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MAYOR STERMER HONORED AS HOME RULE HERO *BY THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES*



Mayor Daniel J. Stermer

The Florida League of Cities recently recognized city officials across the State with 2018 Home Rule Hero Awards. These local government officials earned this prestigious award for their tireless efforts to advance the League's legislative agenda and help protect the Home Rule powers of Florida's cities during the 2018 legislative session. City of Weston Mayor Daniel Stermer was honored for the second year in a row.

Home Rule is the ability for a city to address local problems through and by local decision makers with minimal state interference. The Home Rule Hero Award recipients are local government officials – both elected and nonelected – who consistently respond to the League's request to reach out to members of the legislature and help give a local perspective to an issue.

Among other local issues that impact Weston, Mayor Stermer has been leading the charge in support of local regulation of firearms following the shooting at M. Stoneman Douglas High School in February. Florida law prohibits local governments from enacting gun safety laws in their own municipalities with severe and unprecedented personal penalties for officials who violate the preemption. The City of Weston, under the leadership of Stermer and the City Commission, has filed a lawsuit to invalidate the extreme and extraordinary penalties that deter local officials from even considering reasonable, constitutional firearms regulations in their own communities.

***On behalf of the City of Weston and our over 66,609 residents,
we congratulate Mayor Daniel J. Stermer on your recognition
as a 2017 and 2018 Home Rule Hero.***



'MOTHER OF WESTON' RENEE SMOLEY ELECTED TO 2018 BROWARD SENIOR HALL OF FAME



Renee Smoley with County Commissioner Nan Rich

On May 4, 2018, Weston resident Renee Smoley and nine other of Broward County's finest seniors were recognized for their volunteer excellence. The honorees were recognized at the 35th Annual Dr. Nan S. Hutchison Broward Senior Hall of Fame Breakfast, which took place during Older Americans Month. It was very evident from the turnout just how special Renee is: Weston City Commissioners, Weston City Manager, Sheriff Scott Israel and Weston Chief of Police Kevin Butler, Congresswoman Wasserman Schultz, State Representative Richard Stark, County Commissioner Nan Rich, School Board Members Robin Bartleman and Laurie Rich Levinson,

Kamala Anandam (who nominated Renee and is also in the Senior Hall of Fame), former Commissioner Mercedes Henriksson and husband Otto Henriksson, and Roy Rogers affectionately known as the 'Father of Weston'. Of course, numerous members of the AAUW of Weston, the Weston Philharmonic Society, and the Weston Arts Council were in attendance as well as family and close friends. It was a fitting tribute to an amazing and accomplished woman.

At 93, Renee is still running circles around those half her age: still volunteering, still going to City Commission meetings, HOA meetings, political campaigns, lunches, dinners, coffees, parties – you name it she does it. If it benefits the City or someone she cares about, she will be there.



"Father of Weston" Roy Rogers with
"Mother of Weston" Renee Smoley



RENEE SMOLEY BROWARD SENIOR HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

According to City Manager John Flint, “The names Renee Smoley and Weston are inseparable. Renee first became officially involved with the Weston community when the Indian Trace Community Development District (the forerunner to the City) Board of Supervisors formed the Blue Ribbon Steering Committee having the purpose of determining if it was feasible for Weston to become a City. The Board of Supervisors appointed fifteen prominent people from within and outside of Weston, including Renee representing the Homeowners Association at Weston. The Committee members chose Renee as one of the co-chairs of the Committee.

The Steering Committee’s report found that it was not only feasible, but in their best interest for Weston’s residents to incorporate the community as a City. During her time on the Steering Committee, Renee’s passion for Weston became contagious and her avid support for the community to incorporate left no one untouched. Once it came time for the residents of the Indian Trace Community Development District to vote on incorporation, no one could out campaign Renee to vote yes for incorporation. On the evening September 3, 1997 the votes came in as we all watched along with Renee at the Weston Hills Country Club. It was more than a landslide; 90% voting yes to incorporate. On that evening, Renee became the Mother of Weston.

