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A Reason to Be Proud

By Mayor Eric M. Hersh

Good news continues to come for Weston. Our most recent appraisals have Weston's property value now worth over 6.5 BILLION dollars. With our mission to provide the highest quality of life in Weston while enhancing property investments, these latest figures surely give us cause to be proud. Of course, we are also proud to brag that while accomplishing these goals, we are building financial reserves for the city to ensure our future success while maintaining the lowest ad valorem tax rate in Broward County. I very much expect that our 2006 fiscal budget will once again provide for continued improvements in our city, without raising ad valorem taxes. In fact, we expect that the Indian Trace

district will see a decrease in assessments this year as a result of a very favorable bond refinancing which we completed late last year.

We are now well into hurricane season and as we do each year, we have implemented an extensive emergency plan. We are always hopeful that we will not need to utilize our plan but in the event that it is needed, we will be ready. We learned a lot from the hurricane season of 2004, and the city has made vast improvements towards being prepared.

Please remember that in the event of a hurricane or



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other emergency, the best city information can be obtained from our website, www.westonfl.org, or our radio station, 1680 AM.

In addition to health and safety notifications, we will also have information on business services which are open or closed, any street closures, and any clean-up plans. Please keep the radio frequency and website address with your supplies. Hoping for the best and preparing for the worst is the best course of action!

As we approach the anniversary of September 11th, I would like to take time to acknowledge and thank our professional firefighters, paramedics and police officers. They work year-round protecting our city, many times without enough recognition. Each month, the City Commission honors a BSO Employee of the Month, one from Police Services, and one from Fire/Rescue Services, as a small gesture of our appreciation of their dedication and efforts.

Did you know that in Fiscal Year 2004, we had 115 Fire/Rescue personnel working in the city, and they responded to almost 5,000 calls for service? They also performed over 1,900 fire inspections and reviewed over

700 fire plans. Thanks to Chief Craig Otten and all those who serve in his department for a job well done.

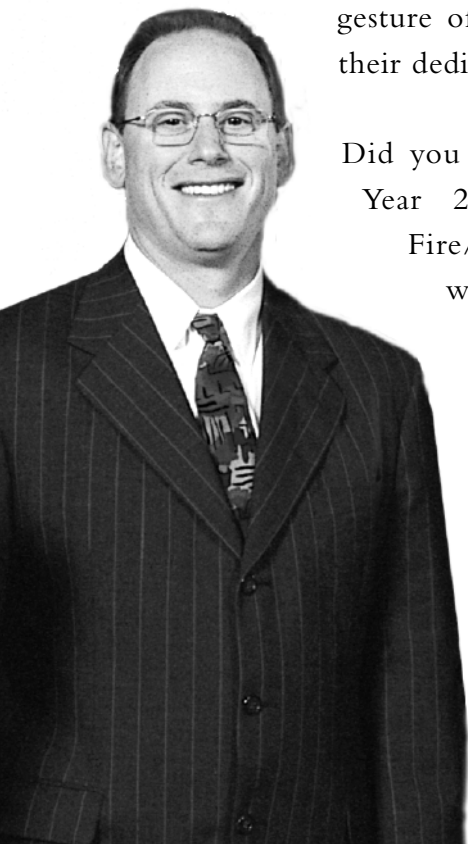
Our Police Services totaled 93 personnel in Fiscal Year 2004, and they responded to over 30,000 calls for service. Over 1,500 arrests were made, and over 7,000 citations were issued. That's a lot of hard work. We are fortunate to live in a very safe city due to the efforts of the men and women of BSO's Department of Law Enforcement, under the outstanding leadership of Chief Greg Page.

Next time you see a police officer, firefighter, or paramedic, please take the time to stop and thank them for their service to our city. Although they don't look for the thanks, they deserve it.

Finally, I hope you are enjoying and appreciate all the landscape improvements, new curbing, road improvements and traffic improvements being made in our city. Your City Commission is dedicated to always improving Weston, and I'm joined by Commissioner Stermer, Commissioner Chermak, Commissioner Cheren and Commissioner Henriksson in telling you that there is more to come! Weston is still a young city and despite our successes, we're not going to stop looking for ways to improve and enhance the unique experience of living in Weston.

Please keep in touch.

Eric M. Hersh

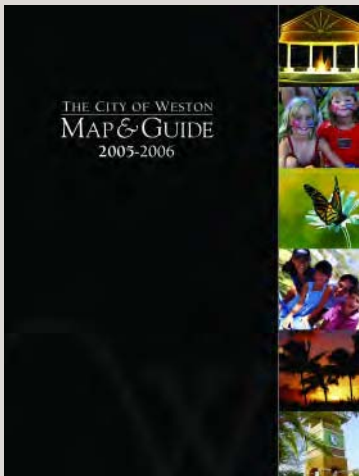


Did you Know That...

... The **Weston Fury Soccer Club** has joined an elite group of only 45 soccer programs in the U.S. to partner with Nike as a Premier Soccer Club. Nike has been a major sponsor and licensee of U.S. Soccer, outfitting both the men's and women's national team programs, as well as the youth national team programs, and sponsors a host of top international teams. This partnership highlights the quality and value of the Weston Fury Soccer Club programs.

...If you did not file a **Homestead Application** for a new home bought in 2004, you can still apply by filing a petition with the Value Adjustment Board accompanied by a \$15 non-refundable filing fee and qualify for the exemption. If the application is filed after the September TRIM Notice deadline and you request a good cause hearing with the Value Adjustment Board on or before December 31st, the Value Adjustment Board will hold a hearing to determine if it will hear your petition. You must show "good cause" why your petition was not filed by the September deadline. For more information call the Broward County Property Appraiser at 954-357-6830. New applications for the current year can now be filed online at www.bcpa.net. The Property Appraiser will be at the Weston Community Center for new filings. See the dates in this Announcer edition.

... Seventy-six members of the **Cypress Bay High School Band** opened the Summer Concert Series at Westminster Abbey in **London** on July 20th. An incredible honor and an amazing experience for these talented musicians, this trip was surely a once in a lifetime experience.



New Weston Map & Guide

The 2005/2006 City of Weston Map & Guide will be mailed to every household in October. The new Map & Guide includes a Weston street map and parks chart, and highlights Weston's recreational services, public safety education and volunteer opportunities, along with city contact information. Residents

desiring an additional copy or two can pick them up at City Hall or the Weston Community Center.

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A Note From The City Manager

John R. Flint

Is there security in numbers? That all depends. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement publishes a County and Municipal Offense Data Annual Report each June. This report is a compilation of major crimes reported by each law enforcement agency within the State, and usually makes headlines in the press each year.

This year, one of the headlines in the local press was "Broward Sheriff's crime rate soars by up to 64%," with the 64% being a direct reference to the City of Weston. As disturbing a headline as that may be, it was in fact correct. However, unless the data that produced that headline is read as well, the headline is totally misleading.

The percentage of increase or decrease in the crime rate is derived from the change in crime rate/100,000 population from year to year.

In 2003, Weston's crime rate/100,000 was 900.3, and in 2004 it was 1,476.0, an increase of 63.9%, just like the headline said. When the rest of the data is read however, a different story emerges. Looking at the crime rate county-wide, the City of Weston has the lowest crime rate/100,000 of any city in Broward County with the exception of Lauderdale-by-the Sea (population 6,278).

So how does such a large percentage increase equate to such a low crime rate/100,000? When dealing in such small numbers, whether in crime or anything else, any change becomes of greater magnitude when put in terms of percentages. A portion of these changes may be due to the scrutiny that the Broward Sheriff's Office has undergone in crime reporting and the resulting changes instituted in reporting methodology.

For anyone who is the victim of a crime, that crime is one too many. In a city with a population greater than 62,000, with over 25,000 dwelling units, almost 8 million square feet of industrial/office/commercial space, covering an excess of 25 square miles, and having the enviable lifestyle we all have come to enjoy, we do our very best each day to prevent crime, but unfortunately, due to sheer numbers, crime will still occur. In the years to come, the crime rate numbers will continue to change, some years up and some years down; crime

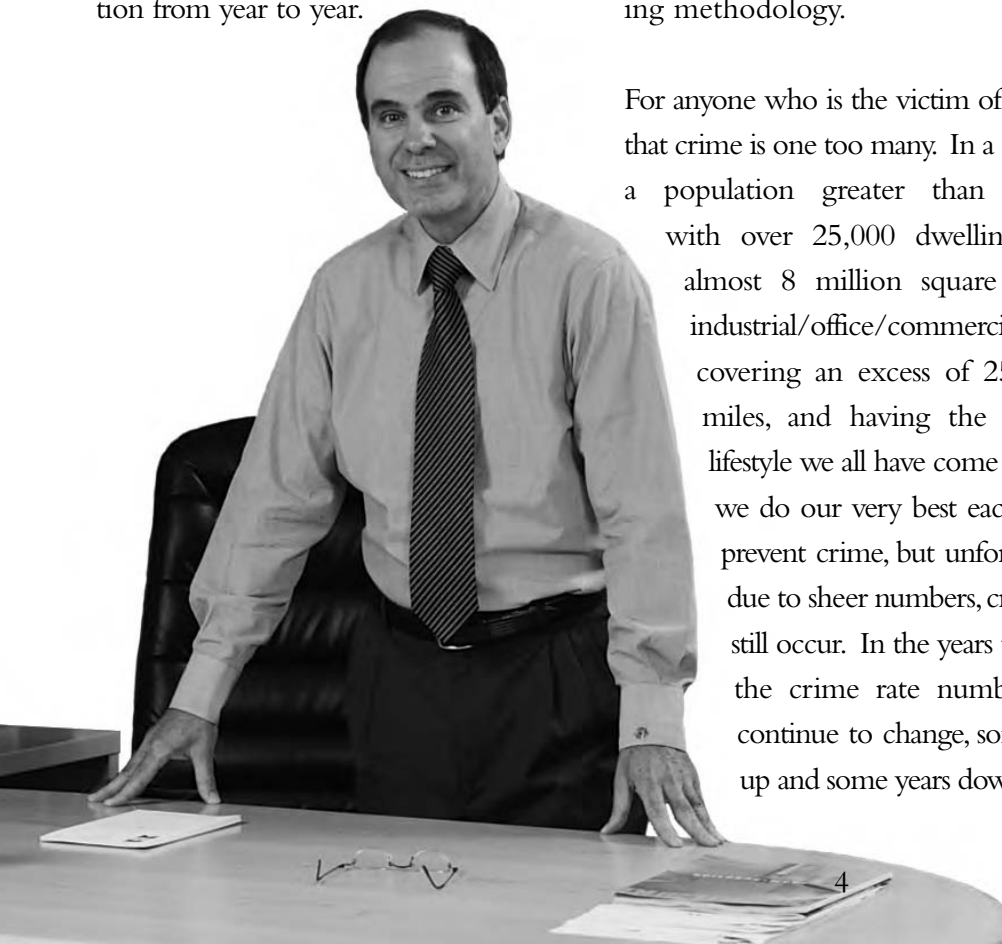
is not a constant, it is a variable affected in part by the economy, climate, domestic relations, and other forces beyond our control.

Security is a lot more than just numbers. It is being able to go jogging before dawn; walk your dog before bedtime; wait on a corner for the school bus; stroll Main Street in Town Center; and go about our daily routine with peace of mind.

The men and women of the Broward Sheriff's Office in Weston provide us with peace of mind each day and night. They are the ones who rescue the toddler who has accidentally fallen in the pool, who find the child that didn't let his or her parents know where they were going, who get us in and out of the Regional Park on July 4th, and whose mere presence keeps crime at bay. We work on a daily basis with our chief and his staff to keep abreast of the law enforcement activities in the city and to make both short and long-term improvements in our crime fighting strategies. We will continue to do so to provide the most secure environment possible.

