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HOME RULE HEROES

Florida League of Cities



Daniel J. Stermer
Mayor



Darrel Thomas
Asst. City Manager/CFO



Left-Right: Vice Mayor Dan Daley, Coral Springs, Commissioner Gil Ziffer, Tallahassee & FLC President, Alison Payne, Florida League of Cities, and Mayor Daniel J. Stermer, Weston at the Broward League of Cities meeting in October.

Weston Mayor Daniel J. Stermer recently received a 2017 *Home Rule Hero Award* from the Florida League of Cities (FLC). The Mayor, accepting his award at a recent Broward League of Cities meeting (shown left) earned this prestigious award for his tireless efforts to advance the League's legislative agenda and help protect the home rule powers of Florida's cities during the 2017 legislative session.

Weston Assistant City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Darrel Thomas was also the recipient of a 2017 *Home Rule Hero Award*. Mr. Thomas was at a speaking engagement furthering financial leadership throughout Florida but looks forward to the certificate displayed proudly on his desk!

Home Rule is the ability for a city to establish its own form of government and enact ordinances, codes, plans and resolutions without prior state approval. The Home Rule Hero Award recipients are local government officials – both elected and nonelected – who consistently support the Florida League of Cities' efforts to give members of the State legislature a local perspective to an issue.



2018 MARKETPLACE HEALTH INSURANCE ENROLLMENT OPPORTUNITY

2018 Open Enrollment Period is Shorter than in Previous Years

Open Enrollment for Affordable Care Act (ACA) 2018 coverage is underway and runs only through DECEMBER 15, 2017 at www.healthcare.gov.

This is a shorter enrollment period than previous years, so it's important to act quickly. If you don't act by December 15, you cannot get 2018 coverage unless you qualify for a Special Enrollment Period. Plans sold during Open Enrollment start January 1, 2018.

IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW:

November 1, 2017: Open Enrollment started — first day to enroll, re-enroll, or change a 2018 insurance plan through the Health Insurance Marketplace.

December 15, 2017: Last day to enroll in or change plans for 2018 coverage. After this date, you can enroll or change plans only if you qualify for a Special Enrollment Period.

January 1, 2018: 2018 coverage starts, if premium paid.

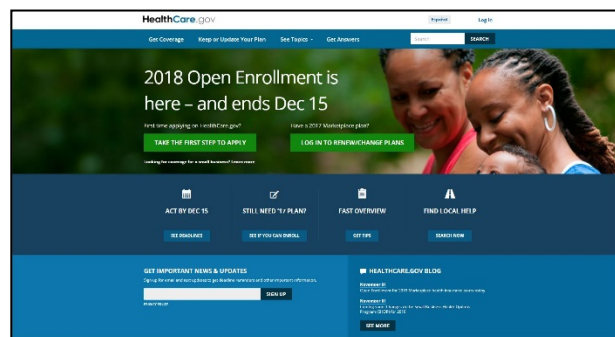
Get started

First time using HealthCare.gov? [Create an account](#) now.



Have 2017 Marketplace insurance? [Log in now](#) to update your application and compare plans for 2018.


Want to see plans first? [Preview 2018 plans](#) with price estimates based on your income, before logging in.





WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN A WEATHER RADIO

When shopping for a NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) weather radio, look for either of the following logos:

PublicAlert™ Devices 
or the NOAA All Hazards
Logo 

There are many brands of weather radios. It is recommended to find a receiver with one of the above logos to ensure that it meets the recommended technical standards and comes with features such as Emergency tone alerts, Specific Alert Message Encoding (SAME) technology to be able to program an area of interest for alerts, etc.



PRACTICAL LIFESAVING GIFTS

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS – A *Continuing Series*

With the holiday gift-giving season approaching, think about giving gifts now that save lives. A gift can be for a special occasion or given as a random act of kindness.

The Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) recommends showing how much you care by giving emergency preparedness items as gifts, including:

- Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors
- Appropriate fire extinguishers
- Foldable ladders for second-story escape routes
- Disaster kits for home and vehicles
- NOAA Weather radio and extra batteries
- Flashlights and extra batteries
- Enrollment in a CPR or first aid class

CPR Safe Community Initiative

BSO Weston Fire Rescue Services offers free CPR classes to residents, organizations and businesses. Call 954-389-2015 to schedule a class for your group today.



