

NEWS FROM THE CITY OF WESTON

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MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS PRESENTED BY WESTON PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY

Music to Students Ears



At the May 1, 2017 City Commission Meeting, representatives of the Weston Philharmonic Society presented ten music scholarships to outstanding music students from Western and Cypress Bay High Schools.

Weston Philharmonic Society Past President Advisor Roger Lander introduced each scholarship recipient while Co-Presidents Andrea Burghardt and Louis Marett handed students their coveted scholarship. The Weston Philharmonic Society has been presenting scholarships to local high school students for 20 years. This year they were thrilled to be able to increase the number of scholarships from four to ten through the generosity of individuals in the community.

The City of Weston has presented world-class symphony concerts for residents in cooperation with the Weston Philharmonic since 2002. The Weston Philharmonic also brings the extraordinary opportunity of hearing professional symphony musicians into Weston elementary schools, each year touching the hearts and musical souls of over 10,000 students.

Congratulations to all recipients

From Cypress Bay High School: Santiago Estrada, Hannah Friedland, Alice Lopes, Eugenia Maldonado, Emily Schlorf, Mauricio Viana, and Benjamin Tillinger.

From Western High School: Kylie Raller, Summer Thompson and Kaitlyn Wallace.





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MULCHING AROUND TOWN

Weston Converts Tree Trimmings to Mulch Used throughout City



Newly Mulched Back Berms Along South Post Road

Weston has started an internal recycling program with its green waste – or tree trimmings. Since the program began last year, 92% of tree trimmings are chipped into mulch and put back onto back berms and in garden beds throughout the City. This equates to eight dump truck loads of our own mulch (20 cubic yard capacity) spread out in City garden beds and only one dump truck of palm branches and other organic waste disposed of per week.

The recycling program is not only the right thing to do for our environment, but it also

provides for a significant cost savings to the City.

The self-made organic mulch is chipped onsite and spread out along back berms under the ficus trees. As trees are trimmed, the branches are chipped and the mulch is put down in the same location. This process increases worker productivity as there is less time loading trucks and driving to and from dump sites to dispose of the trimmings. some mulch is stored for use along roadways throughout Weston

Director of Landscaping, Thad Bielicki, explains the benefits of this program, "Organic mulch suppresses



Tree Trimming of Back Berms Along South Post Road

weeds, requiring less spraying. It also improves water retention, which requires less irrigation and reduces compaction, allowing for optimum plant growth. The mulch turns into rich organic matter, feeding the plants and microorganisms living in the soil, requiring less fertilization. The mulched areas also add an aesthetic appeal to our roadways and to the views of the back berms from homes."

BY THE NUMBERS

- -7680 cu. yards of green wasted saved from landfills per year
- -75,000 bags of gold colored pine mulch no longer needed to purchase annually
- -92% of tree trimmings are chipped into organic mulch and remains in the City



Piles of Organic Mulch for Use in Medians and Roadside Berms throughout Weston



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US NEWS REPORT HIGH SCHOOL RATINGS

CYPRESS BAY HIGH SCHOOL EARNED A GOLD RATING

BEST HIGH SCHOOLS / FLORIDA / DISTRICTS / BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC...



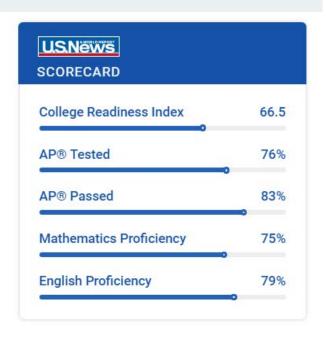
Cypress Bay High School

18600 Vista Park Blvd, Weston, Florida 33332 | (754) 323-0350

#257 in National Rankings | College Readiness Score 66.5/100.0

Cypress Bay High School is ranked 26th within Florida. Students have a variety of opportunities to take Advanced Placement® course work and exams. The participation rate in AP® testing at Cypress Bay High School is 76 percent. The student body makeup is 52 percent male and 48 percent female, and the total minority enrollment is 63 percent.

Cypress Bay High School is ranked number 2 of 64 high schools in <u>Broward County Public Schools</u>, and #257 in the <u>National Rankings</u> — earning gold in the *US News & World Report's* Best High School's annual



ranking system. Schools are ranked based on their performance on state-required tests and how well they prepare students for college.

Read more about how US News ranks the Best High Schools.

Quick Stats



9-12 GRADES

4,489 TOTAL B



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STUDENT-TEACHER RATIO



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MAY IS BETTER HEARING MONTH

Are you familiar with the Florida Relay Service? Learn about this free service that assists residents throughout Florida who are in need of assistance to communicate via telephone.

DIAL 7-1-1 TO USE FLORIDA RELAY

What is the Florida Relay service?

Florida Relay is a free service provided to the residents of Florida who are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf/blind or speech disabled that connects them to standard voice telephone callers. Through the use of highly trained operators, calls can be made any time of day throughout the year.

To use the Florida Relay service:

- Dial 7-1-1
- Give the Operator the phone number of the person you are calling
- The operator will connect the call and assist you with communication.

