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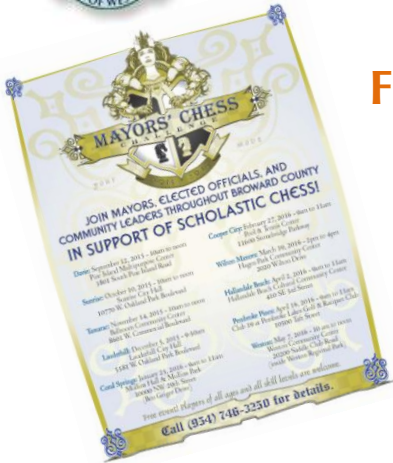
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## FINAL MAYORS' CHESS CHALLENGE A HUGE SUCCESS!

### Watch for dates for next year...



The last of ten Mayors' Chess Challenges held around Broward County was held in Weston on Saturday afternoon at the Weston Community Center. Literally hundreds of children and adults of all ages came together to enjoy a game of chess.



Most impressive was the list of 25 students who had traveled to each and every location to play – having their Mayors' Chess Challenge Passport stamped over the past 10 months. Each student was recognized and presented awards by a distinguished group: Weston Mayor Daniel Stermer and Weston Commissioners Thomas Kallman and Jim Norton, Sunrise Mayor Michael Ryan, Hallandale Beach Mayor Joy Cooper, School Board Member Patti Good and Broward Schools Superintendent Robert Runcie. Each assisted in presenting the students with a well deserved medal, a Certificate of Recognition, a one-year gold membership to ChessKid.com from the National Scholastic Chess Foundation and a tablet pouch from the City of Weston.

**Check and Mate to the students (and parents & chess group supporters) who made their participation in every event possible.**



A thank you must go out to the many law enforcement officers and deputies who participated in playing and also the BSO Weston Explorers who all played. It shows chess truly assists in the development of confidence and critical thinking.







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**Mayor Ryan from the City of Sunrise** is the organizing force behind the entire Mayors' Chess Challenge concept. He received a lot of support though from his fellow Mayors around the county: Davie, Tamarac, Lauderdale, Coral Springs, Cooper City, Wilton Manors, Hallandale Beach, Pembroke Pines and Weston joined Sunrise in hosting Chess Challenges. From what we hear, next year's lineup filled up in one day!

The great part is this event is not a competition. It's fun, camaraderie and learning from all ages by bringing together chess players of every ability, along with community leaders in support of scholastic chess.

Manatee Bay Principal Heather Hedman-DeVaughn came out for a game in support of the large group of Manatee students who play regularly as well. Others who played: Superintendent Runcie, Mayor Stermer, Mayor Ryan, Adam Geller and Dr. Mark Strauss of "First Move". Through the partnership between the School Board of Broward County and the America's Foundation for Chess First Move program, approximately 30,000 second and third grade students receiving chess instruction interwoven with their core curriculum in the classroom.



A game that can be played across all ages, demographics and economics. Easily transportable portable chess mats can be taken to the park, on trips and of course, into your home.







SEE You  
Next Year!





## BSO HOSTS FIRE OPS 101

Weston City Commissioners Thomas Kallman and Jim Norton participated in BSO Fire Rescue's Fire Ops 101 exercise at the Broward Fire Academy last week. Fire OPS 101 is a practical, hands-on boot camp that gives participants the look and feel of what it's like to be a firefighter. Participants experienced an actual flashover in a live burn environment, conducted hose line operations in a smoke-filled structure and handled hydraulic rescue tools in a vehicle extrication evolution.



L-R: Weston Commissioners Jim Norton and Thomas Kallman







## SAFETY FIRST

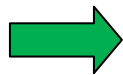


## BSO JOINED GATOR RUN ELEMENTARY

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National Bike to School Day provides an opportunity for schools around the world to organize an event to teach children to safely bike or walk to school.



### WHY WALK OR BIKE?

- It's Fun!
- Healthier Habits
- Cleaner Environment
- Promoting Safety
- Community Benefits

BSO Weston Crime Prevention Deputies Kari Pallotto and Kevin Maccagli were joined by Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital and our own Weston Citizens On Patrol to provide a safe group bike to school route, as well as safety tips and information for students and parents. Three different meeting points were established where participants could join in.





## BE SMART WHEN IT COMES TO WATER ACTIVITIES DESIGNATE A WATER WATCHER



Water activities are popular year round in South Florida, whether it is simply swimming at a friend's house or at the community pool, boating on a lake, or fishing near the water's edge, such activities should ALWAYS be supervised by a **Water Watcher**, an adult who agrees to pay undivided attention to children in or near the water. A simple pool party can turn tragic if someone is not designated to watch the water.

**Water Watchers** are crucial in an area of the country with a high risk of drowning. Broward County, home to over 130,000 backyard pools and miles of waterways, has an average of eight drowning annually among children ages 1 – 4. "The No. 1 thing you can do to prevent drowning is have a qualified adult watching the children at all times," says Dr. Paula Thaqi, Director of the Florida Department of Health in Broward County.

