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BE ELECTION READY!

GET THE FACTS ON THE PENNY SALES SURTAX

A Penny at Work refers to a referendum that Broward voters will encounter on the November 8th ballot. Two half-penny sales surtaxes are proposed for Broward County: one would fund countywide transportation system improvements and the other would fund municipal improvement projects in every municipality. Both must pass; or both will fail.

What is a Surtax?

A surtax is generally assessed to fund a specific government program, whereas regular income or sales taxes are used to fund a variety of programs. A surtax can be calculated as a percentage of a certain amount or it can be a flat dollar amount. On the November 8, 2016 ballot, both proposed surtaxes are 0.5 percent or one-half percent.

Who will pay this tax?

Anybody who purchases taxable items or services within Broward County will pay this surtax. This includes residents, visitors, and businesses. The Florida Department of Revenue, "A discretionary surtax is applied to the first \$5,000 of the sales amount on the sale, use, lease, rental, or license to use any item of tangible personal property. Tangible personal property is personal property that you can see, weigh, measure, or touch, or is in any manner perceptible to the senses, including electricity. The \$5,000 cap does not apply to rentals of real property, transient rentals, or services."

When would these taxes go into effect if passed on November 8th?

The taxes would go into effect on January 1, 2017.

How long would the taxes be in place?

If approved, the surtaxes will be in effect for 30 years.

Who will oversee the use of the money?

The County and municipalities have agreed, through an Interlocal Agreement, to create a Transportation and Infrastructure Surtax Oversight Board. The purpose of this Board is to review each request for the use of surtax funds by both Broward County and the cities and determine whether the proposed expenditure is permissible under the law.

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Who will oversee the use of the money? (continued)

If projects are approved by the Oversight Board, the Board will continue to monitor the progress of the projects funded by the surtax revenues. If the sales surtax ballot measures pass, this Oversight Board will be established by January 15, 2017. Members of the Oversight Board are appointed by a five-member Appointing Authority. In addition to the Oversight Board, Broward County and the municipalities will each need to conduct an annual independent audit that includes an audit of the surtax revenues accounts. The Broward Office of Inspector General will also have the authority to investigate and issue reports on projects funded with sales surtax revenues.

How does it read on the November 8th ballot?

FUNDING FOR COUNTYWIDE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM THROUGH THE LEVY OF A ONE-HALF PERCENT SALES SURTAX

Shall transportation improvements to reduce traffic congestion, develop rail and enhance bus systems, improve roads and signalizations, and develop safe sidewalk and bicycle pathways, be funded by levying a 30-year, 0.5% sales surtax, paid by residents and visitors, with all proceeds held in trust, expenditures overseen by an independent oversight board, and this levy effective only if the infrastructure surtax ballot question below is voter-approved and in effect.

YES — check this if you want to fund transportation improvements by increasing the sales tax by 0.5% (half a percent)

NO — check this if you do not want to fund transportation improvements by increasing the sales tax

FUNDING FOR LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS THROUGH LEVY OF A ONE-HALF PERCENT SALES SURTAX

Shall construction and improvement of public buildings, facilities and roads, transportation projects, pedestrian safety projects, purchase of equipment and public safety vehicles, and recreation/conservation land acquisition, be funded by levying a 30-year, 0.5% sales surtax, paid by residents and visitors, with all proceeds held in trust, expenditures overseen by an independent oversight board, and this levy effective only if the Transportation surtax ballot question immediately above is voter-approved and in effect.

FOR THE 0.5 CENT SALES TAX — check this if you want to fund infrastructure improvements by increasing the sales tax by 0.5% (half a percent)

AGAINST THE 0.5 CENT SALES TAX — check this if you do not want to fund infrastructure improvements by increasing the sales tax

Both the ballot question to increase sales tax .5% to fund transportation AND the ballot question to increase sales tax .5% to fund infrastructure must pass for the sales tax to increase. If one ballot question fails, then they both will fail.

Levy means to charge or to collect a tax or fee

Surtax means an additional tax on something already taxed

Should transportation improvements be paid for by adding .5% (half of 1 percent) to the existing 6% sales tax

If both these ballots pass, then everyone who buys a taxable item will pay this added tax

An independent group of people will watch how the money is spent to ensure that it is spent correctly.

Be an informed voter. Learn more at APennyAtWork.com. To find out more about the projects that will be funded by the penny sales surtax, view the [Interactive Map](#).



FIRE PREVENTION

A Week of Awareness for Year Long Prevention

Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the tragic 1871 conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began on October 8, but continued into and did most of its damage on October 9, 1871.



