

# Newsday Tuesday<sup>SM</sup>



*NEWS FROM THE CITY OF WESTON*

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## BATTERY RUNNING LOW? RECHARGE IN THE PARK! Solar Charging Stations for Small Electronics

The Weston Parks and Recreation Department is always looking for ways to enhance the experience at Weston parks. Their newest feature: **Solar Charging Stations!** A total of ten total Rapid-Charge USB ports at each station can charge phones, tablets or small electronic devices. There is no cost to the user and the station is powered by the sun.

We have all had that moment when the phone battery is nearing the end, but our outing is not. Park visitors, and certainly sports participants are no different, spending hours at practices and games or enjoying the playground. Don't let a low battery indicator get you down. Kids and parents alike can power up to ensure you are in touch.

Two solar charging stations are already installed in two parks, with the third to be in place in the next few weeks. The City's three main athletic parks, the most heavily utilized, are receiving the charging stations. The solar charging poles by Sun Charges Systems, Inc., are a versatile design which includes a 30" table to comfortably place your items, with eight rapid-charge ports surrounding the pole. There is a dedicated accessible port under the table.

### WESTON SOLAR CHARGING STATION LOCATIONS

- **Weston Regional Park**  
*Located by the main playground next to the Weston Community Center*
- **Tequesta Trace Park**  
*Located near the football concession stand*
- **Vista Park**  
*Coming soon; to be located near the playground*





## KNOW THE HAZARDS

### STORM SURGE

The most dangerous element of a hurricane is the storm surge – a dome of ocean water that can be 20 feet high at its peak and up to 100 miles wide. Nine out of 10 hurricane fatalities are attributed to storm surge.

### EXTREME WIND

An *Extreme Wind Warning* will be issued if sustained winds of 115 mph or greater are expected to begin in a specific area within the hour.

### RAIN

Hurricanes are storms comprised of wind and rain, which can be heavy and lead to isolated floods as well as flash floods.

Check your local forecast at the National Weather Service at [Weather.gov](http://Weather.gov).

## *Hurricane Preparedness – A Continuing Series* STORM WATCH VS. WARNING

Before a storm threatens South Florida, it's best to know the lingo so that you can best prepare your home, family and business for the storm's possible affects.



As a storm develops it can intensify or weaken to a Tropical Storm before landfall. Although weaker than hurricanes, tropical storms are still a threat to be taken seriously.

### Tropical Storm Watch

A tropical cyclone containing sustained winds of 39-73 mph is *possible* in the next 48 hours.

### Tropical Storm Warning

A tropical cyclone containing sustained winds of 39-73 mph is expected in the next 36 hours.

### Hurricane Watch

Hurricane conditions (a tropical cyclone containing sustained winds of 74 mph or more) are *possible* within 48 hours. A watch let's you know that conditions are favorable for a hazard to occur and allows you to prepare.

### Hurricane Warning

Hurricane conditions are expected within 36 hours. A warning is an urgent message that indicates that a weather hazard is imminent.

## ARE YOU WESTON READY?

Visit [WestonFl.org/Hurricane](http://WestonFl.org/Hurricane)

Follow us on Twitter: [@CityofWeston](https://twitter.com/CityofWeston) for hurricane preparedness tips & city info  
[@WestonFLAlert](https://twitter.com/WestonFLAlert) for emergency notices only



## WESTON TENNIS CENTER PROGRAMS

### SPORTS CAMP

Session Dates: June 12<sup>th</sup> – August 18<sup>th</sup>  
Ages: 5 - 15

The program includes tennis, mini tennis, swimming, soccer, soccer, team competitions, and arts & crafts.



### ACADEMY SUMMER TRAINING

Session Dates: June 12<sup>th</sup> - August 18<sup>th</sup>  
Ages: 11-17

This Academy Training class is for intermediate to advanced level players who want to work in a team environment to improve on all aspects of their game. Using advanced teaching methods, dynamic drills and match play options we strive to push juniors to achieve their highest potential.

\*Campers are also invited to stay for afternoon summer camp activities!



### JUNIOR TENNIS PROGRAMS

Session Dates: June 12<sup>th</sup> – July 14<sup>th</sup>  
July 17<sup>th</sup> – August 18<sup>th</sup>  
Ages: 4-15



From PeeWees (4-6) to Tornadoes (11-15), there are classes for all ages interested in learning how to play Tennis.

\*Cost varies for members and non-members, full and half days



**For more information on tennis programs,  
contact the Weston Tennis Center at 954-389-8666,  
or visit [WestonTennis.com](http://WestonTennis.com)**

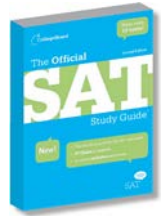




# SAT<sup>®</sup>

## SAT PREP COURSE OFFERED AT WESTON COMMUNITY CENTER

*Classes for the August 26<sup>th</sup> SAT Exam begin June 18<sup>th</sup>*



As the school year heads into the final semester, those students planning to take the SAT in August can begin preparing for the exam by enrolling in the 8-week class offered at the Weston Community Center and led by Instructor Jeff Steinberg. Mr. 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. He has over 27 years of experience developing and teaching SAT preparation programs, including the University of Miami’s former program, and training other instructors to teach such classes.

The SAT Preparation Class prepares students for all facets of the most recent version of the SAT, which was first administered in March 2016. The course includes a comprehensive review of test material and insightful strategies for doing well on the exam.

### CLASS SESSIONS & TIMES

Sundays	10:30 AM – 1:00 PM	June 18 – August 6, 2017
Thursdays	7:15 PM – 9:45 PM	June 22 – August 10, 2017

**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 up to the August 26<sup>th</sup> exam 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.