<u>Click here</u> to learn about the many types of Relay assisted calls.

FTRI Relay, Inc.

Telecommunications

FREE AMPLIFIED PHONES

Florida residents with moderate to severe hearing or speech loss are eligible to receive specialized telephone equipment at no cost. A variety of amplified phones are available through a program made possible by the Florida Telecommunications Relay, Inc.

<u>Click here</u> for details on the FREE amplified phone program, and to download an application.

To quality for the free specialized telephone equipment, you must be:

- A permanent Florida Resident (show Florida Driver's License or ID card, Florida Voter Registration Card, Florida Vehicle Registration)
- 2. At least 3 years-old
- 3. Certified as having a hearing loss or speech impairment.

The free telephone can be picked up at one of the local events posted on the website, or visit the

Center for Hearing and Communication 2900 W. Cypress Creek Road Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309

Walk-ins accepted on Thursdays, 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. or by appointment only on any other weekday. Call 954-601-1930.

Connecting People to People







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MAY HEALTHY LIVING TIPS

DID YOU KNOW...?



Choosing to live a healthier lifestyle may sometimes be difficult in our society. A major reason why individuals choose fast foods over home-cooked meals is practicality.

With so many variations of fast food restaurants, "to-go" meals, and frozen food options, why would busy people *choose* to eat foods that are not practical?

The following facts are designed to help individuals see the "bigger picture". Junk food is delicious, but it's definitely not nutritious.

Eye Opening Facts

- 1. More than 1/3 of adults and over 12.5 million children and teens in the U.S. are obese. In the last 30 years, obesity in children and teens has nearly tripled.
- 2. One can of soda contains 10 teaspoons of sugar. The average American adult drinks 500 cans of soda every year, estimating about 52 pounds of sugar consumed in soft drinks alone.
- 3. Breakfast feeds your body and mind with the necessary nutrients and energy to function. According to a survey in 2011, 13.1% of the teens admitted to skipping breakfast in the past 7 days.
- 4. Foods that don't expire contain unnatural chemicals that deteriorate your body. Around 70% of all foods contain these chemicals.







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JOIN THE PARADE!

2017 4th of July Hometown Parade



The Annual City of Weston 4th of July Hometown Parade is just around the corner!

Registration Deadline Friday, June 23rd

The parade will take place on Tuesday, July 4th ending in Weston Town Center; participants line up at 9:30am and the **parade begins** at 10:30 a.m.





INTERESTED PARADE PARTICIPANTS:

All groups, organizations, businesses, and bands are welcome! Join us for a 4th of July tradition, and walk or ride with our Grand Marshal in Weston's biggest and most exciting event of the year. **Registration is FREE**. The **deadline to enter** is **Friday**, **June 23rd**. Parade spaces fill up quickly, so register today!

START NOW... put a group together and fill out the form. Large, small, elaborate or simple - your entry will be special. Everyone loves a parade, so plan on being a part of the celebration.

FREE PARADE APPLICATION





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WESTON TENNIS CENTER

HEAD MXG EXPERIENCE DAYS



Take part and TEST the new HEAD MXG Racquets at the Weston Tennis Center!

SATURDAY, MAY 20th 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Weston Tennis Center 16451 Racquet Club Rd Weston, FL 33326 954-389-8666



There will be free demo HEAD MXG demo racquets to try, free clinics and round robins for all ages.

FOOD TRUCKS WILL BE ON SITE!

This is a complimentary event, however, reservations are requested.

For questions or more information, call 954-389-8666.





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REGISTER NOW FOR AYSO'S 2017 FALL SOCCER SEASON



Weston's American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) has soccer programs to fit everyone's needs. Register now for the 2017 Fall Season.

Space is limited and some age brackets do close out early!

<u>Click here</u> to register online or for more information about the AYSO soccer program. The Fall season will begin in August.

<u>Consider Volunteering:</u> Make a difference by being a Coach, Assistant Coach, Referee (Ages 12 - Adult), Assistant Referee (Ages 9 - Adult), Team Parent or help with the administration of AYSO. No experience is necessary and AYSO offers FREE courses in Coaching and Refereeing. Click here for <u>more information</u>.



AYSO SOCCER SUMMER CAMP is also available! The camp will run June 12th – August 11th, at Weston Regional Park, with half-day and full-day options. Click here to find out more!

Find out more at AYSO644.org.





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UPCOMING CITY EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Westonfl.org/Events



CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, May 15, 2017 7:00 PM Weston City Hall, 17200, Royal Palm Boulevard
A regular meeting of the Weston City Commission



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.

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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



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



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









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ONGOING CITY PROGRAMS





BSO WESTON POLICE SERVICES

More information on programs listed below call 954-389-2010 or visit the <u>Police Page</u> on our website

SAFE SELLING TRANSACTION ZONE A LOCATION FOR ONLINE BUYERS/SELLERS

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

Download a flyer here: <u>Safe Transaction Zone</u>



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.**



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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



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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 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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