime hours.

Flushing is done to increase the quality (color and disinfecting residual) of the water in the distribution system. As a water customer, you may experience periods of discolored or cloudy water coming from the tap when hydrants are flushed in your neighborhood. The opening of hydrants and the exercising valves creates turbulence in the water mains, causing the discoloration and cloudiness; however, it is important to note that the tap water is still safe. Running the tap for a few minutes will produce clear water again.



Additionally, if you notice discoloration in your water, it is recommended that you avoid doing laundry or other activities that could transfer the discoloration until the water runs clear.



**Hydrant flushing is posted under the *Happening Now* section on the City's website on the day of the occurrence.** If you experience discolored tap water or a drop in water pressure, check [Happening Now](#) to see if there any notices posted for your neighborhood.

**For additional information, please contact the  
Weston Public Works Department at 954-385-2600.**



## IT'S TIME FOR SPRINGTIME STUDENT ASSESSMENTS



### BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS TESTING CALENDAR AND MORE



### TESTING CALENDAR

As the school year heads into the final marking period at the end of March, public school students gear up for a variety of testing at all grade levels. Each school provides parents with testing information specific to their own students; however, to view the District's comprehensive testing calendar, [click here](#).

### AP EXAM REVIEW

Students enrolled in Advanced Placement classes that receive a score of 3 or better on the AP exam can earn college credit. BCPS is hosting an AP Exam review open to all of the district's AP students. The sessions will offer critical test-taking tips and practice questions in the appropriate subjects.

AP Exam Reviews will be offered at South Plantation High School, on Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> and Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The cost to attend is \$10 per session. Register online at [browardschools.com/APExamReview](http://browardschools.com/APExamReview).

### COMMON CORE AND FLORIDA STANDARDS ASSESSMENTS

Student assessments in the State of Florida have changed in recent years. For details on Florida Standards and the Common Core, visit: <http://www.definingthecore.com/index.php>

Grade-level parent guides developed by the National Parent Teacher Association (PTA) are available here: [http://www.definingthecore.com/html/parent\\_guides\\_pta.php](http://www.definingthecore.com/html/parent_guides_pta.php)





## HAPPENINGS... AT THE WESTON YMCA FAMILY CENTER

### Annual Scholarship Campaign

The YMCA taught 2,000 children to swim in 2015. Out of those 2,000, 350 could not afford it and received a scholarship. The Weston YMCA is a non-profit organization that supports the community by raising dollars every year to allow everyone in the community access to membership and programs when finances are a barrier. If you desire to contribute, contact Chris Pangas, [cpangas@ymcasouthflorida.org](mailto:cpangas@ymcasouthflorida.org) to partner with the Weston YMCA.



### Pickleball is Coming to Weston!

Do you enjoy playing tennis or ping-pong? Try this variation of the two sports! Visit [Pickleball.com](http://Pickleball.com) to see how the game is played and join the fun on Sundays at the Weston Y Gymnasium from 1-3 pm! There will be a Pickleball pro on-site to help instruct. This program is free for members and \$5 per visit for non-members. Ages 10 and older are welcome.



### Summer Camp Registration is OPEN

Experience all the fun camp has to offer at the Weston YMCA. It's never too early to start thinking about how to provide your kids with their best summer ever!



### Aquatics

Become part of the Weston YMCA Instructional Water Polo Team! This team is for kids ages 8-12 and no prior water polo experience is necessary. Team participants will learn basic water polo skills, team building, and play in our own games here at the Weston YMCA!



**YMCA of South Florida - Weston YMCA Family Center**

20201 Saddle Club Road, Weston, FL 33327 | [www.ymcasouthflorida.org](http://www.ymcasouthflorida.org) | 954-424-9622



## SUMMARY OF CITY EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

[Westonfl.org/Events](http://Westonfl.org/Events)



### CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, March 21, 2016

7:00 PM

Weston City Hall, 17200 Royal Palm Boulevard

A regular meeting of the Weston City Commission.



### BUILDING DEPARTMENT – NO INSPECTIONS

Wed. March 23<sup>rd</sup> & Thur., March 24, 2016

Administrative Services Center, 17250 Royal Palm Blvd.

There will be no inspections or plan reviews due to mandatory educational conference attendance. Offices are open to drop off permits, plans or other business items.



### WESTON ROYAL EGG HUNT - FREE EVENT

Saturday, March 26, 2016

10:00 AM

SHARP

Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Road

Baseball Fields #1 through #4



Annual Royal Egg Hunt for children ages 10 and under. Over 30,000 candy-filled eggs spread onto age categorized fields. Be sure to bring a basket or bag and keep an eye out for some special "golden" eggs for an additional prize.



**PARENTS: Plan to arrive at the park by 9:15AM to park and find the age appropriate field.**

Photos with the Royal Bunny and bounce houses available after the egg hunt until 12 noon.

**For more information please call 954-389-4321.**

View Video Promo: <https://youtu.be/oyWojoD-ZZY>



## **CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

**Monday, April 4, 2016**

**7:00 PM**

**Weston City Hall, 17200 Royal Palm Boulevard**

A regular meeting of the Weston City Commission.



## **STUDENT ARTIST SHOWCASE ON DISPLAY**

**April 4 - 28, 2016**

**Weston Branch Library, 4205 Bonaventure Blvd.**

Display of works by talented artists from schools throughout Weston, arranged by The Arts Council of Greater Weston.



## **PUPPET SHOW – BOB NATHANSONS PUPPETS TO GO - FREE EVENT**

**Saturday, April 9, 2016**

**1:30 & 3:00 PM**

**Weston Community Center, 20200 Saddle Club Road**

In this original adventure, a young boy and his father embark on a jungle safari. Jeremy befriends a lion cub and they each learn something about prejudice and friendship.

*Shows are best suited for children ages Pre-K to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, accompanied by an adult. For more information please call 954-389-4321.*



## **MOONLIGHT MOVIE IN THE PARK - FREE EVENT**

Featuring *Alvin & The Chipmunks: The Road Chip*

**Saturday, April 9, 2016**

**8:00 PM**

**Event Stage inside Weston Regional Park**

**20200 Saddle Club Road**

*Misunderstandings lead Alvin, Simon & Theodore to believe Dave is going to propose to his girlfriend. They have three days to get him to stop the proposal.*

Animation / 86 min. / Rated G

***Bring lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy an outdoor movie on us!***



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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](http://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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## BSO WESTON FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

More information on programs listed below:

Call 954-389-2015 or visit

[www.westonfl.org/Departments/FireEMS/FireEMSHome.aspx](http://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.



### 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!



## 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](http://www.westonfl.org/Residents/Hurricane/CodeRed.aspx).



### WESTON DELIVERS THE LATEST NEWS DIRECTLY TO YOUR INBOX

\* **Newsday Tuesday:** A collection of weekly city news articles, information and events.

\* **General Notifications:** Updates on projects; media releases; sports registrations, 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.