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MELANIE BROCATO
Fire Inspectors' Association of Broward County
PUBLIC EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR



BSO Weston Life Safety Educator Melanie Brocato was awarded the Public Educator of the Year recognition by the Fire Inspectors' Association of Broward County in recognition of her dedication to the professional development of fire safety and commitment to improving the life and safety of the residents of Broward County.

Melanie joined the Broward Sheriff's Office Department of Fire Rescue an Emergency Services in 2012, bringing her extensive education and experience in teaching and applying that along with creativity and energy to develop public education programs to reduce the incidents of fire, injury and loss of life.



January 23, 2018

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Life Safety Educator Brocato serves as a member of the Broward Sheriff Fire Rescue Public Education Team. Since joining the BSO Fire Rescue, Melanie has completed courses for certification as a Fire and Life Safety Educator, achieved certification as a Child Passenger Safety Instructor and Technician, an American Heart Association CPR Instructor, and has taken courses to complete state certification as a Fire Inspector.

Melanie regularly participates in the development of community safety programs and events, the implementation of the Juvenile Firesetter Prevention and Intervention Program for Broward County, provides car seat installations to the public, serves as a Child Passenger Safety Instructor, CPR instructor, provides fire extinguisher training, fire and life safety presentations, and serves as a board member and mentor for the Florida Teen Safe Driving Coalition. Melanie also developed the successful *JUST DRIVE* public education program and has delivered the message of risks and dangers associated with distracted driving to nearly 39,000 teens in Broward County and the State of Florida.

In addition to her efforts in assisting the Public Education Team with programs, presentations, classes, and car seat installations throughout Broward County, Melanie's primary responsibility is serving as the Life Safety Educator for the City of Weston.

During FY 2016-2017, Melanie conducted 110 car seat installations, delivered 72 fire and life safety presentations, CPR classes, and fire extinguisher trainings, to 4,420 residents and visitors of Weston. In 2014, her efforts in public education reached 21% of the city's population, helping the city to receive a Class 1 ISO rating.



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**We congratulate
Melanie Brocato**

**Public Educator of the
Year 2017!**





2018 WESTON WINTER SAFETY EXPO *The Perfect Family Fun Night!*

On Friday, January 19th, the Weston community enjoyed a night of perfect weather and great fun interacting with first responders from a variety of law enforcement agencies, fire rescue personnel, and the U.S. Coast Guard. Children of ALL ages enjoyed getting the chance to take an inside look at the vehicles and tools that these men and women use daily to serve and protect our community and beyond. Thank you to the Broward Sheriff's Office and the Weston Parks and Recreation Department for another fantastic event filled with education, entertainment, smiles of wonder, and even snow! [More photos](#)





MEMORABLE MOMENTS FROM THE WESTON SAFETY EXPO





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~ **WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW** ~

SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

In honor of Severe Weather Awareness Week in Florida, we are sharing these tips to keep in mind in the event that our area is affected by any of these weather emergencies.

LIGHTNING

Florida has the highest number of lightning strikes (cloud to ground) in the nation, with an average of 1.4 million. It is important to realize that thunder is a product of lightning, so if you hear thunder, you are close enough to the storm for lightning to strike.



TIP: Seek shelter indoors IMMEDIATELY and stay away from windows, plumbing and electrical device until at least 30 minutes after hearing the last thunder.

Lightning can, and will, travel through water pipes and electrical conduit and does strike AFTER the storm has passed, so use caution.

THUNDERSTORMS & TORNADOES



Thunderstorms any time of year, but they are more numerous during the summer. Florida has the greatest number of thunderstorms in the United States, occurring 75 - 105 days each year.

TIP: If a Severe Thunderstorm Warning or Tornado Warning is issued for your area, seek shelter immediately in a small, interior room on the lowest floor of your home. Stay away from windows, doors and electrical equipment.

HURRICANES

Florida can be impacted by tropical weather systems at any time during the Atlantic hurricane season, which runs from June 1st through November 30th.



Hurricanes and tropical storms can produce widespread damage due to high winds (up to and exceeding 155 mph), tornadoes, and a large amount of rain which can cause flooding.

TIP: All residents and visitors should have a Hurricane plan. Although Weston is NOT in an evacuation zone, some choose to evacuate the area. If you plan to stay home, learn how to prepare at WestonFL.org/Hurricane.

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SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK CONTINUED

FLOODING



Our state is vulnerable to flooding any time of year. Heavy rains for a prolonged duration of time may cause flooding as the ground may not be able to absorb all of the rainwater and our stormwater drainage gets overloaded.

TIP: Keep catch basins in your neighborhood clear of debris. [Watch this video](#) on the City's Stormwater Drainage system to learn more. Never drive through a flooded area – only 12 – 16" of water can cause a car to float and the roadway can be washed out.

