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## CITY OF WESTON RANKED AS TOP 10 BEST PLACES TO LIVE IN AMERICA 2016



The City of Weston has been awarded the prestigious recognition of being ranked **#8** on Money Magazine's 2016 list of Best Places to Live in America, highlighting the best small cities across the country with populations of 50,000-300,000.

"This recognition is truly a reflection of what we as City leaders and members of this community already knew" stated Mayor Daniel Stermer. "Weston has all of the qualities that families want, and that in turn attracts a quality business community."

The qualities rated include crime and safety, home values, strong local economy, low taxes, accessibility to health care, culture, strong public schools and sports and a strong sense of ethnic diversity.

If you take all of these points and factor in Weston's green space and extensive landscaping which has become an icon in south Florida, it is everything that makes Weston such an enviable location to live. The intangible factor is the people, the passion and the sense of community.

This recognition comes on the heels of Weston's July 2015 recognition as Family Circle's Top Ten Best Towns for Families. In 2012, Weston was ranked in Money Magazine's Top 100 list of best small cities at #63.

**Congratulations** to everyone in our community:

Residents, businesses, schools, sports leagues, arts council, volunteer organizations, volunteers, civic organizations, houses of worship, city staff and all who make Weston great!

Read the full [article](#).



## FIND OUT WHAT A PENNY WILL DO FOR WESTON AT OPEN HOUSE EVENTS

# A PENNY AT WORK

Half Penny  
(.5%)

To fund the  
countywide  
transportation  
system



Half Penny  
(.5%)

To fund  
your local  
improvement  
projects

**VOTE ON NOVEMBER 8**  
**Both must pass or both will fail.**

## WESTON INFORMATIONAL OPEN HOUSES

**Wednesday, September 28, 2016 and**

**Thursday, October 6, 2016**

**2:00 – 8:00 PM**

**Weston City Hall**

**17200 Royal Palm Boulevard**

Learn about the nearly 300 projects that  
would be funded in Weston, which include:

- Community Center and Citywide Park Improvements
- Water & Sewer Upgrades
- New Fire Station and City Park in Bonaventure
- Roadway Improvements

**WATCH THE A PENNY AT WORK VIDEO.**



## ***Home Alone Safety Tips*** **Ensure Your Child is Safe When Home Alone**

On September 12th, Weston's very own BSO Deputy Kari Pollatto spoke with Local 10 news (ABC) about ways to make sure children stay safe when they are left home alone.

Here are some of the tips that Deputy Pollatto shared with the viewers.



1. Lock all doors and windows
2. Don't open the door for anyone
3. Make sure a phone is accessible
4. DO NOT post on social media that you are home alone

To view the full segment visit:

<http://www.local10.com/news/home-safe-home/>

More Safety Tips from the American Red Cross:

- Never leave the house without permission
- Limit distractions (i.e. television, loud music, etc.)
- Avoid cooking until adults are in the home
- Parents should safely store dangerous items
- Memorize important phone numbers
- Know how to effectively use 9-1-1



**Sheriff Scott Israel**



## WESTON CERT

The CERT program educates people in:  
**Disaster Preparedness, Fire Safety, Disaster Medical Ops, Light Search & Rescue, CERT Organization, Disaster Psychology, Terrorism and more.**



Denise Barrett-Miller, Director of Communications and Bruce Angier, Fire Chief, Broward Sheriff's Office-Weston District.

**Register for the next CERT class by calling Weston Fire Rescue at 954-389-2015.**

Visit [Weston CERT](http://WestonCERT.com)

## MEDIA AWARD FROM FLORIDA CERT ASSOCIATION

**FOR OUR OWN NEWSDAY TUESDAY E-NEWSLETTER**

The Florida CERT Association presented a MEDIA AWARD to the City of Weston for its community education efforts to inform the public about the Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) through its online newsletter, Newsday Tuesday.

