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WESTON EXPLORERS ATTEND STATE TRAINING



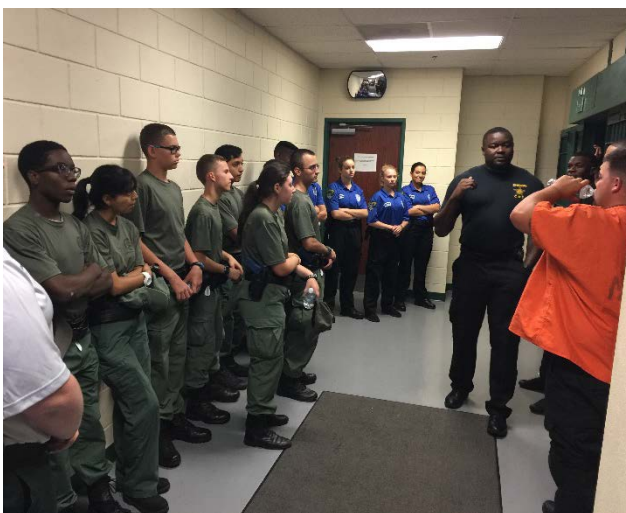
A group from the BSO Weston Police Explorers Post 44 participated in the Florida Association of Police Explorers Delegate Training from April 28th – 30th. The training was hosted by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office and the St. Petersburg Police Department on the campus of St. Petersburg College.

Weston Post 44 participated in building clearing, search & seizure, domestic scenarios, and hands-on training in cell extraction, first-aid & K-9 operations in over 20 individual training areas.

Over 300 participants participated in the training, from as far north as Tallahassee to neighboring Broward Posts from Miramar & Coral Springs. The trainings are conducted on a quarterly basis to prepare for the State Competition, which will be hosted by the Palm Beach Gardens Police Department this summer.

The BSO Law Enforcement Explorer Program is for young men and women ages 14 - 21. The program allows participants to interact with law enforcement and other community advisors in a serious, regimented atmosphere where the students can demonstrate their personal initiative.

Interested in the program? [Click here](#) for details.





May 16, 2017

THANK YOU WESTON!

Hundreds Participate in Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Recycling Events



The official totals are in and Weston residents responded overwhelmingly to this year's two Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and Electronics Recycling collection events held on February 12th and April 30th. The turnout in Weston continues to be much greater than anticipated, as 1276 residents participated by disposing household waste at one of the two events.

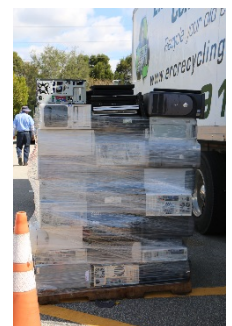
Here is a glimpse at some of the items collected at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events in Weston this year:

- 37,980 Latex paint
- 2,464 Lead acid batteries
- 1,840 Motor Oil
- 2,999 Corrosive liquids / solids (C8)
- 2,392 Flammable liquids / solids (C3, 4.1)
- 268 Fire extinguishers

All items are reported in pounds. Liquids equal approximately 8 lbs. / gallon.

In total, 87,621 pounds of HHW items were collected in Weston in 2017.

In addition to Household Hazardous Waste, the event provides residents the opportunity to recycle electronics. This year, **Weston residents recycled 33,808 electronics** at the two collection events.



The Household Hazardous Waste collection event is hosted regularly by Broward County in various municipalities. If you missed these recent opportunities, don't worry! Weston residents can visit any of the County's drop-off locations which are open on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. For a list of items accepted at the locations – which includes household chemicals and electronics – as well as other details, [click here](#) to visit Broward County's HHW webpage. Don't forget to bring proof of residency with you to the drop off site.

For additional information about Household Hazardous Waste collection or electronics recycling, please contact the Weston Public Works Services Center at 954-385-2600.



WHAT IS IN YOUR TAP WATER?

Annual Water Quality Report Now Available Online

Water utility departments throughout the State of Florida are required to provide consumers with an annual report on their water quality. Weston residents should rest assured that our drinking water continues to meet all federal and state requirements.