TEMPERATURE EXTREMES & WILDFIRES

HEAT

Florida's humidity combined with high temperatures may increase the heat index, making it feel hotter outside than it really is. The heat can limit the body's ability to cool, leading to heat stroke, heat exhaustion, cramps and more.

TIP: Wear lightweight, light-colored clothing that will help to reflect heat and wear sunscreen. Drink plenty of water and limit outdoor activities during the hottest part of the day, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

and NEVER leave children or pets in a hot vehicle.

COLD WEATHER

Although Florida does not experience long durations of cold weather or snow, it is important to keep yourself warm during a cool down in our usual temperatures.

TIP: Dress in layers and wear a hat and gloves. Bring pets and cold-sensitive plants indoors (when possible), cover remaining outdoor plants to protect them from frost. Use safe-heating devices indoors and be attentive to them.

WILDFIRES

While there are natural ways a wildfire can be ignited, most wildfires are started by humans. The most common causes of human-started fires are arson. Occasionally, fires are started by lightning strikes. Strong winds and dry ground fuels wildfires.



TIP: Stay informed of hazardous weather conditions by staying tuned to local media. Follow the City of Weston's alert account on Twitter at [Twitter.com/WestonFLAlert](https://twitter.com/WestonFLAlert), or visit Happening Now section on the Weston website at WestonFL.org.

Visit FloridaDisaster.org for more details.



WESTONNIGHTS OUTDOOR CONCERT SERIES
ROCK WITH BIG ROCK BAND!

THE
CITY OF WESTON

Presents
FREE WestonNights Concert
in the Park featuring...



**BIG
ROCK
BAND**

**Saturday,
February 3, 2018
7 PM – 10 PM**

Wide Variety of Food Trucks
Bring Lawn Chairs or Blankets for Seating

For more information: WestonFL.org/Events | 954-389-4321
@CityofWeston



WESTON NIGHTS

Weston Regional Park | 20200 Saddle Club Road | Event Stage

Next WestonNights Concert: Saturday, March 10, 2018



WESTON COMMUNITY CPR DAY

*Give An Hour,
Offer Life!*

FREE

- ▶ Saturday, February 10, 2018
- ▶ Anytime between 10AM – 2PM
- ▶ Weston Community Center
20200 Saddle Club Road, Weston, FL 33327

▶ **Families Welcome.**

- Ages 8 and up are invited to participate in Hands-Only CPR training.
- A simplified form of CPR using only compressions and no breaths.
- For every minute without CPR, the chance of survival goes down 10%.
- Participants will receive instruction from BSO Fire Rescue and Cleveland Clinic.
- Also available: instruction on how to do the Heimlich and operate an AED.
- You will be in and out in an hour if you want to learn all three: CPR, AED & Heimlich.

No reservation required; just stop in between 10AM and 2PM. Light refreshments.

A community needs to rely on one another.

A cardiac event or drowning can happen anytime.

Will you be ready to help?

THE
CITY OF WESTON

 **Cleveland Clinic**
Florida





TIPS FOR RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP



Pets are important members of our families. Being a responsible pet owner is much more than just providing adequate water, food and shelter for your pet.

Owning a pet is a lifetime commitment.

- Make sure your home is "pet" safe. Pesticides, medications, household cleaners and some houseplants (dieffenbachia, philodendron, hyacinth, and mistletoe) can be deadly to your pet. Keep them out of reach.
- Keep an identification tag on your pet. Even animals living inside can on occasion escape into the wide world. Both dogs and cats need ID! Micro Chipping is an excellent tool, but an external tag is essential, it could mean the difference of your neighbor returning your pet to you or turning him into the animal shelter.
- Take extra precautions during holidays like Fourth of July and New Year's Eve. It is the scariest time for pets due to noisy fireworks. Make sure your pets are secure indoors. Also protect your pet during Halloween since there is a constant opening and closing of doors.
- Don't let your pets run loose. Any outdoor unleashed dog(s) should be secured in a fenced area.
- Provide veterinary care for your pet. Keep their vaccinations up to date and make sure they have annual checkups.

For more information and resources visit Broward County's Human Society [website](#).



Practicing responsible pet ownership skills makes a difference in our pet's lives!



BROWARD COUNTY LIBRARY ANNOUNCES

New Digital Direct Library Card for Students – Your ID is Key!



Broward County Libraries (BCL) and Broward County Public Schools have partnered to offer students outstanding, free educational resources through the BCL Digital Direct Library Card. Your student ID number is your new BCL Digital Direct Library Card.

