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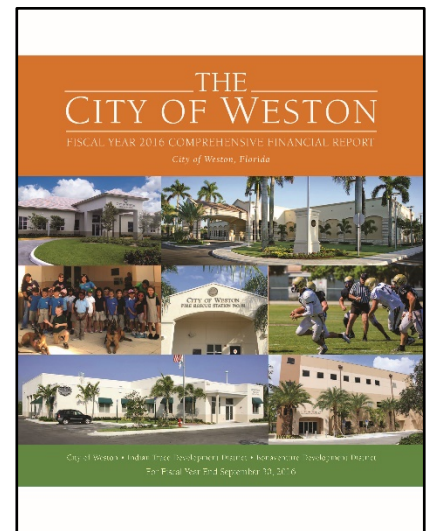
WESTON AWARDED CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING

For the 19th consecutive year, the City of Weston has been awarded the **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting** for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2016. The award, presented by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the U.S. and Canada, is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting.

CAFR RECOGNITION PROGRAM

The GFOA established the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program in 1945 to encourage and assist state and local governments to go beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles, to prepare comprehensive annual financial reports that evidence the spirit of transparency and full disclosure and then to recognize individual governments that succeed in achieving that goal.

TAKE A LOOK. Click on the CAFR cover at right to access the document online at Westonfl.org.



L-R: Dana Sampson, Accounts Receivable and Cindy M. Tao, Accounting Manager

The award was presented to Cindy M. Tao, Accounting Manager but is shared as a collective effort with Dana Sampson, accounts receivable and Ana Rodriquez, accounts payable staff members.

City Manager John R. Flint states, “their collective diligence, dedication and professionalism is a constant source of pride for the City. The City’s residents should take great comfort knowing that their tax dollars are accounted for in a manner that meets or exceeds the most stringent industry requirements.”



WESTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS RECEIVE "A" GRADES ONCE AGAIN!

On Monday, September 26th, the City Commission congratulated each public-school principal serving Weston students for achieving an "A" grade in the Florida Department of Education School Grades Program. Each principal was presented with two coveted crystal book awards honoring their individual achievement as well as the achievements of the school faculty, the students and the school community.

Annually, public schools in the Weston area are recognized by the City Commission. Truly a proud accomplishment for each school as well as the Weston community, the City Commission is thankful for the dedication, commitment and hard work of every school in Weston for increasing the possibility for students to reach their highest educational aspirations.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Principal Mindy Morgan
Principal Christine deZayas
Intern Principal David Martin II
Principal Eliot Tillinger
Principal Keith Peters
Principal Nadine M. Laham
Principal Amy Winder
Principal Heather Hedman-DeVaughn
Assistant Principal Daniel Lechtman for Principal Mark J. Kaplan
Principal Paul Micensky
Principal Scott Neely
Principal Jimmy Arrojo

Country Isles Elementary School
Eagle Point Elementary School
Eagle Point Elementary School
Everglades Elementary School
Gator Run Elementary School
Imagine Weston
Indian Trace Elementary School
Manatee Bay Elementary School
Falcon Cove Middle School
Tequesta Trace Middle School
Cypress Bay High School
Western High School





MOONLIGHT MOVIES IN THE PARK RETURN

Here are the Upcoming Moonlight Movies!

Enjoy a full-length feature film projected on a giant inflatable screen with family and friends at Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Road (Event stage). Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Coolers are welcome (no alcohol permitted).

GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY VOL. 2

Saturday, October 14th, 8:00 PM

The Guardians must fight to keep their new-found family together as they unravel the mystery of Peter Quill's true parentage.

(Action / Science-Fiction | PG-13 | 137 min.)



MOANA

Saturday, November 4, 7:30 PM

An adventurous teenager, Moana, is inspired to leave the safety of her island on a daring journey to save her people. Inexplicably drawn to the ocean, she convinces the mighty demigod Maui to join her. Together, they voyage across the ocean on an action-packed adventure.