The award was a complete and certainly welcome surprise to the communications team at the City. Members of the Weston CERT Team had submitted the City of this recognition.

**The Weston Community Emergency Response Team**, is a volunteer resident and business owner group trained to provide aid to their families, their neighbors and their communities during and after a disaster.

Participants who successfully complete this program can continue their involvement and training as part of our Weston Community Emergency Response Team. Regardless of age, ability or experience, there is a place in our CERT program for you!





# Help Make 911 Better BROWARD COUNTY SEEKS FEEDBACK ON 911 SYSTEM



Broward County is seeking public feedback on your experience with calling 911 or other services in the regional communications dispatch center. User feedback is one of the most beneficial ways to enhance system performance. The County is committed to take prompt action on public input that will enhance the user experience.

You can share your experience with 911 by submitting a new online feedback form or by calling Broward County's 311 Center. Callers will be asked to submit details about the date, time and location of their 911 emergency call, a brief description of their call experience. Callers will also be asked to provide contact information such as phone number and/or email, if they wish to receive a follow up about their call.

To complete a form online, visit:  
<http://www.broward.org/911/Pages/Feedback.aspx>





## BROWARD COUNTY HOME DAMAGE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

Broward County's Home Damage Assessment assists by quickly identifying areas of devastation before damage assessment teams are able to canvass the County. The Home Damage Assessment Program asks residents to report damage to their home, as soon as it is safe to go outside.



### BEFORE THE STORM

Print the [sample photos](#) and place with your important papers in a waterproof container. This will help you classify any damage to your own property after the storm.

Bookmark the Broward County Home Damage Assessment Webpage on your cell phone.

[gis.broward.org/](http://gis.broward.org/)

[ReportHomeDamage/](#)

### AFTER THE STORM

Report damage to your home to Broward County by calling 311 or complete the form at

[gis.broward.org/](http://gis.broward.org/)

[ReportHomeDamage/](#)

## PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR A STORM

### HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS – A *Continuing Series*

If a hurricane or tropical storm is threatening to impact our area, there are things you can do you prepare your home and family in the time before an actual Hurricane Watch is issued. Remember that once a watch is issued, hurricane conditions are expected in the area within 24 – 48 hours.

#### Power Outages

Even though many utility lines are buried underground throughout Weston, electricity likely will be impacted during a storm due to wind and flooding. If you have a generator, be sure to have it ready to go (tested and fueled up) before a watch is issued. Don't forget to stock up on fresh batteries for flashlights.



#### Food safety

It is important to have enough non-perishable foods for your family. It is also a good idea to freeze ice bags to help keep fresh food items chilled following an extended power outage. After the storm, discard questionable items that may have spoiled due to lack of refrigeration.

#### Pool preparations

Prepare your pool by lowering the water level (no more than 2 feet) and adding extra chlorine to prevent contamination. Do not drain the pool or put pool furniture in the pool. Be sure to turn off the power to the pool pump and remove the pump and store indoors or wrap the motor in heavy-duty plastic and secure with tape or rope.



## BE ELECTION READY ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>



**Election Day is Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>.** 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? Be sure to register to vote by Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> in order to participate in the November 8<sup>th</sup> elections.

### **Early Voting for Primary Election**

Early Voting will be offered at locations throughout Broward County, as follows:  
**Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> through**  
**Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://BrowardSOE.org)





## SAT PREP COURSE OFFERED AT WESTON COMMUNITY CENTER

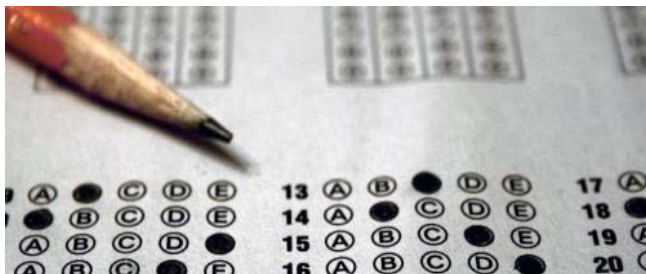
***Classes for the December 3<sup>rd</sup> SAT Test begin the week of October 9<sup>th</sup>***

The Weston Community Center will once again offer 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 5<sup>th</sup>.

