



*A New Decade,  
New Opportunities...*

## Finding the Balance

*Eric M. Hersh, Mayor*

This year's budget is one of the most important in our city's short history, for several reasons. First, as our city has now virtually achieved build-out, we cannot rely on any additional revenue from growth to meet our needs. Second, with the State now mandating property tax cuts at the local level, having the lowest ad valorem tax rate in the County still doesn't meet the mandated guidelines. And finally, the downturn in the real estate market will have an impact on our long term revenues in the City.

The City Commission is committed to finding the balance between being a premier community, and keeping costs as low as possible. We recognize that the cost of living, particularly taxation and insurance, has impacted many residents, and part of our responsibility is to try to minimize the cost of running our city.

It is very important to realize however, that only about 7%-8% of the average tax bill is attributable to the City of Weston. This upcoming year we are trimming back our tax rate significantly, making some difficult value judgments on expenditures, and likely to significantly reduce "discretionary" expenses. Some of these reductions will be noticed, and the services will be missed by many residents, but all essential services are being maintained at the highest level. We will also not compromise on the aesthetics of Weston, as this adds significant appeal, and therefore plays an important role in maintaining property values.

In doing this, we will meet all mandated cuts which were imposed by the State Legislature. However, there are other factors affecting your tax bill which we would like you to be aware of, some of which will cause some disappointment in the expected reductions. The School Board of Broward

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County is exempt from the mandated tax reductions, and in fact, the Legislature has MANDATED they increase their tax rate. Further, other agencies that tax us on the property tax bill were not subject to the same provisions as we are.

As a part of the overall effort to keep costs down, we are moving the garbage fee from the utility bill each month, to the annual tax bill. You will therefore see a reduction each month on the utility bill, and a lump sum on this year's tax bill. The overall amount will be slightly less than this past year, but needs to be noted when you look at the notice you receive regarding your property taxes.

On January 29, 2008, you will be asked to vote on an amendment to Florida's constitution which will have very broad and long lasting effects for all residents. It is very important that every voter participate in this referendum, and take the time to fully understand the ballot question. Some of the main issues are the eventual elimination of the "Save our Homes" provision, which capped the increases in assessed values of your homes each year for tax purposes. The introduction of a "Super Exemption", and a one time irrevocable election of either the "Super Exemption" or keeping the "Save our Homes" for your current property. The Broward

County Property Appraiser has a valuable calculator on their web site ([www.bcpa.net](http://www.bcpa.net)), where you can locate your property, and see the impact of each option.

The amendment also grants to the State Legislature the power to mandate cuts in local ad valorem tax rates. What this means, is you are shifting the responsibility of determining the city's maximum tax rate from the City Commission to the State Legislature. Prior to this year, cities had the constitutional authority to levy a tax rate of up to 1% of the value of your home or property. For the past 10 years Weston's tax rate has been well below that each year at 0.15352%, only about 15% of what is permitted. If the voters choose to change this provision, the Legislature can mandate reductions for all cities, as they have done this year. There would be no difference between cities with low tax rates like Weston, or those whose rate is many times more than ours. In addition, a community's needs and desires would not play a role in the State's decisions, as all would be mandated in the same way.

This is a major shift of responsibility from those elected to the City Commission to the State Legislature.

The financial impact of this constitutional amendment to the City is hard to predict. We don't know how many people will elect the new "Super Exemption", nor do we know what the Legislature will decide each year as to tax rates, therefore, our tradition in Weston of doing multi-year financial and business planning will be difficult at best.

Regardless of the outcome of this vote, the commission will work towards our continued commitment of providing the highest level of services at the lowest possible costs, and to giving you, the shareholders of Weston, the most for your investment.

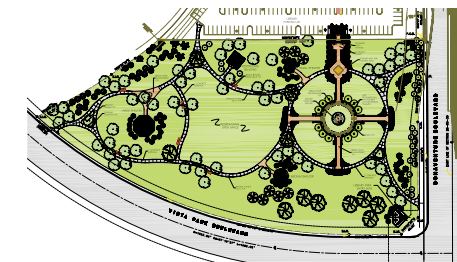


## The Parks Report

With 13 municipal parks and the Weston Tennis Center, Weston residents have the chance to enjoy an array of amenities for every age and lifestyle. 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.

Upcoming improvements include:

**Library Park** — A contract was awarded to Tenex Enterprises for the construction of Library Park which began in May. The project is expected to be completed by the end of this year or early 2008.



**Town Center Park** — New park hours are dawn to dusk, except during a special event.

**Florida's Future . . . It Starts In Parks:** Youth Achievement, Good Health, Sense of Community, Economic Development, Conservation, Respect for Nature, Ties to Heritage . . . It Really Does Start In Parks

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# A Note From the City Manager

John R. Flint, City Manager

“New Opportunities” is the theme for our Fiscal Year 2008 publications and media. This theme was originally intended to celebrate the commencement of our second decade as a municipal corporation, however, with the recent tax reform legislation and the resulting impact on our Fiscal Year 2008 budget which begins on October 1, 2007, this theme takes on an additional meaning.

In preparing for the year, and decade, ahead to the meet the challenge of the new fiscal impacts we first reaffirmed our core priorities; public safety, maintenance of physical infrastructure, and funding of reserves. We then proceeded to examine all of our business practices to identify and implement ways to continue to deliver the high level of essential services our residents and businesses have come to expect, and to do so in an even more cost-efficient manner. We also identified what we have labeled as non-essential services and ways to continue to deliver these services in a reduced, more cost-efficient manner, or unfortunately eliminating some of them. In the end, for Fiscal Year 2008 we were able to meet the state mandated reduction in millage rate, a 13.26% reduction over last year, with no decrease in public safety, no decrease in maintenance of

infrastructure, and preservation of prudent fund balances/reserves. My budget message and our Fiscal Year 2008 Budgets are available at [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org).

With new opportunities in the year and decade ahead also come new capabilities. Our new City Hall and our new Public Works Services Center, both opening in September, give us the capabilities we need to best service our residents and business in times of both calm and emergency. Our City Hall will house our executive offices and Commission Chamber, and with its own stand-by power system, will enable us to provide full services without interruption when FPL service is not available. The City Hall lobby is designed to be used as temporary office space in the event our Police Services Center, Community Center, or Public Works Services Center is damaged in a storm event.