Over the years Renee has been a watchdog, an advocate, a busybody, a gadfly (today we call all these an activist), always wanting to know what was going on in her City and her City government, and always with the same objective: that the right thing was being done. Renee truly loves Weston, protecting it, nurturing it, supporting it, standing up for it, no different than she did for her children. There is one thing that is a constant with Renee; she will always, always speak her mind, and you better listen.

Renee has earned her place in Weston, being involved in her community, her local government, supporting causes that benefit Weston’s residents, all without ever seeking any



L-R: John Flint, Renee Smoley, Nan Rich, Joel Fass, Thomas Kallman and Byron Jaffe.



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'MOTHER OF WESTON' RENEE SMOLEY HONORED

benefit for herself. Every Mothers' Day I made that call, to wish a Happy Mothers' Day to the Mother of Weston."

Longtime friend, former Senator and current County Commissioner Nan Rich introduced Renee to the audience. Renee reflected on her many years of service to the community and why she herself never ran for elected office, "Because I would not take it well if I lost! It's better that I support other people – that's what a mother does."



Congratulations to all 2018 Broward County Senior Hall of Fame Inductees

*Lillian Bergstein
Bruce A. Blitman, Esquire
Elizabeth Dawson
Shelly Greenberg
Ann Harsh
Council Member Caryl Hattan
Linda Houston Jones
Gary "Lee" Lawson
Julia Ruiz
Renee Smoley*



PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY AND PREVENT PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE

BROWARD SHERIFF'S OFFICE

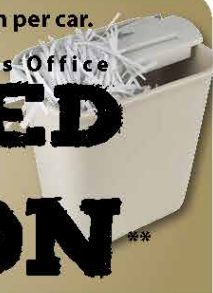
Needles or sharps will NOT be collected.



**There is a 5 box maximum per car.

Broward Sheriff's Office

SHRED -A- THON



*Gift cards will only be given when turning in prescription medication.

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

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.*



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.



FREE SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Saturday, May 19, 2018
from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Weston District Office

17300 Royal Palm Blvd., Weston



For more information about events, call **954.831.8902**



Sheriff Scott Israel
sheriff.org

Updated 10.17.2017



PREPARE NOW FOR THE RAINY SEASON

Understand the Stormwater Management System

Summer will be here soon, with rising temperatures and the rainy season in full force. Remember that heavy and often persistent rainfall can cause localized flooding in swales and low-lying roadways throughout Weston and the entire region.



Swales hold water during and immediately after a storm, but with continual rain it will take the water longer to drain.

Weston's water bodies and canals were designed to hold and move stormwater; however, keep in mind that heavy rain storms in a short span of time can cause temporary street flooding and elevated lake levels as the intricate drainage system handles the increased capacity of water.

Watch these informative videos to learn more:

[Weston Stormwater Management System](#)
[Prevent Street Flooding.](#)

Get up-to-date information from your City

Follow us on Twitter:



[@CityofWeston](#) AND [@WestonFLAlert](#)

Information will also be posted under
Happening Now at [WestonFL.org](#).

Keep Catch Basins Clear

Local flooding will more likely occur when a catch basin, or storm drain, is clogged. A catch basin is designed to trap debris, such as



leaves, palm fronds, litter, etc. so that it cannot enter the drainage pipes. Unobstructed water flow through these drains, especially during heavy rain, is essential to prevent flooding.

Know where the nearest catch basin is to your home or business and check it frequently to keep it free of debris.

Elevated Lake Levels

Lake levels will be higher than normal as the lakes receive rainwater runoff for which they were designed. An intricate system of stormwater pump stations operate to move the water through the South Florida Water Management distribution system. Higher than usual lake levels will gradually return to normal as rains subside and the water moves through the system. During heavy rains, City crews operate pumping systems at the maximum allowable levels.

