



**HERE THEY ARE!**

**YOUR WEEKLY NEWSDAY TUESDAY ARTICLES**

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## FOUR DECADES OF SERVICE AND COUNTING... Lieutenant William O'Brien



Weston Chief, Kevin Butler, Lt. William 'Bill' O'Brien and Sheriff Scott Israel

Lieutenant William 'Bill' O'Brien of the Broward Sheriff's Office was recently recognized by Sheriff Scott Israel for 40 years of service protecting the residents of Broward County. Lt. O'Brien continues to protect and serve the public today. Assigned to the Weston District since 2007, Lt. O'Brien began his career as a Police Officer in the City of Pompano Beach in 1975. He worked road patrol, tactical enforcement, criminal investigations Detective, Vice & Narcotics – including smuggling operations with DEA and Customs Enforcement. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1984 and then to Lieutenant in 1988.

In 1999, the City of Pompano Beach merged with the Broward Sheriff's Office. Lt. O'Brien's career continued in Pompano Beach, then on to Watch Commander at the Ft. Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport. Lt. O'Brien came to Weston in February of 2007, where he has been Watch Commander ever since, with assignments as Officer In Charge of Criminal Investigations and the Community Strategies Team.

***So, who is the man behind the badge?***



## Lieutenant O'Brien Acknowledged for 40 Years of Service (Continued)

When asked about his favorite aspect of being in law enforcement, Lt. O'Brien replied "facilitating or taking persons responsible for serious crimes into custody and assisting those in need of help."

Lt. O'Brien is a family man with three children, Katie, a Broward County Assistant State Attorney; Colleen, a licensed nurse, paramedic and EMT; and Sean, a commercial fisherman. His grandson Declan puts a sparkle in his Irish eyes. Declan just celebrated his fourth birthday on St. Patrick's Day.

Lt. O'Brien enjoys traveling and landscaping around his yard when not serving the residents of City of Weston.

### Congratulations Lieutenant O'Brien and Thank You For Your Service!



L-R: Lt. Sam Cavalieri, Lt. Bill O'Brien, Chief Kevin Butler and Lt. Rodney Brimlow  
Weston District, Broward Sheriff's Office





**DON'T MISS THE ANNUAL ROYAL EGG HUNT!**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 26TH – 10 AM SHARP!**  
**Weston Regional Park**  
**20200 Saddle Club Road**



The egg hunts are for children ages 10 and under and will all begin at 10:00 AM SHARP. It is recommended to arrive at the park by 9:15AM. The egg hunts will be held on baseball fields #1 through #4. There will be over 30,000 candy filled eggs so be sure to bring a basket or bag for collecting! There are a number of "golden" eggs which will get you an additional prize... The eggs are gone in a flash so be sure to arrive early.

After the Egg Hunt, take photos with the Royal Bunny, enjoy the bounce houses and have fun until 12:00 PM.

For more information, please call 954-389-4321 or stop by the Weston Community Center, at 20200 Saddle Club Road, in Weston Regional Park. You may also visit [Westonfl.org/Events](http://Westonfl.org/Events).