The numbers are all well and good to compare from one year to the next, one city to another, and to give us a relative idea where we stand. They have their value when all of the data is read, but it's a lot more than just the numbers.

Is there security in the numbers? That all depends.





Attention Veterans

Weston is compiling a contact list of veterans living in our city. Please send us your name, address, phone number(optional) and email address if you have one.

You can email your information directly to cityhall@westonfl.org, call 954-385-2006, or mail it to City Hall Communications Office, 2500 Weston Road, Suite 101, Weston, FL. 33331.



Check the City website at www.westonfl.org

for information and updates on the Cable TV lawsuit initiated by Advanced Cable.

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2006 Homestead Application Pre-Filings Accepted at Weston Community Center

All Florida residents are eligible for a Homestead Exemption on their residence, which provides a tax-saving exemption on the first \$25,000 of the assessed value of an owner-occupied residence.

Representatives of the Broward County Property Appraiser's Office will be at the Weston Community Center (20200 Saddle Club Road, inside the Regional Park), from 6:00PM to 7:30PM on the following dates:

Monday, October 10, 2005

Monday, January 23, 2006

Monday, February 27, 2006

To file you will need to bring with you:

- Warranty Deed for the residence
- Florida Voter's Registration or Declaration of Domicile
- Florida Driver's License
- Florida Car Registration
- Non U.S. Citizens: Permanent Visa or Political Asylum Documentation
- Know the social security number of each owner (do not need the card)
- Know the date of occupancy and date of permanent Florida residence

For additional information, go to the Broward County Property Appraiser's website at www.bcpa.net or please call **954-357-6830**.

Halloween Safety Expo

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29th

6PM - 9PM

Tequesta Trace Park

ALL WESTON GHOSTS AND GOBLINS: REPORT TO THE ANNUAL HALLOWEEN SAFETY EXPO FOR A HAUNTINGLY GOOD TIME

Kids and adults alike will have a safe, fun-filled, and educational Halloween bash.

CANDY - All booths will hand out candy, so be sure to bring your Trick-or-Treat bags!

TREATS - You'll be treated to exhibits which include the Broward Sheriff's Office SWAT team, K-9, Fire Rescue and their vehicles, Marine Patrol, Mounted Units, U.S. Secret Service, and Florida Fish & Game Commission. New children's activities and more fun!

COSTUME CONTEST - Sorry parents, this one's **For Kids Only**. Prizes awarded for each age category. So put your best face on - whoever or whatever that might be - and come out and join the fun. We'll have a DJ spinning music all night to put you in a party mood.

Sponsored by the BSO District VIII Community Council, the City of Weston, and Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital at Memorial



Cypress Bay Ballfields Now All Lit Up!

The Cypress Bay High School baseball and softball fields now have lights, making it possible for the teams to play their home games at night.

The City Commission authorized the expenditure of \$344,201, part of it in cash and part of it in design services, to install lights at the baseball and softball fields. The Commission approved a similar measure for the Cypress Bay football field last year, approving \$400,000 in cash and design services, and the school was host to its first-ever night game on October 23, 2004.

The baseball and softball fields are adjacent to one another. The football, baseball and softball fields are next to city-owned Vista Park, and Weston's youth sports leagues are allowed to use Cypress Bay's fields when the school teams don't need them.

In the past, the starting time for Cypress Bay's home baseball and softball games had been 4 p.m. The City has been a strong proponent of night sports activities at the school as a way of furthering a sense of community in Weston. At most schools, night athletic activities draw larger crowds than afternoon games, when parents have a better chance of being able to attend and cheer on their kids.

GO LIGHTNING!

Remember to "Fall Behind" on Sunday, October 30th

When Daylight Saving Time Reverts to
Standard Time

It's time to turn those clocks back one hour beginning at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 30th. Most people feel it's easiest to adjust their clocks on Saturday night before going to bed.



IT'S ALSO THE PERFECT TIME TO CHANGE THE BATTERIES IN YOUR SMOKE DETECTOR

A WORKING SMOKE DETECTOR MORE THAN DOUBLES YOUR CHANCE OF SURVIVING A HOME FIRE

More than 90 percent of homes in the United States have smoke detectors but more than one-third are estimated to have worn-out or missing batteries. Make it a habit to check and replace the batteries in your smoke detectors each time you change your clocks.



Elected Officials

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L-R: Commissioner Daniel Stermer, Commissioner Sharon Cheren, Mayor Eric Hersh, Commissioner Murray Chermak and Commissioner Mercedes Henriksson

Grand Opening of Vista Park

Rains Kept at Bay for Several Hours

It was a blustery, rainy and downright drab day on June 9th with the Grand Opening of Vista Park scheduled for 6:30 that evening. As the time grew near, somehow, somehow, the rains were held at bay and the opening successfully went on as scheduled with cheery faces making up for the lack of sunshine. Despite the threatening weather conditions, several hundred people came and went during the celebration of Weston's newest municipal park. Kids were unaffected by the damp ground as they kicked soccer balls clocked with a radar detector, climbed around numerous obstacle courses, slides and bounce houses, threw the football toss, had their faces painted or snacked on hot dogs, peanuts and apple pie.

Newly elected Commissioners Sharon Cheren and Mercedes Henriksson joined Mayor Eric Hersh, Commissioner Daniel Stermer and Commissioner Murray Chermak in their first Weston ribbon cutting ceremony, heralding the opening of another great athletic complex in Weston. This 30-acre park features four baseball/softball fields, four soccer/football fields, a shade-covered playground, restrooms and concession stands. All fields are lighted for night play and there is a unique design feature called the "Winners Circle" – a gathering area made to look like a baseball with the use of decorative pavers. The area has landscaping and benches to be used by leagues for award ceremonies and team photos.



Official City Meetings

All meetings of the City Commission, and the Planning and Zoning Advisory Board, are held in the Weston Community Center, located in the Weston Regional Park at 20200 Saddle Club Road.

View Meetings

- Meetings can be viewed live on the city's website at www.westonfl.org. Archived meetings are also available for viewing.
- City Commission meetings are telecast live over the City's government access channel for cable television subscribers, and are re-broadcast: Tuesday at 9 pm, Wednesday & Thursday at 10 am and 9 pm.

Advanced Cable subscribers tune to Channel #25. Comcast subscribers tune to Channel #78.

Commission meeting agendas are available in both English and Spanish on the City website at www.westonfl.org and can also be viewed on the City's government access cable channel.

In a win-win arrangement with Cypress Bay High School, the school will be able to use a portion of the park's 500 parking spaces during the day for their students when the park is less utilized, easing a parking crunch at the school. In turn, park visitors will be allowed to utilize school parking areas at night, when the park is at its busiest.

This fall, Vista Park fields will be used by Weston travel soccer programs, and a girls field hockey club that previously practiced at Eagle Point Elementary. Eventually the YMCA travel baseball and Little League baseball programs will also be moved here from the Regional Park. Construction costs of almost \$6 million were offset with \$600,000 in grants, providing additional space for Weston's ever growing athletic leagues.

Vista Park is located at 18800 Vista Park Blvd.
(off Bonaventure Blvd., directly west of Cypress Bay High School).

Hours of operation are 8am-11pm, 7 days a week.

No animals are allowed in the park.

City Commission

7:00PM

- Tuesday, September 6, 2005
- Monday, September 19, 2005
- Monday, October 17, 2005
- Monday, November 7, 2005
- Monday, November 21, 2005
- Monday, December 5, 2005

Planning & Zoning Advisory Board

6:30PM

2nd and 4th Mondays

Meeting dates are subject to change, please confirm prior to attendance

Free Saturday Night Movies in the Park

The City of Weston Presents
MAROONE MOONLIGHT MOVIES IN THE PARK

Weston Regional Park
20200 Saddle Club Road

Feature presentations begin at 7:30PM

Sat., October 15, 2005	“SHARK TALES”
Sat., November 19, 2005	“DADDY DAY CARE”
Sat., December 10, 2005	“A CHRISTMAS STORY”
Sat., January 7, 2006	“SON OF THE MASK”
Sat., February 11, 2006	“HARRY POTTER – PRISONER OF AZKABAN”
Sat., March 11, 2006	“DR. SEUSS’ CAT IN THE HAT”
Sat., April 15, 2006	“LEMONY SNICKET’S A SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE EVENTS”

Kids under 12 must be accompanied by an adult

Free Saturday Night Movies in the Park

Bring lawn chairs or blankets for movie night in the park. These full-length feature films are projected onto a giant inflatable screen. Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase.

Kick back and relax - the movies are on us

Sponsored by The City of Weston & Maroone Auto Nation
Produced by the Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival
For information call the Weston Community Center at 954-389-4321



SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION

KEEP KIDS SAFE - On the way to & from school

The 2005/2006 Broward County school year began early this year. Here are some important safety tips for parents to ensure that their kids stay safe on their journey to and from school:

- Discuss the safest route to and from school or to the bus stop.
- Encourage your children to walk with friends, not alone.
- Tell children to avoid places that could be dangerous and notify an adult – you, a teacher, a neighbor, or a deputy – about anything that doesn't seem quite right.
- Map out the route you help your children select.
- Talk about why it is safer to cross at the corners using crosswalks.
- Walk along with your children on the safest route you've helped them select so they may become familiar with it.
- Help your children understand how important it is to cooperate with deputies, school safety patrols and Weston's professionally trained crossing guards – all there to protect them.
- Teach your children to STOP, LISTEN, AND LOOK for approaching and turning vehicles, especially those turning right on red.
- Stress the importance of allowing enough time to cross the street safely.

- Make sure your children understand they must walk, not run, across the street – and continue to look for vehicles.
- Encourage and praise your children for following the guidelines for safe walking every day.
- Discuss the drug problem with your children, and emphasize their ability to just say “No” to teens or adults who offer them drugs.
- Remind children NEVER to go with strangers. They should run for help even if the stranger has a weapon.

Parents who drive their children, must also prepare. These are some tips for you:

- Car pool with neighbors to reduce the number of cars at the school.
- Comply with the speed limit in school zones.
- Arrange for a specific place to meet your children, on the same side of the street as the school and away from the congestion.
- Use your seatbelt! Children will follow your example.
- Use a properly installed car seat/booster seat. BSO can assist if you are not sure how to correctly install these seats. **At the Weston Police Services Building, 17300 Arvida Parkway, every Saturday from 10am to 2pm, you can have your child safety seat inspected or installed.**



Pictorial Update

Top Photo Left to Right: Back Row: Daniela Saffon, Jonathan Adonailo, Commissioner Daniel J. Stermer, Commissioner Sharon Cheren, Mayor Eric Hersh, Matthew Immerman, Jessica Rosales, Andrew Lipshutz, Chelsea Catania, Spinks Edwards, Scott Gorlick, Robert Levine, Kerry Easthope, Commissioner Murray Chermak, Commissioner Mercedes G. Henriksson Front Row (6 girls holding banner): Samantha Gruskin, Alejandra Arias, Sara Garrido, Autumn Dolan, Tara Romagni, Michelle Spriegel. Absent: Mohammed Bello-Malabu, Michelle Keltjens.

Weston Graduates Third Class from Weston University Program

After an event filled year, 18 students in the 2005 Weston University Program celebrated their graduation on May 16th. Students were awarded unique, poster-size diplomas by the Mayor and City Commissioners and received pictorial Memory Books of their experiences, a videotape of their Commission simulation exercise, and a gift. Each year at the end of the program someone inevitably asks how the new class compared to the others – and every year city staff and officials are just amazed at the uniqueness, sincere interest and enthusiasm of the students in each class, this year being no exception.

Before they were able to graduate, students were required to participate in a City Commission simulation exercise, complete with role assignments, agenda and an audience. The students, in their roles as commissioners, staff or developers, evaluated and voted on a number of very real city issues and one fabricated site plan for the “All Smiles Auto Body Repair & Recreational Vehicle Storage” facility which hypothetically was to be placed near Town Center. After a long

and sometimes heated debate, the “City Commission” ultimately denied the “developer” approval for this type of use at the Town Center location! All of the students said it was an eye-opening experience, and that being faced with having to weigh the rights of applicants and what is best for residents is not an easy task. A celebratory lunch with invited parents concluded the afternoon and the program.