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



**2400** ✓

### **NEXT SESSION:**

**October 9<sup>th</sup> – December 1<sup>st</sup>**

#### **Sundays**

10:30 AM – 1:00 PM

#### **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:**

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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# RALLY FOR FITNESS

## at Weston Tennis Center

Did you know that TENNIS can burn up to 600 calories an hour?  
Strap up your laces for the original fitness craze!

Join Rally for Fitness and we will:

- Teach you to play, rally, and score
- Introduce you to others of the same level and arrange games
- Set you up in a fun social league
- Give you the foundation to enjoy a game for life

*All you have to do is show up!*

Rally for Fitness is from **August 15<sup>th</sup> - November 30<sup>th</sup>**  
and is only: \$155 Single | \$270 Family\*

### Participants Receive:

- 3 months of unlimited court access at Weston Tennis Center from start date
  - 4 weeks of Tennis 101 Clinics
  - 2- 30 minute private lessons
- One Tennis Sip 'N Serve session that lasts 6 weeks
- Member pricing on all programming and events

Family Memberships include one Free Jr Clinic per child & one Kids Carnival

*\*Savings of up to \$66 !! (tax not included in pricing)*

**WESTON**  
TENNIS CENTER

Have questions? Ready to sign up? Please contact Yudit Hernandez at  
954.389.8666 or [y.hernandez@cliffdrysdale.com](mailto:y.hernandez@cliffdrysdale.com)

16451 Racquet Club Rd | Weston, FL | [www.WestonTennis.com](http://www.WestonTennis.com)





## HAPPENINGS...

### AT THE WESTON YMCA FAMILY CENTER

#### “Pay the Day” Membership Sign Up Promotion

September is the perfect time to sign up for a membership at the Weston YMCA, as you can take advantage of our "Pay the Day" promotion. Instead of the regular \$99 Joiner's Fee, you'll pay the day - join on September 14th, you'll pay a \$14 Joiner's Fee; and so on, until the end of the month. The earlier, the better, so stop by the Weston YMCA today!



#### Art Enrichment Classes

Explore your creative side in this first installment of Art Explosion at the Weston Y this year! On September 29th from 4-5pm there will be a free demo for this monthly class that begins in October. 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. Come see what Art Explosion at the Y is all about! For more information, email Laughton Droze at [ldroze@ymcasouthflorida.org](mailto:ldroze@ymcasouthflorida.org) to register your child.



#### Weston YMCA Pink Tea Party

Join the YMCA on Friday, September 30th at 11AM as they bring our Weston community together to celebrate the spirit of breast cancer survivors everywhere and to remember those we have lost. Whether you have family or friends battling this disease or are a survivor yourself, you will be inspired as we unite to support each other. Registration is required. Seating is limited. Register online at [ymcasouthflorida.org](http://ymcasouthflorida.org)



#### 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](mailto:ldroze@ymcasouthflorida.org) to find out what afterschool at the Weston Y is all about!



**YMCA of South Florida - Weston YMCA Family Center**  
20200 Saddle Club Road, Weston, FL 33327  
[ymcasouthflorida.org](http://ymcasouthflorida.org)  
954-424-9622 | Located inside Weston Regional Park



## UPCOMING CITY EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

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

### A PENNY AT WORK WESTON OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, September 28th 2:00 – 8:00 PM, and  
Thursday, October 6th 2:00 – 8:00 PM

Weston City Hall, 17200 Royal Palm Boulevard

This November, Broward County residents have the opportunity to vote on two ballot questions that represent two half-penny surtaxes in Broward County:

