

NEWS FROM THE CITY OF WESTON

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ADDITIONAL CITIES JOIN LAWSUIT AGAINST FLORIDA STATE OFFICIALS FOR RIGHT TO REGULATE FIREARMS



Photo of officials from Press Conference held when lawsuit was initially filed on April 2, 2018.

On April 2, 2018, the City of Weston was joined by nine South Florida municipalities in a lawsuit against Governor Rick Scott, Attorney General Pam Bondi and other State officials.

As of this date, the lawsuit now includes a total of 21 cities from around the state and representing in excess of two million people.

<u>Florida law</u> currently prohibits local governments from enacting gun safety laws in their own cities. There are severe and unprecedented personal penalties for officials who violate this preemption, including removal from office and a civil fine of up to \$5,000. If sued, officials may not use public funds for their legal defense. These personal penalties were added in 2011.

Articles have appeared in newspapers, periodicals and news organizations across the country citing this specific law suit challenge *Weston vs Scott*, including <u>The Washington Post</u>, <u>The Wall Street Journal</u>, <u>CNN</u>, <u>The Associated Press</u>, the <u>Sun-Sentinel</u>, the <u>Miami Herald</u>, the Florida Daily Post, WLRN Radio and many, many others.

What the lawsuit is seeking: Cities want the authority to regulate firearms within their local communities, without facing the risk of removal from office and civil fines if they do so. As an example, cities are not currently allowed to prohibit guns in city buildings and city parks. Weston City Attorney Jamie Cole, along with Ed Guedes and Adam Hapner from his law firm, is the lead counsel in the lawsuit that "seeks to invalidate the extreme and extraordinary penalties that deter and chill local officials from even considering reasonable, constitutional firearms regulations in their own communities."





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WESTON LEADS LAWSUIT FOR RIGHT TO REGULATE GUNS



Mayor Stermer has noted that "If you walk into city hall today or a park today, we can't put up a sign that says, 'No Firearms Allowed.' We used to have them. But once the pre-emption came in, we had to take them down."

While many states have preemption laws, Florida was the first, in 2011, to

go so far as to punish local officials with personal fines and the threat of removal of office.

The lawsuit alleges that the onerous personal penalties for violating the preemption against local regulation of firearms are invalid and unconstitutional because, among other things, they:

- Conflict with the Governor's limited power to remove local government officials
- Violate legislative immunity and separation of powers
- Violate governmental function immunity
- Infringe on freedom of speech
- Are void because they are overly vague
- Lack rational basis and are arbitrary and capricious
- Violate the Constitutional right to petition and instruct

The 21 municipalities participating in the lawsuit are the City of Weston, City of Miramar, City of Pompano Beach, City of Lauderhill, City of Miami Gardens, City of South Miami, City of Cutler Bay, Village of Pinecrest, City of Miami Beach, City of Coral Gables, City of Boca Raton, Town of Surfside, City of Tallahassee, City of North Miami, City of Orlando, City of Fort Lauderdale, City of Gainesville, City of St. Petersburg, City of Maitland, Village of Key Biscayne and the Village of Palmetto Bay. Additional cities may join in.





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KNOW THE HAZARDS

STORM SURGE

The most dangerous element of a hurricane is the **storm surge** – **a dome of ocean water that can be 20 feet high at its peak and up to 100 miles wide** that can reach inland areas. Nine out of 10 hurricane fatalities are attributed to storm surge.

EXTREME WIND

An *Extreme Wind Warning* will be issued if sustained winds of 115 mph or greater are expected to begin in a specific area within the hour.

RAIN

Hurricanes are storms comprised of wind and rain, which can be heavy and lead to isolated flooding, as well as flash floods. Click here for more information on flood hazards and insurance, etc.

Hurricane Preparedness – A Continuing Series STORM WATCH VS. WARNING

Before a storm threatens South Florida, it's best to know the lingo so that you can best prepare your home, family and business for the storm's possible affects. As a storm develops it can intensify or



weaken to a Tropical Storm before landfall. Although weaker than hurricanes, tropical storms are still a threat to be taken seriously.