National Fire Prevention Week

**This year's theme: Don't Wait-
Check the Date! Replace Smoke
Alarms Every 10 Years!**

Smoke Alarm Facts:

- Three out of five home fire deaths in 2009-2013 were caused by fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.
- Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half.
- In fires considered large enough to activate the smoke alarm, hardwired alarms operated 94% of the time, while battery powered alarms operated 80% of the time.
- When smoke alarms fail to operate, it is usually because batteries are missing, disconnected, or dead.
- An ionization smoke alarm is generally more responsive to flaming fires and a photoelectric smoke alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires. For the best protection, or where extra time is needed to awaken or assist others, both types of alarms, or combination ionization and photoelectric alarms are recommended.



RED RIBBON WEEK PROMOTES DRUG FREE AWARENESS

The Red Ribbon Campaign[®] is the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the nation, reaching millions of young people during Red Ribbon Week[®], October 23rd - October 31st each year.

WHAT IS RED RIBBON WEEK?

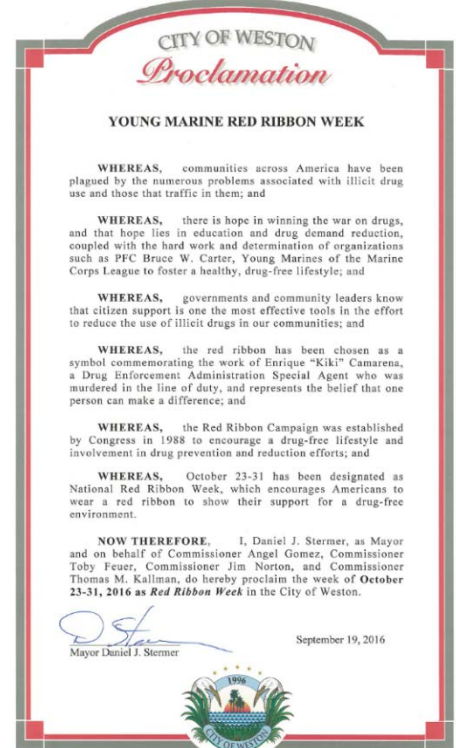
It is an ideal way for people and communities to unite and take a visible stand against drugs. Show your personal commitment to a drug-free lifestyle through the symbol of the Red Ribbon, October 23 - 31st.

WHY?

The Red Ribbon Campaign[®] was started when drug traffickers in Mexico City murdered DEA agent Kiki Camarena in 1985. This began the continuing tradition of displaying Red Ribbons as a symbol of intolerance towards the use of drugs. The mission of the Red Ribbon Campaign[®] is to present a unified and visible commitment towards the creation of a DRUG - FREE AMERICA.

WHO?

We are helping citizens across the country come together to keep children, families and communities safe, healthy and drug-free, through parent training, networking and sponsoring the National Red Ribbon Campaign[®].



Three years ago, students from Imagine Charter at Weston wore red and got into the shape of a ribbon to show their support of Red Ribbon Week. The red ribbon signifies a personal commitment to a drug-free lifestyle. The BSO helicopter flew over the school snapping this unique view of students and staff.



ARE YOU READY TO VOTE? ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH



Election Day is Tuesday, November 8th. On this day, voters across the nation will select the new President of the United States, as well as representatives at the federal, state and local level. Voters in Florida will also have items such as constitutional amendments and county referendum items for consideration. **City of Weston voters** will select a new Commissioner for Seat 1, and will also have an amendment to the City's charter for consideration.

Voter Registration Deadline

Not a registered voter? Due to Hurricane Matthew's impact to the State of Florida, the **registration deadline has been extended to TODAY** - Tuesday, Oct. 18th. You must register by 5 PM.

Early Voting for Primary Election

Early Voting will be offered at locations throughout Broward County, as follows:
**Monday, October 24th through
Sunday, November 6th, 9 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 November 2, 2016.**

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

General / Presidential Election Day

On **Tuesday, November 8th**, the polls will be open **7 AM – 7 PM**.

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

Learn more about the **City of Weston's municipal election:**

<http://www.westonfl.org/Departments/CityClerk/ElectionVoting.aspx>

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



Broward County Public Schools **COLLEGE FAIR**



As the process of applying to and selecting a college becomes more and more competitive and complex, students and parents need all the help and information they can get. Attending a college fair is the best way to gather information about colleges and universities. Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) 2016 College Fair provides valuable resources for students and parents attempting to navigate the college admissions process.

For more information, visit <http://www.browardschools.com/collegefair>

Date: Thursday, October 20, 2016
Time: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Location: 3301 College Ave, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33314

Free and Open to the Public
Registration NOT required
Workshops begin at 5 PM
Fair open at 6 PM



WESTON 55+ CLUB AT THE WESTON COMMUNITY CENTER

JOIN THE FUN WITH THE WESTON COMMUNITY CENTER'S 55+ CLUB!

