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RAINY SEASON HAS ARRIVED

Keep Stormwater Drains Free of Debris

With the excessive, heavy and often persistent rainfall last week, Weston experienced localized flooding in areas throughout the City, including swales and low-lying roadways.



Swales hold water during and immediately after a storm, but with continual rain it will take the water longer to drain. Weston's water bodies and canals were also designed to hold and move stormwater; however, heavy rain storms in a short span of time can cause temporary street flooding and elevated lake levels as the intricate drainage system handles the increased capacity of water. Watch [Prevent Street Flooding](#).

Local flooding will more likely occur when catch basin, or storm drain, is clogged. A catch basin is designed to trap debris, such as leaves, palm fronds, litter, etc. so that it cannot enter the drainage pipes. Unobstructed water flow through these drains, especially during heavy rain, is essential to prevent flooding.

Keep Catch Basins Clear

Know where the nearest catch basin is to your home or business and check it frequently to keep it free of debris, especially after it



rains. It is recommended to keep your property free of loose items like leaves, branches, and palm fronds which will clog drains, especially during the rainy season.

Elevated Lake Levels

Lake levels will be higher than normal as the lakes receive rainwater runoff for which they were designed. An intricate system of stormwater pump stations operate to move the water through the South Florida Water Management distribution system. Higher than usual lake levels will gradually return to normal as rains subside and the water moves through the system. During heavy rains, City crews operate pumping systems at the maximum allowable levels.

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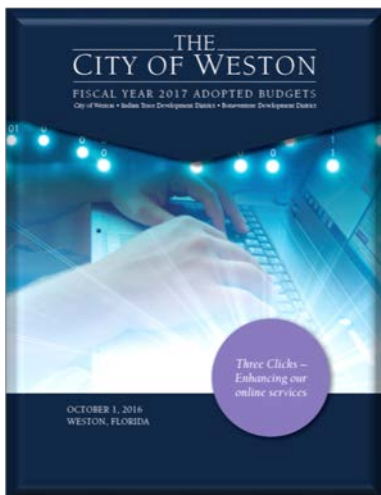
WESTON RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED BUDGET PRESENTATION AWARD

The City of Weston is pleased to announce receipt of the *Distinguished Budget Presentation Award* for the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget beginning October 1, 2016. The award is granted annually by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA).

This is the fifteenth consecutive year that the City has received award recognition. Congratulations to Budget Director, Bryan Cahen and retired Assistant City Manager/CFO David Keller who prepared the annual budget pursuant to the GFOA guidelines and requirements and made the submittal on behalf of the City of Weston.



Mayor Stermer Recognizes Budget Director Bryan Cahen for earning the GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award



Click the image to view the **City of Weston's Fiscal Year 2017 Adopted Budgets** online.

The *Distinguished Budget Presentation Award* is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting.

In order to achieve the award, the submitting entity must publish a budget document that meets the following program criteria, and the fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories:

- ✓ It must serve as a Policy Document
- ✓ It must serve as a Financial Plan
- ✓ It must serve as an Operations Guide
- ✓ It must serve as a Communications Device



WESTON COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM BASIC TRAINING GRADUATES



WESTON COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM C.E.R.T.

A volunteer resident and business owner group, trained to provide aid to families, neighbors and community during and after a disaster.



Learn more about [CERT](#)

Newest Graduates Recognized

Completing nine weeks of training provided by BSO Fire Rescue, C.E.R.T. Basic Training Program graduates were presented certificates at the June 5th City Commission meeting.

Graduates were trained in disaster preparedness, fire safety, disaster medical ops, light search & rescue, CERT organization, disaster psychology, terrorism and more. This is the first time the training program has utilized the Cleveland Clinic for classroom and outside exercises, which provided a perfect setting.

The new graduates bring Weston C.E.R.T. up to 97 members strong.





WESTON: A PURPLE HEART CITY

Honoring the service and sacrifice of veterans wounded or killed



The Military Order of the Purple Heart was chartered by an act of Congress, to foster an environment of goodwill among the combat-wounded veteran members and their families.



The Purple Heart is awarded to any member of the United States Armed Services wounded or killed in combat with a declared enemy of the U.S. now including certain kinds of domestic terrorist activities.