***For more information call 954-389-4321 or stop by the Weston Community Center, located inside the Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Road.***



## 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 drownings annually among children ages 1 – 4. "The number one 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.



**JUST ONE DAY**  
**SUNDAY JUNE, 11<sup>TH</sup>**  
**NATIONWIDE EVENT - NO ADOPTION FEES**



**Broward County Animal  
Care & Adoption Center**

*New facility*

**2400 SW 42 Street  
Fort Lauderdale, FL  
954-359-1313**



[Directions](#)

[Adoptions](#) web page

***Find your forever pet  
and help save a life.***

***Broward County Animal Care***

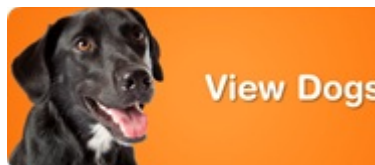
Broward County will participate in "Just One Day", a nationwide event dedicated to not euthanize any non-suffering animals and waive all fees to help find them forever homes!

**Your Pet Will Come With:**

- Physical exam
- All necessary vaccinations
- Spaying or neutering
- Broward County Rabies Registration License Tag
- Microchip

**Find a New Best Friend!**

- To begin your exciting search for your new best friend, please start by browsing all of the dogs and cats in our care:





## CYBERSECURITY FOR SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS

### *Tips from the Federal Trade Commission*

Running a small business is a big deal. The Federal Trade Commission offers tips and resources for small business owners to protect their interests. When it comes to cybersecurity, technology is dynamic and staying ahead of the curve can be a challenge. Here are a few computer security basics for business owners to keep in mind. Be sure to train your employees to follow these tips, as well.

### PROTECT COMPUTER FILES & EQUIPMENT

**Keep software updated.** Set operating system software, browsers and applications to update automatically so you do not leave files unprotected.

**Back up your files.** Create offline backups of your system and important files regularly.

**Use strong passwords.** It is recommended to use long passwords – at least 12 characters – that have a mix of numbers, symbols and capital letters. Keep passwords locked away if you write them down.

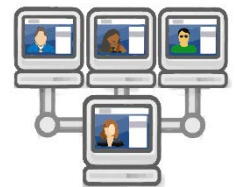
**Activate two-factor authentication when possible.** This will require not only a password, but an additional piece of information to log in to your account. It may include a code sent to your phone, a series of personal questions or a number generated by an app.

**Never leave your laptop, phone or other devices unattended in public.** If these items are stolen, your identity will be, too. DO NOT leave laptops or phones in your vehicle.

**Password protect all devices.**

### PROTECT YOUR WIRELESS NETWORK

**Change the name of your router (a.k.a. the service set identifier or SSID) and the pre-set password.** Do not use the default name; change it to something unique.



**Keep the router's software updated.** Register your router with the manufacturer to be sure you get the latest updates.

**Turn off any "remote management" features.** Hackers can use them, too.

**Log out as administrator.** Otherwise, you are leaving the door wide open for someone to access your system, whether by accident or on purpose.

Learn more at [FTC.gov/SmallBusiness](https://www.ftc.gov/SmallBusiness)





## HAPPENINGS...

## AT THE WESTON YMCA FAMILY CENTER

### Summer Volleyball

Girls Ages 7 to 16

Extending Early Registration till 5/28!

Save \$30 by signing up early

Games will start July 1st. Practices start June 17th.

### Summer Basketball

Boys and girls

Ages 4 to 15

Early registration runs thru 6/10,

save \$30 by signing up early! . Season starts July 8<sup>th</sup>.

### Scoreboard Unveiling

Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 10AM

Join the Weston YMCA at their new scoreboard unveiling at the Aquatic facility. This has been made possible by the generosity and support of Cleveland Clinic Florida and the Parents of the Barracudas Swim Team.



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

20201 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)



### 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

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### INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY AND FESTIVITIES

Tuesday, July 4, 2017

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

City parks will close at 6 PM.

There will be regularly garbage collection.



### WESTON 4<sup>TH</sup> 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](#)



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## WESTON 4<sup>TH</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup>.

[FREE PARADE ENTRY APPLICATION](#)

[Video PROMO](#)



@WESTONFLALERT  
#WestonReady

### HURRICANE SEASON IS JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> – NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>

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.



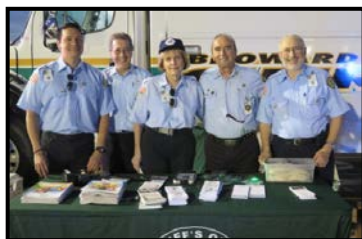
### SAFE SELLING TRANSACTION ZONE A LOCATION FOR ONLINE BUYERS/SELLERS

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

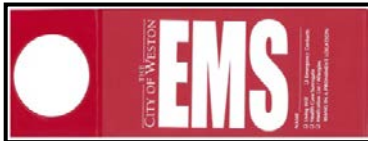
## **HOMEWATCH PROGRAM**

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



### E-NOTIFICATIONS: WESTON DELIVERS THE LATEST NEWS DIRECT TO YOUR INBOX

**Newsday Tuesday:** The official City e-Newsletter. A once weekly newsletter delivered each Tuesday morning with 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 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.

### FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

 **Twitter:** [@CityofWeston](https://twitter.com/CityofWeston) and [@WestonFLAlert](https://twitter.com/WestonFLAlert)

 **Flickr:** [CityofWeston](https://www.flickr.com/photos/cityofweston/)

 **YouTube:** [CityofWeston](https://www.youtube.com/c/CityofWeston)