TROPICAL STORM WATCH

A tropical cyclone containing sustained winds of 39-73 mph is *possible* in the next 48 hours.

TROPICAL STORM WARNING

A tropical cyclone containing sustained winds of 39-73 mph is expected in the next 36 hours.

HURRICANE WATCH

Hurricane conditions (a tropical cyclone containing sustained winds of 74 mph or more) are *possible* within 48 hours. A watch let's you know that conditions are favorable for a hazard to occur and allows you to prepare.

HURRICANE WARNING

Hurricane conditions are <u>expected</u> within 36 hours. A warning is an urgent message that indicates that a weather hazard is imminent.

ARE YOU WESTON READY?

Visit WestonFl.org/Hurricane

Follow us on Twitter: <u>@CityofWeston</u> for hurricane preparedness tips & city info

<u>@WestonFLAlert</u> for notices of an urgent nature

Prepare Your Home:

Florida Sales Tax Holiday for Disaster Preparedness Supplies is June 1st - 7th





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WESTON'S ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY HOMETOWN CELEBRATION 5K RUN/WALK

Sponsored by the YMCA of South Florida, the Weston YMCA Family Center and the City of Weston

Enjoy summer fun on the run! This race begins and ends at Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Road. The course is flat and fast – utilizing the park and South Post Road. **Race**

start time is 7 AM sharp. Finisher medals will be given to every participant!

Click here to register online today.

Entry fees:

- o \$25 early registration (through 6/14)
- o \$30 registration 06/15 07/03/18
- o \$35 race day registration

Race day registration / packet pick-up begins at 5:30 AM.



- o Top 3 Overall Male and Female
- o Top Masters Male and Female
- Top Weston Resident Male and Female
- o Top 3 Male and Female runners will be awarded in each age division, from 8 and under to 75 and over









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JOIN THE PARADE! 2018 4th of July Hometown Parade



The Annual City of Weston
4th of July Hometown
Parade

is just around the corner!

Registration Deadline Friday, June 22nd



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



FREE PARADE APPLICATION

INTERESTED PARADE PARTICIPANTS:

All groups, organizations, businesses, and bands are welcome! Join us for a 4th of July tradition, and walk or ride with our **Grand Marshal**, **CBS 4 Meteorologist and Weston resident Craig Setzer** in Weston's biggest and most exciting event of the year.

Registration is FREE. The deadline to enter is Friday, June 22nd.

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



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SAFE SUMMER FUN IN THE SUN! DESIGNATE A WATER WATCHER

Lazy summer days are coming soon — whether it is swimming at a friend's house or at the community pool, boating on a lake, or fishing near the water's edge, such activities should ALWAYS be supervised by a **Water Watcher**, an adult who agrees to **pay undivided attention** to children in or near the water. A simple pool party can turn tragic if someone is not designated to watch the water.



Water Watchers are crucial in an area of the country with a high risk of drowning. Broward County, home to over 130,000 backyard pools and miles of waterways, has an average of eight drownings annually among children ages 1 - 4.

Water Watchers do not need special training but must be able to swim and ideally should be able to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Don't assume children are being watched or will be "okay" if they are all together swimming as a group during a party or large gathering.



At your next pool party or beach gathering, designate an adult who agrees to:

- Face the children in the water at all times
- Never engage in distractions such as texting, talking, drinking, eating, internet browsing or socializing, while watching the children
- Never leave the children alone, unless he/she is relieved by an adult Water Watcher
- Continually scan the surface and bottom of the water
- Have a throwing device, reaching device, signaling device and a phone at hand
- Be positioned to reach every child within 20 seconds
- Think ahead, know pool safety rules and identify children that do not have strong swim skills
- · Wear swim attire and be ready to launch a rescue

LARGER GATHERINGS: In larger groups of children, more than one **Water Watcher** may be needed. If the group is very large, consider hiring a lifeguard for the event.