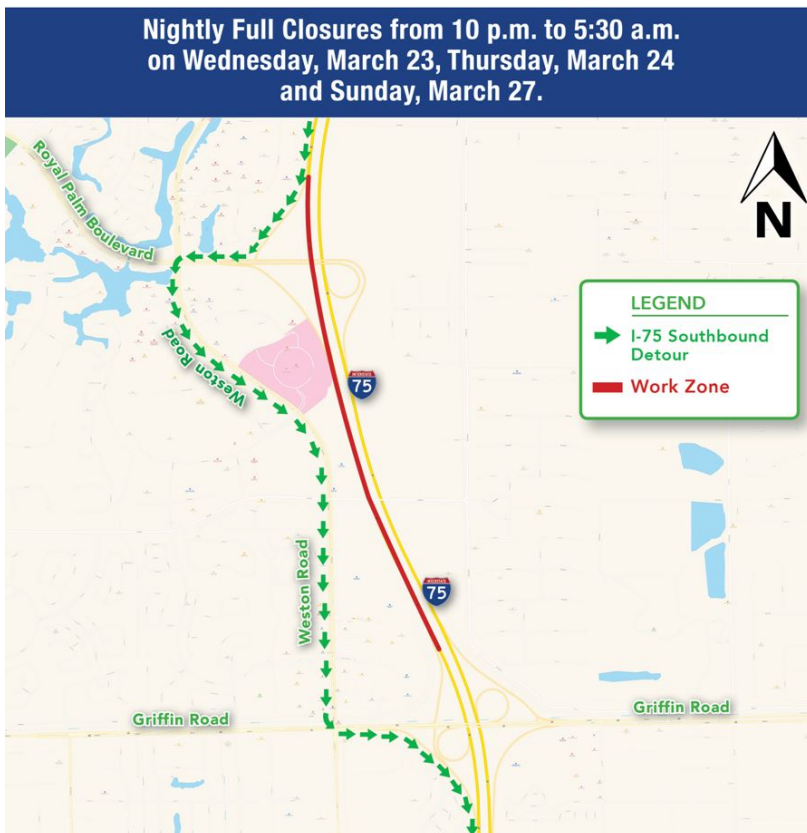
March 22, 2016

## FULL NIGHTLY CLOSURE I-75 SOUTHBOUND AT ROYAL PALM BLVD. SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 23<sup>RD</sup>, MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup> & MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup> 10:00 PM – 5:30 AM

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is scheduled to close lanes on I-75 **southbound at Royal Palm Boulevard** to install an overhead sign structure for the 75 Express Project. In order to perform the work safely, traffic will be detoured during the following dates and times:

**All lanes of I-75 southbound at Royal Palm Boulevard will be closed nightly from 10:00PM to 5:30AM on Wednesday, March 23 and Thursday, March 24. Closures will continue on Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.**

Motorists will be able to take the exit ramp to Royal Palm Boulevard (Exit 15), go west on Royal Palm Blvd. to Weston Road, go south on Weston Road to Griffin Road. Go south on Griffin Road and then take the entrance ramp to re-enter southbound I-75 at Griffin Road.



**For more information, visit**  
[www.75-express.com](http://www.75-express.com)



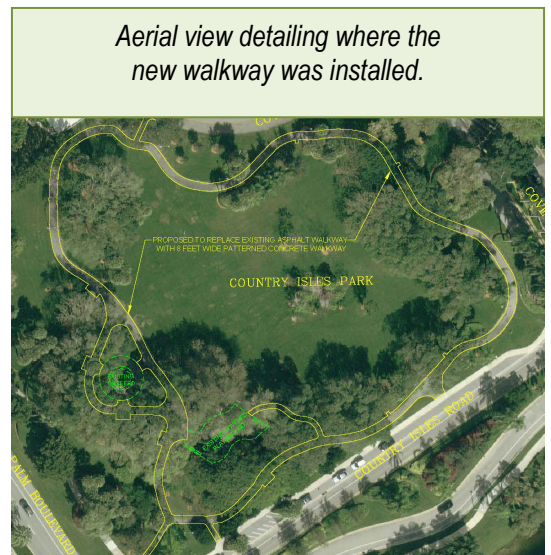
## NEW WALKWAYS COMPLETED AT COUNTRY ISLES PARK *Park Is Now Open*

Enjoy a walk in the park at Country Isles Park. The park recently underwent a walkway renovation, whereby all of the asphalt walkways that surround the perimeter of the park were replaced with an 8-foot wide concrete walkway.

Concrete walkways have a longer lifespan, require much less maintenance over time, can be cleaned easier and provide for a safer, sturdier walking surface.