All participating K-12 students can now use the BCL Digital Direct Library Card to access Broward County Libraries' online resources that include:

- 24/7 access to library databases including online encyclopedias, reference books and other online resources to help with research projects, papers, presentations, reports and homework
- 24/7 access to online newspapers, magazines and other publications
- 24/7 access to downloadable eBooks including Sunshine State Readers, classic favorites, popular bestsellers and Spanish-language books
- 24/7 access to Rosetta Stone, the language-learning resource that includes lessons on reading, writing and speaking 30 languages
- Free access to live, online tutoring in English/language arts, foreign language, science social studies, writing and math
- Free access to online test preparation aligned to Florida standardized tests and the SAT, ACT and GED

The BCL Digital Direct Library Card also helps job-seeking teens by providing free online interview coaching, resume writing help and career planning assistance.

Since students are using their student ID number, no physical library card is issued; however, students are encouraged to continue to have a standard [Broward County Library card](#) in addition to their Digital Direct card.

***For more information on BCL Digital Direct Library Card,
please contact Kimberly White at 954-357-7470***



UPCOMING CITY EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Westonfl.org/Events

WESTON NIGHTS OUTDOOR CONCERT SERIES

Featuring: **BIG ROCK BAND**

Saturday, February 3, 2018

7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

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

An all-star cast of South Florida

Musicians playing favorite classic rock hits!

Enjoy an evening of music under the stars – perfect for a date night or family fun night! **Food Trucks on Site!** Bring your own lawn chairs or blankets and come early to pick your perfect seating location. **Admission is FREE!** [Flyer](#)



CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, February 5, 2018

7:00 PM

Weston City Hall, 17200, Royal Palm Boulevard

A regular meeting of the Weston City Commission will be held in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.



WESTON COMMUNITY CPR DAY – FREE!

Saturday, February 10, 2018

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Weston Community Center, 20200 Saddle Club Rd

FAMILIES WELCOME. Ages 8 and up are invited to participate in our **FREE Hands-Only CPR training event.**

- A simplified form of CPR using only compressions and no breaths.
- **Participants will receive instruction from BSO Fire Rescue and Cleveland Clinic Florida.**

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WESTON COMMUNITY CPR DAY – FREE!

Saturday, February 10, 2018 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Weston Community Center, 20200 Saddle Club Rd

FAMILIES WELCOME. Ages 8 and up are invited to participate in our **FREE Hands-Only CPR training event.**

- A simplified form of CPR using only compressions and no breaths.

- **Participants will receive instruction from BSO Fire Rescue and Cleveland Clinic Florida.**

- For every minute without CPR, the chance of survival goes down 10%; Brain damage occurs in 4 minutes.

In one hour, you can learn life-saving instruction on CPR, how to operate an AED & the Heimlich maneuver.

No reservation required; just stop in between 10AM and 2PM. Cookies served.

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Will you be ready to help?

[Flyer](#)



FREE MOONLIGHT MOVIE IN THE PARK

Saturday, February 10, 2018

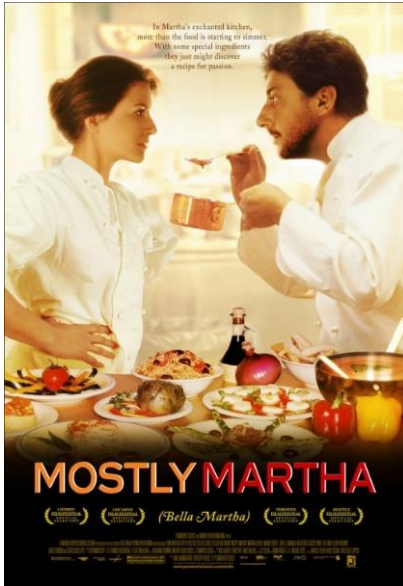
7:30 PM

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

Featuring *LEGO Ninjago Movie*

High-school students moonlight as ninjas, and fight to defend their island of Ninjago. (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.



WESTON FOREIGN FILM SERIES PRESENTS MOSTLY MARTHA (GERMANY)

Monday, February 12 2018

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

When a headstrong chef takes charge of her equally stubborn 8-year-old niece, the tensions between them mount... until an Italian sous-chef arrives to lighten the mood.

(German / 2001 / 109 minutes / PG) with English subtitles.

For more information, please visit 1weston.com or call 954-389-4321.

Ticket sales: Available 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.



CITY HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE

Monday, February 19, 2018

All City administrative offices will be closed in observance of Presidents' Day.

City parks will be open; there is regular garbage collection.



CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday*, February 20, 2018

7:00 PM

Weston City Hall, 17200, Royal Palm Boulevard

*This meeting is held on a Tuesday evening due to the Presidents' Day Holiday on Monday.



