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WESTON RANKS SAFEST CITY #3 IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA



The [SafeWise Report](#) was just issued in late October and its **20 Safest Cities in Florida 2017 Report** has the City of Weston ranked as *The #3 Safest City in Florida!*

What is particularly impressive is that the populations of the ranked cities are much lower than that of the City of Weston. Of the top ten cities, all others are under 29,000. This fact is even highlighted in the report:



There is a misconception that larger cities aren't as safe as smaller ones, which isn't always the case, and Weston—the third-ranked city on our list—proves it. With more than 70,000 residents, this Broward County community reported just twenty-six violent crimes.

The men and women of the Broward Sheriff's Office Weston, under the leadership of Chief Kevin Butler, are to be commended for this continued achievement in the face of population and commercial growth. Chief Butler stresses however, that a safe community still needs to be vigilant: locking car doors, ensuring vehicle key fobs are not left in the vehicle, closing your garage doors and keeping an eye out for suspicious individuals and calling 9-1-1 are all essential elements to keeping Weston safe.



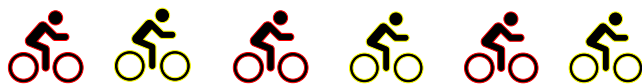
BIKING NORTH ON WESTON ROAD?

Grant Funding Approved for Installation of New Bike Lanes

The City of Weston and the City of Sunrise each submitted an application to the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) Complete Streets and Other Localized Initiatives Program (CSLIP) for the construction of bicycle lanes on Weston Road from Indian Trace north to State Road 84. Earlier this month, the City of Weston was notified that the funding for the entire project has been approved.

The 1.7 mile segment will ensure that there will now be a dedicated bike lane along Weston Road from Griffin Road to State Road 84, which is one of the proposed route improvements that was outlined in the [City of Weston's Bicycle Master Plan](#) in 2013. The lane will also provide additional bicycle connectivity from the City of Weston to Broward County's Markham Park, located in Sunrise, just north of State Road 84.

In addition to this project, the City is applying to the CSLIP program for the construction of bike lanes on Bonaventure Boulevard from State Road 84 south to Indian Trace. A public open house was held for that project on November 7th. The application will be submitted to the MPO later this month.



To read more about the City of Weston's bicycle friendly community, [click here](#).



For details on the Broward MPO's projects and the work that they are doing to plan and maintain a safe, efficient transportation system, visit www.BrowardMPO.org.



FINAL DONATION DAYS FOR HARVEST DRIVE

Donations Accepted on Friday, November 17th

Harvest Drive is celebrating twenty-five years working with Broward County students, schools and our communities to assist in stamping out hunger.

2017 HARVEST DRIVE



Drop off donations at
Western High School
Friday, November 17th
from 3PM – 10PM

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

Children Helping Children

Since 1992, Harvest Drive is a yearlong project that partners with Broward County Schools and culminates in a food collection event that takes place at numerous schools prior to Thanksgiving. Students from over 200 public and private schools, as well as churches, temples and neighborhoods hold drives to supply the Harvest Drive with the non-perishable food that is distributed to the families.

For more information, visit www.harvestdriveflorida.com.

Requested Donations:

- Boxed Juice
- Boxed Milk
- Cereal
- Canned Meats
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Gravy
- Canned Potatoes
- Dish Soap
- Jelly
- Peanut Butter
- Pasta
- Soup
- Napkins
- Toothpaste
- Tuna
- Vegetables

The Harvest Drive is in desperate need of toys and boys clothing this year. Families in need throughout the local community.

Donations will be accepted on
Friday, November 17th between 3 PM – 10 PM
Western High School, inside the Mini Gym
1200 SW 136 Avenue, Davie



BSO SHRED-A-THON AND OPERATION MEDICINE CABINET

Saturday, November 18, 2017 from 10 AM - 1 PM
Weston Police Services Center, 17300 Royal Palm Boulevard

BROWARD SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Needles or sharps will NOT be collected.

Broward Sheriff's Office
OPERATION MEDICINE CABINET

SHRED -A- THON

**There is a 5 box maximum per car.

Broward Sheriff's Office

Join Sheriff Scott Israel and help prevent prescription drug abuse.

Please bring your unused, unwanted or expired medications for safe disposal.

Come early and receive a \$5 gift card while supplies last.*

FREE SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Broward County residents can 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.

SDD **SafeGuard** DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION



The Broward Sheriff's Office will hold a Shred-A-Thon and Operation Medicine Cabinet prescription drug "take back" event on Saturday, November 18th in Weston.