The Weston 55+ Club is an incredible opportunity for mature adults to socialize with other seniors while participating in a weekly variety of activities. The activities are offered year-round and include but are not limited to bus trips, seminars, game days, luncheon outings, movie afternoons, lectures and other events as interest arises.

[Click here](#) to download the Weston 55+ Club Membership form.

[Click here](#) to view the current schedule of events.

For More Information, Call 954-389-4321

EXAMPLES OF THE CLUB'S ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- ◆ Bingo-mania and Game days
- ◆ Monster Mini Golf Miramar
- ◆ Perez Art Museum in Miami
- ◆ Lunch at D'Angelo Pizza
- ◆ Trip to Festival Flea Market



To join the club, you have to be 55 years or older, register for membership, and have free time to gather with a great group that's looking for entertainment and friendship.



Community Center Class *HOOK, LINE AND SINKER!* BASS FISHING WORKSHOP SETS TO IMPROVE SKILLS

On certain Tuesday evenings this Fall, anglers of all ages will enjoy tips from professional bass fisherman, Ron Gallo, at the Bass Fishing Workshop.

The workshop will provide skills in fishing for largemouth bass in the local waters of South Florida. Participants will learn tips to catch more, and larger, bass. The workshop includes fishing techniques, lure identification, tackle selection, knots, and more.

Ron Gallo is a professional bass fisherman for over 40 years, in which he has taught this course since 1979 (over 37 years), the author of numerous books/booklets on bass fishing, outdoor writer, and a Park Ranger for over 38 years.

To register for a Bass Fishing Workshop, or learn about other programs available at the Community Center, visit the center or call 954-389-4321.

Westonfl.org/Parks



Bass Fishing Workshops

Offered on the following
Tuesday evenings:
October 25th or November 15th

6:00 – 8:30 PM

Weston Community Center
20200 Saddle Club Road

\$40 per workshop
Open to all ages

No supplies needed.
Just bring a note pad and a pen.



Community Center NIKE MARATHON KIDS RUNNING CLUB

Register Now
for the
**Nike Marathon Kids
Running Club**

Next session:
**November 2nd –
December 21st**

Club meets every
Wednesday
4:00 – 4:45 PM

\$66 for
6-week session*

*One time **club
registration fee** of **\$15**
payable to the coach on
the first day of the
session.

Kidokinetics now offers this new class at the Weston Community Center that is focused on training children in grades K – 5 to run a marathon. The Nike Marathon Kids Running / Track Class is offered in six week sessions. The next session will be held from November 2nd through December 21, 2016.

Running is a great way to get fit and stay healthy throughout a lifetime. Participants will learn to run/walk 26.2 miles in this program, which will also develop endurance that will aid in training for other sports. Enjoy a fun, simple program that sets realistic goals and provides rewards and incentives for reaching those goals.



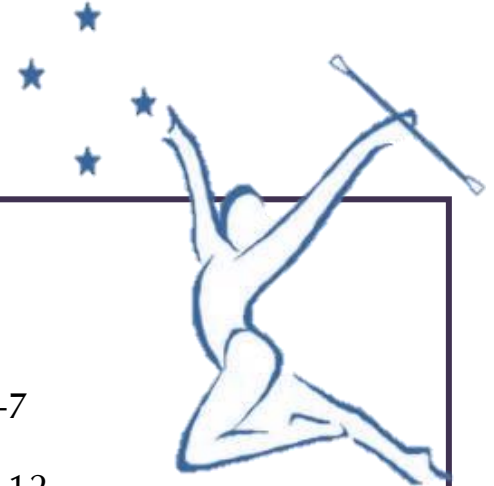
For details on this and any of the other Kidokinetics programs, visit Kidokinetics.com or call 954-385-8511.



The Nike Marathon Kids Running Club prepares participants for events like the Rotary Run for Tomorrow and Mayor's Challenge Cup races (shown here) which take place in Weston on December 11th. Details at WestonRotary.com.



Community Center Program
SUPERSTARS
At Weston Regional Park
20200 Saddle Club Road



Superstars Dance and Baton

Dates: Annually - September through May

Days/Ages:	Thursday 4:00-5:00 p.m.	Ages 5-7
	5:00-6:00 p.m.	Ages 8-12
	6:00-7:00 p.m.	Intermediate

Cost: \$55/month (\$55 registration that includes a baton and pompoms)

Monthly fee includes unlimited classes at locations around Broward County.



Superstars Dance and Baton are high energy combination classes that include dance, cheerleading and baton twirling. This class allows you to develop an understanding and demonstrate grace, poise, and self-confidence. Members will be invited to perform in Disney World, a University of Miami half time show, local events and much more!