The new Public Works Center will mean that our Public Works staff will finally be able to move out of the temporary modular structures that they have occupied for the past years. The new center is equipped with its own stand-by power system that will assure an uninterrupted power supply, and protected storage for the many items kept on-hand throughout the year in preparation for storm events. Included at the center is the City’s own fuel facility, enabling us to no longer have to rely on local retailers, and to assure a priority fuel source for our public safety and public works staffs at all times.

The City Hall, Public Works Services Center, Community Center and Police Services Center will all be interconnected for voice and data and are designed for inter-operability to assure continuity of services regardless of the reason, or the season.

Over the past decade our city has been recognized as one of the most desirable places to live in the United States, all of our public schools have been rated A+ for the past four years in a row, and we’ve received numerous professional awards for excellence in financial reporting and public information. These are but a few of the achievements that we will look upon to prepare us for the decade ahead, and to seize all of its “New Opportunities.”



## WE HAVE A NEW HOME! City Hall Opening September 10, 2007

PERMANENT CITY HALL CONSTRUCTED

*Come by and Visit to See the Completed Building...*

After leasing office space since 1997, Weston City Hall has a permanent home at 17200 Royal Palm Boulevard on 3.5 acres of City owned land that adjoins the Police and Fire Departments.

Our new City Hall is a one-story, 14,000 square-foot structure compared to the 3,700 square feet of space previously rented at a cost of over \$100,000 per year. Best of all, the building includes a state-of-the-art Commission chamber with theater-style seating for 154 persons. Once the chamber is completed, City Commission meetings will no longer take up valuable space and program time at the Weston Community Center (meetings for September will still be held at the Community Center). Another important feature is that the building includes an integrated backup generator so that city operations can continue in the event of power failures.

City Hall will house the departments of the City Manager, City Clerk, Finance and Communications. There will be conference rooms for the City Commission and staff, along with much needed expanded office and storage areas. The lobby will provide residents and visitors with city information in a comfortable setting.

### **Stop in and visit your city hall...**

A new location for your interest and participation in local government;  
Access to public information;  
And desire to stay connected and informed on your community.

The City of Weston ■ 17200 Royal Palm Boulevard

■ Weston ■ Florida 33326 ■ 954-385-2000

■ Fax: 954-385-2010 ■ [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org)

Hours: Mon - Thur 8:00am - 5:30pm

Friday 8:00am - 3:00pm

A Dedication Ceremony is being planned for Wednesday, December 5, 2007 - exactly 10 years from the date of the Grand Opening of Weston’s first City Hall location.

**Dedication and Desserts  
Wednesday, December 5, 2007  
7:00pm**





## Stories, Reads and Happenings at the Weston Branch Library

4205 Bonaventure Boulevard | 954-389-2098

### English Café

**Mondays 10:30 a.m. & Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.**

A conversation practice class for intermediate learners of English.

### Papo Afiado

**Mondays 6:30pm**

Intermediate level Portuguese conversation class.

### El Club

**2nd and 4th Tuesdays 6:00 p.m.**

Intermediate conversational Spanish, for English speakers.

### South American Book Club

**2nd Thursday of each month, 7:00pm**

Book discussion in English. Call 954-389-2098 x247 for book title.

### Spanish Book Club

**Last Tuesday of each month, 7:00pm**

Book discussion in Spanish. Call 954-389-2098 x244 for book title.

### Book Club

**Last Thursday of each month, 7:00pm**

Book discussion in English. Call 954-389-2098 x249 for book title.

### My Toddler and Me Story Time

**Mondays 10:30 & 11:30 a.m.**

Stories, songs, finger plays and other activities, for children ages 2 to 3.

### Afternoon Book Time

**Tuesdays 3:30 p.m.**

An afternoon of stories and activities, for children ages 6 to 9.

### All by Myself Preschool Story Time

**Wednesdays 11:00 a.m.**

A story, poem or other learning activities including a craft, for children ages 3 to 5.

### Erase Una Vez Bilingual Story Time

**1st and 3rd Wednesdays 3:30 p.m.**

A Bilingual story, poem or other learning activities including a craft, for children ages 4 to 8.

### Wags & Tales

**3rd Thursday of each month at 3:30 p.m.**

Practice reading to pet therapy dog for ages 5 to 12. Pre-register at Youth Services.



## Did You Know That...

One of the City's "green" processes in actually check processing. Utilizing electronic, paperless processing of checks helps the environment on several levels. In addition to the natural resources used to manufacture and print paper checks, processing the checks relies heavily on our nation's transportation system, including trucks and airplanes. It takes a considerable amount of fuel to ship our country's millions of checks each year between companies, financial institutions, and your home.

Florida Power and Light's (FPL) **Right Tree Place Program** shows you the right tree and the right place in your yard where to plant it. This helps avoid unnecessary trimming later and may help to avoid future outages. Go to [www.FPL.com/RightTree](http://www.FPL.com/RightTree)

**Illegal U-Turns** are the leading cause of intersection crashes in the City of Weston. Obey traffic signs and stay safe!

**Cypress Bay High School** is the only regular high school (non-magnet or technical program) in Broward County to earn an A rating for four consecutive years, in the State's A+ Grading Program. Cypress Bay has earned an A each year that it has been graded since opening in 2002.

**Youth Achievement...It starts in Parks:** Top Reasons Kids (ages 9-17) say "No" to Drugs: Sports, 30%; Hobbies, 16%; Family and Friends, 14%; Arts, 12%; Music, 11% (From the White House Office of National Drug Control)



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 perished in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 and extend our sympathies to their families and dependants.

On Sept. 11th, the City of Weston and our Nation pays our respects to those lives lost in Washington, in Pennsylvania, and in New York - we honor each name, and each life.

# Elected Officials

## Weston City Commission

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### Mayor

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Seat No. 4

### Commissioner

VACANT

Seat No. 1

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Mercedes G. Henriksson

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Seat No. 2





**Manatee Bay 5th grade First in Math**

On May 7, 2007 the City Commission presented Certificates of Recognition to Manatee Bay Elementary School's 5th Grade Class with teacher Lisa Weingartner, whose students were Tops in the State and Second in the Nation, in the On-Line Math Competition: "First in Math."