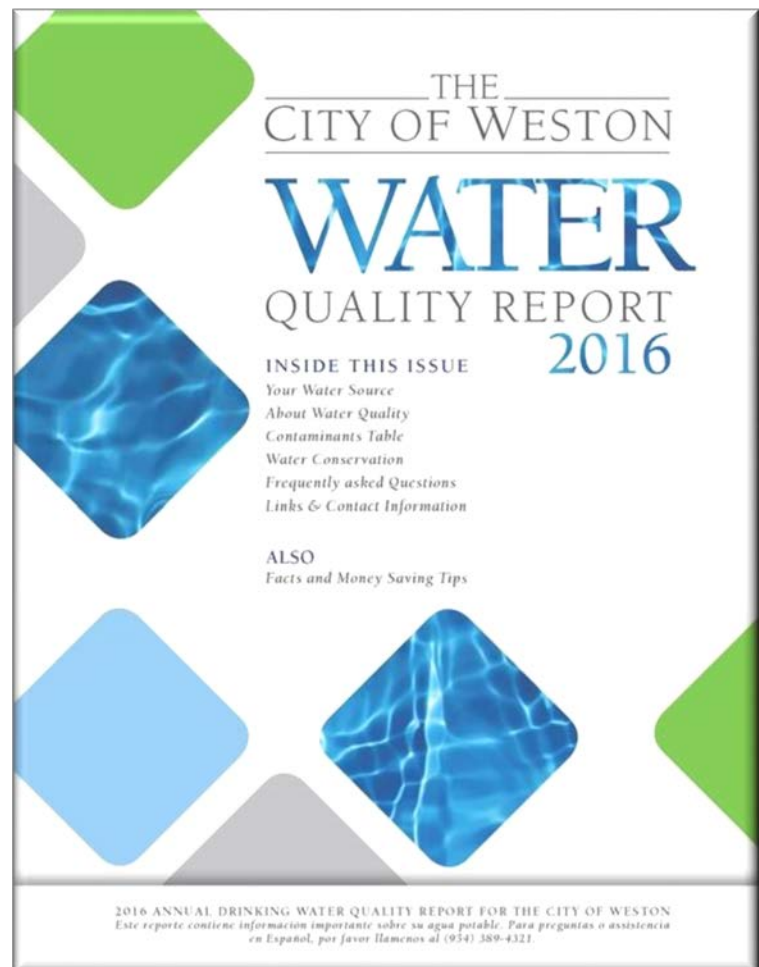
Have Confidence In the Water You Drink

The Water Quality Report is also known as the “Consumer Confidence Report”, as the purpose of the report is to give the public confidence about their tap water.

Click on the image  to access the 2016 Water Quality Report online and learn about:

- The source of our drinking water
- How our tap water is treated and processed
- What is in your tap water
- Water conservation tips
- Landscape irrigation water restrictions
- Important contact information

Tap water has many benefits versus bottled water. It contains fluoride and sodium that can be beneficial to your health and it costs pennies in contrast to hundreds of dollars spent on bottled water per household in a typical year.



Should you have any questions or concerns about your tap water in Weston, contact the Weston Public Works Department at 954-385-2600. Billing questions should be addressed to the City of Sunrise Water Utility at 954-746-3232