BEWARE OF STUDENT LOAN DEBT RELIEF SCAMS

If It Sounds Too Good to Be True, It Probably Is

If you have student loan debt, you have probably seen ads or have been contacted by companies promising they can help. Consumer beware.

The operation includes seven actions filed by the FTC, along with cases filed against companies that claimed to be affiliated with the government or the consumer's loan servicer, and promised to reduce or eliminate student loan debt. The companies told consumers they were "pre-approved," "pre-qualified" or "qualified instantly," then pressured them to sign up for their programs on the spot. Enrolling required consumers to pay illegal advance fees of up to \$1,500.

operation game of LOANS

Stopping student loan debt relief scams

36 FTC and State enforcement actions

11 States and the District of Columbia

Scammers collected over **\$95 MILLION** in illegal fees

FTC.GOV/STUDENTLOANS

The Federal Trade Commission has launched *Operation Game of Loans*, in collaboration with state law enforcement agencies across the nation to do a sweep against student loan debt relief scammers.

Consumers were often left worse off, or received minimal help for services they could have gotten from their loan servicer or the U.S. Department of Education for free.

Report scams to FTC.gov/Complaint.
Need help with student loans? Visit StudentAid.gov.

Repaying student loans? **AVOID SCAMS**

- Only scammers promise fast loan forgiveness.
- Never pay a fee up front for help.
- Scammers can fake a government seal.
- Don't share your FSA ID with anyone.

Report scams to FTC.GOV/COMPLAINT. Looking for free help? Start with STUDENTAID.GOV.



BARGAIN BOOKS ABOUND!

Weston Friends of the Library

BOOK FAIR

Saturday, November 11, 2017 11AM – 3PM

Weston Branch Library
4205 Bonaventure Blvd
Weston, FL 33332

Majority of books .50 - \$1.00
All proceeds support the
Weston Branch Library!



Great selection of books and CDs

» **Fiction** » **Non-Fiction** » **Children's Books**



WESTON FOREIGN FILMS SERIES

Presented by the Arts Council of Greater Weston & the City of Weston
Don't miss the first film of the series!

Like Water for Chocolate

Como El Agua Para Chocolate (Mexico)

Monday, November 13, 2017

Showtimes: 4:45 PM and 7:30 PM

AMC Weston 8, 1338 SW 106 Avenue, Sunrise



Tita is passionately in love with Pedro, but her controlling mother forbids her from marrying him. When Pedro marries her sister, Tita throws herself into her cooking and discovers she can transfer her emotions through the food she prepares, infecting all who eat it with her intense heartbreak.

Mexico | 1992 | 105 minutes | R

SERIES TICKETS ARE ONSALE FOR A LIMITED TIME

Foreign Film Series (5 films, November - March): \$35, purchase before Nov. 13th.

Foreign Film Series (4 films, December - March): \$30, on sale after Nov. 13th.

Individual tickets \$8.00 at the door, limited availability.

Tickets are available for purchase at the following locations:

- Weston Community Center (checks only), 20200 Saddle Club Road
- Weston Branch Library, inside the Friends Book Store (cash/check), 4205 Bonaventure Boulevard

All films are shown in their native language and have English subtitles.

Questions about the Foreign Film Series?

Visit 1weston.com or call 954-389-4321.



Broward County Library Storybook Festival Saturday, November 18 | 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM



The 16th Annual StoryBook Festival will be held at the Southwest Regional Library, 16835 Sheridan Street in Pembroke Pines on Saturday, November 18th from 10AM to 4:30PM. This is a FREE event for children and families.

This year Broward County Library celebrates the 50th anniversary of the book *Frederick*, written and illustrated by Leo Lionni. The theme of the 2017 StoryBook Festival is "It Takes a Village...in Honor of Leo Lionni" as *Frederick* focuses on the nature of community and the many roles played within a community.

The first 1,000 children arriving to the festival will receive a free book. Children are encouraged to come to the festival in costume and join the Storybook Parade. There will be a full day of music, dance, storytelling, storybook characters and children's performances on three stages.

Featured performances will include:

- Tales by origami storyteller Kuniko Yamamoto
- Storyteller Donna Washington
- Comedy/magic show with magician Brent Gregory
- Fantasy Stew, an arts-in-education theatrical show presented by Fantasy Theatre Factory
- Children's entertainer Suzy Hammer, performing as the Bookworm
- Children's entertainer Marci Poppins
- Stilt walkers



For additional information, please call 954-357-7406, 954-357-7317 or 954-357-6580.