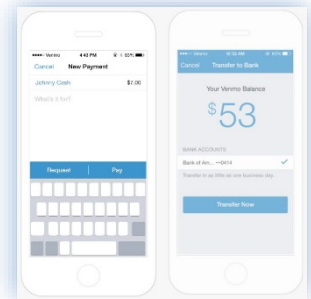


What You Need to Know About PEER-TO-PEER PAYMENT SYSTEMS

Online peer-to-peer (P2P) payment systems are quick and easy, allowing you to send money to people virtually and on-the-go. Whether you are collaborating on a group gift, or splitting the bill for Uber Eats, the convenience of sending money using an app such as Venmo, PayPal or a bank app, versus digging for cash is the wave of the future. It is estimated that there will be over \$700 billion in peer-to-peer payments in the U.S. in 2018.

If you use one of the several mobile apps or digital banking system, keep the following tips in mind:

- In many apps, when you receive a payment, the funds are added to your P2P system balance. It will remain there until you transfer it to a bank account or you use it for another transaction within the system. Upon transferring the funds to a bank account, always be sure to confirm the transfer goes through.
- Scammers try to get you to pay them using different methods, including online. Make sure you always know who you are sending money to. Always be sure that you receive funds before you send any goods in an online transaction.
- P2P payment systems require access to your financial information, so verify that you have enabled additional security measures over and above the default settings.
- Some apps might share information about your transactions on social media. Check social media permission settings within the app to adjust your settings to your comfort level.



**To further protect your personal information online,
[read more consumer tips from the Federal Trade Commission.](#)**



E. coli and Romaine Lettuce

What You Need to Know

By now you have heard the news: **Do not eat or buy romaine lettuce unless you can confirm it is not from the Yuma, Arizona growing region.**

Product labels often do not identify growing regions; so, it is recommended that you do not buy or eat romaine if you cannot identify the source location.

To date, [according to the Centers for Disease Control](#), no one in the state of Florida has been infected with the outbreak of E. coli. Another source of comfort: if you shop at [Publix](#), their stores have not been affected by this event, as they do not source their romaine lettuce from Arizona.

What are the signs and symptoms of E. coli? People usually show one or more of the following symptoms 2 – 8 days after ingesting the germ:

- Diarrhea
- Severe stomach cramps
- Vomiting
- Some individuals develop a type of kidney failure called hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS) about 7 days after initial symptoms
- Decreased urination and exhaustion

If you have symptoms of an E. coli infection:

- Talk to your healthcare provider.
- Write down what you ate the week before you started to get sick.
- Report it to the health department.
- Assist public health investigators - answer questions about the illness.

To prevent E. coli infection:

- **Wash your hands.** Wash hands after using the restroom, changing diapers, before/after preparing or eating food, and after contact with animals.
- **Don't prepare food or drink for others when you are sick.**
- **Cook meats thoroughly** to kill harmful germs. Cook steaks and roasts to at least 145° F and let rest for 3 minutes after you remove meat from the grill or stove. Cook ground beef and pork to at least 160° F. Use a food thermometer to check the temperature of the meat.
- **Don't cross-contaminate food preparation areas.** Thoroughly wash hands, counters/cutting boards, and utensils after they touch raw meat.
- **Wash fruits and vegetables.**
- **Avoid unpasteurized dairy products and juices.**



HEALTHY LIVING TIP

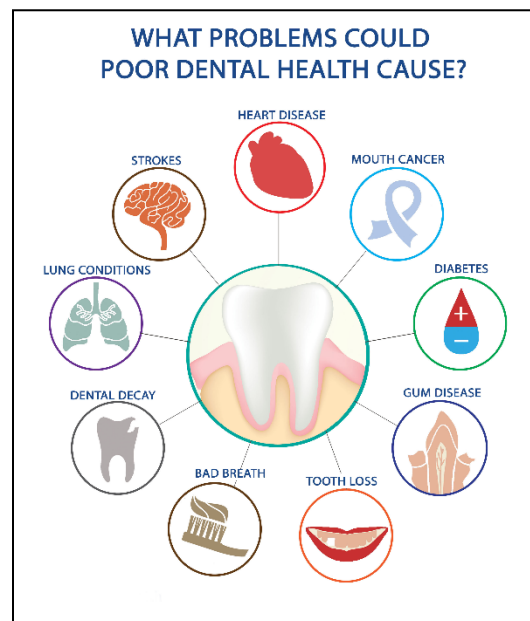
BE IN THE KNOW ABOUT GOOD ORAL HEALTH



Oral health is vitally important to overall health and well-being. In fact, research has linked poor oral health to several chronic diseases including diabetes, heart disease and stroke. Dental diseases such as cavities and gum disease, as well as mouth and throat cancers, are preventable with regular dental care.