After meeting with students monthly for eight months it was hard to say good-bye, but we know that all of the Weston University students are going forward with bright futures ahead of them. We do, however, offer a note of warning to politicians: One day soon they may be after your job!

The next class of Weston University students will be selected from Weston high schools in early September. Essay submissions are required. **Watch for posters in your school on how to apply.** Home-schooled sophomores, juniors and seniors wishing to apply should contact Denise Barrett, Director of Communications at 954-385-2000.

New Curbing Outside School

The City has installed curbs outside three more schools -- Manatee Bay Elementary School, Falcon Cove Middle School and Cypress Bay High School -- as part of a continuing effort to stop vehicles from damaging the swales -- the grassy areas between the sidewalk and the roadway. Parents will now be able to park next to the new curbs on school days -- instead of tearing up the sod in the swales during drop-off and pick-up times.

The disadvantages of parking on the swales before the new curbs were installed were related to City crews constantly having to repair damage to the swales, motorists getting stuck in the muddy swales during the rain, and the hazard of pulling out of the swales into on-coming traffic.

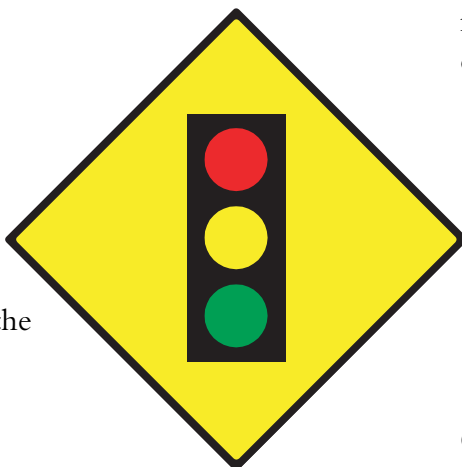
Other curbs were installed last year with excellent results outside Chancellor Charter School, Gator Run and Indian Trace Elementaries, and Tequesta Trace Middle. These new curbs provide a much safer and more attractive environment.



ILLEGAL
U-TURNS
RUNNING
RED LIGHTS

These two traffic violations are the major causes of intersection crashes in Weston.

The Broward Sheriff's Office will be vigorously enforcing traffic laws to protect the safety of motorists and pedestrians.



SCHOOL ZONES:
15 MPH
STRICTLY
ENFORCED



Public schools were back in session as of Monday, August 8th. Once again, the Broward County Sheriff's Office will have "ZERO TOLERANCE" for speeding within a school zone.

Parents are also urged to take note that deputies will be watching for vehicles making illegal turns -- a major traffic problem, especially during the morning school drop-off times.

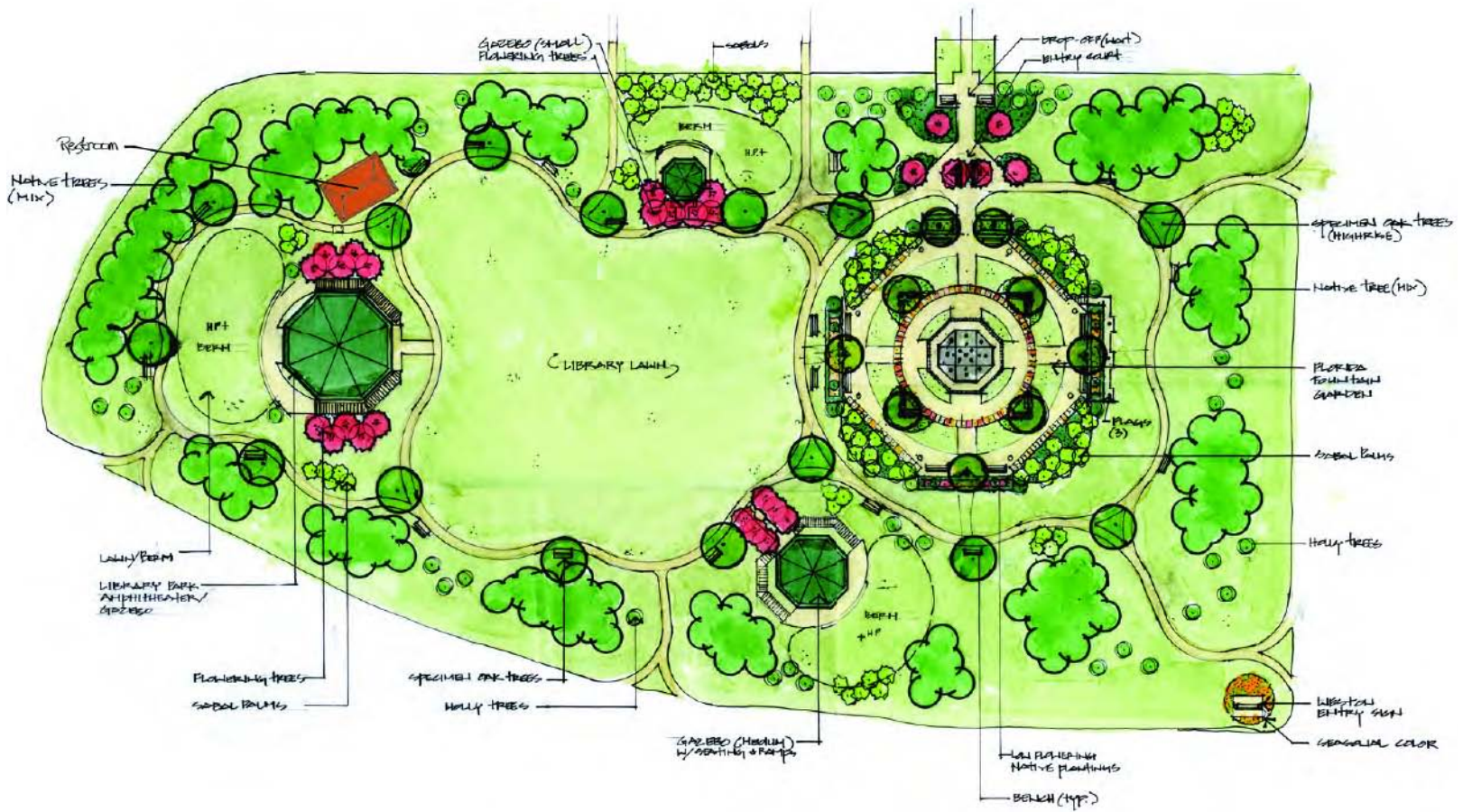
WATCH YOUR SPEED! NO ILLEGAL TURNS!
USE THE CORRECT DROP-OFF LANE

And then,

BE SURE TO GIVE A FRIENDLY WAVE TO YOUR
CROSSING GUARDS WHO HELP PROTECT
OUR KIDS EACH SCHOOL DAY!

CELL PHONES

As a courtesy and extra safety practice, avoid talking on cell phones when in a School Zone.

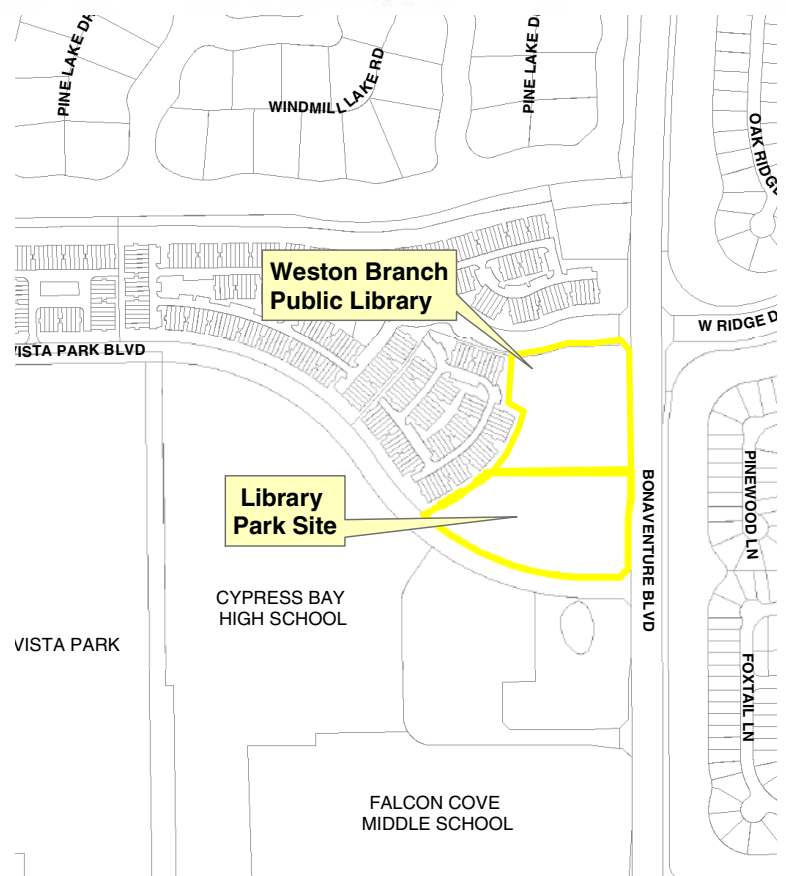


LIBRARY PARK

The Newest Addition to Weston's Parks

With Broward County's Weston Branch Library almost complete, Weston is in the design phase of a passive park to be constructed on City owned property located adjacent to the library. To be built on five acres, Library Park is envisioned as a relaxing retreat for library patrons and school children alike. Weston's landscape architects met with library staff to gain insight into what features could be incorporated into the design that would compliment the library's services and offer visitors a tranquil setting in which to study or read. The site plan includes three gazebos of varying sizes which will be used to hold the library's Storytime children's book readings, classes or book fairs; the community may utilize them for social events and other gatherings as well as study groups. This extensively landscaped park will also include lawn areas, walkways, benches, a unique water fountain and informational signage about Florida authors.

Weston hopes to surround visitors with a university campus-like ambiance by placing the park adjacent to the



library and directly across the street from Cypress Bay High School and Falcon Cove Middle School at the corner of Bonaventure Boulevard and Vista Park Boulevard. Library Park is anticipated to cost approximately \$1 million to construct, adding another gem to Weston's already sparkling strand of recreational respites.

WESTON BRANCH LIBRARY

Nearing Completion

Completion of the much anticipated Broward County Weston Branch Library looks to be just around the corner with County officials hopeful for a fall opening date. The new library is located at 4205 Bonaventure Boulevard at the corner of Bonaventure Boulevard and

Orchard Road. This 51,000 square-foot facility will replace the Weston Reading Center which has only 2,400 square feet of space. The Reading Center will close once the Branch Library opens to provide Weston and area residents with a full-service facility.

FACTS AND FIGURES:

Weston Branch Library

- Cost: \$7.5 million to include furniture, fixtures & equipment, and library collection
- Funding: Broward County Commission (1999 Library Bond Program)
- Size: 51,031 square-foot library on 5.194 acre site, with 340 designated parking spaces
- Includes: 10 classrooms to be leased by Broward Community College on second floor. Classes will begin after 10:00 am, Monday through Friday, to prevent traffic delays

Library facility to include:

- 100,000 -150,000 collection size
- popular library and audio visual area
- youth services area with program room
- young adult area with teen activity room

- reference service area
- periodical area with browsing collection
- public use computers
- tutor and study rooms
- seating capacity throughout for 100
- 150 seat meeting room
- conference room
- exhibit area, gift shop and coffee bar
- a staff of 31

Students can look forward to utilizing the library's entire host of student services and programs, and all of Weston will have convenient access to a hometown branch library to call their own.

The new Weston Branch Library will maintain the same phone number as the Weston Reading Center: 954-389-2098.