MAGIC SHOW: MAGICIAN GARY MIDNIGHT

Saturday, February 24, 2018 1:30 PM & 3:00 PM

Weston Community Center 20200 Saddle Club Rd.

Magician Gary Midnight leaves audiences spellbound! Out of his magical mind come the most amazing feats all put together perfectly in his amazing show. For information, please call 954-389-4321.

Shows are for children of all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



DALLAS BRASS IN CONCERT – AMERICAN PORTRAITS featuring Daniel Rodriguez

Saturday, February 24, 2018 7:30 PM

Cypress Bay Theater, 18600 Vista Park Blvd., Weston

Dallas Brass is one of America’s foremost musical ensembles. The group has a unique blend of traditional brass instruments and a full complement of drums and percussion. The Dallas Brass repertoire is varied and includes classical masterpieces, Dixieland, swing, Broadway, Hollywood, and patriotic music. Ideal audiences range from 5 to 95.

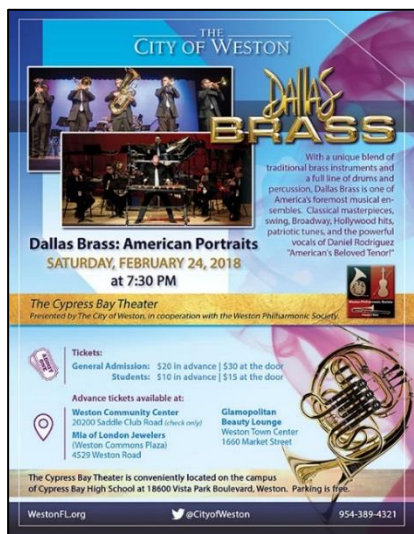
American Portraits brings the powerful vocals of **Daniel Rodriguez** “America’s Beloved Tenor” formerly known as the “The Singing Policeman” when he was with the New York City Police Department, for a unique and memorable experience for the entire family.

Presented by The City of Weston, in cooperation with the Weston Philharmonic Society. FREE PARKING.

Tickets:

Adults: \$20 in advance; \$30 at the door the night of the event
Students: \$10 in advance; \$15 at the door the night of the event

Tickets available at: The Weston Community Center, 20200 Saddle Club Road (check only); Mia of London Jewelers (Weston Commons Plaza), 4529 Weston Road, and Glamopolitan Beauty Lounge (Town Center), 1660 Market Street.





FREE PUPPET SHOW: Little Red Riding Hood

Saturday, March 3, 2018

1:30 PM & 3:00 PM

Weston Community Center 20200 Saddle Club Rd.

Presented by Bob Nathanson and his Puppets

An all-new twist on an all-time favorite. In this updated version, the Wolf and Red both learn some valuable lessons on the way to Grandma's house. Exciting AND Educational! For information, please call 954-389-4321.

Shows are best suited for children ages Pre-K to 2nd grade. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

FREE MOONLIGHT MOVIE IN THE PARK

Saturday, March 3, 2018

7:30 PM

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

Featuring *Ferdinand*

After Ferdinand, a bull with a big heart, is mistaken for a dangerous beast, he is captured and torn from his home. Determined to return to his family, he rallies a misfit team on the ultimate adventure. (Animated Adventure, Comedy / PG / 106 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.

WESTON WORLD FEST

Sunday, March 4, 2018

12:00 PM – 4:00PM

Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Rd.

Theme: Sports, Health and Fitness

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Weston World Fest
Culture, Tastes & Entertainment of the World



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Sunday, March 4, 2018

12:00 PM – 4:00PM

Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Rd.

Theme: Sports, Health and Fitness

The third annual Weston World Fest will celebrate the cultural diversity in our community with an experience of unique foods and music from around the globe. A celebration of diversity featuring cultures from around the world, the Weston World Fest brings authentic international foods, 20 country booths with activities for kids, and onstage performances. Area restaurants will offer sample-sized portions of authentic international cuisine for sale. Non-alcoholic specialty beverages from around the world will also be available for purchase.

Enjoy a variety of live performances from traditional to contemporary artists, dancers, singers and musicians onstage.



CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, March 5, 2018

7:00 PM

Weston City Hall, 17200, Royal Palm Boulevard

A regular meeting of the Weston City Commission will be held in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.



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

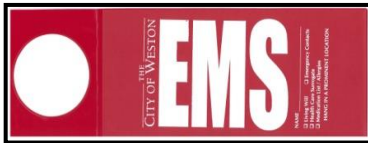
HOMEWATCH PROGRAM

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



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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.


Online News Article

January 23, 2018

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 **YouTube:** [CityofWeston](https://www.youtube.com/c/CityofWeston)

Click [here](#) to view an aerial overview of Weston...

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