A Purple Heart City

On June 5, 2017, the City Commission presented a proclamation to Mr. Lewis Colon, of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, declaring the City of Weston, Florida, a Purple Heart City.



Created by General George Washington in 1782 as a badge of honor and distinction, the Purple Heart has undergone numerous changes with respect to criteria for being awarded. The current Purple Heart medal was developed by General Douglas MacArthur in 1932, made in the shape of a rich purple heart bordered with gold and a bust of Washington in the center and the Washington coat-of-arms at the top. According to the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the heritage the medal represents is sacred to those who understand the price paid to wear it.

A Purple Heart City honors the service and sacrifice of our nation's men and women in the armed services, wounded or killed by the enemy, serving to protect the freedoms our country enjoys. Mr. George Caffrey, Chair of the Veterans Coalition of the Elks Lodge presented the City with a flag, held by audience and Commission member veterans.





MANATEE BAY FIRST IN MATH FIRST PLACE & NATIONAL CHAMPIONS FOR THE FIFTH YEAR IN A ROW!



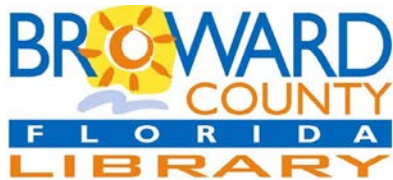
Congratulations Manatee Bay Elementary School students for winning the nationwide competition, **First in Math**.

[VIEW THE CELEBRATION VIDEO](#)

First in Math is an online math program whereover 10 Million students compete among 6,000+ schools nationwide. Fifth grade students at Manatee Bay Elementary completed an astonishing 8,815,383 math problems! Yes, that's 8 MILLION math problems! Principal Heather Hedman-Devaughn stated, "the students really love the program because it gives them immediate feedback and involves playing games. In addition to being the number one school in the Nation we also have 5 teams that are among the top 10 in the nation. In addition to that, we have families that play and one of them ranked in the top 10 in the Nation."

Very appropriately the school hosted a celebration on June 1st to celebrate the hard work, dedication and spectacular success of the 5th grade student body. Helping Principal Hedman-Devaughn present the mathematicians with their awards was Weston Mayor Daniel J. Stermer, Chief Officer of School Performance Dr. Valerie Wanae and Broward School Board Member Laurie Rich Levinson, Math Department Supervisor Gigi Forsman and supporting staff.





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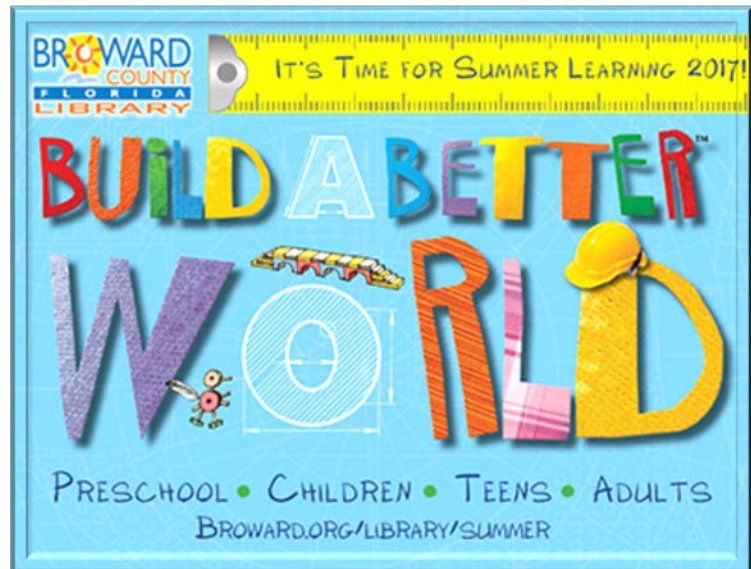
SUMMER
LEARNING
PROGRAM
[Click here](#)
to register

FREE FOOD & FUN AT YOUR LIBRARY

At 23 library locations, including Weston Branch, kids 18 & under will enjoy free lunch & snacks.

The Summer BreakSpot is made possible by Broward Meals on Wheels and funded by the Florida Department of Agriculture. Contact the library for specific times and days.

BROWARD COUNTY LIBRARY'S 2017 SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM



Broward County Library will offer the **Build A Better World** Summer Learning Program from June 1st through August 20th at all Broward County Library locations, including the Weston branch. The program is a fun way to encourage young people to read, explore and discover all summer long.