In between regular visits to the dentist there are simple steps that you can take to greatly decrease the risk of developing tooth decay, gum disease and other dental problems. These include:

- Brushing your teeth twice a day and flossing daily
- Eating a balanced diet and limiting snacks between meals
- Using dental products that contain fluoride, including toothpaste
- Rinsing with a fluoride mouthwash
- Making sure that you have access to fluoridated water or take a fluoride supplement



Maintaining good oral health is one of the most important things you can do for your teeth and gums. Healthy teeth not only enable you to look and feel good, they make it possible to eat, speak and show emotions.



For more information about unhealthy weight or Healthiest Weight Florida, please visit

<http://www.healthiestweightflorida.com/strategies/index.html>.



HAPPENINGS... SUMMER TIME

AT THE WESTON YMCA FAMILY CENTER

YMCA Camp is BACK!

Traditional (Full Day) Summer Camp

Discover and explore nature, new talents, new activities. Gain friendships, independence and memories. Have a Blast! Include Sports, Music, Dance, Swimming, Outdoor Activities, Field Trips and Special Events.

Ages: 5 to 12 years old

For more information about the YMCA's main day camp, visit ymcasouthflorida.org/camp/.



SUMMER CAMPS

DAY CAMP



SPECIALTY CAMPS



SPORTS CAMPS



FITNESS CAMPS



TEEN CAMPS



AQUATICS CAMPS



The YMCA also has a variety of different camps available if unable to participate in traditional camps.

From specialty camps, sports camps, fitness camps, teen camps to aquatics camps, there are so many options for children to choose from.

Click [here](#) to view the YMCA Camp Brochure

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



CITY COMMISSION MEETING (IF NECESSARY)

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

6:00 PM

Weston City Hall, 17200, Royal Palm Boulevard

If the meeting of May 7th does not conclude by 11 PM, the meeting will continue to this evening beginning at 6 PM and concluding no later than 11 PM.



CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP

Monday, May 14, 2018

6:00 PM

Weston City Hall, 17200, Royal Palm Boulevard

The purpose of the Workshop is to discuss the Fiscal Year 2019 budgets, present the 2028 Strategic Value & Business Plan, and update the status regarding firearms legislation and the City's litigation challenging the onerous penalties attendant to local government firearms legislation.

BROWARD SHERIFF'S OFFICE

OPERATION MEDICINE CABINET

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

Please bring your unused, unwanted or expired medications for safe disposal. Come early and receive a \$5 gift card while supplies last.

SHRED-A-THON

FREE SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Saturday, January 20, 2018	10 am - 1 pm	Pembroke Pines City Center 601 City Center Way, Pembroke Pines
Saturday, February 10, 2018	10 am - 1 pm	Oakland Park City Hall 3650 NE 12th Ave, Oakland Park
Saturday, March 24, 2018	10 am - 1 pm	Festival Marketplace 2900 W Sample Rd, Pompano Beach
Saturday, April 14, 2018	10 am - 1 pm	Tamarac King's Point 7620 McHill Road, Tamarac
Saturday, May 19, 2018	10 am - 1 pm	Weston District Office 17300 Royal Palm Blvd, Weston
Saturday, June 16, 2018	10 am - 1 pm	North Lauderdale District Office 701 SW 71 Avenue, North Lauderdale

For more information about events, call 954.831.8962 or visit sheriff.org

BSO SHRED-A-THON & OPERATION MEDICINE CABINET

Saturday, May 19, 2018

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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, May 21, 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.



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.

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](#)



Join the 2018
Weston 4th of July
Hometown Parade!

Registration is FREE for your float, group, band or organization.

Form available at:

www.WestonFL.org

Entry Deadline June 22nd, 2018



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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