12th Annual July 4th Weston Hometown Celebration

United We Stand, Proudly We Serve

The 12th Annual July 4th Weston Hometown Celebration was off to a running start as the annual 5K race got underway at 7am with approximately 700 participants of all ages and descriptions racing as the sun rose over Weston.

The weather didn't disappoint us later that morning as the Hometown Parade wound its way through the streets surrounding Weston Town Center and up Main Street. Enthusiastic throngs of spectators crowded the parade route and cheered on our City officials and their families who rode by, as well as this year's Grand Marshals, Firefighter/Paramedic EMT Tory Fatjo and BSO Deputy Eric Caldwell, representing our Fire Rescue and Police Departments. They were all lucky enough to ride in style, seated in convertibles donated by Rick Case. Riding or marching along in the parade were over 50 groups including marching bands, floats, trail rides and costumed characters.

The day's activities moved to the Weston Regional Park at 5pm where partygoers were treated to continuous music, games, activities, bounce houses, food and much more. Residents displayed their patriotism in full July 4th regalia while dancing, mingling and just having a downright fun Fourth. An estimated 10,000 flocked in the Park – the largest attendance recorded at the Regional Park ever! As the hour got later,



the crowd was treated to a spectacular aerial display by Zambelli Fireworks International. The crowd showed their appreciation with ooh's and ahhh's as

Weston's fireworks finale honoring our country's independence exploded in colorful extravagance accompanied by a presentation of Americana music and patriotic songs performed by the FIU Wind Ensemble conducted by Roby George.

Our thoughts never far from those serving to keep our country safe, Weston celebrated this great day with much thanks and appreciation.



The people make it special



Vista Park



Tequesta Park



Library Park

The Parks Report

With 12 municipal parks and a tennis center, the Community Services Department is constantly assessing the equipment and fields at every facility. Maintenance, improvements and upgrades are provided to preserve and enhance the superb quality of our Weston parks system. Recent and upcoming improvements include:

Vista Park – Completed and open for use! This \$6 million project, adjacent to Cypress Bay High School, is located at 18800 Vista Park Boulevard. Features include: 4 soccer/football fields, 4 baseball/softball fields, playground, two concession/restroom buildings as well as sports lighting and parking for 500 vehicles. Vista Park’s fields will provide welcome relief to Weston’s ever increasing demand for sports.

Weston Regional Park – Family YMCA – Located inside the Weston Regional Park, this \$7.5 million, 42,000+ square-foot facility will provide a wealth of recreational and educational programs. The YMCA welcomes area residents to its incredible facilities. Membership is required. For information please call 954-424-9622.

Tequesta Trace Park –Improvements are now complete, which include additional parking, drainage, landscaping and walkways to the nature boardwalk area.

NEW! Library Park in the Design Phase – The City is currently finalizing plans for Library Park. The development of Library Park will bring the total number of Weston’s municipal parks to 13. This 5-acre passive park will be located at the corner of Vista Park and Bonaventure Boulevards, adjacent to the nearly completed Broward County Weston Branch Library. Incorporated into its design are walkways, shelters, a fountain and informational signage about Florida authors. Construction is anticipated to cost approximately \$1 million. Staff will be submitting an application for a \$200,000 Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program grant to assist in funding these construction costs.



Mayor Eric Hersh (center) meets with the Russian Open World delegation and Rotary Club of Weston host Tom Burnaw (far right)



WESTON HONORED WITH VISIT

Library of Congress Russian Leadership Center's Open World Program

10-day trips, participants learn about the roles and interrelationships of the three different branches and levels of the U.S. government, and examine how private and nonprofit sectors help meet social and civic needs.” The Weston delegation consisted of a four-member team of Russian civic and community leaders accompanied by an English speaking facilitator and a skilled interpreter.

The delegation talked at length with the Mayor about cultures, how Weston delivers services to residents, and how community leaders work with residents to keep them informed, and add value to the City. The members were extremely courteous and told the Mayor he was welcome to come to Russia anytime to help trim their government, as it is very bloated with multiple layers of employees, and much higher taxes. Thankfully, Mayor Hersh is more than happy to stay in Weston.

The Rotary Club of Weston was recently the host organization chosen to participate in the Library of Congress Russian Leadership Center’s Open World Program. This was quite an honor which was shared by the City of Weston and Weston Mayor Eric Hersh who was asked to meet with the delegation on May 5th and provide his insights and perspectives on municipal government and service delivery.

The Open World Leadership Center program overview states that “the Open World Program enables emerging Russian leaders to experience United States democracy and free enterprise in action in communities across the U.S. During

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Drawing for Children (Ages 8-11) Tues 4:30-6pm. Rolande Moorhead teaches the basics of art as well as art history. Young students will learn how to draw basic shapes into familiar objects, and learn how to create art and how to see, rather than just looking. Self-expression through art. **Cost is \$115/6 weeks. Next session runs from 8/2 to 9/6 and then 9/13-10/18 and 10/25-11/29.**

Dancercise (ages 3-5 years) Thurs from 11:15-12. Ballet, jazz, creative movement, fun props. ATTIRE: pink leotard, pink skirt, ballet shoes. **Cost is \$35 per month. Call Joy for more information at 954-971-9917.**

Cheerleading and Hip Hop Wed (Ages 4-6) 3:30-4:15 and a 2nd class for (Ages 7-12) at same time. **Cost is \$35 per month. Call Miss Joy for more info at 954-971-9917.**

High Touch-High Tech Science Program (Ages K-5) Tues 3:30-4:30pm. High Touch-High Tech provides totally hands-on, totally participatory science experiences for each and every child. These unique programs are designed to stimulate the imagination and curiosity of children in the sciences. This program includes the mysteries of light, biology, gravity and much more! **Cost \$150/8 weeks. Next session runs 8/9-10/4 and then 10/11-11/29. For more information call 954-755-2900.**

Karate Wed 6-7pm (Ages 6-8) and 7-8pm (Ages 9+). Provide your child with the ability to defend themselves and react with confidence. David Schopp, 3rd degree Black Belt in Goju Karate, will teach your children the basic principles of self-defense, fighting, weaponry and forms. **Cost \$100/3 months. Sessions begin 7/6 and then 10/5. Limited Space Available.**

Kindermusik Village with Miss Alyson Wed, 10:30-11:15 (newborn -18 mos). Nurture your baby's cognitive, emotional, social and physical development through music and movement. Give your child a great musical beginning. **Cost \$100/8 weeks. At home kit: \$32. Call Miss Alyson for more information at 954-389-8840.** Check to confirm date prior to orientation if you have not registered for class yet. "Zoom Buggy" Orientation 9/21 classes begin 9/28.

Kindermusik "Our Time" Mon 9:30-10:30am and 10:30am-11:30 am. (Age 18 mo-3 yrs) Songs & activities promote interaction between parent and child gently empowering the parent to act as teacher in a friendly environment. **Cost \$200/10 weeks plus \$60 at home kit fee. Special needs children welcome. Classes begin 9/12. Call Miss Pam at 954-252-1417 for registration information.**

Beginner's Guitarmania Thurs 4:30-5:15pm (2nd-5th grade) this class is designed to teach children the basics of playing the guitar. Students will learn basic strumming and picking techniques, as well as how to read music. The class is taught in a creative way, so the students will have fun while they are learning. This class is a good way to find out if the guitar is the instrument for your child. This class requires the student to have his/her own guitar. **Cost is \$60/month plus one time material fee of \$25. Payment is due the first of each month. For more information please call Jeanette @ 754-422-8668.**

Intermediate Guitar Tues 6:15-7:00pm (2nd-5th grade) is the next step in learning how to play the guitar. This class teaches a bit more technique as well as fine-tuning music reading skills. Students interested in taking this intermediate class must have basic guitar skills. Please contact Jeanette before signing up for this class at (754) 422-8668.

Mini Maestros Wed 1:30-2:15pm (ages 3-5). The experts say that music increases your child's cognitive thinking, spatial relations and math skills. Mini Maestros is a high-energy music class specifically designed to do just that. This class offers creative lessons, intended to teach the essential musical skills your budding musician will need. Each week, the students will bring a classic children's story to life using an assortment of musical instruments, songs and rhymes. **Cost is \$56/month and begins 8/31. For more information call Jeanette at 754-422-8668.**

Metzzo Maestros Fri 2:30-3:15 (K-1st grade). Mezzo Maestros is the ideal outlet for your child's love of music and performance. Whether your child is new to the world of music or a seasoned pro, this class will capture the creative side of any child. The class introduces students to a

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variety of multicultural instruments, combining rhythm skills, with basic music theory and symbols, creative movement and dramatic play. This is a 14-week session culminating with a small performance, based on children's literature and the musical skills the students have learned. **Cost is \$210 for 14 weeks running 9/2-12/9. For more information call Jeanette at 754-422-8668.**

Moms-and-Tots Mon 9:30-11am (Años 2-4) mamás y su niños en este programa de 90 minutos lleno de diversion y aprendizaje. Diseñado específicamente para los más pequeños (2-4 años), estoy segura que Uds. disfrutarán mucho! (Merienda ligera incluida). Arte y Manualidades para manos pequeñas, Lectura de Cuentos, Música, Baile y Canciones infantiles, Grupos pequeños, para que todos participen. **Sesión de 6 semanas por \$60.00 o \$10 cada clase/día. Para mayor informacion y horas y disponibilidad llama a Maru Arnott a 954-385-3804 ó 954-240-2303. Las proximas sesiones 8/29 y 10/24.**

Tumblebears Thu 10:15-11:00 am (ages 2-4). Moms and tots will do fun movement songs, prop activities (such as scarves, ribbons, and parachutes) and learn how to tumble along with an obstacle course. Attire: Sneakers and comfortable clothes. **Cost is \$35/month. For more information call Joy at 954-971-9917.**

Kidokinetics Tue 4:45-5:30pm (ages 3-5) & Tue 5:30-6:30pm (ages 5-10) & Sat 9:45-10:30am (ages 3-5). Kidokinetics is an exciting and unique program developed to improve and enhance boys' and girls' sports and fitness. Our fun-filled classes include activities that enhance and develop motor skills, physical fitness and improve self-confidence. Kidokinetics teaches the basics of every sport and other important physical exercises, enabling children to feel competent when playing different sports. Activities include soccer, hockey, tennis, basketball, volleyball, polo, golf, t-ball, football, hula-hoops and lots more. Led by experienced coaches, our classes take place in a safe and fun environment.

Session I 8/16-12/13 (Cost is \$180 for 18 weeks)
Session II 1/17-5/23 (Cost is \$180 for 18 weeks, no class on 4/11).

Kidokinetics Jr. Tue 4:00-4:45 pm (ages 24-36 months). Kidokinetics Jr. provides a high energy, active class for your little ones. Introducing them to sports and making fitness fun while setting the pace for them in years to come. Kidokinetics Jr. will help develop your child's coordination, concentration, and motor skills, while having fun in a safe, non-competitive environment. Activities include soccer, hockey, basketball, hula hoops, bean bag skills, football, tennis, t-ball, obstacle courses, golf, and much more. For more information call Terri at 954-385-8511 or go to www.Kidokinetics.com.

Session I 8/16-12/13 (Cost is \$180 for 18 weeks)
Session II 1/17-5/23 (Cost is \$180 for 18 weeks, no class on 4/11).

New for '05 from Kidokinetics: Dad and Me Sports Sat 9:00-9:45am. This class takes place at the Community Center. To register for all Kidokinetics classes, please call Terri at 954-385-8511.