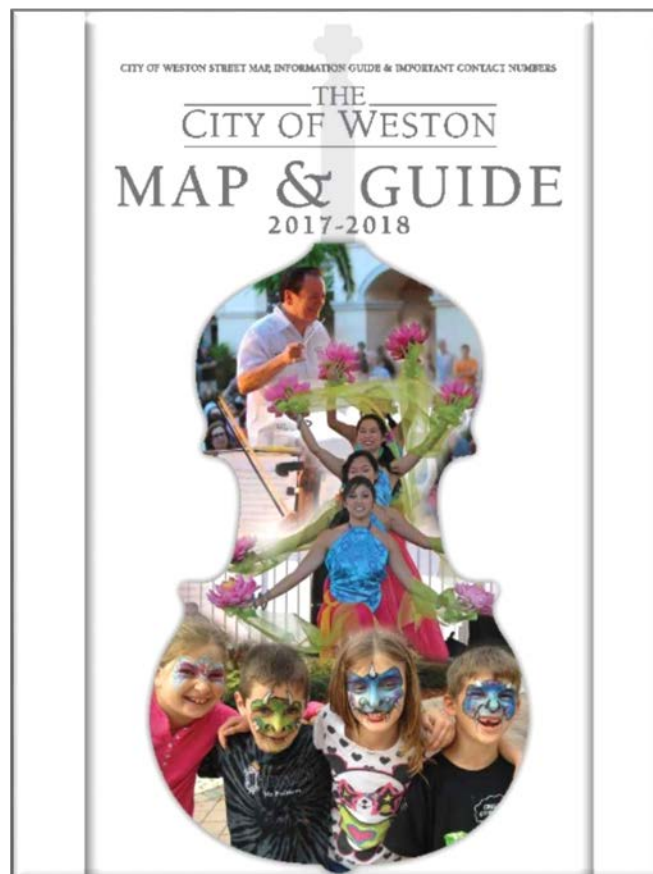


WESTON MAP & GUIDE 2017 - 2018 *NOW AVAILABLE IN PRINT AND ONLINE*

The newest edition of the Weston Map & Guide is now available. Published bi-annually, the Weston Map & Guide is much more than an ordinary city street map, it is a great resource for residents and visitors alike. The Map & Guide is a convenient information resource. Keep a copy handy for reference, as it provides a detailed street map, contact information for the City Commission and city departments, information about park facilities, with sports league and recreation information.

The Weston Map & Guide 2017-2018 will soon arrive in residential mailboxes throughout the city. It is also available at City Hall and the Weston Community Center, as well as select additional locations, such as the Weston Branch Library and the Bonaventure Town Center.

For on-the-go convenience, you can also access the current Map & Guide [online](#).





PARENTS BE AWARE OF TEEN INFLUENCES

Online Series and Games Entice Self-Harm and Suicidal Thoughts Among Teens

NEED HELP?

Don't go it alone. Resources are available for parents and students to encourage positive mental and emotional well-being.

BCPS shares the following resources:

Suicide Warning Signs
youthsuicidewarningsigns.org/parents caregivers

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

1-800-273-TALK (8255)

Crisis Text Line

Text the word "Home" to 741741

24-Hour Helpline

Dial 2-1-1 or visit 211-Broward.org

Youth Emergency Services

954-677-3113

Have a Conversation with Your Teen

The Superintendent of Broward County Public Schools, Robert Runcie, issued a letter to parents on May 8th addressing an increase in media attention regarding disturbing trends in teen mental health, self-harm and suicide. This is due to a popular Netflix series, *13 Reasons Why*, that chronicles the struggles of a teenage girl and her tragic decision to commit suicide, as well as web-based games (such as *Blue Whale*) that appear to be harmless, yet entice teens to engage in dangerous, self-harming behavior.

Parents are encouraged to monitor their child's viewing choices and online activities and to talk with your child daily.

If you think something is not right, do not hesitate to reach out for help. There is no shame in contacting a professional to assist you or a loved one through a difficult time. Dial 2-1-1, your first call for help to inquire about services available or to be put in contact with a variety of providers that offer vital services for Broward residents of all ages and situations.

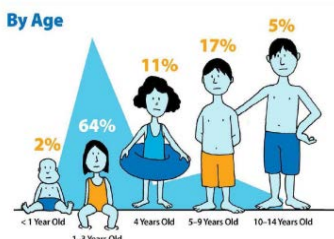
Encourage healthy living and prevent a tragedy. It starts with a conversation.



Click on the coupons
below to
**Learn to Swim
today!**



Child Drowning
Statistics by Age



DROWNING PREVENTION BEGINS WITH LEARNING TO SWIM



Drowning is the fifth-leading cause of death in the United States. In Broward County, it is the leading cause of unintentional death among children ages 1 to 4.

Don't let yourself or a loved one become a part of this statistic by following this simple checklist:

- ⚙ **Learn how to swim.** Formal swimming lessons can reduce the risk of drowning especially among children age 1 to 14. The Weston YMCA and other facilities throughout Broward honor the [Swim Central coupon](#) for children ages 6 months to 4 years old. A limited number of adult swim vouchers are also available. [Click here](#) to learn about the Adult swim voucher.
- ⚙ **Make pool safety something to brag about.** Be sure to keep your pool area covered, install pool alarms and install a pool barrier. Be sure the barrier is always closed when not in use.
- ⚙ **Be a Water Watcher.** There must always be a dedicated ADULT to supervise when children are near water, including the pool area, beach, backyard lakes, canals and even the bathtub.
- ⚙ **Not all heroes wear capes.** Get CPR certified! The City of Weston offers free CPR lessons and certification. Contact BSO Weston Fire Rescue at 954-389-2015 today!



UNITED STATES FLAG DISPOSAL BOXES NOW AVAILABLE AT COUNTY FACILITIES



Residents can now properly dispose of old, tattered and torn flags at Broward County Government Center locations and other locations throughout the County. Through a partnership between the National Association of Counties, the National Flag Foundation and the National Sheriff's Association, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners is proud to provide flag retirement boxes in the facilities listed below.