*Aerial view detailing where the new walkway was installed.*





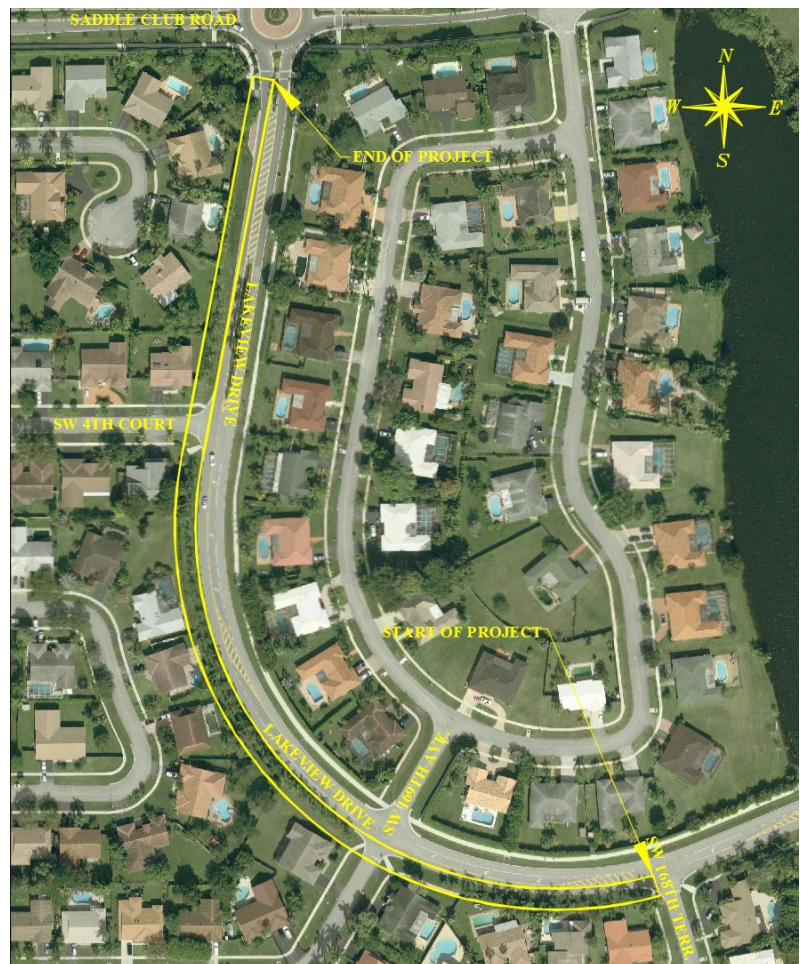
## LAKEVIEW DRIVE SIDEWALK INSTALLATION PROJECT

March 28 – May 11, 2016

The City of Weston will construct a sidewalk on the west side of Lakeview Drive from SW 168<sup>th</sup> Terrace to Saddle Club Road. The project construction, along with restoration of swales disturbed during the installation, will take place beginning March 28, 2016 with an anticipated completion date of May 11, 2016. The completion date is always dependent upon Mother Nature and any weather related delays.

### The project will include:

- Removal of 49 Queen Palm trees along west side of Lakeview Drive. Trees will be replaced and new locations will be determined by Landscaping Department.
- Drainage catch basin adjustments.
- Sidewalk installation: 1600 linear feet of 5 foot wide concrete sidewalk.
- Restoration of swale areas disturbed during installation.



This sidewalk installation will provide additional safety for school children and residents who reside in homes located on SW 4<sup>th</sup> Court, SW 169 Avenue and SW 168 Terrace. Currently pedestrians must cross Lakeview Drive at these intersections to gain access to the sidewalk on the east side of Lakeview Drive, to walk or bike to Saddle Club Road.



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

### WINDMILL RANCH PARK 2900 BONAVENTURE BOULEVARD



Every month we have been highlighting one of the City's parks with information about the park's amenities, so our residents can be more knowledgeable about recreational opportunities in Weston.



### Windmill Ranch Park

Open daily, 8 a.m. – dusk

- 5.272 acre neighborhood park
- Located adjacent to Everglades Elementary
- Shaded playgrounds
- Multi-purpose field
- Dog-friendly (dogs must be on a maximum 6' leash)

See page 2 for photos





# WINDMILL RANCH PARK



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



## COMMUNITY CENTER SAT PREP COURSE

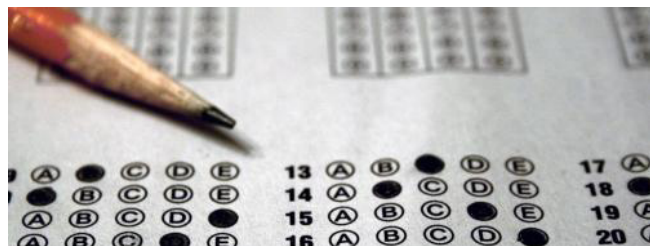
*Classes for the June 5th SAT Test begin the week of April 10th*

The Weston Community Center is once again offering an 8-week class for teens/young adults ages 15-20 to prepare for the SAT – College Board exam.