The prescription drug take back program, operating under the name Operation Medicine Cabinet, allows participants to turn in unused or expired prescription medication to receive a \$5 gift card (while supplies last, limit one per family).

The Shred-A-Thon provides residents with a safe way to dispose of their personal documents, check stubs, credit card offers, receipts and any other paperwork that contains sensitive information. The service is free of charge. There's a limit of five boxes per person.

Boxes can be no larger than 15" L x 12" W x 10" H.

Documents destroyed at BSO's Shred-A-Thon events are shredded by SafeGuard Document Destruction.

For more information about the Shred-A-Thon or the prescription drug "take back" event, please call 954-831-8902.

Just Drive Up and Drop Off. It's that easy!



EMERGENCY BUILDING REPAIRS

Following a storm – a hurricane, tornado or even heavy rains – it is important to know the steps necessary to stabilize conditions and prevent further damage to your home and other property by attending to emergency building repairs.

Survey Your Property for Damage and File a Claim



After the storm has passed and it is safe to do so, you should inspect your property for any damage. If you will be submitting an insurance claim, your adjuster will want to inspect the damage before a full repair is done. Be sure to take photos of all damage prior to doing any type of emergency repairs.

Also, submit the information through the **Broward County Home Damage Program** at <http://gis.broward.org/ReportHomeDamage/>.

If You Need Emergency Repairs Done to Your Home

Hire a licensed professional. Don't attempt to do a big renovation project on your own. Be sure they are properly licensed and insured to perform the necessary work in accordance with the Florida Building Code. Most repairs will require a permit and inspections by the City of Weston Building Department to ensure your safety and to maintain the integrity of your home.



What is a Non-Disaster Type Emergency Repair?

Some repairs may be classified as an "emergency" even if it is not related to a disaster. For example, if an air conditioning unit fails and there is a chronically ill person in the home that requires air conditioning. A new unit can be installed prior to a permit being received, but it must be done by a licensed professional, with a permit pulled and the work inspected after completion.

Questions regarding building repairs and permitting?

Contact the City of Weston Building Code Services Department at 954-385-0500.



SHERIFF SCOTT ISRAEL
Broward Sheriff's Office



Thanksgiving SAFETY TIPS



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- » **BSO's Vacation Home Watch** program: Deputies will perform a daily check for signs of break-in or suspicious activity; Call or stop by your district office
- » Ask **neighbors** to keep an eye out
- » Share vacation fun on **social media** only upon **returning**



- » Install **smoke alarms** in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home
- » Use **flameless candles**



- » Buckle up, slow down, **don't drive impaired**. Always use a designated driver.
- » Be well **rested and alert** while driving

- » Keep the **kids** away from the cooking area
- » Always pay **close attention** while cooking
- » **Cut carefully!** A slip of the knife can cause serious injury
 - » Wash hands thoroughly with **soap and warm water** to prevent spread of illness
- » Follow **turkey fryer** equipment instructions or leave it to the professionals



- » **Pets** can be **harm**ed by alcohol, chocolate, fatty foods, and sharp bones



- » Designate an adult to **watch children**, especially near the water



CITY OF WESTON THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, November 22, 2017 - Day Before Thanksgiving

All City administrative offices will close at 3 PM. All City parks will be open. There will be regularly scheduled garbage & recycling collection.

Thursday, November 23, 2017 - Thanksgiving Day

All City administrative offices will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving Day. All City parks will close at 6 PM. There will be regularly scheduled garbage & recycling collection.

Friday, November 24, 2017 - Day After Thanksgiving

All City administrative offices will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving Day. All City parks will be open. There will be regularly scheduled garbage & recycling collection.



THE MAYOR'S CHALLENGE 1-MILE HEALTH WALK



Mayor Stermer once again invites all students in elementary schools in Weston to compete in the 2017 Mayor's Challenge, a 1-Mile Health Walk on Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 9:00AM in front of Cypress Bay High School. The Weston elementary school with the most children completing the 1-mile walk, as a percentage of their total enrollment, will receive an amazing grand prize from the Rotary Club of Weston of \$5,000!

Registration is FREE! Sign up at RunForTommorrow.com and use the discount code: MayorsChallenge2017 for free registration. Also view the [Mayor's Challenge flyer](#).





FALL KARATE CLASSES FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS *Weston Community Center*



Learn the basic principles of self-defense, fighting, weaponry and forms. Karate is an excellent way of getting in shape, as well as building self confidence. Since 1997, instructor David Schopp, a 6th degree black belt in Goju Karate, has taught classes in the City of Weston that focus on the basic principles of this traditional martial art.