Participation in the **Build A Better World** program is the ultimate way of reaching reading and learning goals this summer.

Free events and programs include fitness events and classes, coding hackathons, science and engineering experiments, cooking demonstrations, performances, movies, story times, computer classes and more.

There is fun for all ages! The program features four learning categories: Preschool, Children, Teen and Adult, each with specific prizes and goals.



HEALTHY LIVING TIP SAFE SUN PRACTICES

Sun protection is important year-round in South Florida. As we head into summer, now is the time to fine tune our habits to minimize the damaging effects of sun exposure and reduce the risk of developing skin cancer, which is predominantly caused by overexposure to UV radiation.

- ☀️ **The Right Sunscreen:** Be sure to read the label to choose a sunscreen with broad spectrum protection (against both UVA and UVB rays) and with an SPF factor of 30 or higher. Some of the key ingredients include zinc oxide, titanium dioxide, ecamsule, and avobenzone (Parsol 1789). Check expiration dates to be sure it is still effective.
- ☀️ **Seek shade:** Limit sun exposure by avoiding the outdoors or direct sunlight for long periods, especially during the hot summer months. UV light is strongest between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- ☀️ **Cover your skin:** Clothes, especially fabric that has a UV protection factor (UPV), provide another layer of sun protection. Read the labels to find lightweight, comfortable clothing that offer UPV protection to cover up.
- ☀️ **Wear a hat:** A hat, especially one that has a 2 – 3 inch brim all around is ideal, as it protects areas that are often exposed to intense sun, such as ears, forehead, nose and scalp.
- ☀️ **Sunglasses that block UV rays:** The skin around the eyes, as well as the eyes themselves, need to be protected, too. Check the label to make sure the glasses block UV rays. If there is no label, do not assume sun protection is provided.

Information from the American Cancer Society, the American Academy of Dermatology and the Skin Cancer Foundation.

For information on early detection and skin cancer prevention, visit skincancer.org.



Protect yourself in five ways from skin cancer



TIPS ON TRAVEL SCAMS



Sightseeing, sunbathing, skiing — who doesn't like a good vacation? But don't relax just yet.

Whether it's promising free or discounted trips, posting phony rental listings, or telling timeshare sellers they've got a buyer lined up, scammers are working to get a cut of your hard-earned travel money.

Here's what you need to know to avoid a scam.

AVOIDING SCAMS WHILE MAKING TRAVEL PLANS

The key to planning a good trip is making sure you're buying from travel businesses you know and trust:

Get Recommendations

Ask family and friends about the companies they use and like, and look online to see what people are saying about their service and prices.

Call to Verify Reservations and Arrangements

Get the details about any "five-star" resorts or "luxury" cruise ships they promise — including what other travelers have had to say about them.

Review the Company's Cancellation and Refund policies

before you pay for the trip, and ask "What if...?" Consider whether some form of travel cancellation insurance is appropriate.

Pay by Credit Card

It gives you more protection than paying by cash or check. If you don't get what you paid for, you may be able to dispute the charges with your credit card company

Consider Using a Travel App

Travel apps can help you search for airfares and hotel rates, get fare alerts and real-time deals, and manage your itinerary.

For more tips visit:

<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov>





WESTON ATHLETIC LEAGUE TRAVEL BASEBALL TEAM TRY-OUTS



The Weston Athletic League’s travel baseball teams, known as the Weston Eagles, participate in either the Florida Premier Baseball League or USSSA tournaments. The 8U through 12U teams will host tryouts starting this week for the upcoming Fall season.

To be eligible for a tryout, athletes must commit to play during the WAL Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth recreational league seasons and live or go to a school within the WAL boundaries.

Use the [USSSA Age Calculator](#) and **add one year** to verify league age for the 2017/18 season before attending one of the tryouts listed below. Tryouts will be held at Weston Regional Park on field #4. Please contact Coach Alex Arias with any questions at alexarias026@hotmail.com.