For more information, please call 954-438-2075 or visit www.floridasuperstars.com.

For a complete list of children and adult programs at the Weston Community Center, please call 954-389-4321 or visit

www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/Class_Schedule.pdf.



HAPPENINGS...

AT THE WESTON YMCA FAMILY CENTER

Art Enrichment Classes

Explore your creative side with Art Explosion at the Weston Y this year! Art Explosion is a course in crafts that you can make using primarily recycled items to not only teach art skills such as paper mache, painting, and sculptures, but also Social Responsibility in re-purposing materials. For more information, email Laughton Droze at ldroze@ymcasouthflorida.org to register your child.



Weston YMCA After School Program

Come be a part of the YMCA of Weston's Kids Club this school year! This instructional program offers a safe and fun place for your child to do afterschool. We offer bussing from local schools, homework help, sports, games and add-on enrichments to maximize your child's time after school ends. Come in to the Y or email ldroze@ymcasouthflorida.org to find out what afterschool at the Weston Y is all about!



Lifeguard Certification Course

Ready to join the Weston YMCA Aquatics leadership team? If you are looking for a great opportunity to ensure safety on the pool deck, this is your chance. We will be offering a Lifeguarding Certification Course this November 4-6th. Visit the Weston YMCA to register today! For more information, email Daniel Grimes, dgrimes@ymcasouthflorida.org



YMCA of South Florida - Weston YMCA Family Center
20200 Saddle Club Road, Weston, FL 33327
ymcasouthflorida.org
954-424-9622 | *Located inside Weston Regional Park*



UPCOMING CITY EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Westonfl.org/Events



QUARTERLY RESIDENTIAL BULK TRASH PICKUP OCTOBER 2016

Single Family or Multi-family with curbside

collection: Wednesday, Oct. 19 **-or-** Thursday, Oct. 20
-or- Friday, Oct. 21

Multi-family with dumpsters: Saturday, Oct. 22

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 details, [click here](#) or call 954-385-2600.

THINK BEFORE YOU THROW – CONSIDER DONATING

Gently Used Toys Wanted: Donate to Harvest Drive's Children Helping Children Toy Collection at Regional Park on Nov. 5th 11AM-1PM, tent by Community Center.

GENERAL ELECTION - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

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[Click here](#) to visit Broward County's Guide to the 2016 Election Cycle.

[Click here](#) to find information on the City of Weston Municipal Elections.

[Click here](#) for information on the countywide penny sales surtax

Visit the Broward Supervisor of Elections Office at BrowardSOE.org or call 954-357-7050.

See next page for more upcoming events and programs.



VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST

Friday, November 11, 2016 at 9:00 AM

Weston YMCA Family Center, 20201 Saddle Club Road

In partnership with the City of Weston, BSO Law Enforcement and Fire Rescue, the Weston YMCA will honor all those who valiantly served our country at a special service that includes guest speakers, a hot breakfast and the opportunity to interact with other veterans and active duty military men and women. Please pre-register at the Weston YMCA or contact Chris Pangas at cpangas@ymcasouthflorida.org.

WESTON FOREIGN FILM SERIES PRE-SALE TICKETS ON SALE THROUGH NOVEMBER 14TH

Series tickets available for purchase at:

-Weston Community Center, 20200 Saddle Club Road

-Weston Branch Library - Friends Bookstore, 4205 Bonaventure Blvd.

The annual Weston Foreign Film Series, hosted by the Arts Council of Greater Weston, will begin in November and will feature five films during the 2016-2017 season. Series tickets will be available for purchase through November 14, 2016. Individual tickets will go on sale on November 15th and may also be purchased at the door, if tickets are still available.

-Special Pre-Sale Offer: \$35 for the series of 5; Series tickets are only available through November 14th.

-\$8 per individual film on sale after November 15th. May also be available at the door on each show date.

Learn more about The Arts Council of Greater Weston at 1Weston.com.



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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.



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 of 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.

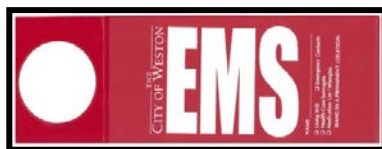
COP volunteers wear uniforms and drive specially marked vehicles. You must be 18 years of age with a valid driver's license. Interested? Please call the Weston District at 954-389-2010.

BSO WESTON FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

More information on programs listed below:

Call 954-389-2015 or visit

www.westonfl.org/Departments/FireEMS/FireEMSHome.aspx.



FREE EMS GO PACKETS

These packets hold medical information and legal documents for EMS and hospital personnel can be aware of your medical conditions.



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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.



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 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.*



HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE – ARE YOU PREPARED?



Hurricane season 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](#)

THE CITY OF WESTON

For your style... for your life