**Weston Fury U-12 soccer**

A second presentation was made at the Commission's May 7th meeting, recognizing the accomplishments of the Weston Fury U-12 Girls Soccer Team. After an outstanding regular season, all of the girls representing Weston were in the playoffs and made the final of the Orange Classic. The Fury went on to win the Region Cup. This win sent the team on to represent South Florida and the City of Weston in the Final Four of the Presidents Cup, which is the State Championship, held in Pensacola, FL. Having beaten the local team and host club, Pensacola FC in the Semi-Final, the girls played in torrential rain and lost 2-1 to Clearwater in the Final. Through hard work, both individually and as a team, coupled with a desire to always strive for excellence, the team has achieved great success.

*Congratulations to ALL.*



On July 2, 2007 the City Commission presented Commissioner Sharon Cheren with an engraved vase as a thank you for her service to the community.

**Commissioner Sharon Cheren  
Honored and thanked for her service**

The July 2nd, 2007 City Commission meeting was the final official city meeting for Commissioner Cheren, with her last day in office on July 31st. Commissioner Cheren and her husband are moving to New York State. Mayor Hersh spoke on behalf of the entire Commission and staff when he said that she would be greatly missed.

Commissioner Cheren has always been known for her professionalism as well as her compassion, concern and activism. A native Floridian, she noted that she and her family will always call Weston their home.

Commissioner Cheren was presented with an engraved vase that reads:

*Presented to Commissioner Sharon Cheren  
In recognition and sincere appreciation of your dedication,  
leadership, and service to the citizens of Weston.  
March 2005 - July 2007*



**Official City Meetings**

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

As of September 10th City Hall offices will be located at 17200 Royal Palm Blvd. All Commission meetings in September will still be held at the Weston Community Center. In October, please call to confirm meeting locations for both the City Commission and Planning and Zoning Board at the new city hall, 954-385-2000.

**VIEW MEETINGS**

- Meetings can be viewed on the City's website at [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org) live and archived.
- City Commission meetings are telecast live on the City's government access channel, for cable television subscribers, and are re-broadcast on: Tuesday at 9 p.m.; Wednesday & Thursday at 10 a.m. and 9 p.m.
- Commission meeting agendas are available in both English and Spanish on the City's website and government access cable channel.  
Advanced Cable subscribers tune to Channel #25  
Comcast subscribers tune to Channel #78  
Direct Path subscribers tune to Channel #62

**City Commission**

7:00p.m.

- Monday, September 10 \*Budget Hearing
- Monday, September 24 \*Budget Hearing
- Monday, October 15
- Monday, November 5
- Monday, November 19

*September meeting dates shall be coordinated with the Broward County School Board and Broward County Commission budget hearings in accordance with Florida Statute. Commission meetings in September will be held at the Weston Community Center.*

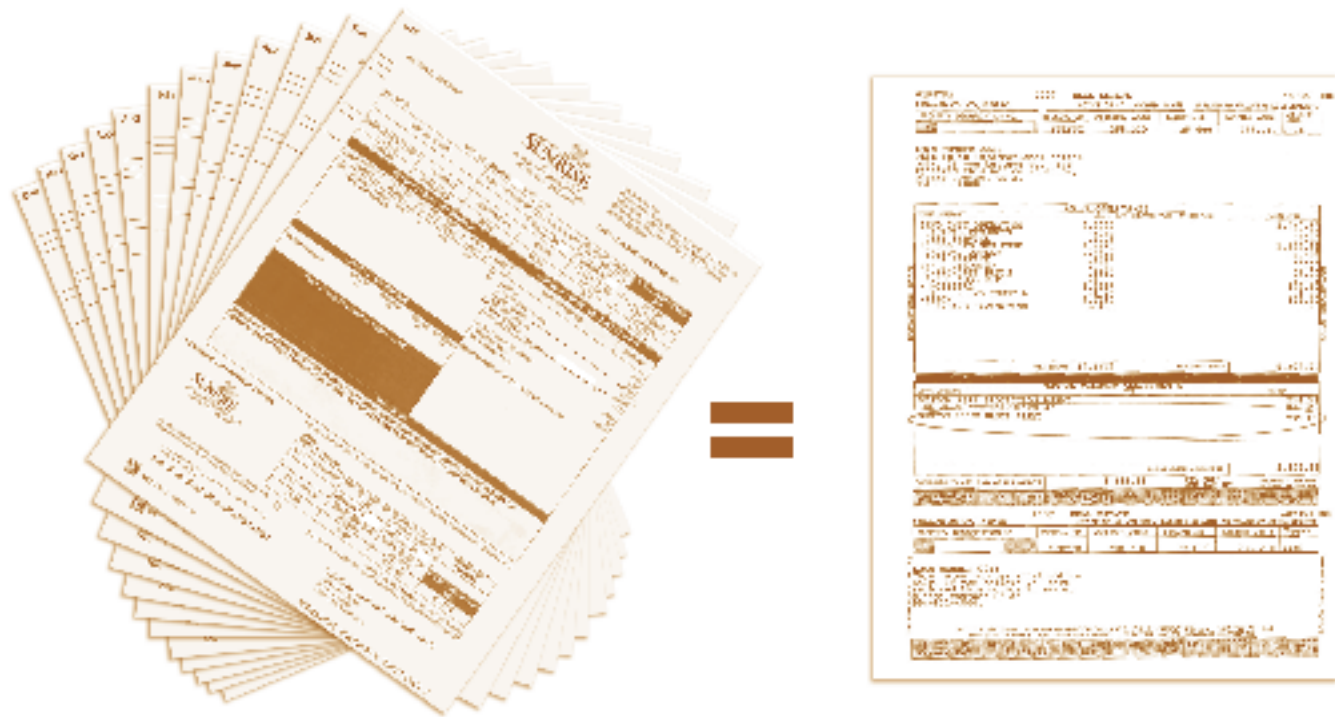
**Planning & Zoning Advisory Board**

6:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, September 4
- Monday, September 17
- Monday, October 8
- Monday, October 22
- Monday, November 13
- Monday, November 26

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





## GARBAGE FEES TO CHANGE FROM MONTHLY BILLS TO ONE ANNUAL PAYMENT

*Payment to be annually on tax bill*

Weston residents will soon notice a change in the way that garbage collection is billed. Currently your garbage collection fee appears monthly on your utility bill from the City of Sunrise. Monthly billing will end when the last monthly billing for garbage appears on your September/October utility bill, pro-rated through September 30, 2007.