Classes are offered for children, teens and adults on Monday and Wednesday evenings.

COST:

\$125 (one class/week) for 3 months

\$200 (two classes/week) for 3 months



KARATE CLASS SCHEDULE

**Weston Community Center
Inside Weston Regional Park
20200 Saddle Club Road**

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| Monday | 6:00 – 7:00 pm, Ages 6-12 |
| | 7:00 – 8:30 pm, Ages 13-18 |
| Wednesday | 6:00 – 7:00 pm, Ages 6-8 |
| | 7:00 – 8:00 pm, Ages 9-14 |
| | 8:00 – 9:30 pm, Ages 15-18 |

For more information, email Sensei at schopp4@att.net.
For a complete listing of all current Community Center programs,
visit WestonFL.org/Parks and click on **Class Schedules** under **Programs**.



UPCOMING CITY EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Westonfl.org/Events

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

Drop off location is Western High School located at 1200 SW 136 Avenue, Davie, FL, 33325 at the Mini-Gym. Just drive up and drop off.

BROWARD SHERIFF'S OFFICE
 Operation Medicine Cabinet & SHRED-A-THON

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

For more information about events, call 954.831.8902 or visit sheriff.org

| 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 Mob Hill Road, Tamarac |
| Wednesday, November 1, 2017 | 9 am - 1 pm | Southwest Facial Point Health Fair 301 NW 135 Avenue, Pembroke Pines |
| Saturday, November 18, 2017 | 10 am - 1 pm | Weston District Office 17300 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

BSO SHRED-A-THON & OPERATION MEDICINE CABINET

Saturday, November 18, 2017 10AM-1PM

Weston Police Services Center, 17300 Royal Palm Blvd.

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.



THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY OBSERVED

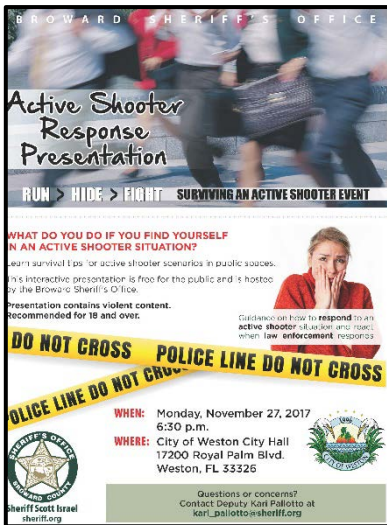
In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, City Administrative Offices will follow the following holiday schedule:

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_pallotto@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 | FREE ADMISSION

Saturday, December 9, 2017 10:00AM-12:00PM

Weston Community Center 20200 Saddle Club Road

Chess players of all ages and skill levels are welcome to participate in this event that is part of a series hosted by Mayors throughout Broward County to support Scholastic Chess.





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 1-Mile Family Health Walk | **FREE Registration**

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!

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

Rotary Fun Fest - FUN and Health Festival

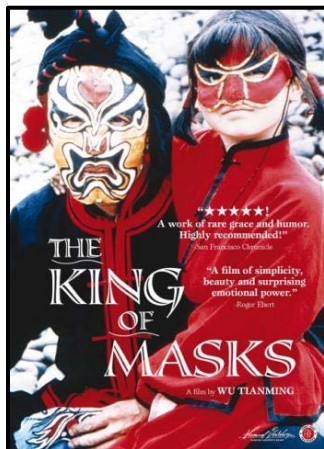
9AM – 1PM

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.





WESTON FOREIGN FILM SERIES PRESENTS KING OF MASKS (CHINA)

Monday, December 11, 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.

In 1930s China, aging street performer Wang yearns for a male heir to inherit the secrets of his renowned magical act. Though he refuses an offer to join the opera, he heeds the advice of female-impersonating opera star Liang to find an heir. Wang soon buys an 8-year-old orphan named Doggie. When his new heir reveals a desperate secret, Wang must choose between following the strictures of society and the fatherly love he feels for his new protégé.

China / 1996 / 101 minutes / NR

Film is in Mandarin with English subtitles. For more information, please visit 1weston.com or call 954-389-4321.



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

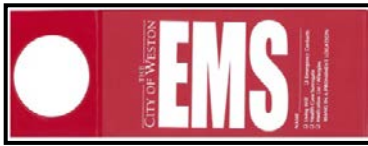
HOMEWATCH PROGRAM

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.



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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](https://twitter.com/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!*

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