REGISTER NOW FOR AYSO'S 2017 SPRING SOCCER SEASON



SAVE \$25
ENROLL by 11/30/17

SPRING INTO AYSO SOCCER

[For Kids Ages 3-18]
ENROLL NOW!



6 AYSO Philosophies

- Everyone Plays
- Open Registration
- Positive Coaching
- Balanced Teams
- Good Sportsmanship
- Player Development

AYSO 644 (American Youth Soccer Organization), located in Weston, FL, is one of the largest youth soccer organizations in the state with over 29 years experience training 100,000 youth soccer players.

SAVE \$25 IF YOU ENROLL BY NOVEMBER 30th!

If you have a child between the ages of 3-18 who are interested in playing soccer, register today for AYSO's Spring season. All teams will have at least one practice during the week and a game on Saturday.

All returning players, [REGISTER HERE](#). If you are new to the club, [REGISTER HERE](#) to set up an InLeague profile and complete registration process.

Costs:

Early Bird registration is \$155 through 11/30 | Regular registration is \$180

For additional information, visit website at www.ayso644.org.



UPCOMING CITY EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Westonfl.org/Events



PROJECT OPEN HOUSE: BICYCLE LANES

Tuesday, November 7, 2017 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Weston City Hall, 17200, Royal Palm Boulevard

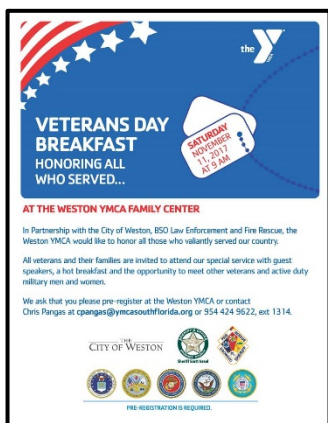
Public input is desired on the City of Weston's plans to submit a grant application for the construction of bike lanes on Bonaventure Boulevard.



VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY OBSERVED

Weston City Administrative Offices will be closed on Friday, November 10, 2017 in observance of the Veterans Day holiday, which falls on Saturday, November 11th. On this day, we honor those that have proudly served in the United States Armed Forces.

City parks will be open and there will be regular garbage collection.



INVITATION TO VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILY

Saturday, November 11, 2017 9:00 AM

Weston YMCA Family Center, 20201 Saddle Club Road

In Partnership with the City of Weston, BSO Law Enforcement and Fire Rescue, the Weston YMCA will honor all who valiantly served our country. All veterans and their families are invited to attend a special service with guest speakers, a hot breakfast and the opportunity to meet other veterans and active duty military men and women.

Pre-register at the Weston YMCA, by email at cpangas@ymcasouthflorida.org or call 954-424-9622, ext. 1314.



WESTON FOREIGN FILM SERIES PRESENTS LIKE WATER FOR CHOCOLATE (MEXICO)

Monday, November 13, 2017

Showtimes: 4:45 PM and 7:30 PM

AMC Weston 8, 1338 SW 106 Avenue, Sunrise

Presented by the Arts Council of Greater Weston and the City of Weston

Series tickets (\$35) on sale at the Weston Community Center (checks only) and at the Friends Bookstore (cash/check) in the Weston Branch Library. Individual tickets (\$8) may be available at the door. Film is in Spanish with English subtitles. For more information, please visit 1weston.com or call 954-389-4321.

2017 HARVEST DRIVE



Western High School
Friday, November 17th
from 3PM – 10PM

Donate gently used clothing, toys, books and non-perishable food.

Or drop off donations by
Thurs. Nov. 16th, at
City Hall in the
Communication Dept.

Children Helping Children

BROWARD SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Needles or sharps will NOT be collected. There is a 5 lb limit maximum per car. 55¢ per item. 10¢ per item. 10¢ per item.

OPERATION MEDICINE CABINET
Medicine Cabinet

SHRED-A-THON
Shred-a-thon

Join Sheriff Scott Israel and help prevent prescription drug abuse and identity theft.

