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## A WESTON WELCOME *NEW DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS* REDDY CHITEPU, P.E.



The City of Weston is pleased to announce the appointment of Ravikanth 'Reddy' Chitepu, P.E., as Weston's new Director of Public Works. The position of Director of Public Works became open when Director of Public Works Karl Thompson, P.E. was promoted to Assistant City Manager/Chief Operating Officer.

Reddy comes to Weston with over 23 years' experience in civil/environmental engineering including 18 years as a Florida professional engineer. His vast expertise will serve him well in his new position. Reddy served the past 17 years with the City of Margate; the past eight years as Director of Environmental and Engineering Services and as Acting Director of the Economic Development Department. Reddy earned his B.S. in Civil Engineering in India, and his M.S. in Civil Engineering from Texas Tech University. In addition to being a Florida licensed Professional Engineer, Reddy is also a certified General Contractor, possesses a LEED certification, is a Project Management Professional, and has numerous other certifications and professional affiliations.

Personally, Reddy and his wife are the proud parents of two sons, one a sophomore in college and one a sophomore in high school. He and his family enjoy home improvement projects (such the engineer...) and traveling as time permits.

Asked what advice he recommends for residents as hurricane season approaches, Reddy stated, "It is time to have a hurricane plan in place along with supplies to sustain your family for at least three days post-hurricane." He encourages residents to check the [Disaster Survival Kit](#) list on the city website. The Public Works department, as usual, will be prepared to respond and take action if necessary for an expedited recovery.



## NATIONAL BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY *Wednesday, May 9, 2018*

Let the bike bells ring! The National Center for Safe Routes to School celebrated National Bike to School Day on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> and Gator Run Elementary participated with an overwhelming response!

Bike to School Day is a national event that gives communities across the country the opportunity to join together in bicycling to school on the same day. The event, an exciting celebration for both those new to the experience and those who have been two-wheeling to school for years, is part of the movement for year-round safe routes to school and encourages bicycling to school as a healthy way for kids and families to make their school commute.

***Here are some photos of the event!***





## BROWARD SHERIFF'S OFFICE WESTON UNIVERSITY POLICE ACADEMY DEADLINE TO APPLY: MAY 25TH



**The Weston University Police Services Academy**  
**June 25 – August 6, 2018**  
Monday nights from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM  
Weston Community Center  
20200 Saddle Club Rd.  
Weston  
**Deadline to apply is May 25th.**  
Tours are on Tuesdays from 8:30AM - Noon.

**The Weston University Police Services Academy** is an seven-week program to introduce students between the ages of 11-17 to law enforcement and the Broward Sheriff's Office.  
Lectures and field trips will include topics in:  
• Defensive Tactics  
• DUI/ D.A.R.E. Classes  
• Crime Scene Investigations  
• Internet Safety  
• Tours (Tuesdays) may include: Main Jail, County Courthouse and BSO SWAT, Aviation and Marine Units  
**Classes are held at the Weston Community Center, 20200 Saddle Club Road.**  
**DEADLINE TO APPLY IS MAY 25, 2018 - SPACE IS LIMITED!**  
Application forms are available at [Westonfl.org](http://Westonfl.org) and the Broward Sheriff's Office Weston District Office -- 17300 Royal Palm Boulevard.  
For more information, call 954-389-2010 or email Deputy Pallotto at [kari\\_pallotto@sheriff.org](mailto:kari_pallotto@sheriff.org)

Weston University Police Academy is a 7-week program for students that are interested in learning more about careers in Law Enforcement or Public Safety. Each week, the enrolled students participate in hands-on learning activities that are informative and not to mention, just plain fun!

The academy takes place June 25th through August 6th. This free program is enriching, educational and FUN. Tied into the City's Weston University Program, the academy offers an introduction of law enforcement to students wanting something a little different than the average summer fare.

Lectures and field trips will include topics in:

- Defensive Tactics
- DUI & D.A.R.E. Classes
- Crime Scene Investigations
- Internet Safety
- Tours may include: Main Jail, Courthouse, BSO SWAT and Marine Units



The program will be held at the Weston Community Center, 20200 Saddle Club Road. Some students enter the program with little to no interest or knowledge about Law Enforcement careers but after the program is finished the percentage of students that will have interest in the field is now about 75%.

**Deadline to register is May 25, 2018, download the complete [application online](#).  
For more information or questions, please call the Weston Broward Sheriff's Office at 954-385-2010 or email [Kari\\_Pallotto@sheriff.org](mailto:Kari_Pallotto@sheriff.org).**



## MEMORIAL DAY

### *City Offices Will be Closed on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>*



**Memorial Day** is a United States federal holiday that is observed on the last Monday of May. Formerly known as **Decoration Day**, this holiday commemorates U.S. men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country. It began first to honor Union soldiers who died during the American Civil War. After World War I, it was expanded to include those who died in any war or military action.