WESTON COMMUNITY CENTER SUMMER CLASSES AND PROGRAMS JUNE – AUGUST 2018

The City of Weston Parks and Recreation Department will continue to offer a variety of classes for all ages this Summer.

Program highlights include:

- Buildbots Robotics
- Fun in Spanish
- Kidokinetics
- Chess Club
- Karate (Youth and Adult)
- Watercolor Painting (Adults)
- SAT Preparation for high school students
- 55 + Club for active adults







For details on programs at the Weston Community Center, located inside Weston Regional Park, at 20200 Saddle Club Road, call 954-389-4321.

Click below to access the Community Center's Summer Class Schedule: http://www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/Class Schedule.pdf



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SAT PREP COURSE OFFERED AT WESTON COMMUNITY CENTER



Classes for the August 25th SAT Exam begin June 17th

As the school year wraps up, those students planning to take the SAT in August can begin preparing for the exam by enrolling in the 8-week class offered at the Weston Community Center and led by Instructor Jeff Steinberg. Mr. Steinberg is a former full-time advisor and instructor of college preparatory and study skills courses and recipient of excellence award at Miami-Dade College. He has over 28 years of experience developing and teaching SAT preparation programs, including the University of Miami's former program, and training other instructors to teach such classes.

The SAT Preparation Class prepares students for all facets of the current version of the SAT. The course includes a comprehensive review of test material and insightful strategies for doing well on the exam.

CLASS SESSIONS & TIMES

Sundays 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM June 17 – August 5, 2018 Thursdays 7:15 PM – 9:45 PM June 21 – August 9, 2018

COST: \$475 for 8-week course, including text book and materials

LOCATION: Weston Community Center (inside Weston Regional Park)

20200 Saddle Club Road, Weston

REGISTRATION: Please contact Mr. Steinberg directly at **954-478-0792**

or via email at jeffly1968@yahoo.com for details to enroll in

this course.

For more information call 954-389-4321 or stop by the Weston Community Center, located inside the Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Road.





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WESTON BRANCH LIBRARY

June 2018 Programs & Events YOUTH PROGRAMS

Zumbini - Music and Dance

Saturday, June 9 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM

Ages 1 - 3

Must pre-register. For caregivers and their child to learn and bond in an upbeat and happy musical environment.

Make It and Take It – Crafts for All Ages

Monday, June 11
3:00 – 4:00 PM
Make a fun craft and take it home.

Rock Concert – Rock Sculpture

Tuesday, June 19
Ages 6 & up
2:00 – 4:00 PM
Create a fun rock sculpture.

Personalized Picture Frame

Wednesday, June 20 2:00 – 4:00 PM Ages 12 & up (must pre-register)

LEGO Builders Club

Monday, June 25 3:00 – 4:00 PM Grades K-5

Baby Storytime

Thursday, May 3 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM Ages 3 – 11 months

Toddler Storytime

If Rocks Could Sing Thursday, June 21 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM Ages 12 – 35 months

Flutes of the Andes

Saturday, June 16 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Take an imaginary journey to South America and the Amazon Rainforest! This live interactive performance is delightful and informative.

Shake, Rattle & Roll!

Saturday, June 23 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Enjoy an interactive rock concert for all ages hosted by Weston local, Lou Abbott.

Rockin' Round the World

Saturday, June 30 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Rock around the world through interactive folktales in English and Spanish.



WESTON BRANCH LIBRARY

4205 Bonaventure Boulevard, Weston, FL 33332 954-357-5420 | Visit the Weston Branch Library online.





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WESTON BRANCH LIBRARY ADULT PROGRAMS

Coloring and Conversation

Tuesday, June 12 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Creativity for adults with gel pens, markers, and color pencils. Make a note card or bookmark, write a letter, or color a full page design while listening to music and sounds of nature. All materials provided by the Friends of the Weston Branch Library

Weston Library Book Club

Wednesday, June 13 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Kundalini Yoga for Adults

Tuesday, June 26 6:00 PM - 7:15 PM

A blend of spiritual and physical practices, Kundalini Yoga incorporates movement, breathing techniques, and meditation. Please bring yoga mats.