(Animation | PG | 113 minutes)



Saturday, December 9th, 7:30 PM

Featuring *Despicable Me 3*

After he is fired from the Anti-Villain League, 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.)





October 3, 2017



Never Hire a Contractor On the Spot

Verify the company
with the

[Better Business Bureau online.](#)

Verify proper licenses
through the

[Florida Department of
Professional Regulations
online.](#)

Get everything in
writing, on company
letterhead; including
estimates, materials, prices,
completion dates and
invoice payments.

Do not pay for work in full.
Down payments should not
exceed 25% of the work.



AVOID POST-HURRICANE SCAMS

The recovery process after natural disasters like Hurricane Harvey, Irma and Maria leave communities vulnerable to scammers that want to take advantage of the situation.

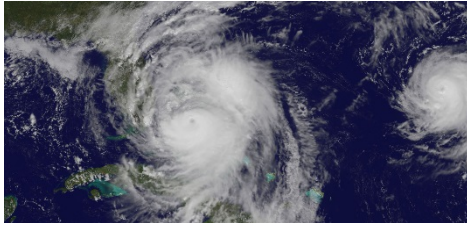
If you are having work done on your home or property following the impact of Hurricane Irma, ask contractors for references from previous clients. Find out what “going rate” is for similar work.

When possible, get the contractor’s full name and vehicle information and get a copy of their license and certificate of insurance.

Ask for written estimates of all work. If the contractor indicates that the work will be covered by your insurance company, call the company to confirm before work begins.

Be wary of contractors who ask you to pay in full and in cash. Pay by check or credit card so that you can track the expense and dispute the charge or stop the payment should there be any problems. Negotiate a down payment and pay in full when the work is completed to your satisfaction.

Some contractors will ask you to sign your benefits over to them before starting emergency repairs. This is called assignment of benefits. Do not sign over your insurance benefits to anyone. Signing over your benefits can cause an increase in costs for which *you could be left on the hook*. Contact your insurance company before signing over your rights.



Hurricane Irma as it approaches Florida on September 8, 2017.

AS THE STORM APPROACHES...

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

As we were reminded with Hurricane Irma, it is important to have a preparedness plan and your supplies in order as a storm approaches our area. It is simply best to be prepared as storm tracts are unpredictable.

As a Storm Approaches...

1. **Protect your windows.** If you have shutters, put them up. If not, plan to cover windows with plywood secured to your home's exterior walls. Do not use masking tape or duct tape, as it is not effective.
2. **Bring loose items inside,** including any lawn furniture, BBQ grills, garbage/recycling carts, hanging plants, etc. that may be picked up by the wind.
3. **Do not trim trees prior to a storm's arrival.** Piles of branches will become projectiles and garbage/trash pickup may be postponed during high winds.
4. **Fill gas tanks** in your vehicles and **have cash** on hand to last for several days. ATMs, will not work when the power is out and some stores and gas stations may only take cash due to lack of power and phone service.
5. **Review your family plan and ensure that your disaster kit is ready** with enough water and food for each family member to last for 3 – 5 days.
6. **Be sure to have adequate prescription medications.** And don't forget about the special needs of infants, the elderly, the disabled & pets.
7. **Gather your important papers,** including insurance policies, and place them in plastic bags or other waterproof material and keep them with you.
8. **Wedge sliding glass doors** to prevent them from being blown off tracks.
9. **Check for loose rain gutters and down spouts.**
10. **Turn refrigerators and freezers to maximum cold setting. If you are evacuating, remove all food items that may spoil & leak during a power outage.** Turn off ice maker and empty all loose ice cubes to avoid water damage.
11. **Disinfect a bathtub in your home and fill it with water** to use for washing dishes and flushing toilets.
12. **Check city advisories before placing garbage and recycling carts out** once a Hurricane Watch is issued. **Garbage service will be suspended in advance of the storm** and items left out become dangerous projectiles.