The American flag is a symbol of our country, our people and the devotion we have to our nation. Not only does the American flag represent our great nation's freedom, but it is a representation of our country's citizens and the history of this great nation. For those and many other reasons, it is important to respect the flag.

The disposal boxes offer residents a convenient and respectful way to dispose of their flags when they are no longer in condition that is fit for display.

Flags deposited in the boxes will be collected and disposed of properly and should be folded appropriately before being placed in the box. Only U.S. flags will be accepted.



U.S. Flag Retirement Box locations:

Broward County Government Center
115 S. Andrews Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, 33301

**Broward County Government Center
West**
1 North University Drive
Plantation, 33324



MAY IS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH



Older Americans Month is a time to acknowledge the contributions older individuals have made to our country.

The month is celebrated nationwide with ceremonies, events,

fairs and other activities. Broward County Libraries is commemorating Older Americans Month with events that range from memoir writing workshops to exercise programs and adult coloring. All events are free and open to the public.

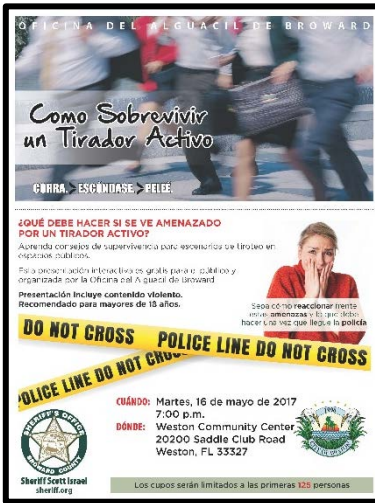
May 12, 19, 26 10:30AM-12:30PM	Matter of Balance: Fall prevention class for seniors	Dania Beach Paul DeMaio Library
May 16 10:30-11:30AM	Medicines Copays and Medicare Gap Info Table	Hollywood Library
May 20 10:30-11:30AM	Meditations: Guided stress relieving mediation class	Southwest Regional Library
May 20 11AM-Noon	Living Healthy for Older Americans	Pompano Beach Library
May 30 3-4PM	Chair Exercise for Seniors bring cushion or pillow	South Regional/Broward College Library

Broward.org/Library



UPCOMING CITY EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Westonfl.org/Events



COMO SOBREVIVIR UN TIRADOR ACTIVO

How to Survive an Active Shooter – Presentation in Spanish

Martes, 16 de mayo de 2017

7:00 PM

Weston Community Center, 20200 Saddle Club Rd

Toda la presentación que se presentó anteriormente en inglés se presentará en español.

Entire presentation previously presented in English will be presented in Spanish.

Aprenda consejos de supervivencia para escenarios de tiroteo en espacios públicos. Esta presentación interactiva es gratis para el público y organizada por la Oficina del Alguacil de Broward. Presentación incluye contenido violento. Recomendado para mayores de 18 años.

Los cupos serán limitados a las primeras 125 personas



MEMORIAL DAY - OFFICES CLOSED

Monday, May 29, 2017

City administrative offices will be closed in honor 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 regular hours.



CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, June 5, 2017

7:00 PM

Weston City Hall, 17200, Royal Palm Boulevard

A regular meeting of the Weston City Commission

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Click here to view the full event list.*



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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



JOIN THE PARADE!

Tuesday, July 4, 2017

10:30 AM

Weston Town Center and Surrounding Areas

Parade Entry is FREE!

Theme: "Celebrating The Great American Spirit"

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](#)





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

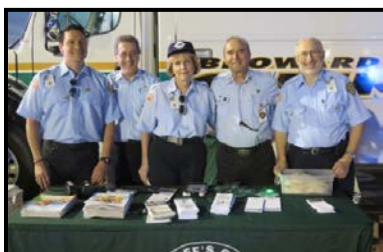
BSO's Weston district office's parking lot serves as a safe-haven for the City's online buyers and sellers to meet at 17300 Royal Palm Boulevard.

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](#).



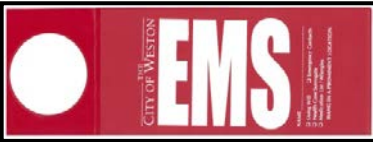
CITIZEN OBSERVER PATROL (C.O.P.) PROGRAM

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**.



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

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



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.

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<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:

Blue Stream – 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.**



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