Your garbage collection will then be billed annually, with the fee included on your tax bill.

**Why the change and why now?..** The answer is to save you money. By moving to a once-a-year placement on the tax bill, the city eliminates monthly administrative charges for the billing and collection of the garbage fees, and instead, incurs a smaller, one time fee, to place the amount on the tax bill -- a savings amounting to approximately \$100,000 saved annually.

This is NOT a new fee and it is NOT an increase. It is a change in the way the current fee is paid. It will however, save you money.

**Approximately \$100,000 saved annually by eliminating monthly billing and collection fees.**  
**This really is good news.**

The costs for both the hauling and disposal of solid waste are increasing October 1st of this year. Weston has taken a pro-active approach to find ways to save money. In lieu of passing these increases directly along to residents, which is customary, the City will utilize the savings attained by the change in the billing process, to offset the increase in costs. Yes, this is good news.

In late August you will see the garbage fee on your Notice of Proposed Property Taxes and then on your November tax bill. You will no longer be billed monthly for garbage collection, ultimately saving you money.

*Water & wastewater, and cable TV where applicable, will continue to be billed monthly on your utility bill.*

# City Contacts

**Broward Sheriff's Office- FIRE** . . . . .  
Administration – Administración . . . . . 954-389-2015  
Emergency Police/Fire/EMS . . . . . 911  
Emergencia Policia/Bomberos/Auxilio Médico. . . . . 911  
Station No. 81, 17350 Royal Palm Blvd.

**Broward Sheriff's Office- POLICE** / Departamento de Policia . . . . . 954-765-4321  
Non-Emergency Dispatch / Despacho No Emergencia  
Emergency Police/Fire/EMS . . . . . 911  
Emergencia Policia/Bomberos/Auxilio Médico. . . . . 911

BSO Police Administration / Policia – Administración . . . . . 954-389-2010  
Weston Police Services Building, 17300 Royal Palm Blvd.  
24 Hour Information / Información las 24 horas . . . . . 954-389-2010  
Weston Traffic Unit / Weston Unidad de Tráfico . . . . . 954-389-2016  
Crime Prevention / Prevención del Crimen . . . . . 954-389-2030  
Code Enforcement / Aplicación de Reglamentos . . . . . 954-389-2067

**Broward County Weston Branch Library/Biblioteca**  
4205 Bonaventure Blvd. . . . . 954-389-2098

**Building & Permitting** / Construcción & Permisos  
C.A.P. Government, Inc. . . . . 954-385-0500  
2700 S. Commerce Parkway, Suite 101

**Cable**  
Advanced Cable (Channel #25 for City Information) . . . . . 954- 753-0100  
Comcast Cable (Channel #78 for City Information) . . . . . 800-568-1212  
Direct Path (Channel #62) . . . . . 888-686-6110

**City Hall** / Oficinas Municipales. . . . . 954-385-2000  
City Manager / Asst. City Mgr./CFO / City Clerk / Communications / Business License Tax (Occupational Licenses)  
17200 Royal Palm Blvd.

**Community Services** / Servicios Comunitarios  
**Parks & Recreation**/ Parques y Diversión  
20200 Saddle Club Road. . . . . 954-389-4321

www.westonfl.org – Parks & Recreation: info on parks, events & recreation class schedules  
**Arts Council of Greater Weston** . . . . . 954-389-4321  
www.westonfl.org – Parks & Recreation/Arts Council Arts & Events Calendar: <http://www.communityartscalendar.org/>  
Email: [ArtsCouncil@westonfl.org](mailto:ArtsCouncil@westonfl.org)

**55+ Club** . . . . . 954-389-4321  
www.westonfl.org – Parks & Recreation/55+ Club  
email: [Dot41@aol.com](mailto:Dot41@aol.com)

**Public Works** – water & sewer/ **Obras Públicas** – Agua y Alcantarillado At the Public Works Center  
2599 South Post Road . . . . . 954-385-2600  
New connections, billing info. / Nuevas conexiones, cuentas. . . . . 954-746-3232  
*Problems / Problemas*  
Bonaventure area of Weston . . . . . 954-888-6087  
*After hours and weekends for Bonaventure* . . . . . 954-888-6087  
Indian Trace area (all areas except Bonaventure) 954-389-4321  
*After hours and weekends for Indian Trace* . . . . . 954-389-4321