For up-to-date information during a storm, visit the ["Happening Now"](#) section of our website at Westonfl.org, subscribe to [or click here to subscribe to E-Notifications](#) and follow us on Twitter [@CityofWeston](#). [Click here to subscribe to CodeRED](#) to receive emergency notifications from the City of Weston by phone, text or email. Call 954-385-2000 to subscribe by phone.



PINK TEA PARTY



ARTS & HEALING

Friday, October 6

9:00 AM

Join us for a celebration of life, where tea and encouraging messages meet to educate and inspire breast cancer awareness.

INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKERS AND PERFORMANCE BY THE BRAZILIAN VOICES.

LOCATION:

Weston YMCA Family Center

20201 Saddle Club Road, Weston, FL 33327 | 954 424 9622



Key Note speaker

Zeina Nahleh, M.D.

Director of the Cleveland Clinic Florida Maroon Cancer Center

All attendees must pre-register at our website at www.ymcasouthflorida.org.

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Broward County Public Schools **2017 COLLEGE FAIR**



As the process of applying to and selecting a college becomes more and more competitive and complex, students and parents need all the help and information they can get. Attending a college fair is the best way to gather information about colleges and universities. Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) 2017 College Fair provides valuable resources for students and parents attempting to navigate the college admissions process. Meet with representatives from over 125 colleges and universities and attend workshops on finding money for college and navigating the admissions process.

For more information, visit BrowardSchools.com/CollegeFair.

Date: Monday, October 9, 2017
Time: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Location: Nova Southeastern University
Rick Case Arena Don Taft University Center
3301 College Ave, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33314

Free Admission | Registration is NOT required



WESTON BRANCH LIBRARY

October 2017 Programs & Events

ADULT PROGRAMS

Weston Adult Coloring Club

Tuesday, October 3 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Color your world with a relaxing activity! Design and color a mug or a keychain for DIY Maker Month. Gel pens, colored pencils, and materials provided. Sponsored by the Friends of the Weston Branch Library.

Knitting and Crocheting Club

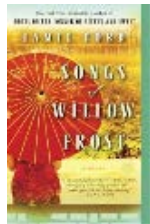
Tuesdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

3:00 – 5:00 pm

Adults 18 & over; bring your own materials.

Chair Yoga

Tuesdays, October 3 | 12:00 – 1:00 pm



Weston Library Book Club

Songs of Willow Frost by

Jamie Ford

Wednesday, October 11

6:30 – 7:30 pm

French Café Intermediate

Thursday, October 5, 12, 19 & 26

10:30 – 11:30 am

Spanish Café Intermediate

Monday, October 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

10-11 am

English Café Beginners

Monday, October 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Writers Circle

Saturday, October 14 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Try your hand at writing and share your work with others. Meets every second Saturday of the month. For more information, call Kimberly at 661-713-0515.

English Café Intermediate

Monday, October 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

5:30 – 7:30 pm

Citizenship Studies

Tuesday, October 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

6:00 – 7:30 pm

Citizenship Studies (Bilingual)

Wednesday, October 4, 11, 18 & 25

10:30am - 12:30pm





October 2017 Programs & Events

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Puppet Show: The Little Old Lady Who Wasn't Afraid of Anything, and other tales for Halloween

Saturday, October 21 11:00am – 12:00pm

Get in the spirit of the holiday! Presentation by Simply Puppets for all ages.

Wags and Tales

Thursday, October 19 3:00 – 4:00 pm

Children read to an Animal Assisted Therapy Dog to make reading fun and boost their confidence reading aloud. Call the library to register.

LEGO Builders Club

Monday, October 23

3:00 – 4:00 pm

Ages 6-12

Create a scene or character to display in the Library until the next Builders Club.

Munchkin Mondays!

Monday, October 9

3:00 – 4:00 pm

Grades K - 5th. Parents must be present.

Call the library to register.