A national moment of remembrance takes place annually at 3:00 PM.

It is a tradition to fly the U.S. flag at half-staff from dawn until noon at many ceremonies and government buildings. The half-staff position pays respect to the more than one million men and women who gave their lives in service of their country. At noon, their memory is raised by the living, who resolve not to let their sacrifice be in vain, but to rise up in their stead and continue the fight for liberty and justice for all.

**Please take time to remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice while serving our country.**

**City Administrative Offices will be closed in observance of  
Memorial Day on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.**

City parks will be open.  
There will be regular garbage/recycling service on this day.



## **WESTON'S ANNUAL 4<sup>TH</sup> 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:**

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

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

### **Awards to be presented include:**

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



**★ WESTON 4th of July ★**

***Hometown Celebration - 5K Run/Walk***

**Wednesday,  
July 4, 2018**

**Start time: 7:00 AM**

**Start & End Location:**  
Weston Regional Park  
20200 Saddle Club Road

**Registration:**  
[www.active.com](http://www.active.com)

This family friendly race is a timed event. Awards presented in various categories and age groups.

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

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FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**



## LIVE OR WORK IN WESTON? LEARN CPR FOR FREE

### *Weston's CPR Safe Community Initiative*



BSO Weston Fire Rescue and Emergency Services offers the Heartsaver CPR/AED certification to those who live or work in Weston. If you are not already CPR certified and want to take a class, call 954-389-2015 to register.

Registration in advance is required for all CPR classes. The certification classes are taught in English and offered once monthly for the general public. Please note that we do NOT offer the Health Care Provider class required by doctors, nurses, dental hygienists, EMTs, or paramedics.

The American Heart Association (AHA)'s **Heartsaver CPR AED class** is a video-based, instructor-led course that teaches adult and child CPR and AED use, infant CPR, and how to relieve choking in adults, children, and infants. This course teaches skills with the AHA's research-proven practice-while-watching technique, which allows instructors to observe the students, provide feedback, and guide the students' learning of skills.



Weston's Fire Safety education personnel will come to you, too! If you have a group of 8 persons or more at your workplace or neighborhood, you can schedule a training at your location.

If you have previously undergone CPR certification, make sure it is current. Recertification is required every two years.

Cardiac arrest is a major public health issue, attributing to over 500,000 deaths of children and adults annually. Bystander CPR can double or triple the victim's chance of survival, if performed timely.

**Call for details or to register for a CPR class: 954-389-2015**



## SALES TAX HOLIDAY – DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

JUNE 1 – 7, 2018

The 2018 Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday was passed by the Florida Legislature and signed into law by Governor Rick Scott. This sales tax holiday begins Friday, June 1, 2018 and extends through Thursday, June 7, 2018.

During this sales tax holiday period, qualifying items related to disaster preparedness are exempt from sales tax. However, the sales tax holiday does not apply to the rental or repair of any of the qualifying items. Additionally, the sales tax holiday does not apply to sales in a theme park, entertainment complex, public lodging establishment or airport.

### DISASTER PREPAREDNESS 2018 SALES TAX HOLIDAY

<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #00a68f; color: white; padding: 5px;"><b>\$10 or less</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reusable ice (resuable ice packs)</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #00a68f; color: white; padding: 5px;"><b>\$50 or less</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tarpaulins (tarps)</li> <li>▪ Visqueen, plastic sheeting, plastic drop cloths, and other flexible waterproof sheeting</li> <li>▪ Ground anchor systems</li> <li>▪ Tie-down kits</li> <li>▪ Bungee cords</li> <li>▪ Ratchet straps</li> <li>▪ Radios (powered by battery, solar or hand crank)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Two-way</li> <li>▪ Weather band</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #00a68f; color: white; padding: 5px;"><b>\$20 or less</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Any portable self-powered light source:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Flashlights</li> <li>▪ Lanterns</li> <li>▪ Candles</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #00a68f; color: white; padding: 5px;"><b>\$750 or less</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Portable generators used to provide light or communications, or to preserve food in the event of a power outage</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #00a68f; color: white; padding: 5px;"><b>\$25 or less</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Any gas or diesel fuel container, including LP gas and kerosene containers</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #00a68f; color: white; padding: 5px;"><b>Always Exempt</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bottled water (unflavored, uncarbonated)</li> <li>▪ Canned food, including meats, vegetable, fruits, peanut butter, and other nonperishable items</li> <li>▪ First aid kits</li> <li>▪ Prescription and non-prescription medications (all Rx and most over the counter are exempt)</li> <li>▪ Baby food and formulas</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #00a68f; color: white; padding: 5px;"><b>\$30 or less</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Batteries, including rechargeable batteries, listed sizes only (excluding automobile and boat batteries):               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ AA and AAA-cell</li> <li>▪ C-cell</li> <li>▪ D-cell</li> <li>▪ 6-volt</li> <li>▪ 9-volt</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Coolers and ice chests (food-storage; nonelectrical)</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #00a68f; color: white; padding: 5px;"><b>June 1-7</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Visit <a href="http://floridarevenue.com/disasterprep">floridarevenue.com/disasterprep</a></p>