Dramantics! Fri 4:15-5:15 pm (ages 7-8). Students engage in the theatrical process through acting exercises designed to increase concentration, free the imagination and increase confidence. Movement for the stage, character development and improvisation techniques are used to help students develop a script based on a value laden folktale. A class presentation will be held the last day of class. Class runs September 1st – December 15th. **Cost is \$210.00. To register, call Robin Braun at 954-385-3060.**

Model's Workshop Thurs 5:30-6:45 (ages 9 and up). This program is developed to help strengthen each child's self-esteem, confidence, and bring positive issues into their lives. Topics include personal development, make up, fashion coordination, communication, social awareness, nutrition, manners, table etiquette and runway modeling. **Cost is \$200/6 weeks** beginning 9/1 then runs every six weeks.

Musical Theatre Production Class Sun 4:00-7:00 pm (4th – 6th grade students). This class focuses on training in acting, voice and movement with a rehearsal period that leads to a performance of one of our original musicals. Instruction includes traditional Stanislavski techniques,

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improvisation, and character development. No experience necessary, however, students are expected to be committed and work at the highest level of professionalism. **Class runs September 11th – December 11th. Cost is \$395.00.** To register, call Robin Braun at 954-385-3060.

*Must attend the dress/tech rehearsals the week prior to the performance and be available for the performance on Sunday, December 11th at the Susan B. Katz Memorial Theatre in Pembroke Pines.

Teen Performance Workshop Sun 6:30-9:00 pm (7th – 9th grade students). Using improvisation techniques, Broadway songs and scene work, students will help write and perform a show based on a social issue relevant to their lives. After an initial brainstorming session where students choose a theme for the show, they will engage in the process of creating ideas, characters, play structure, and choosing appropriate musical pieces that will tie their show together. Students must be available for the performance on December 4th at the Susan B. Katz Memorial Theatre in Pembroke Pines. **Class runs September 11th – December 4th. Cost is \$375.00.** To register, call Robin Braun at 954-385-3060.

Young Rembrandts Sat 10-11am (ages 3 _-6 and 7-13) Young Rembrandts' innovative step-by-step method. Our specially trained teachers possess a passion for art together with a love for children. Young Rembrandts instructors teach the technical skills of drawing, developing patience, focus and attention to detail. This develops organization, time on task and order sequencing in a positive, nurturing environment. Session runs 8/20-10/8 & then 10/22-12/10. **Cost is \$112.00 (includes all materials).** For more information call Sandra at 305-231-1531.

Baby Signs – “Sign, Say and Play” Fri 9:30-10:20am (ages 6 months to 2 years) During this six week course, parents and children will learn a variety of Baby Signs. The curriculum highlights signs that are most important to everyday life, teaches signing through fun games, songs and activities. The Sign, Say and Play class also reinforces important language, cognitive, and social/emotional skills as well as bringing families together. Six week session begins 9/9. **Cost is \$90 for 6 weeks plus \$55 at home kit.** Please call Miss Dawn at 954-659-2628 for more details.

The Community Center at the Weston Regional Park Adult Programs

Art/Multi-Media Tues 6-9pm Acclaimed artist Rolande Moorhead teaches all skill levels in the mediums of their choosing including oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, painting and charcoal drawing. With individual attention, students explore their creative potential. **Cost \$175/6 weeks. Class runs from 7/19 to 8/23 and then 8/30 to 10/4 and 10/11 to 11/15.**

Karate Wed 8-9:30pm Come get in shape and learn to defend yourself at the same time. David Schopp, 3rd degree Black Belt in Goju Karate, will teach all ages and levels the skills of fighting, forms, weaponry, and self-defense. Cost \$100/3 months. Sessions begin 7/6 and then 10/5.

Weston 55+ Club The Weston 55+ Club was founded

in 2001 by a group of eager men and women. We have grown into a large group who enjoys each others company at club activities and outings as well as social gatherings outside the Weston 55+ Club. For more information call Dottie at 954-349-6029. **Cost \$30/person for a year long membership.**

Open Bridge Play Mon 12:30-4pm Join us on Mondays for social Bridge. Call Bernice Ross game organizer at 954-389-8756.

Open Mahjong Thurs 12:30-3:30pm Join us on Thursdays for Mahjong. Call Sandy Greene, game organizer, for more information at 954-446-6299

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Adult Programs

Boot Camp “Boxing” Tues & Thurs 10–11am
Coach Victor Sanchez, trainer to current USBA Welterweight Champ David Estrada, has developed this personal training program. Participants will burn fat, improve cardiovascular health, increase strength and flexibility, and relieve stress and much more. Classes consist of 4–8 people. **Cost is \$15/class.** Classes forming now. For more details contact Coach Victor at 954-548-5419. Ask about his 1/2-hour free trial class.

Watercolor Painting Fri 10am–1pm Award winning watercolorist Rolande Moorhead teaches the vocabulary of colors, shapes, composition and preliminary drawing. All skill levels. **Cost \$175/6 weeks.** Next session runs from 7/15 to 8/19 and then 8/26 to 9/30 and 10/7–11/11.

Gentle Yoga Tues & Thurs 1:00–2:00pm A yoga class for those individuals seeking increased balance, strength, and flexibility taught by Lillian Koziol. This class is ideal for seniors or beginners. This one hour session will include breath work (pranayama), eye and neck exercises, yoga poses (asanas) and guided meditation. **Cost \$50/month or \$10/class.** Continuous. Bring yoga mat, towel and water. Also: Adult Yoga on Thursdays, 7:30–8:30pm

Yoga in the Bandstand at Town Center Wed & Fri 9–10am Enjoy sun salutations in the fresh air. This one hour hatha yoga class, taught by Lillian Koziol, R.Y.T., will tone your body as well as calm your mind. **Cost \$50/month or \$10/class.** Continuous. Bring yoga mat, towel and water.

SAT Preparation (Age 15–20) Sun (1:30–4pm) This comprehensive course prepares students for all facets of the College Board exam. Class not only thoroughly reviews content of what is tested but also exposes students to numerous insightful strategies for scoring well on the SAT. Jeff Steinberg, the instructor, has specialized in developing and instructing SAT preparation courses since 1990 (including for the University of Miami). Students are assured of receiving expert instruction (the average increase in scores is 200 points), while paying less than half of what some commercial courses charge. To enroll in this course, please contact Mr. Steinberg directly at 954-478-0792. **Cost is \$395 for 8 week, 20 hour course (including text and materials).** Next session

runs 10/9 – 11/27 for the 12/3 test.

AARP’s 55 Alive/Mature Driving Program an 8 hour course is a classroom refresher course in safe driving. The course is designed especially for older motorists dealing with age related physical changes. The course is available to anyone 50 and over. The fee for the course is \$10.00. A reduction in automobile insurance premium is allowed to each person 55 and over, by all insurance companies when the course is completed and the driver has a safe driving record. Advance registration is required. Call Sunny at 954-385-9920. Class will be held at the Weston Community Center. Next class will be on 10/11 & 10/12 from 9:00–1:00pm (2 “4-hour” classes) and then 11/12 from 10:00–5:00.

International Moms Fri 5:00–7:00pm International Moms aims to bring together young mothers of different backgrounds, cultures, nationalities, religion and history. We get to know each other, learn from each other, and exchange ideas and experiences. We promote Unity in Diversity and teach our children by example. Children are welcome as they will have time to play and receive lessons on tolerance, respect, politeness, kindness, etc. **Cost is \$10 per mom which includes snacks and drinks.** For questions call Sherry Eshraghi at 954-384-7993. Sessions held 9/9, 10/7, 11/4, and 12/2.

Stroller Strides Stroller Strides is a stroller fitness class where mom can workout with her baby. It’s a great way to get in shape, be with your baby and meet other moms! The classes consist of a 50 minute Power Walk combined with body sculpting exercises using exercise tubing, the stroller and the environment. The classes will accommodate all levels of exerciser. **Costs start at \$15/class (multiple class packages available; ie \$2.40/class with a monthly membership).** For more info call 888-868-4763 or go to www.strollerstrides.net/Weston.

Dog Obedience Sat 4–5pm Back to the basics. Teach your dog to walk on a leash without dragging you down the road, and to behave nicely around other dogs. Train your dog to greet people by sitting – not jumping, and to sit, stay, come, stand, and wait. The class is held at Tequesta Trace Park. **Cost is \$95/6 weeks. Classes start 9/17 and then 11/5.** Susan Claire at 954-680-8101. Canine Good Citizen Class also available at 3:00pm.

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The Weston Regional Park

HOLIDAY CHORAL & MUSICAL CONCERT – FIU

Chorus, guest soloists & FIU Brass Group
Friday, December 9, 2005 | 8pm-10pm
Weston Town Center Park Amphitheater

FIU MARCHING BAND DRUM LINE & WINTER GUARD and THE FIU WIND ENSEMBLE

Friday, February 24, 2006 | 8pm-10pm
The Weston Regional Park

No rain dates

Bring lawn chairs or blankets for an evening of music under the stars!

ORCHESTRA PERFORMANCES

Sponsored by The City of Weston & The Weston Philharmonic Society

JACK O' LANTERN JAMBOREE CONCERT SYMPHONY OF THE AMERICAS

Sunday, October 30, 2005 | 1pm & 3pm performances
Maestro James Brooks-Bruzzese, Artistic Director
Musicians and conductor performing in costume with musical scores of a "spooky" theme.
The Cypress Bay Theater | Tickets: \$5

SYMPHONY OF THE AMERICAS POPS CONCERT

Saturday, February 11, 2006 | 8pm-10pm performance
Maestro James Brooks-Bruzzese, Artistic Director
Popular selections performed by full orchestra with two fabulous vocalists.
The Cypress Bay Theater | Tickets: \$20 adults / \$5 students

SYMPHONY OF THE AMERICAS with VOVKA ASHKENAZY on piano

Saturday, March 25, 2006 | 8pm-10pm performance
Maestro James Brooks-Bruzzese, Artistic Director
Performing the Grieg Piano Concerto and other works by Verdi and Bizet.
The Cypress Bay Theater | Tickets: \$20 adults / \$5 students

Tickets for orchestra performances can be purchased at The Weston Community Center, 20200 Saddle Club Road, The Community Bank of Broward 1504 Weston Road; and the Music Education Center, 90 Indian Trace.

CHILDREN'S THEATER

Sponsored by The City of Weston

RUMPLESTILTSKIN

Sunday, January 15, 2006 | 1:30pm performance
A theatrical and musical presentation by Stages Productions based on the classic tale by the Brothers Grimm.
The Cypress Bay Theater | Tickets: \$5

SNOW WHITE

Sunday, April 23, 2006 | 1:30pm performance
A theatrical and musical presentation by Stages Productions offering plenty of singing, dancing and laughs galore throughout the enticing journey of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.
The Cypress Bay Theater | Tickets: \$5

Tickets for the Children's Theater are available at the Weston Community Center, 954-389-4321

We also offer free monthly outdoor movies...
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The YMCA Corner

Presented by the new West Broward YMCA Family Center



Be Active. Be Involved. Belong.

The new West Broward YMCA Family Center will be conveniently located inside the Regional Park at Weston. We are excited to welcome you to our new Family Center.

On the surface, the YMCA may appear to be just a place to go for a workout. When you take a deeper look inside, you will see it as a place where families, children, teens and seniors find a warm welcome, a place to gather, to exercise, to play, to learn, to find camaraderie. Membership at the West Broward Family YMCA is more than a membership to a health club.

Enjoy the benefits of increased health and vitality; participate in regular health and wellness programs that provide a wealth of positive results; increase energy, decrease stress, prevent illness, maintain a healthy weight, find personal balance, and enjoy quality time with family and friends. All of this is possible and more when you embark on your health and wellness journey. At the YMCA, we combine spirit, mind and body in an integrated approach to well being. The YMCA recognizes that health is much more than fitness alone. We believe small changes in a person's lifestyle can produce great results. We can work with you to establish personal goals - creating healthier habits, one small step at a time.

We've designed our 42,500 square-foot, state-of-the-art facility with all families in mind. A Child Watch Center where children age 7 and under participate in fun activities while parents enjoy their workout. A Family Activity Center where children ages 8 to 13 can be adventurous and scale the rock-climbing wall. A Teen Center offering young adults ages 14 to 18 a safe place to just hang out with friends with a large screen television and pool table. A place where active older adults have the opportunity to socialize, volunteer, and keep physically fit.