**Water Watchers** do not need special training but must be able to swim and ideally should be able to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). "Too often, many adults are in the area where children are swimming, but no one is really watching them," Thaqi says. "A drowning can occur in as little as two minutes."



### At your next pool or lakeside gathering, designate an adult who agrees to:

- Face the children in the water at all times
- Never engage in distractions such as texting, talking, drinking, eating, internet browsing or socializing, while watching the children
- Never leave the children alone, unless he/she is relieved by an adult Water Watcher
- Continually scan the surface and bottom of the water
- Have a throwing device, reaching device, signaling device and a phone at hand
- Be positioned to reach every child within 20 seconds
- Think ahead, know pool safety rules
- Wear swim attire and be ready to launch a rescue

**LARGER GATHERINGS:** In larger groups of children, more than one **Water Watcher** may be needed. If the group is very large, consider hiring a lifeguard for the event.



Stop by the Weston Y to get your Water Watcher tag.  
Visit [YMCAofSouthFlorida.org/WaterWatcher](http://YMCAofSouthFlorida.org/WaterWatcher) for more details.





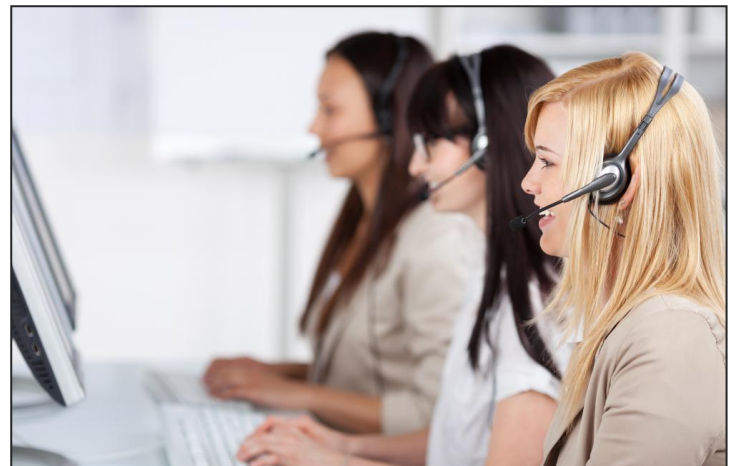
## DIAL 2-1-1 | YOUR FIRST CALL FOR HELP *24-hour Comprehensive Helpline*

### What is 2-1-1 Broward?

When you dial 2-1-1, you will be provided with a 24-hour helpline, which assists the public with crisis, health and human services support and connects them to resources in our community. 2-1-1- is your first call for help.

### What are the benefits?

- Available in any language
- Free, anonymous, confidential
- Crisis Intervention
- Suicide Intervention
- Trained operators, degreed helpline counselor
- Accessible 24/7



### Who is using 2-1-1?

Whether it is a situation where the caller needs help or wants to offer help, Broward's 2-1-1 helpline provides every person in the community with a place to turn when they need answers to life challenges, both big and small.

**For a comprehensive list of services available, visit: [211-broward.org](http://211-broward.org)**

Every hour of the day, someone in Broward is searching for help or services

#### **Examples of services provided**

*Housing, food, financial assistance, relief from abuse, family issues, depression, child care, special needs assistance, senior touchline, and suicide prevention.*







## FIND 75 EXPRESS TRAFFIC IMPACT REPORTS ON OUR WEBSITE

What's on the Web?

## 75 EXPRESS CONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC IMPACT

This 15 mile FDOT project features the installation of a new four lane tolled managed lanes facility in the existing I-75 median. Key project components include:

- Express lanes direct connections to I-595 Express, Palmetto Express, and the Florida's Turnpike (HEFT)
- Ingress and egress ramps to enter and exit the express lanes at various locations throughout the corridor
- Accommodation of Bus Rapid Transit (partnership with County Transit Agencies)
- Integrated ITS (Intelligent Transportation System)/Tolling systems
- Sound barrier walls (where warranted per the PD&E Noise Study)
- Lighting, drainage and landscaping improvements
- Emergency response provisions

For more detailed information, please visit the [75-Express website](#).

To find updates on our website:

1. Go to [Westonfl.org](http://Westonfl.org)
2. Look to the left side of the landing page, under "Happening Now" click on the link in our continuous scroll that says "75 Express Construction Updates and Traffic Impacts:"



Information is updated weekly as provided by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). The type of information that will be posted on our website includes traffic updates, lane closures, construction projection, etc.





## COMMUNITY CENTER PROGRAM SOCIAL COMMUNICATION STATION Next Session Begins on May 24<sup>th</sup>

**For students with Asperger's Syndrome, High-Functioning Autism,  
ADD/ADHD or other Social Learning Challenges**

Sign your child up today for the next session of the Social Communication Class. The course is tailored for students with a diagnosis of Asperger's Syndrome, High-Functioning Autism, ADD/ADHD, Social Anxiety, or any other social learning challenges. Instructors integrate group activities along with the Social Thinking® and Superflex Curriculums.