FREE SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Saturday, September 9, 2017	10 am - 1 pm	Pembroke Pines City Center 601 City Center Way Pembroke Pines
POSTPONED		
Saturday, October 21, 2017	10 am - 1 pm	Tamarac King's Point 7620 76th Hill Road, Tamarac
Wednesday, November 1, 2017	9 am - 1 pm	Southwest Pinal Point Health Fair 801 NW 103 Avenue, Pembroke Park
Saturday, November 18, 2017	10 am - 1 pm	Weston District Office 17381 Royal Palm Blvd., Weston
Saturday, December 9, 2017	10 am - 1 pm	Deerfield Beach District Office 200 NE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach

Sheriff Scott Israel

BSO SHRED-A-THON & OPERATION MEDICINE CABINET

Saturday, November 18, 2017

10AM-1PM

Weston Police Services Center, 17300 Royal Palm Blvd.

The Broward Sheriff's Office, Weston is pleased to announce two events in one – BSO Shred-a-thon and Operation Medicine Cabinet.



BROWARD SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Medicine cabinets will NOT be collected!

OPERATION MEDICINE CABINET

Join Sheriff Scott Israel and help prevent prescription drug abuse and identify theft.

SHRED-A-THON

Free shredding service for residents.

2017 CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Saturday, September 9, 2017	10 am - 1 pm	Pembroke Pines City Center 601 City Center Way, Pembroke Pines
POSTPONED		
Saturday, October 21, 2017	10 am - 1 pm	Tamarae King's Point 7620 VOB Hill Road, Tamarae
Wednesday, November 1, 2017	9 am - 1 pm	Southwest Facial Health Fair 301 NW 125 Avenue, Pembroke Pines
Saturday, November 18, 2017	10 am - 1 pm	Weston District Office 1739 Royal Palm Blvd., Weston
Saturday, December 9, 2017	10 am - 1 pm	Deerfield Beach District Office 300 NE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach

Sheriff Scott Israel

The Shred-a-Thon allows residents to shred away identity theft by safely disposing of their personal documents, check stubs, credit card offers, receipts and any other material that might contain sensitive data. This service is free of charge. There is a 5-box maximum for shredding documents. Boxes can be no larger than 15”L x 12”W x 10”H.

At the same time, Operation Medicine Cabinet collects any unused, unwanted or expired medications for safe disposal. Come early and receive a \$5 gift card while supplies last.

For more information, please call 954-831-8902.



CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, November 20, 2017

7:00 PM

Weston City Hall, 17200, Royal Palm Boulevard

A regular meeting and second budget hearing of the Weston City Commission.

THE CITY OF WESTON

Thanksgiving
Holiday Observance

**City Administrative Office
Holiday Hours**

Wednesday, November 22nd	Open 8 AM - 3 PM
Thursday, November 23rd	Closed
Friday, November 24th	Closed

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY OBSERVED

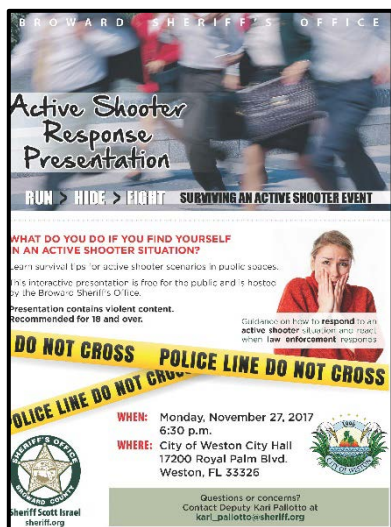
In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, City Administrative Offices will follow the following holiday schedule:

Wednesday, November 22nd Open 8 AM – 3 PM

Thursday, November 23rd Closed

Friday, November 24th Closed

City parks will close at 6 PM on Thanksgiving Day.
Garbage collection will follow regular schedule.



BSO ACTIVE SHOOTER RESPONSE PRESENTATION

Monday, November 27, 2017

6:30PM

Weston City Hall, 17200 Royal Palm Blvd., Weston

The Broward Sheriff's Office, Weston is pleased to host this presentation to give residents survival tips when faced with an active shooter in a public space. Unfortunately, active shooter events have become more prevalent in recent years, so it is important to learn how to handle these events.

The presentation will also include information on situational awareness to assist you in your everyday lives.

Presentation contains violent content. Recommended for 18 and over.

Questions or concerns? Contact Deputy Kari Pallotto at kari_palotto@sheriff.org

WESTON NIGHTS OUTDOOR CONCERT MAJESTY OF ROCK – THE MUSIC OF STYX AND JOURNEY



Saturday, December 2, 2017

7:00 PM

Event Stage in Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Rd.