Yoga

Thursday, October 12

Baby (Ages 3-11 months) 10:30 - 11am

Toddler (Ages 12 – 35 months) 11:30am - 12pm

Preschool (Ages 3-5 years) 12:30 – 1 pm

Baby Storytime

Ages 3-11 mos.

Thursday, October 5, 19 & 26

10:30am – 11 am

Toddler Storytime

Ages 12 – 35 mos.

Thursday, October 5, 19 & 26

11:30 am - 12 pm

Preschool Storytime

Ages 3 – 5 years

Thursday, October 5, 19 & 26

12:30 – 1 pm

Bilingual Storytime

All ages

Saturday, October 7

11 am – 12 pm

Did you know that computer classes are available at the library?

Current classes include Introduction to Microsoft Excel and Intermediate Excel, File/Folder/Photo management and Digital Download hour.

Call the library for details on current and upcoming classes and to register.



WESTON BRANCH LIBRARY

4205 Bonaventure Boulevard, Weston, FL 33332

954-357-5420 | Visit the Weston Branch Library [online](#).



UPCOMING CITY EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Westonfl.org/Events



FREE MOONLIGHT MOVIE IN THE PARK

Saturday, October 14, 2017

8:00 PM

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

Featuring *Guardians of the Galaxy Volume 2*

The Guardians must fight to keep their new-found family together as they unravel the mystery of Peter Quill's true parentage. Action | Science-Fiction | 137 min. | PG-13

Bring lawn chairs or blankets and relax... the movie is on us!

FREE MOONLIGHT MOVIES in the PARK
2017 - 2018

Enjoy a feature film under the stars with family and friends! Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Coolers are welcome (no alcohol permitted).

Saturday, October 14 8:00 PM	Saturday, November 4 7:30 PM	Saturday, December 9 7:30 PM

Save the Dates! Movie titles to be announced.

- Saturday, January 20, 7:30 PM
- Saturday, February 10, 7:30 PM
- Saturday, March 3, 7:30 PM
- Saturday, April 14, 8:00 PM

Weston Regional Park, at the Event Stage
20200 Saddle Club Road

For more information, please call 954-389-4321 or visit WestonFL.org/Events

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CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, October 16, 2017

7:00 PM

Weston City Hall, 17200, Royal Palm Boulevard

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



RESIDENTIAL QUARTERLY BULK TRASH PICKUP

The Quarterly Residential Bulk Trash Pickup will occur in October on your regularly scheduled garbage collection day as follows, but may take longer due to the additional amount of bulk matter.

Single Family & Multi-family with curbside collections: Wednesday, October 18, Thursday, October 19 OR Friday, October 20

Multi-Family with dumpsters (also known as “Containerized Service”): Saturday, October 21

FREE Bulk Pickup will take place on your regularly scheduled garbage collection day and all items should be curbside by 7 a.m. Bulk Waste service is not to exceed 6 cubic yards of waste per residential household unit.

Bulk items include but are not limited to:

- Furniture, mattresses, carpets and other large household items.
- Large and small appliances, such as dishwashers, laundry machines and stoves.
- Refrigerators or air conditioners must have Freon removed by a certified dealer.
- Mirrors, glass, glass top tables, windowpanes, and plate glass items should be safely placed in a rigid container to facilitate safe collection.
- Customer-generated vegetative debris (tree branches must be 6” in diameter or less).

NOT COLLECTED: Bulk items DO NOT include contractor-generated material or household hazardous waste (HHW).



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

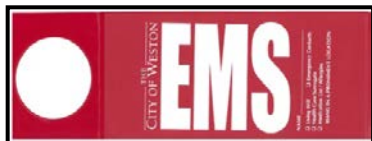
HOMEWATCH PROGRAM

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



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!*

For City information regarding **Hurricane Irma** please visit the Weston website Homepage at <http://www.westonfl.org/Default.aspx>

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YOUR WORLD IS HERE