Instructor Jeff Steinberg is a former full-time advisor and instructor of college preparatory and study skills courses and recipient of excellence award at Miami-Dade College.

This class prepares students for all facets of the most recent version of the SAT for both total score and section scores, including a comprehensive review of test material and insightful strategies for doing well on the newly revised exam, which was administered for the first time on March 5th.

For more information stop by the Community Center, located inside the Weston Regional Park, or call 954-389-4321.



### NEXT SESSION:

**April 10<sup>th</sup> – May 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Sundays**

10:30 AM – 1:00 PM



**April 14 – June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Thursdays**

7:15 PM – 9:45 PM

### **COURSE COST:**

\$475 for 8 week course, including text book and materials

### **LOCATION:**

Weston Community Center (inside Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Road, Weston)

### **REGISTRATION:**

Small classes lead right up to the June 5th, 2016 test date. Please contact Mr. Steinberg directly at **954-478-0792** or via email at [jeffly1968@yahoo.com](mailto:jeffly1968@yahoo.com) for details to enroll in this course.

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## HAPPENINGS...

### AT THE WESTON YMCA FAMILY CENTER

#### Meet Me In Weston – Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> 10AM - 4PM

A Day of Family Fun! Being held outside of the Weston YMCA, Meet Me In Weston has something for everyone. TASTE, the best of what Weston has to offer. KIDS CORNER with bounce houses, slides, sand art and more. BUSINESS, HEALTH & WELLNESS area. Receive coupons and discount offers from vendors and learn more about the many great businesses in the City of Weston.



#### Silent Auction to Benefit Scholarship Campaign

Running March 26-31, the Weston Y will hold a Silent Auction to benefit the families and seniors of the Weston community. The auction features some amazing items, such as 2 Roundtrip tickets to Venezuela, courtesy of Dynamic International Airways, Dinner for Two at Burlock Coast in the Ritz Carlton, Miami Marlins signed Don Mattingly Jersey, and the Miami Marlins Legends Suite with 22 tickets! Email Chris Pangas, [cpangas@ymcasouthflorida.org](mailto:cpangas@ymcasouthflorida.org) to place a bid! All proceeds go directly to the Weston Y's Annual Campaign, which allows Weston residents who are experiencing financial difficulties to continue to participate in Y membership.



#### 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)



**INSPECTION DEPARTMENT CLOSURES**  
On Wednesday, March 23 and Thursday, March 24, 2016 there will be no inspections or reviews from the following departments due to educational requirements:  
Structural      Electrical  
Plumbing      Mechanical

The Building Department will be open to drop off plans

### **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**

THE CITY OF WESTON  
**2016 ROYAL EGG HUNT**  
Saturday, March 26 at 10AM SHARP  
Weston Regional Park  
Baseball Fields #1-#4

Egg hunts for children 10 and under

Over 30,000 candy-filled eggs on age separated fields

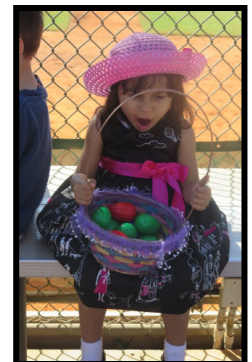
Bring your own basket or bag and BE SURE TO ARRIVE IN TIME, 9:15AM is recommended to park and find the age appropriate field.

Bounce houses and pictures with the Royal Bunny available after the Egg Hunt until noon.



Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Road, Weston 954-389-4321

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.



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## 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!*



## CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, April 18, 2016

7:00 PM

Weston City Hall, 17200 Royal Palm Boulevard

A regular meeting of the Weston City Commission.



## QUARTERLY RESIDENTIAL BULK PICKUP APRIL 2016

**Single Family or Multi-family with curbside collection:**

Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> -or- Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> -or-  
Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Multi-family with dumpsters:**

Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

Bulk trash will be picked up on your regularly scheduled garbage collection day and should be placed at the curb by 7:00AM. Please ensure your garbage cart can still be collected. For more information, visit [www.westonfl.org/Departments/PublicWorks/BulkPickup](http://www.westonfl.org/Departments/PublicWorks/BulkPickup) or call 954-385-2600. *The next bulk trash pickup will take place in July.*

## 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.

## 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.*

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