Date	Time	Location	League Age
6/17/17	9am-11am	Regional 4	8U
6/17/17	11am-1pm	Regional 4	9U
6/17/17	1pm-3pm	Regional 4	10U
6/17/17	3pm-5pm	Regional 4	11U
6/17/17	5pm-7pm	Regional 4	12U

Date	Time	Location	League Age
6/24/17	9am-11am	Regional 4	8U
6/24/17	11am-1pm	Regional 4	9U
6/24/17	1pm-3pm	Regional 4	10U
6/24/17	3pm-5pm	Regional 4	11U
6/24/17	5pm-7pm	Regional 4	12U

Visit WestonAthleticLeague.org for more details.



UPCOMING CITY EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Westonfl.org/Events



CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, June 19, 2017

7:00 PM

Weston City Hall, 17200, Royal Palm Boulevard

A regular meeting of the Weston City Commission



CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, July 3, 2017

7:00 PM

Weston City Hall, 17200, Royal Palm Boulevard

A regular meeting of the Weston City Commission

THE CITY OF WESTON



INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY AND FESTIVITIES

Tuesday, July 4, 2017

City administrative offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th in honor of the Independence Day Holiday.

City parks will close at 6 PM.

There will be regularly garbage collection.

See City activities for the holiday listed below



WESTON 4TH OF JULY HOMETOWN CELEBRATION 5K RUN/WALK

Tuesday, July 4, 2017

Racetime: 7:00 AM

Broward Health Weston and the City of Weston

Join your friends and family for a morning holiday celebration run in the area of Weston Regional Park. The course is out and back on South Post Road with a lap around the park to the finish line in front of the Community Center.

[5K Registration link](#)



THE CITY OF WESTON



WESTON 4TH OF JULY HOMETOWN CELEBRATION PARADE

Celebrating the Great American Spirit

Tuesday, July 4, 2017

10:30 AM

Weston Town Center and Surrounding Areas

Parade Entry is FREE!

All interested groups, organizations, businesses and bands are welcome! Join us for a 4th of July traditions and walk or ride with our City leaders in Weston's biggest and most exciting event of the year. Entry deadline is June 23rd.

[FREE PARADE ENTRY APPLICATION](#)

[Video PROMO](#)



@WESTONFLALERT
#WestonReady

HURRICANE SEASON IS JUNE 1ST – NOVEMBER 30TH

Be ready this hurricane season by making your plan now and picking up supplies throughout the season. Don't wait until a storm threatens our area. Follow our new Twitter alert [@WestonFLAlert](#) to receive emergency notifications. Visit [Westonfl.org/Hurricane](#) or [Ready.gov](#) for information on how to prepare your home and business. *Be Weston Ready this hurricane season!*



ONGOING CITY PROGRAMS



BSO WESTON POLICE SERVICES

More information on programs listed below call 954-389-2010 or visit the [Police Page](#) on our website.



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. Flyer: [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, [click here](#).



CITIZEN OBSERVER PATROL (C.O.P.) PROGRAM

COP's are the additional eyes and ears of the community, assisting and enhancing BSO policing efforts. Members of the Broward Sheriff's Office of Countywide Operations professionally train volunteers. 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. You must be 18 years of age with a valid driver's license. Interested? Please call the Weston District at **954-389-2010**.





Sheriff Scott Israel

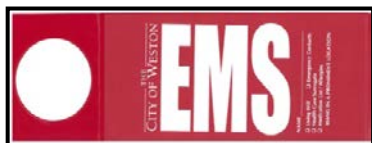
HOMEWATCH PROGRAM

Planning to go out of town this summer? Be sure to register for BSO's Homewatch program. BSO will check your home daily for signs of suspicious activity. [Click here](#) to download the application to complete and submit to the Weston District Office.



BSO WESTON FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

More information on programs listed below, call 954-389-2015 or visit the Fire Department web page.



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 Monday – Friday.



COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)

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 Weston CERT [online](#).



WESTON COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

For additional information on the programs below, call 954-385-2000.



REGISTER FOR CODERED

Residents and businesses should register with the City's CodeRED Emergency Notification System. **Register:** www.westonfl.org/Residents/Hurricane/CodeRed.aspx



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WESTON GOVERNMENT CHANNEL

The Weston government access channel can be found on these channels with local cable television providers:

Blue Stream – Channel #25

Comcast Cable – Channel #78

AT&T U-verse – Channel #99, *scroll to Weston Government TV*




WESTON GOVERNMENT RADIO 1680AM

Tune in for 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.

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