**Garbage** / Desecho  
All Service Refuse – Customer Service . . . 954-583-1830

**Planning & Zoning** / Planificación y Zonificación  
Calvin, Giordano & Associates, Inc. . . . . 954-921-7781

**Weston Community Center**  
20200 Saddle Club Road. . . . . 954-389-4321

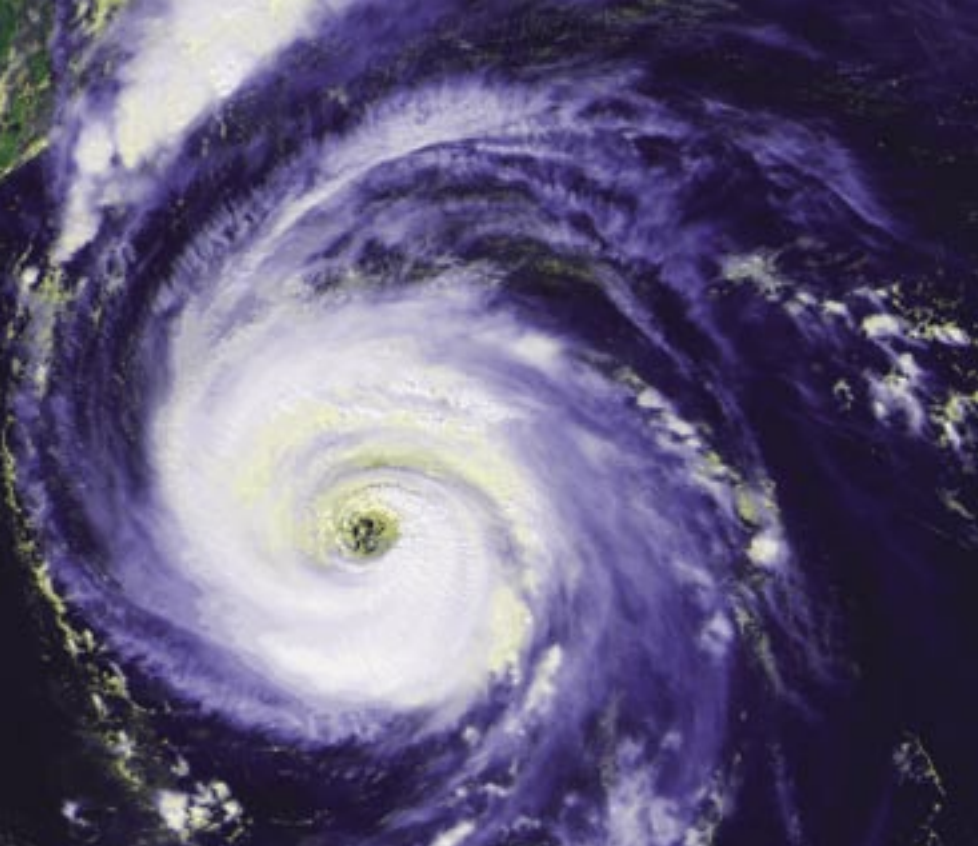
**Weston Sports Alliance** / Alianza Deportiva de Weston  
Sports League Information & Registration . . . . . 954-389-4321  
www.westonfl.org for listing of individual phone numbers for each league

**Weston Tennis Center** / Centro de Tenis  
16451 Racquet Club Road. . . . . 954-389-8666  
[www.westontennis.com](http://www.westontennis.com)

**Weston Web Site** / Página de web [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org)

**Weston Community Radio** / Estación de Radio Comunitaria . . . . . 1680AM





# REGISTER NOW!

## Hurricane Season is June 1 - November 30

### Vulnerable Population Registry

The Vulnerable Population Registry is a program that allows people who would be at risk following a hurricane to register in advance so that emergency workers may plan a better response during a recovery effort. The Registry is a joint partnership between all municipalities and Broward County. Each city may use the Vulnerable Population Registry list in a different way, based on their city's recovery effort.

### Who should register?

You should register in the Vulnerable Population Registry if you elect to stay at home during a hurricane and have a disability, frailty or health issue that would make you vulnerable in an emergency. If you live in an evacuation zone, you should plan to evacuate. Registration does not guarantee that you will be provided services or placed on a priority list for emergency responders. However, it will help your community be better prepared to respond.

### How do I register?

The easiest way to register is online at [www.broward.org/atrisk](http://www.broward.org/atrisk). You can register yourself, or a family member

or caregiver can register for you, if you authorize them to do so. If you don't have access to a computer, you can also register by calling your city's emergency management agency, or the Broward County Call Center at **954-831-4000 (TTY 954-831-3940)**.

### Remember . . .

- Register only once. If you move, or no longer want to be included in the Registry, call your city or the Broward County Call Center to update or delete your registration.
- Registration is not a guarantee that you will be provided services or placed on a priority list for emergency responders, but it will help your city better respond during a recovery effort. All information will be held in the strictest confidence as required by State law.

For more information or to Register, please call **954-831-4000, TTY 954-831-3940** or visit [www.broward.org](http://www.broward.org)

## Happenings on, and off, the Court

### At the Weston Tennis Center

16451 Racquet Club Road, 954-389-8666

### Private Lesson Special

Buy 5 private lessons and get one free. Valid for September and October 2007.

### Monday, September 3, 9:00 a.m.

### US Open Round Robin Tennis Tournament

Wrap up your Labor Day weekend with a round robin tennis tournament and a junior clinic for the kids. A day of tennis for the entire family! Following the tournament, relax on the back patio and enjoy lunch while watching the US Open on the television. \$15.00 members/\$20.00 non-members/\$12.00 children's clinic

### Friday, October 12, 6:30 p.m.

### Brazilian Round Robin Tennis Tournament

A round robin tennis tournament, followed by a Brazilian barbecue complete with Brazilian beer and Brazilian music. A junior clinic will coincide, so the entire family can enjoy a day of tennis. \$20.00 members/\$25.00 non-members/\$15.00 children's clinic

### Friday, November 2 thru 5, 8:00 a.m.

### 5th Annual City of Weston Tennis Tournament

A U.S.T.A. Men's and Women's Championship Tournament. For open divisions 30, 40, 50 and over. To register, please log on to [www.usatennisflorida.com](http://www.usatennisflorida.com) and click on Tournament Schedule. Registration deadline is Monday, October 29. \$33.00 per player, for singles/\$18.00 per player, for doubles

### Saturday, November 17, 10:30 a.m.

### Davis Cup Team Challenge Tennis Tournament

A tournament with teams representing different countries, competing against each other. After the challenge enjoy an array of distinctive food and drinks from the respective countries. Draft will take place on Friday, November 16, in the afternoon. To enter the draft, please register in the morning. \$20.00 members/\$30.00 non-members

For Event Reservations, call to reserve your spot,  
954-389-8666

# Elected Officials

## School Board of Broward County

754-321-0000

[www.browardschools.com](http://www.browardschools.com)

Beverly A. Gallagher, Chair

Robin Bartleman, Vice Chair\*\*

Maureen S. Dinnen

Jennifer Leonard Gottlieb \*

Phyllis C. Hope\*

Stephanie Arma Kraft, Esq.

Robert D. Parks, Ed.D.

Eleanor Sobel

Benjamin J. Williams

\*Board member representing Weston

\*\*Board member at-large

## Board of County Commissioners of Broward County

954-357-7000

[www.broward.org](http://www.broward.org)

Josephus Eggelton, Jr.,

Lois Wexler, Vice Mayor\*

Sue Gunzburger

Kristin D. Jacobs

Ken Keech

Ilene Lieberman

Stacy Ritter

John E. Rodstrom, Jr.