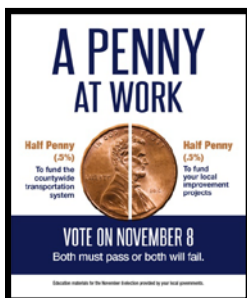
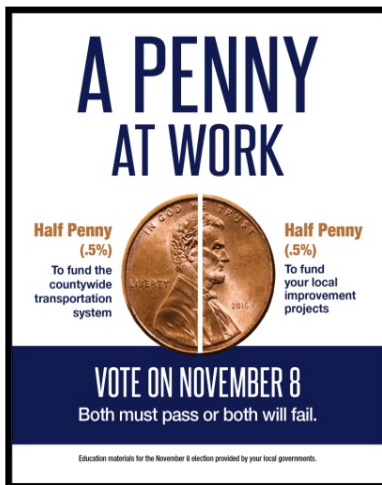
-Half Penny to fund countywide transportation system, and  
-Half Penny to fund your local improvement projects.

Both must pass or both will fail. Vote November 8, 2016.

Attend an Open House event to find out what a penny would do for Weston. Learn more at [www.APennyAtWork.com](http://www.APennyAtWork.com)

What will a penny do for you? [Interactive Project Map](#)

View a 54 second [Video](#)



### YMCA & AAUW: Host Public Meeting

Public Meeting on Sales Tax Referendum

Saturday, October 8, 2016 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Weston YMCA, 20201 Saddle Club Road

A free public meeting will be hosted by the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and the Weston YMCA on the sales tax referendum and amendments for vote on the November ballot. City of Weston Mayor Stermer will speak on the implications of the sales tax increase in Broward County and League of Women Voters representative will explain the pros and cons of each amendment.

*Click on page to see additional events*



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

Featuring **STAR WARS: The Force Awakens**

**Saturday, October 15, 2016**

**8:00 PM**

**Event Stage- Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club RD**  
*Ex-stormtrooper Finn, scrappy desert dweller Rey, and droid companion BB-8 get caught up in a galactic war when they find a map containing the whereabouts of the vanished Luke Skywalker. Their adventure brings them face-to-face with heroes from the past, as well as new villains.*

Fantasy, Sci-Fi/ 136 min. / **Rated PG-13**

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

*\*\*Have **gently USED TOYS** that you are willing to donate? Please bring them to the movie. Harvest Drive (Children Helping Children in the Broward Schools) will collect used and new toys for the Harvest Boutique in Western High School for families in need throughout the local community. Collection: 7PM-8PM\*\**



## **CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

**Monday, October 17, 2016**

**7:00 PM**

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

A regular meeting of the Weston City Commission.



## **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?** Donate to Harvest Drive at the Movie in the Park event on Oct 15 7PM-8PM or at Regional Park on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> 11AM-1PM at the tent adjacent to the Community Center (Children Helping Children).



## WESTON FOREIGN FILM SERIES PRE-SALE TICKETS ON SALE SEPTEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> – NOVEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>

Series tickets available for purchase at:

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

**-Weston Branch Library- Friends Bookstore, 4205 Bonaventure Boulevard**

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 from September 29 through November 14, 2016. Individual tickets will go on sale on November 15<sup>th</sup> and may also be purchased at the door, if tickets are still available.

*Ticket Prices:*

**-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 15<sup>th</sup>. May also be available at the door on each show date.

Learn more about The Arts Council of Greater Weston at [www.1Weston.com](http://www.1Weston.com).

## 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 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.



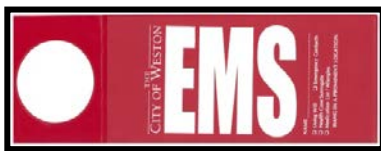
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## BSO WESTON FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

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



### WESTON DELIVERS THE LATEST NEWS 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 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).

View [hurricane preparedness videos](#) on the Weston YouTube channel and follow us on Twitter [@CityofWeston](#)

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