THE WEST BROWARD FAMILY Y OFFERS THE FOLLOWING AMENITIES:

- 7,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art strength and cardiovascular fitness center including Nautilus and Free Motion strength training machines; free weights; Star Trac and Free Motion cardio equipment: 15 Ellipticals; 15 Treadmills; Recumbent Bikes; Upright Bikes; Stair Mills and Stair Steppers
- Aerobics and Dance Studio providing group classes
- Spinning Room with 25 bikes
- Childcare services while you work out
- Aquatics center which includes: 50-meter Olympic size

MEMBERSHIP RATES

Membership Type	Monthly Draft	Joining Fee
Family	\$69.00	\$125.00
Adult	40.00	100.00
Teen	30.00	25.00
Senior Couple	62.00	112.00
Senior	36.00	90.00



heated pool; family fun water park with a zero-depth entry pool and water slides; and a therapy/teaching pool

- Gymnasium for indoor sports
- Family activity center including a 28-foot climbing wall climbing wall
- Teen Center providing wholesome activities, a large screen TV and pool table
- Computer lab
- Active Older Adult Programs offering wellness, recreation and a social outlet for seniors
- Locker rooms: men's, women's and family
- Multi-purposes space for family programming
- Outside Playground
- Professional, certified staff
- Member rates for After School Care, Holiday Care and Sports Programs
- Café

HIGHLIGHTS

Health and Wellness Center

Our new facility will feature state-of-the-art cardio and strength equipment as well as free-weights. Our Health & Wellness staff will be certified professionals who provide many services to help you meet your fitness goals.

Gymnasium

Whether you are a serious player or just play for fun with your family, the YMCA makes time for you in our gym with open and recreational time for kids, adults and families.

Aquatics Center

Water provides a great avenue for exercise and fun! Certified lifeguards will staff our pools and trained swim instructors will provide swim lessons. We will set aside time for member lap swim and for family recreational swim. Our water exercise programs will offer a low impact, high intensity alternative to land aerobics.

Child Watch

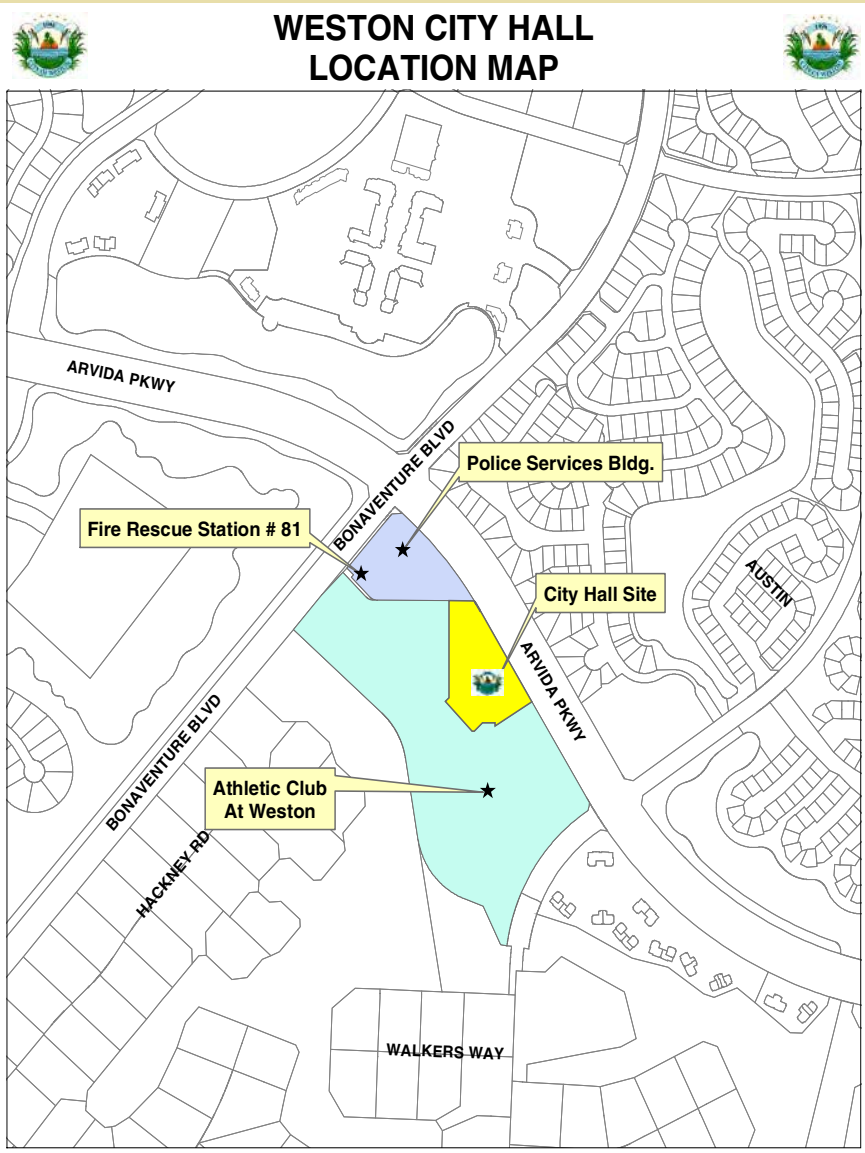
Finding time for you to get fit isn't always easy with a hectic family schedule. At the Y, we'll help you make the time by offering quality childcare services led by trained YMCA staff.

Specialty Programs

No matter what your interest or ability, we will have special programs for you and your family. Teens can expand their worlds with programs like Youth In Government, community volunteer projects and other teen clubs. Our sports programs build winners on and off the field by demonstrating and encouraging positive values, teamwork and fair play.

The West Broward Family YMCA will be accessible to the physically handicapped.

Join your West Broward Family YMCA today by completing a Membership Application at our West Broward Family YMCA office located at 2125 North Commerce Parkway, Weston, 33326 or call us with any questions at (954) 424-9622.



A City Hall in the Planning

City Commissioners have issued the go-ahead for the design and construction of a City Hall versus renewing the office space it has leased at 2500 Weston Road since 1997.

The City owns the 3.5 acres of land for the building, which would place City Hall in a triangular configuration with the police and fire departments located near the corner of Arvida Parkway (soon to be Royal Palm Boulevard) and Bonaventure Boulevard. The proposed building is a one-story, 14,000 square-foot structure. The cost of constructing and furnishing the building will be borrowed through a seven-year loan which will not require any increase in the City tax rate.

Currently City Commission meetings are held in the Weston Community Center, taking up valuable space used for recreational programs. The City Hall will have state-of-the-art Commission chambers located within the building, along with the departments of the City Manager, City Clerk, and Communications. There will be conference rooms for the City Commission and staff, along with much needed expanded office and storage areas. The anticipated design for the lobby will provide residents and visitors with city information in a comfortable setting.



Looking for A Few Good Men...

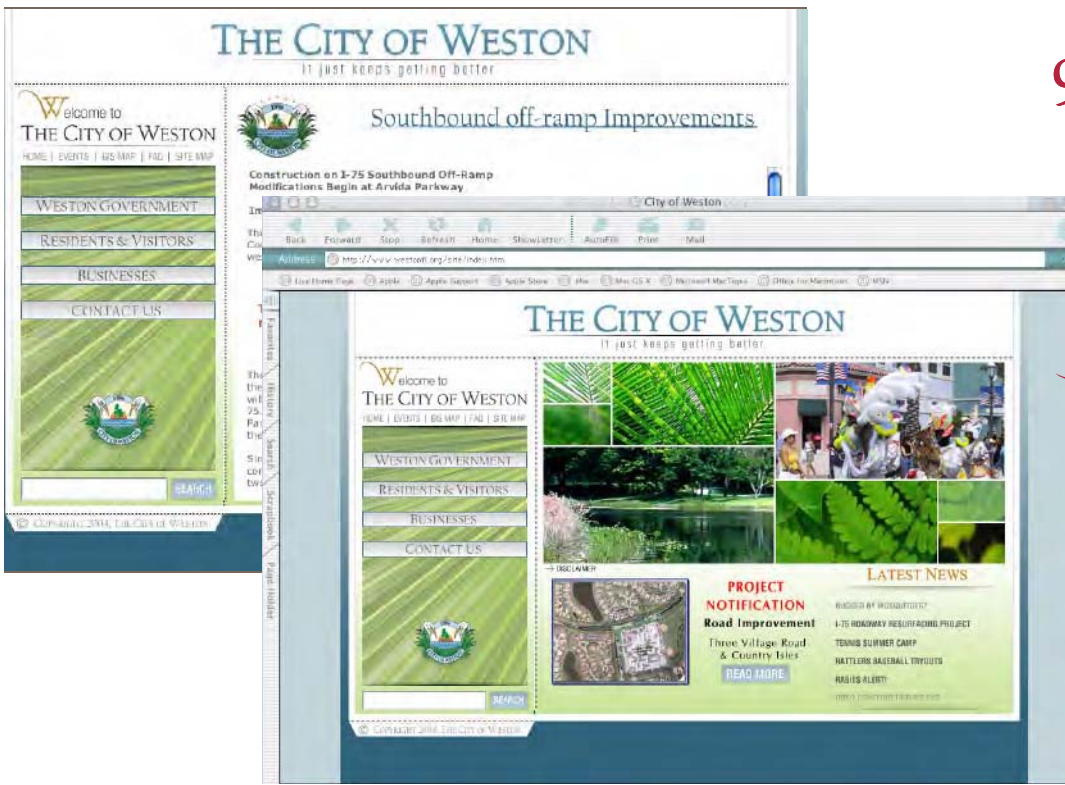
The YMCA is organizing a Softball League for Men Over 60. The season will open this October at the Weston Regional Park.

Interested? Please contact Jerry Lesnik at 954-389-3895 or Brian at 954-424-9622.



On the morning of September 11, 2001, America experienced several tragic terrorist attacks in which thousands of innocent civilians perished. It was a day of horror and great sadness that cannot be forgotten.

We remember and honor those who were lost and extend our sympathies to their families and friends. On September 11th, the City of Weston, along with our nation, pays respects to those lives lost in New York City, in Washington, DC, and in Pennsylvania. We honor each name and each life.



9TH ANNUAL
Webby
 AWARDS

City of Weston Website Wins WEBBY Worthy Award

The Webby Awards are the leading international awards honoring excellence in web design, functionality and creativity. Established in 1996 during the web's infancy, the Webbys are presented by The International Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences, a 500-member body of leading web experts, business figures, luminaries, visionaries and creative celebrities. The Academy evaluates websites based on six criteria: content, structure and navigation, visual design, functionality, interactivity, and overall experience.

The City of Weston's website, designed by Shae Strachan of Calvin, Giordano & Associates, and now maintained by Severn Trent, was among esteemed company. Other

Webby Worthy Award recipients include the Clinton Presidential Library, CBS, The History Channel and National Geographic Education.

If you haven't visited the Weston website lately, add it to your Favorites list now: www.westonfl.org. Here you'll find up-to-the-minute Latest News and Projects right on the homepage, along with useful information on city departments and services, a calendar of events and much more. Residents will soon see more changes as the colors and design elements of the website (and the city newsletter) change each year to complement the Annual Performance Report.

9th Annual Webby Awards Webby Worthy Selections

As a result of the exceptional quality of this year's submissions, for the first time ever this year's Annual Webby Awards recognized sites and the teams behind them that demonstrated standards of excellence. Although these sites were not chosen as nominees, being selected Webby Worthy is a significant achievement.

Of the more than 4,000 entries submitted to the 9th Annual Webby Awards, fewer than 20% were deemed Webby Worthy. This honor signifies an outstanding caliber of work.