Read about
Broward County
Library's Summer
programs in the
BCL Summer
Magazine







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HAPPENINGS... SUMMER TIME

AT THE WESTON YMCA FAMILY CENTER

YMCA Camp is BACK! **Own Your Summer**

The Weston YMCA Family Center is offering 9 weeks of themed summer camp fun. This will include our Full Day Camp Experience, Specialty Camps, and Half-Day Camps. Aquatic camps include water sports and games as well as team building, character development, arts and crafts, and more!



Click here to view the YMCA Camp Brochure.

SUMMER CAMPS



FITNESS CAMPS





SPORTS CAMPS



TEEN CAMPS



AQUATICS CAMPS



CAMP HIGHLIGHT: Specialty Camps

Ages 8-12 Full Day Only

Jr. Lifeguard

Member - \$255 Non-Member - \$310

Week #2 Week #6 Week #9

Scuba Camp

Member: \$350 Non-Member - \$450 Week #1

Week #7 Week #8

YMCA of South Florida - Weston YMCA Family Center 20201 Saddle Club Road, Weston, FL 33327 ymcasouthflorida.org

954-424-9622 | Located inside Weston Regional Park







UPCOMING CITY EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

WestonFL.org/Events



BSO ACTIVE SHOOTER RESPONSE PRESENTATION

Wednesday, June 6, 2018 7:00 PM St. Katharine Drexel, 2501 South Post Rd, Weston Do you know what you would do if you found yourself in an active shooter situation? Find out survival tips for incidents in public spaces in an interactive presentation OPEN TO THE PUBLIC hosted by the Broward Sheriff's Office. The presentation contains violent content and is recommended for those ages 18 and over.



CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, June 18, 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.



CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, July 2, 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.



INDEPENDENCE DAY

Wednesday, July 4, 2018

City Administrative Offices will be closed in observance of Independence Day.

City parks close at 6:00 PM.

There will be regular garbage and recycling collection service.











REGISTER NOW FOR WESTON'S ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY HOMETOWN CELEBRATION 5K RUN/WALK

Sponsored by the YMCA of South Florida, the Weston YMCA Family Center and the City of Weston

Join your friends and family for a holiday celebration run in and around roadways near Weston Regional Park.
Race starts/ends: Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Road.

Time: Race starts at 7 AM.

- \$25 early registration (through 6/14)
- \$30 registration (6/15 7/3)
- \$35 on race day (7/4)

Race day registration/packet pickup: 5:30 until 6:50 AM. Description: An out and back course which is flat and fast! Click here to register online.

There will be early packet pickup July 2nd & 3rd 2 PM – 7PM YMCA Weston, 20201 Saddle Club Rd, Weston, FL 33327 *Finisher Medals will be given to every participant this year!*



JOIN THE PARADE!

The City of Weston 4th of July Hometown Parade Wednesday, July 4, 2018

All groups, organizations, businesses, bands are welcome. Join our City leaders and 2018 Grand Marshal Craig Setzer, CBS 4 Meteorologist and Weston resident.

There is no entry fee to participate. Form available here.







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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 safehaven 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.**





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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. <u>Click here</u> 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



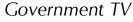
WESTON GOVERNMENT CHANNEL

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





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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FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Twitter: <u>@CityofWeston</u> and <u>@WestonFLAlert</u>

Flickr: <u>CityofWeston</u>

YouTube: <u>CityofWeston</u>



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 <u>@WestonFLAlert</u> to receive emergency notifications. Visit <u>Westonfl.org/Hurricane</u> or <u>Ready.gov</u> for information on how to prepare your home and business. *Be Weston Ready this hurricane season!*



Click <u>here</u> to view an aerial overview of Weston... **YOUR WORLD IS HERE...**