Diana Wasserman-Rubin\*

\* Commissioners representing Weston

## BROWARD COUNTY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

### Broward County Property Appraiser

Lori Parrish 954-357-6830

[www.bcpa.net](http://www.bcpa.net)

Broward Governmental Center

115 S. Andrews Avenue, Room 111

Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301

### Broward County Sheriff

Ken Jenne 954-831-8900

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Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312



# Halloween Safety Tips

## Keep the Boos Away...

The City of Weston and the Broward Sheriff's Office know that Halloween is one of kids favorite nights of the year... a night for trick or treating, ghosts & goblins and haunts & horrors and oh, that wonderful candy. Weston wants to keep any real life horrors from occurring to any child. Each year on Halloween, many children are hurt due to auto accidents, fire injuries, falls, cuts, bruises, bad treats, or other unnecessary miseries.

For those who go trick or treating we want you to know the possible dangers and how to avoid them. The following is a list of Halloween safety tips to make this night a safe and happy one for everyone:

- Wear a costume that makes it easy for you to walk, see and be seen.
- Have a parent or older sibling go trick or treating with you.
- If someone older cannot go with you, trick or treat with a group.
- Trick or treat in your own neighborhood. Go only to the homes of people you know.
- Carry a flashlight so you can see and be seen easily.
- Use reflective tape on your costume so motorists can see you.
- Use makeup instead of a mask or anything that obscures your vision.
- If you do wear a mask, remove it when crossing the street.
- Ask your parents to make sure your costume is flame retardant.
- Plan your trick or treat route ahead of time, picking well-lit streets.
- Cross only at corners. Never cross the street between parked cars or in the middle of the block.
- If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic.
- Do not cut across yards. Your neighbors may have hidden hazards, such as a toy, rake or hole that you can't see in the dark.
- Be aware of cars that may be turning or backing out of driveways.
- Wait until you get home to sort, check, and eat your treats.
- Only accept candy that is wrapped or packaged.

THE CITY OF WESTON AND THE BROWARD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ARE COMMITTED TO KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE



## Recycling MORE, Made Easier

**What's New:** You can now recycle white paper, catalogues, magazines, all that junk mail, cereal boxes and shoe boxes.

### ALL CLEAN PAPER GOES INTO ONE BIN

Mixed paper can now be combined in the same bin with your newspaper recycling.

Residents can now toss all their clean paper (newspapers, junk mail, magazines, catalogues, cereal & shoe boxes, old homework, receipts, copy paper, tissue rolls) together into one bin.

### What's the Same:

The commingled collection of plastic bottles or jugs, aluminum and steel cans, glass bottles, milk cartons and juice boxes remains the same. These items all go into the second recycling bin.

This addition makes recycling more, easier for residents. We hope that this simplified process will inspire residents to recycle even more, bringing about a significant reduction in the amount of material delivered to the waste stream.

If you have any questions on our new residential paper recycling collection or on recycling in general, please contact Brad Kaine, Public Works Manager at 954-385-2600 or 954-389-4321.



# Elected Officials

## Broward County Supervisor of Elections

Dr. Brenda C. Snipes 954-357-7050  
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Broward County Governmental Center  
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## Clerk of the Courts of Broward County

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Broward County Main Courthouse  
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Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301

## Broward State Attorney

Michael J. Satz 954-357-7050  
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## Public Defender of Broward County

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## STATE OF FLORIDA OFFICIALS

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## Filing for a Homestead Exemption

All Florida residents are eligible for a Homestead Exemption on their permanent residence, which provides a tax saving on the first \$25,000 of the assessed value of the property.

Representatives from the Broward County Property Appraiser's Office will be at the Weston Community Center (located inside Weston Regional Park), to assist you with filing your Homestead Exemption application.

**Monday, October 1, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Monday, November 5, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Monday, December 3, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

### ***What You Need When Filing Your Homestead Exemption:***

All owners occupying the property must file in person on jointly held property. If you are married and the Deed has a different last name for a husband and wife, a marriage certificate must be presented.

### **Proof of Ownership:**

Recorded Warranty Deed, Co-op Propriety Lease, Notice of Proposed Taxes or Tax Receipt. If the property is held in a

trust, please provide a notarized Certificate of Trust or a complete copy of the trust agreement.

### **Proof of Permanent Florida Residence:**

Preferably dated prior to January 1 of the tax year for which you are filing: Florida's Driver's License or Florida I.D. Card, plus one of the following Florida Voter's Registration or Recorded Declaration of Domicile

### **Non-U.S. Citizens:**

All of the items listed above AND proof of permanent residency such as asylum/parolee statue or other PRU-COL status

\*If you have a Homestead Exemption in another state or county on another property you currently own, you will not be eligible for a Homestead Exemption until you surrender the exemption in the other jurisdiction.

For more information, please call the Broward County Property Appraisers Office, Exemptions & General Information, at 954-357-6830 or visit the website at [www.bcpa.net](http://www.bcpa.net)

## Additional Homestead Exemption for Eligible Seniors

Weston Seniors who maintain a permanent residence on the property, who have attained the age of 65 and whose household income does not exceed \$20,000.00 are eligible for an additional \$25,000.00 homestead exemption. This increase offers eligible Seniors a \$50,000.00 property tax exemption.

Senior residents who are eligible for the additional exemption must file the Homestead Exemption Application, every year, with the Property Appraiser's Office. For details on the application deadline and general information, please contact the **Broward County Property Appraiser's Office.**

Exemptions & General Information 954-357-6830

### **Main Office:**

Broward County Governmental Center  
115 South Andrews Avenue, Room 111  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301  
954-357-6830

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1 N. University Drive, Suite 111-A  
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# Elected Officials

### **Florida Senate, District 34**

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### **Attorney General**

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## The West Broward YMCA - All Wet and Loving It!

The West Broward YMCA Family Center Aquatic Complex opened its doors on June 2nd, 2007 and began a summer filled with programming. In addition to member open and family swim, the Aquatics Department has many programs for the individual and the family to enjoy year-round! The complex has three pools: a competition pool, a plunge/teaching pool, and the family activity pool with fun water features.