For more information on the Webby Awards, visit: <https://www.webbyawards.com/webbys>



Fall Events at the Weston Tennis Center

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Saturday, September 17	9:30am-12:30pm	Davis Cup Team Tennis Challenge
Friday, September 23	9:30am-12:30pm	Fashion Show Lunch and Round Robin
Friday, October 7	6:30pm-9:30pm	Men's & Ladies Pro Am

For More Information and Registration, contact
The Weston Tennis Center
 16451 Racquet Club Road
 954-389-8666

SPOTLIGHT on the Weston Community Center

Exercising body and mind are important components to wellness, an important benefit provided by Weston's Parks and Recreation Division. In this edition of SPOTLIGHT, we look at two new programs aimed specifically at new mothers, a growing segment of Weston's population.



Stroller Strides™ is a unique exercise program designed to allow moms to work out with their children. There's no need for a babysitter since the child and their stroller are essential parts of the workout. Stroller Strides™ bene-

fits include: a great way to lose pregnancy weight in a safe environment; getting new moms out and about while providing social support and fun; and instructors who are knowledgeable on pre/postnatal fitness.



Babies have a lot to say, even before they can actually speak. With the new **Baby Signs® Program**, infants and toddlers can use simple signs to let you know what they see, what they need, and even how they

feel. Research has shown that using the Baby Signs® Program decreases frustration and helps babies learn to talk sooner. This 6-week program includes lots of signing and dancing activities that highlight important developmental skills. Instructor Dawn Vazquez has trained her daughter in this method with spectacular results.

From moms to tots to grandpops, the Weston Community Center has programs for everyone. To find out more, please check the class listing in this issue of the Announcer or call the Weston Community Center at 954-389-4321.

Calendar of Events

UPCOMING EVENTS IN WESTON

September | October | November | December | January

SEPTEMBER

Sat., Sept. 17
9:30am-12pm

Davis Cup Team Tennis Challenge

A pro will be the captain of each one of the 4 teams. Each team will play each other in singles, men's doubles & mixed doubles, similar to the Davis Cup format with the winning team taking home the trophy. All levels welcome.

Lunch & drinks will follow. \$18 for members, \$25 for non-members.

Weston Tennis Center, 16451 Racquet Club Road, Call to reserve, 954-389-8666.

Sun., Sept. 18
1pm-4pm
Free event

SunTrust Sunday Jazz Festival in the West

Kicking off the 2005-2006 series, as live jazz fills the air from three stages of entertainment.

Weston Town Center & Weston Town Center Park, 1900 Bell Tower Lane, 954-349-8123

Fri., Sept. 23
9:30am-12pm

Ladies Round Robin Tournament, Fashion Show & Lunch.

Tournament at 9:30am, fashion show and lunch at 12:00pm. Great raffle prizes & awards for tournament winners. \$15 for members, \$25 for non-members.

Weston Tennis Center, 16451 Racquet Club Road, Call to reserve, 954-389-8666.

OCTOBER

Fri., Oct. 7
6:30-9:30pm

Men's & Ladies' Pro Am Tournament

Amateurs will play with Pros, winning amateurs will be determined by total number of games won. The winner will go on to the finals with the top Pro from their specific group. Prize money for winning & runner-up amateurs. Drinks & refreshments available. \$75 for members, \$100 for non-members.

Weston Tennis Center, 16451 Racquet Club Road, Call to reserve, 954-389-8666.



Oct. 29

Weston Halloween Safety Expo

Wed., Oct. 12
Thur., Oct. 13
Or
Fri., Oct. 14
Multi-family
Sat., Oct. 15

Bulk Pick-Up Collection for October 2005
Bulk trash must be placed curbside by 7am on your regularly scheduled collection day of Wednesday, Oct. 12th, Thursday, Oct. 13th; or Friday, Oct. 14th.

For multi-family residences, place items by your dumpster for Sat., Oct. 15th.

Citywide Bulk Trash Pick-Up
954-583-1830 – All Service Refuse
954-385-2000 – City Hall

Sat., Oct. 15
7:30pm
Free Event

Moonlight Movies in the Park – Shark Tales
Presented by Maroone AutoNation, the Ft. Lauderdale Film Institute and the City of Weston. Free admission; bring blankets or lawn chairs. Kids under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Snacks available.

Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Road, The Event Stage, 954-389-4321

Sun., Oct. 16
1pm-4pm
Free Event

SunTrust Sunday Jazz Festival in the West
Live jazz fills the air from three stages of entertainment.

Weston Town Center & Weston Town Center Park 1900 Bell Tower Lane, 954-349-8123

Fri., Oct. 21
8pm-10pm
Free Event

The FIU Big Band with vocalist Carla Ramirez

Sam Lussier, Director. The FIU Big Band specializes in the performance of the full range of jazz from the traditional to the contemporary. The band is made up of FIU students from throughout the world, most of whom are already jazz professionals in their own right. Bring lawn chairs or blankets.

Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Road, The Event Stage
Abundant free parking, 954-389-4321

Sat., Oct. 29
6pm-9pm
Free Event

Weston Halloween Safety Expo

Fun and educational for all ages! Costume contest for kids; candy at each booth; DJ playing tunes; Children's activities; Demos/ Displays by SWAT, K-9, Broward County Fire, Marine Patrol, Mounted Unit, US Secret Service, Florida Fish & Game.

Tequesta Trace Park, 600 Indian Trace
954-389-4321

Calendar of Events

Sun., Oct. 30
1pm & 3pm
Performances

Tickets: \$5

Jack O' Lantern Jamboree Concert

A fantastic opportunity and fun way to introduce children to classical music. The Symphony of the Americas Orchestra musicians and conductor will perform on stage in costume, performing musical scores with a "spooky" theme. Sponsored by the Weston Philharmonic Society and the City of Weston
Cypress Bay Theater, 18600 Vista Park Drive
Free parking, Tickets \$5 - Available at The Community Bank of Broward 1504 Weston Road; and the Music Education Center, 90 Indian Trace. Also sold the day of the performance at the box office if available.

NOVEMBER

Sat., Nov. 19
7:30pm
Free Event

Moonlight Movies in the Park – Daddy Day Care

Presented by Maroone AutoNation, the Ft. Lauderdale Film Institute and the City of Weston. Free admission; bring blankets or lawn chairs. Kids under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Snacks available.
Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Road, The Event Stage, 954-389-4321

Sun., Nov. 20
1pm-4pm
Free Event

SunTrust Sunday Jazz Festival in the West

Live jazz fills the air from three stages of entertainment.
Weston Town Center & Weston Town Center Park, 1900 Bell Tower Lane, 954-349-8123

DECEMBER

Fri., Dec. 9
8pm-10pm
Free Event

Holiday Concert

Get in the spirit of the holidays...The FIU Chorus with guest soloists and the FIU brass group will perform holiday songs for a festive evening. Bring lawn chair or blankets for a wonderful family event.
Town Center Park Amphitheater, 1900 Bell Tower Lane, 954-389-4321

Sat., Dec. 10
7:30pm
Free Event

Moonlight Movies in the Park – A Christmas Story

Presented by Maroone AutoNation, the Ft. Lauderdale Film Institute and the City of Weston. Free admission; bring blankets or lawn chairs. Kids under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Snacks available.
Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Road, The Event Stage, 954-389-4321

Sun., Dec. 18
1pm-4pm
Free Event

SunTrust Sunday Jazz Festival in the West

Live jazz fills the air from three stages of entertainment.
Weston Town Center & Weston Town Center Park, 1900 Bell Tower Lane, 954-349-8123

JANUARY

Sat., Jan. 7
7:30pm
Free Event

Moonlight Movies in the Park – Son of the Mask

Presented by Maroone AutoNation, the Ft. Lauderdale Film Institute and the City of Weston. Free admission; bring blankets or lawn chairs. Kids under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Snacks available.
Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Road, The Event Stage, 954-389-4321

Sun., Jan. 15
1:30pm

Tickets: \$5

Rumplestiltskin – a presentation by Stages Productions. Join the Queen, the Prince, the Miller and his daughter as they match wits with the original man of mystery in this new musical based on the classic tale by the Brothers Grimm.

Cypress Bay Theater, 18600 Vista Park Drive
Free parking, Tickets: \$5 – Available at the Weston Community Center. Also sold the day of the performance at the box office if available. 954-389-4321

Every Wed.
11am

Children's Story Time

Story time reading for children ages 3-6 years of age. A bi-lingual story time program will begin in the fall. Call the Reading Center for more information.

***Weston Reading Center, 17120 Arvida Parkway, 954-389-2098**

**The Reading Center will close when the Weston Branch Library opens in the fall at 4205 Bonaventure Boulevard*

Every Sat.
10am-2pm

Child Car Safety Seat Inspection

Have your child's car seat inspected to ensure it is installed properly.

Weston Police Services Building, 17300 Arvida Parkway, 954-389-2030 / 954-389-2010



Oct. 7
Men's & Ladies'
Pro Am Tournament



I-75 South OFF RAMP

For the latest information and updates on the I-75 Off Ramp Improvements Project, please check the City website homepage at www.westonfl.org. The I-75 Project icon will link you to construction and project details, a site rendering, and will advise you of any lane or ramp closures throughout the Project's construction phase. While driving around town, tune to 1680AM for construction delay information, and other city information on events and programs.

Check for Park Field Closures

From Any Computer, Anywhere...



Weston has just made it much easier for parents, kids and sports leagues to check for field or park closures. Just click on our website!

Go to the city website at www.westonfl.org.

Go to Parks & Recreation, then on that page, click on Park Closure

Information. You will also find a link on the

Municipal Parks page. Here you will view a list of all city parks, locations, hours of operation, and in the comment boxes the city will advise of any field or other closures.

It's that easy.

Don't forget if you're driving around town to tune into 1680AM which also has field closure notification information along with information on road construction, city events and activities, and sports registration.



NEW NAME(S) FOR ARVIDA PARKWAY

Public Safety issues prompt renaming of street

Who, What, When, Where, Why & How

WHO: This change affects Weston residents, businesses and visitors.

WHAT: Two new names for separate stretches of Arvida Parkway.

ROYAL PALM BOULEVARD – from I-75 South exit, between Weston Road and Saddle Club Road

GLADES PARKWAY – from Saddle Club Road, north to I-75 North

WHEN: The new names will be effective beginning January 1, 2006.

The effective date of the name changes will begin on January 1st. The old name of Arvida Parkway will be

noted below all of the street and highway exit signs.

WHERE: 5-1/2 mile length of Arvida Parkway.

The diagram depicts the sections of roadway that will be renamed. From Saddle Club Road north to I-75 the new street name, and the name of the exit off of I-75 North, will be **Glades Parkway**. From Saddle Club Road east past Weston Road to I-75 South, the new street name, and I-75 exit name, will be **Royal Palm Boulevard**.

WHY: Two locations, same name.

Currently Arvida Parkway intersects with I-75 at two locations within the City. Both exits/intersections have the same name: Arvida Parkway at I-75. One is located at the north end of the City off I-75 North, the other is located at the City's main entrance off I-75 South.

The dual Arvida Parkway exits continually cause complications for Fire Rescue personnel responding to emergency calls along I-75. Callers do not or cannot always advise which stretch of I-75 they are on, other than naming the exit they are near. In all of these instances, a fire engine and an EMS unit must be dispatched to each Arvida & I-75 intersection. Crews run at emergency speeds through traffic to both locations, creating additional risks for both rescue personnel and the public. Most importantly, while the two crews are enroute looking for which I-75 & Arvida has the accident, the additional crew is unable to respond to other calls for service elsewhere in the city. As a temporary assistance measure for Fire Rescue use only, the City is placing video cameras atop a billboard along I-75 South at Arvida Parkway and atop a building located near I-75 North and Arvida Parkway so that rescue crews might be able to view which location has an accident scene when calls come in, although the area viewed is limited.