For more information and a list of qualifying items, please see the Department of Revenue’s [Taxpayer Information Publication on the 2018 Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday](#).

For your convenience, the Department has provided digital downloads and social media posts for individuals and businesses interested in sharing information about the sales tax holiday [on their website](#).





## 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

DAY CAMP



SPECIALTY CAMPS



SPORTS CAMPS



FITNESS CAMPS



TEEN CAMPS



AQUATICS CAMPS



#### CAMP HIGHLIGHT: Aquatic Camp

- Ages 6-12
- Half Day
- Member - \$135
- Non-member - \$205
- Week #1 Aqua Olympics
- Week #2 Aqua Science & Marine Biology
- Week #3 Water Wars
- Week #4 Character Water Week
- Week #5 Extreme Water Sports
- Week #6 Caribbean Week
- Week #7 Color Wars

**YMCA of South Florida - Weston YMCA Family Center**

20201 Saddle Club Road, Weston, FL 33327

[ymcasouthflorida.org](http://ymcasouthflorida.org)

954-424-9622 | Located inside Weston Regional Park



## UPCOMING CITY EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

[WestonFL.org/Events](http://WestonFL.org/Events)



### MEMORIAL DAY

**Monday, May 28, 2018**

City Administrative Offices will be closed in observance of Memorial Day, a day of remembrance for those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country as a member of the United States Armed Forces.

*City parks will be open and there will be regular garbage and recycling collection service.*



### CITY COMMISSION MEETING

**Monday, June 4, 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, 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.



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## 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.

No Entry Fee - Form available [here](#)

Registration is FREE for your float, group, band or organization.  
Form available at:  
[www.WestonFL.org](http://www.WestonFL.org)  
Entry Deadline June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018



## REGISTER NOW FOR WESTON'S ANNUAL 4<sup>TH</sup> 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!

Pre-Race Registration: [www.active.com/weston-fl](http://www.active.com/weston-fl)

There will be early packet pickup July 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 2 PM – 7PM  
YMCA Weston, 20201 Saddle Club Rd, Weston, FL 33327

***Finisher Medals will be given to every participant this year!***



## 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.



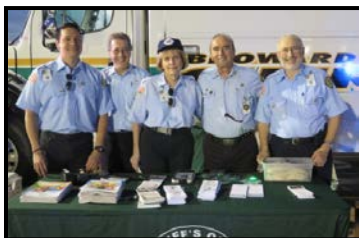
### SAFE SELLING TRANSACTION ZONE A LOCATION FOR ONLINE BUYERS/SELLERS

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

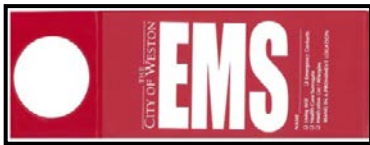
## HOMEWATCH PROGRAM

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](http://www.westonfl.org/Residents/Hurricane/CodeRed.aspx)



### E-NOTIFICATIONS: WESTON DELIVERS THE LATEST NEWS DIRECT TO YOUR INBOX

**Newsday Tuesday:** The official City e-Newsletter. A once weekly newsletter delivered each Tuesday morning with city news articles, information, and events.

**E-Notifications:** Updates on projects; media releases; events and more. **Subscribe at:**

<http://www.westonfl.org/Events/EmailSubscriptions.aspx>



### WESTON GOVERNMENT CHANNEL

The Weston government access channel can be found on these channels with local cable television providers:

Blue Stream – Channel #25

Comcast Cable – Channel #78

AT&T U-verse – Channel #99, *scroll to Weston Government TV*



### WESTON GOVERNMENT RADIO 1680AM


Tune in for information on City events, programs, services and more. In the event of an emergency, all broadcasts will be interrupted and emergency notifications will be provided.



## FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

 **Twitter:** [@CityofWeston](https://twitter.com/CityofWeston) and [@WestonFLAlert](https://twitter.com/WestonFLAlert)

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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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