Candidates for the class should have average to above average cognitive abilities, as the classes focus on teaching students skills such as:

- Perspective taking
- Self-awareness and self-regulation
- Reading body language and non-verbal clues
- Problem-solving
- Understanding emotions
- Conversation skills

**Classes are held at the  
Weston Community Center  
inside Weston Regional Park  
2020 Saddle Club Road**

**Price:** \$150 for 4-week session  
**Days:** Tuesdays; May 24<sup>th</sup> – June 14, 2016  
**Class times and ages:** 4:15 – 5:15 pm, Ages 5–7  
5:15 – 6:15 pm, Ages 8–10  
6:30 – 7:30 pm, Ages 11–13  
7:30 – 8:30 pm, Teens

For registration information, email [socialdevelopmentclass@gmail.com](mailto:socialdevelopmentclass@gmail.com),  
or visit [socialcommunicationstation.com](http://socialcommunicationstation.com) and complete the online form.

**For a complete listing of all classes and details,  
call the Weston Community Center at 954-389-4321  
or visit [www.Westonfl.org/Parks](http://www.Westonfl.org/Parks).**





## HAPPENINGS...

### AT THE WESTON YMCA FAMILY CENTER

#### Membership

Get a jump on summer at the Weston Y! Our summer camps, outdoor pool, fantastic group exercise classes and top-of-the-line cardio equipment, make this a perfect choice for the entire family! During the month of May, pay no Joiner's Fee and save up to \$99! Join the Weston Y today!



#### Childwatch at the Weston YMCA for Family Members

Check out Childwatch at the Weston Y! While you work out, your preschooler will learn social skills, shapes, colors, sign language, movement through music and so much more. Our trained and caring staff will give your child the tools to be successful in school. Stop by the Weston Y today and see how you can get access to this wonderful benefit for your little ones!



#### 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.



#### Sports – Girls Basketball Academy

The Weston YMCA is excited to partner with Lewis Clinch of Pro Guard Development to share the love of basketball with girls in our community. The Girls Basketball Academy focuses on basic skills and fundamentals and helps to prepare participants for the season which starts in September. Stop by the Weston YMCA on Sundays, 1:30pm-2:45pm to participate in this awesome program! The Academy has a monthly fee of \$80 for four sessions.



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

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





## SUMMARY OF CITY EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

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



### BE SCAM SMART WORKSHOPS

#### FREE Workshops for Seniors & their families

Wednesday, May 11, 2016 *English* 10AM–11AM

Thursday, May 12, 2016 *Spanish* 10AM–11AM

**Bonaventure Town Center Club, 16690 Saddle Club Road**

The City of Weston is pleased to partner with the Florida Department of Financial Services in presenting: The Be Scam Smart Workshop. Learn How to Spot Fraudulent Behavior; Common Scams targeting seniors, and how to fight identity theft.

Click for Flyers: [English language](#) / [Spanish language](#)



### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) & ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

Sunday, May 15, 2016

8 AM – 3 PM

Weston Public Works Services Center

2599 South Post Road, Weston

Free drop off of HHW and electronics for recycling and proper disposal. Items include: paints, thinners, auto fluids, pesticides, fertilizers, pool chemicals, tires, mercury, rechargeable & auto batteries; televisions, computers & monitors. **Just pull up and crews will remove items for you.** Call 954-385-2600 with any questions.



### CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, May 16, 2016

7:00 PM

Weston City Hall, 17200 Royal Palm Boulevard

A regular meeting of the Weston City Commission.



## MEMORIAL DAY CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES CLOSED

**Monday, May 30, 2016**

City administrative offices will be closed in observance of Memorial Day, a day of remembrance for those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country as a member of the United States Armed Forces.

City parks will be open.

## HURRICANE SEASON BEGINS ON JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>



Prepare now for the start of Hurricane season, which runs from June 1<sup>st</sup> – November 30<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://Westonfl.org/Hurricane).

## REGISTER NOW! 4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY HOMETOWN CELEBRATION 5K RUN / WALK

**WESTON 4th of July**

**Hometown Celebration - 5K Run/Walk**

Monday, July 4, 2016  
Start time: 7:00 a.m.  
Start & End Location: Weston Regional Park  
20200 Saddle Club Road, Weston  
Registration: [www.splitsecondtiming.com](http://www.splitsecondtiming.com)

This family friendly race is a timed event. Awards presented in various categories and age groups. Sponsored by the City of Weston and Broward Health Weston.



**Sponsored by Broward Health Weston and the City of Weston**

**Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Race starts at 7 AM**

Gather your friends and family and register to participate in Weston's holiday celebration run in and around Weston Regional Park. The course is fast and flat and takes runners out along South Post Road and back to a loop around the park before crossing the finish line.

Race starts/ends: Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Road

Race day registration begins at 5:30 AM

Cost: \$15 early registration (through 6/13) | \$20 after 6/13

Register online: <http://www.active.com/weston-fl/running/distance-running-races/weston-hometown-july-4th-celebration-2016>





## 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.



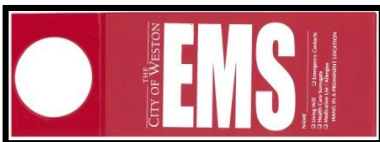
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## BSO WESTON FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

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.

\* **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.*