One of the most popular programs being offered is YMCA Swim Lessons for ages 6 months to adults. The YMCA Swim Lesson curriculum is based off of progressive skills-based classes that include the five YMCA Swim Lessons objectives: personal safety, personal growth, stroke development, water sports & games, and rescue skills.

Other great aquatics programs being offered include the YMCA Swim Team and Water Polo. The Swim Team is a competitive team, which is able to accommodate all skill levels from the beginner/recreational swimmer to the Olympic athletic. The YMCA's philosophy is "Everybody Swims, Everybody Wins." The swimmers are learning a lifetime fitness

skill and having a blast while they're doing it, and the kids are learning specific skills, sportsmanship and teamwork. The YMCA is also offering Water Polo for ages 10 and older.

The Aquatics Department offers too many classes and programs to list but a sampling of offerings include: Master's Swim Team, Community CPR and First Aid, Lifeguard Training, Group Swim Lessons and Private Lessons for all levels. Water Fitness Classes for all intensities and ages include Active Seniors, Cardio Kick and Aqua Abs.

Funding for construction of the \$8.5 million aquatic complex was assisted by a \$1.5 million grant obtained from SWIM Central with assistance from the City. Drowning is the number-one killer of children ages 4 and under, and it is SWIM Central's goal to change that. The Olympic pool at the Y will be used to teach hundreds of school age children to swim each year at no cost.

For more information about the year-round aquatics programs, call 954-424-YMCA.

### POOL FAQ's:

**Q:** What are the depths of the three pools?

**A:** The Competition Pool ranges from depths 4' to 7' 6". The Plunge/ Teaching Pool ranges from depths 3' to 4' 6". The Family Activity Pool is zero-depth entry (approximately 0-12").

**Q:** Are there any features in the Family Activity Pool (FAP)?

**A:** Yes, the FAP has a play structure anchored in the middle of the pool, with slides, a tire swing, platforms, and tunnels and water features.

**Q:** Are there always lanes open for lap swimming in the Competition Pool?

**A:** Yes, no matter what program that is going on in the Competition Pool, we will always strive to have at least 2 lanes open for member lap swimming.

**Q:** Are there always lifeguards on duty when the pool is open?

**A:** Yes, any time the pools are open, there are YMCA certified lifeguards on duty.

**Q:** What are the hours of operation for the YMCA Aquatic Complex?

**A:** Monday-Friday: 5am-9:45pm  
Saturday: 7am-7:45pm  
Sunday: 8am-3:45pm

### AN AFTER SCHOOL CARE ALTERNATIVE - THE KIDZ CLUB PROGRAM

The YMCA offers a fun alternative for children after school with the KIDZ Club Program. Offered for ages 5-12 (K-5th grade) between the hours of 2:00p.m. - 5:45p.m. each school day, kids take part in games, sports, arts & crafts, swimming, character building and more. Participants have homework time each day and the program is also available for Teacher Work Days and Holiday breaks. What could be better? Transportation! - the YMCA provides transportation from local schools with a minimum of 5 participants. For costs and registration call 954-424-YMCA (9622).

# Elected Officials

### United States Senate

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Washington, DC 20510

### United States Senate

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### President of the United States

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## Daylight Saving Time Ends

Sunday, November 4th

Turn your clocks back one hour...  
also replace batteries in smoke detectors

The main purpose of Daylight Saving Time is to make better use of daylight during the summer time. In the summer, we change our clocks to move an hour of daylight from the morning to the evening. In the winter, we change our clocks back to allow for more lighting in the afternoon because of a late sunrise.

You can learn more about Daylight Saving Time at [www.webexhibits.org/daylightsaving](http://www.webexhibits.org/daylightsaving)

Now is an excellent time to replace the batteries in your smoke detectors. Simply replace the old batteries with new ones. This simple change can save lives.

More than 90% of homes in the U.S. have smoke detectors, but over 1/3 are estimated to have worn-out or missing batteries. Make it a habit to change the batteries in smoke detectors at the same time you change your clocks.



# Fire Prevention Week

Sunday, October 7 – Saturday, October 13 “Practice Your Escape Plan”

When it comes to an escape plan, practice is the key! It's not enough to have a plan for escaping a fire in your home . . . everyone should practice the evacuation plan.

During the month of October, Weston's BSO Fire Rescue units will be visiting Weston area elementary schools (public and private) to teach children the importance of fire safety education. With this year's theme "Practice Your Escape Plan," Weston Fire Rescue will be providing presentations on how to identify and practice an escape plan.

It is important to be prepared with an escape plan, in the event a fire occurs. But, it is equally important to prevent fires from happening. The National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) suggests taking steps to avoid fires by mak-

ing sure your home and activities are as safe as possible.

According to NFPA, the leading causes of home fires are cooking, smoking, heating, electrical equipment and intentionally set fires. Cooking leads to the most fires and injuries, while fires caused by smoking lead to the most deaths.

Last year, Fire Rescue visited Weston's elementary schools (public and private) and provided 33 public education programs that reached 1,289 children.

For more information on the various programs BSO Fire Rescue will be providing during Fire Prevention Week, please call 954-831-8210.

# The Proof is in the Planting

Weston Road Re-Landscaping



**Weston Road** - Replanting in progress, shown in late May



**Weston Road** - Shown in early July - new landscaping taking shape...



**South Post Road** Re-Landscaping progress in June

## EXCEPTIONAL EFFORTS PRODUCE EXCEPTIONAL RESULTS

*ALL A'S ONCE AGAIN FOR SCHOOLS IN WESTON FOUR YEAR'S IN A ROW!*

All ten Broward County Public Schools in Weston, once again, earned the coveted "A" rating in the State of Florida's A+ Plan for Education.

The A+ Plan for Education requires testing of students in grades 3 through 11 in reading, writing, math and science on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT). Annually all public schools are graded (A, B, C, D, or F) based upon the performance and progress of students on the FCAT.

Schools and their representative principal's will be honored in October by the City Commission.