And finally,

HOW: Department of Transportation and U.S. Post Office advised

The Department of Transportation will be making the necessary changes to exit signs at both the I-75 North and I-75 South locations. The U.S. Post Office has been advised of the street name changes along Arvida Parkway.

Businesses and residences along Arvida Parkway have been contacted and notified of the change. Other businesses within the City may wish to update any printed or website directional materials beginning January 1, 2006. The City will change internal city street signs. Mapquest and other internet-based mapping and directional assistance providers will be notified by the City.

The new names echo the desire of residents for names more reflective of our community. At the City's request, many names were submitted for consideration. The fact that the two names are used in other areas of South Florida does not pose a problem as street names are duplicative across many cities. Royal Palm Boulevard, from I-75 South to Saddle Club Road was a natural selection, as the medians and rights of way are richly lined with royal palms. The section to be named Glades Parkway, from Saddle Club Road to I-75 North (and State Road 84) reflects Weston's close proximity to the Florida Everglades which border the City on two sides.

SW 36th STREET ALSO RENAMED

Weston's SW 36th Street, which is off of South Post Road and runs west past Manatee Bay Elementary School, has been renamed "Manatee Isles Drive." This new name will also take effect on January 1, 2006.



Around They Go...

Around the roundabout that is, for motorists visiting Weston's Regional Park or passing through what used to be a 3-way stop at the intersection of South Post and Saddle Club Roads. Completed in July, the roundabout has eliminated the former 3-way stop at the entrance to the park and allows for the continual movement of vehicles. The roundabout also prevents the ability to drive head-on into the park at higher rates of speed. Previously drivers would sometimes not obey the stop sign before entering the park, endangering the many pedestrians within the park itself. Motorists can now smoothly transition the two roadways without having to come to a complete stop.

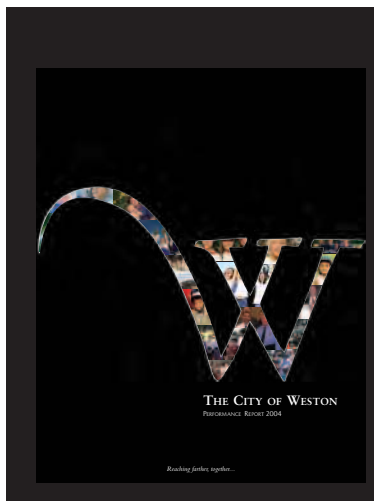
The new design is primarily based on traffic management concepts although aesthetics come in a close second. The entranceway has been transformed with brick pavers, columns, extensive landscaping, flag poles and lighting, making it an attractive entrance befitting of a world class park.



L-R: Commissioner Daniel Stermer, Commissioner Sharon Cheren, Mayor Eric Hersh, Fire Chief Craig Otten, Battalion Chief Joe Hosford, Lt. Dave Lindsay, Lt. Tom Lord, Commissioner Mercedes Henriksson and Commissioner Murray Chermak.

Battalion Chief Joe Hosford, Lieutenant Dave Lindsay and Lieutenant Tom Lord were recognized as the Broward Sheriff's Office Fire Rescue Division Employees of the Month in June for their pioneering efforts to bring the Bicycle Paramedic program to Weston and Broward County. Having seen a few bike paramedic programs in several larger cities around the country, these officers each took a 40-hour bike course, going on to become instructors. On their own initiative they

developed a comprehensive program for Weston which was successfully trialed. Weston now utilizes bike paramedics at all large outdoor events such as the Weston Arts Festival, Fourth of July Celebration and 5K runs, to quickly maneuver through crowds to easily reach patients as the first form of response. In May 2005, these three officers trained 65 BSO Fire Rescue employees with the county who will soon be deployed to airport terminals.



2004 Performance Report in Homes

Weston's 2004 Performance Report was mailed to city residences in late May. The report chronicles the events and major accomplishments of the 2004 fiscal year, and presents a concise view of the financial results of the 2004 annual audit.

If you or your business would like additional copies, please contact the Communications Department at 954-385-2000.



Broward Sheriff's Office 2005 Public Safety Partners of the Year Award The City of Weston

The City of Weston was presented with the Broward Sheriff's Office 2005 Public Safety Partners of the Year Award at their Semi-Annual Awards Ceremony on June 24th, held at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts. In attendance to accept this honorary distinction on behalf of the City were Mayor Eric Hersh and City Manager John Flint.

Traffic Signal UPDATE

Information regarding current traffic signal projects is also available on the city website, www.westonfl.org, under "Current Projects."

Approved New Signals Under Construction:

- Saddle Club Road at Savanna Trail
- Bonaventure Blvd. at Saddle Club Road (flashing beacon until approved for full-color operation)
- I-75 Southbound Off-Ramp at Arvida Parkway East (see article in this edition)

Traffic Signal Modifications:

- Arvida Parkway at Saddle Club Road – left-turn arrows
- Bonaventure Blvd. at Vista Park Blvd. – video detection
- Three current signal locations will be reconstructed. These are the oldest traffic signals in the City and will be upgraded to current standards:
 - Indian Trace at Falls/North Lake Blvd.
 - Indian Trace at Palm Boulevard/Springs Blvd.
 - Indian Trace at Three Village Road



Potential Future Signal Installations Awaiting Approval from Broward County:

- North Commerce Parkway (south) at Lakeview Circle (Beacon Pointe)
- South Post Road at North Ridge Drive

Other Traffic Activities:

- Weston Road at Weston Commons - Median Opening: A permanent restrictive median is to be constructed by Weston Commons. Construction will begin in July 2005. In addition, analysis and potential design concepts are underway for conversion to a directional opening/coordinated signal system for the Weston Road corridor from South Post Road to Griffin Road.



Everglades Elementary School students visited City Hall and were treated to a presentation by the Broward Sheriff's Office Police & Fire personnel.



Win a Yard Makeover

From NatureScape Broward

Weston residents are eligible to enter the countywide NatureScape Makeover contest. The winner will receive a complete yard makeover designed by a team of landscape experts, transforming it into a Florida-friendly oasis.

TO ENTER:

- Entries accepted September 1st - 30th at all county libraries.

- Visit the NatureScape Broward website at www.broward.org/naturescape to print out a registration form and view contest rules.
- Submit a 100-word or less description of why your yard deserves to win a makeover. You may also submit photos, a video or drawings.

For more information on the contest, call NatureScape Broward (954) 519-0317

Broward County Transit's Free 'Western Express' Bus Service to Provide Earlier Morning Service

Broward County Transit (BCT) announces an earlier departure on the eastbound morning "Western Express" bus. The "Western Express" now departs from the C.B. Smith Park & Ride lot in Pembroke Pines at 7:00 a.m. instead of 7:10 a.m.

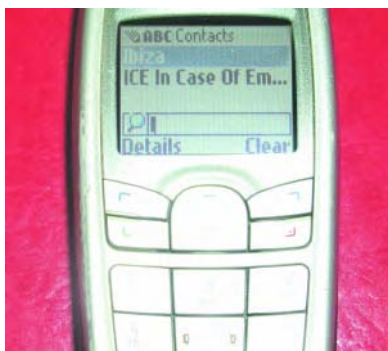
The earlier morning departure time will enable business commuters to reach their destinations and to make Tri-Rail connections in a timelier manner.

The "Western Express" bus service is air-conditioned

and provides comfortable, convenient and stress-free transportation Monday through Friday, to and from downtown Fort Lauderdale, southwest Broward, and Tri-Rail.

The "Weston/Bonaventure Express" that departs from the Town Center in Weston will not change its morning departure time.

For more information, call the customer service center at 954-357-8400 or visit the website at www.broward.org/bct.



I-C-E Your Cell Phone

It's a lot more than cool...

Police and Emergency personnel are encouraging cell phone owners to "I-C-E" their phones. ICE stands for In Case of Emergency, which you store in the Contacts List or Address Book of your cellular phone. Officials ask that you program emergency contact information into your cell phone under the name ICE. In most cell phones you can enter several numbers under one name, or you can place a title after ICE, such as ICE-daughter or ICE-Dad.

The ICE initiative was originally conceived by a British paramedic and has gained increasing popularity around the globe. Emergency personnel will be able to save precious

time when they need to talk to a family member or emergency contact, going straight to ICE for their information. If ICE is there, it eliminates fumbling through a wallet or address book for possible information and then guessing at who is being contacted.

Today, adults and kids alike rarely leave home without it – their cell phone, that is. Most children don't carry an ID or wallet and many times even an adult will go out without ID, but not without that cell phone. It is a quick way in an emergency to identify someone or get authorization for emergency care. It can also simplify finding the owner of a lost phone.

It is simple, it is free, and it can be essential. I-C-E your phone today.



City Contacts

Emergency Police/Fire/EMS	911	Weston Sports Alliance / <i>Alianza Deportiva de Weston</i>	
<i>Emergencia</i> Policia/Bomberos/Auxilio Médico	911	Sports League Information & Registration	954-389-4321
		See City website www.westonfl.org for individual phone numbers for each league.	
City Hall / <i>Oficinas Municipales</i>		Weston Tennis Center	
2500 Weston Road, Suite 101	954-385-2000	16451 Racquet Club Road	954-389-8666
Broward Sheriff's Office / <i>Departamentos de Policia</i>		Water and Sewer / <i>Agua y Alcantarillado</i>	
Non-Emergency Dispatch / <i>Despacho No Emergencia</i>	954-765-4321	New connections, billing info. / <i>Nuevas conexiones, cuentas</i>	954-746-3232
Police Administration / <i>Policia Administración</i>		Problems / <i>Problemas</i>	
Weston Police Services Building, 17300 Arvida Parkway	954-389-2010	Bonaventure area of Weston	954-846-7400
24 Hour Information / <i>Información las 24 horas</i>	954-389-2010	After hours and weekends for Bonaventure	954-846-7400
Weston Traffic Unit / <i>Weston Unidad de Tráfico</i>	954-389-2016	Indian Trace area (all areas except Bonaventure)	954-389-4321
Crime Prevention / <i>Prevención del Crimen</i>	954-389-2030	After hours and weekends for Indian Trace	954-753-0380
Code Enforcement / <i>Aplicación de Reglamentos</i>	954-389-2067	Garbage / <i>Desecho</i>	
Fire Department Administration / <i>Bomberos - Administración</i>		All Service Refuse-Customer Service	954-583-1830
Station No. 81, 17350 Arvida Parkway	954-389-2015	Cable	
Planning & Zoning / <i>Planeamiento y Zonificación</i>		Advanced Cable	
Calvin Giordano & Associates	954-921-7781	(Channel #25 for City Information)	954-753-0100
Building & Permitting / <i>Construcción & Permisos</i>		Comcast Cable	
Broward County Building Code Services	954-831-4000	(Channel #78 for City Information)	800-568-1212
<i>Beginning Oct. 1, 2005:</i>		City of Weston Website / <i>Página de Web</i>	www.westonfl.org
CSA Southeast, Inc.	954-385-0500	Weston Community Radio	
Community Services / <i>Servicios a la Comunidad</i>		/ <i>Estación de Radio Comunitaria</i>	1680AM
Parks & Recreation, Public Works/		Broward County Environmental Hotline	
<i>Parques Diversión, Obras Públicas</i>		/ <i>Línea sobre Asuntos Ambientales</i>	954-519-1400
Weston Community Center,		Broward County Library Weston Reading Center	
20200 Saddle Club Road	954-389-4321	/ <i>Biblioteca</i>	
		17120 Arvida Parkway	954-389-2098
		* Opening in the fall of 2005:	
		Weston Broward Library	
		4205 Bonaventure Boulevard	

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The City of Weston Fiscal Year 2006 Budget



Is available for viewing
on the city website at www.westonfl.org,
under Financial & Admin. Support/
Financial Reports.

*-Mark your Calendars-
Weston's 2005/2006
Performing Arts Series*

*Stepping Out
Events profiled inside*

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