Enjoy the ultimate tribute to American rock icons, Journey and Styx, as performed by tribute band, Majesty of Rock. The concert playlist will likely include Styx songs like Come Sail Away, Mr. Roboto and Lady, while Journey ballads such as Don't Stop Believin', Faithfully and Open Arms will bring back memories.

Food concessions will be available as well as offering adult beverages for purchase onsite. Bring your own lawn chairs or blankets and come early to pick your perfect seating location. **Admission is FREE!**

The event stage is close to the park's largest playground, which is a plus for those with smaller children. Coolers are welcome; however, alcohol is not permitted to be brought into the park.





CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, December 4, 2017

7:00 PM

Weston City Hall, 17200, Royal Palm Boulevard

A regular meeting and second budget hearing of the Weston City Commission.



MAYORS' CHESS CHALLENGE

Saturday, December 9, 2017

10:00AM-12:00PM

Weston Community Center 20200 Saddle Club Road

Free event! Chess players of all ages and skill levels are welcome to participate in this event that is part of a series of events hosted by Mayors throughout Broward County in support of Scholastic Chess. This event is part of a series of monthly challenges hosted by the Mayors along with other elected officials and community leaders throughout Broward County.



FREE MOONLIGHT MOVIE IN THE PARK

Saturday, December 9, 2017

7:30 PM

Event Stage in Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Rd.

Featuring *Despicable Me 3*

After he is fired from the Anti-Villain League for failing to take down the latest bad guy to threaten humanity, Gru finds himself in the midst of a major identity crisis. But when a mysterious stranger informs him that he has a long-lost twin brother – a brother who desperately wishes to follow in his twin's despicable footsteps – Gru will rediscover just how good it feels to be bad. (Animated Adventure / PG / 90 min.)

Bring lawn chairs or a blanket and relax...the movie is on us! Bring your own food and beverages; however, alcohol is not permitted in the park.



20TH ANNUAL ROTARY RUN FOR TOMORROW EVENTS

Sunday, December 10, 2017

Cypress Bay High School, 18600 Vista Park Blvd.



Sponsored by The Rotary Club of Weston, Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital and the City of Weston.

Run for Tomorrow Half Marathon and 5K

Enjoy a festive race day that includes live music, motivational speakers, and sponsor booths with plenty of giveaways. Event features Dri-fit shirts and beautiful dye-cast metals. Both races begin in Vista Park Boulevard at Cypress Bay High School.

Start Time for the Half-Marathon: 6:20 AM (sharp) | Entry fee is \$50

Start Time for the 5K: 7:30 AM (sharp) | Entry fee is \$35
Register at www.WestonRotary.com



Mayor's Get Fit Challenge One-Mile Family Health Walk

Walk begins: 9:00 AM

Take a step towards family fitness by participating in this annual event that is perfect for families. Every elementary school in Weston is challenged to get every student to participate. The top elementary school with the most participants (based on a percentage of their enrollment) will win The Commission Cup and a \$5000 cash prize! **Free registration.**

Registration www.RunForTomorrow.com and use the discount code: **MayorsChallenge2017 for free registration.**



Rotary Fun Fest - FUN and Health Festival

9AM – 1PM

Cypress Bay High School, 18600 Vista Park Blvd., Weston,
FL 33332

The Rotary Fun Fest is a **free** fitness festival open to the entire community – race participation is not required! Visit dozens of vendor booths featuring health and wellness vendors showcasing their products and services, a Florida Panther's Booth, Zumba lessons, children's activities, Fitness obstacle courses for young and old, bounce houses, free massages, raffles, a DJ, concerts and other activities.

There will be a Passport activity whereby each participant will receive a Passport to be stamped by the Sponsors of the Event. Participants of this activity will be eligible to join a drawing for prizes!

Visit WestonRotary.com for details.





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

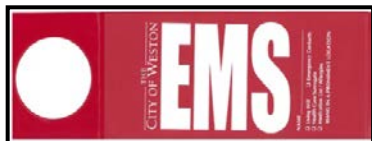
HOMEWATCH PROGRAM

Planning to go out of town? 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 and submit it 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



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](#) and [@WestonFLAlert](#)
 **Flickr:** [CityofWeston](#)
 **YouTube:** [CityofWeston](#)



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!*

THE
CITY OF WESTON
YOUR WORLD IS HERE