Congratulations to students, administrators, teachers and parents of

- Country Isles Elementary School
- Eagle Point Elementary School
- Everglades Elementary School
- Gator Run Elementary School
- Imagine Charter School at Weston
- Indian Trace Elementary School
- Manatee Bay Elementary School

- Falcon Cove Middle School
- Tequesta Trace Middle School

Cypress Bay High School





## ★ ★ ★ ★ Another Spectacular 4th ★ ★ ★ ★

It was another spectacular Fourth of July celebration in Weston, which began at 7am with 850 runners, an all-time record, taking part in the annual 5K race. Participants of every age made their way along the race route to the finish line in Weston's Town Center.

With a quick clean up, city crews prepared for another Weston favorite, the Annual Hometown Parade. Over 50 parade entries made their way from the corner of Three Village Road and Town Center Boulevard to Bonaventure Boulevard, on to Bell Tower Lane and through Town Cen-

ter onto Main Street as thousands waved and cheered.

Generations of Freedom was this year's theme for the parade. Our four Grand Marshals, each a Weston resident, served our nation in a different military conflict. They represented all Weston veterans as they proudly rode down Main Street.

**Mr. Don Hyatt**, 79 years young and a Weston resident for 7 years. Mr. Hyatt served in the U.S. Army and did a tour in Korea. He flew 121 combat missions over North

Korean and Chinese lines to persuade troops to surrender and was responsible for dropping leaflets encouraging the enemy to surrender. They also distributed a newspaper to the enemy each week that featured world affairs. Don's main job was to maintain the transmitting equipment that was used by Chinese and South Korean women to pass messages of surrender to the enemy below. For his service, Don was awarded the Air Medal, with silver and bronze oak leaf clusters.

**Mr. Peter Moore**, is 59 years old and a Weston resident also for 7 years. Mr. Moore served in the U.S. Army and did

a tour in Vietnam. Peter is currently a BSO Civil Deputy working in Weston. Deputy Moore served with A Troop 3/5 Armored Cavalry in Vietnam from 1967-1968. He received a Bronze Star for Valor, the Purple Heart, a Presidential Unit Citation and an Army Valorous Unit Citation among other recognitions. Deputy Moore is currently the Service Officer of the American Legion Bruckenthal-Cann Post 385 which was chartered in Weston in 2005.

**Mr. Ray Maldonado**, is 40 years of age and a Weston resident for 12 years. He served our country in the U.S.

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## Weston Fire Captain Honored During EMS Week

Emergency Medical Service providers are a team of dedicated individuals who provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week. At times, they put their own lives at risk while responding to medical emergencies. They do this every day, without recognition.

Every year, the American College of Emergency Physicians recognizes these extraordinary individuals by giving local communities the chance to honor the dedication of those who provide the day-to-day lifesaving services on the medical “front line.”

During E.M.S. week, Captain Ross Pruitt with BSO Fire Rescue, Fire Station #81 Weston, was awarded “Paramedic of the Year” for the Weston Region by the North Broward Hospital District. Captain Pruitt was nominated by outgoing Fire Chief Craig Otten and Interim Chief John

Frailey. He is the Station Officer at Fire Station #81, during the “C” shift. He oversees the Child Safety Seat program, which makes sure parents have child car seats installed properly in their vehicles. Captain Pruitt helped coordinate this program for the City. His efforts to educate and promote the safety of children within the community are among one of the many reasons why he was nominated.

With nearly 30-years of service with Broward County, Captain Pruitt was recognized for his years of service, excellent leadership skills, exceptional patient care as well as becoming a mentor and leader for incoming fire fighters and paramedics. The North Broward Hospital District presented Captain Pruitt with an award at their ceremonial breakfast. The City of Weston proudly congratulates Captain Pruitt as “Paramedic of the Year”. Weston is lucky to have him serving our residents.

Navy during the first Gulf War. Mr. Maldonado was a Petty Officer First Class and served for 6 years. He was a naval Nuclear Reactor Operator onboard the cruiser ship U.S.S. Virginia, and the aircraft carrier ship the George Washington, based out of Norfolk, Virginia.

**Chief Petty Officer Joseph Lombardo**, is 29 years old and a Weston resident now for 1 year. He has done multiple tours of service in Iraq, most recently in 2005, in participation with the Marine Corps’ Explosive Ordnance Disposal team. Chief Petty Officer Lombardo’s duties included defusing IEDs, providing medical care to Marines injured in battle, and traveling with convoys. He has been awarded the

Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal from the Secretary of the Navy, for valor and bravery in battle.

Activities picked up again at 5 p.m. inside the Weston Regional Park as Weston was spared the storms which impacted most of South Florida. Families, friends and neighbors gathered by the thousands to spend time celebrating our country’s independence with food, fun and festivities. Our Grand Marshal’s were each presented with an American flag which had been flown over the U.S. Capitol on June 6, 2007 on their behalf. At 9 p.m. as the park filled to capacity a spectacular fireworks display capped off another spectacular Fourth.





## The Community Center at the Weston Regional Park

### K I D S P R O G R A M S

**Karate** Wed 6-7pm (Ages 6-8) and 7-8pm (Ages 9+). Provide your child with the ability to defend him/herself 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 9/26. Limited Space Available.

**Superstars Dance and Baton** Thurs 4:00-5:00 (beg ages 5-7), 5:00-6:00 (beg ages 8-12), 6:00-7:00 (intermediate), 7:00-8:00 (advanced). One hour classes separated by age and ability. High energy combination classes include dance, cheerleading and baton twirling. Develop grace, poise and self confidence. Members will be invited to perform in Disney World, University of Miami half time show, local events and much more. Wendy Russell is an award winning, professional choreographer. For more information visit [www.floridasuperstars.com](http://www.floridasuperstars.com) or call 954-438-2075. Cost \$45/month. (Plus \$25 registration fee and \$20 baton required.) Monthly fee includes

unlimited classes at locations around Broward County. Class starts 9/6/07.

**Teen Performance Workshop** Sunday, 7:15pm-9:15pm (ages 15-18 years) This class is for students interested in helping write and produce a performance piece based on relevant issues in their lives. Through the use of improvisation and scene work, students will hone their acting and performance skills as they present the play in a café-style setting at the end of the season. Limit 12 kids/class. For more information call Robin at 954-385-3060. Cost is \$375. Class will return in the fall.

**Young Rembrandts** Fri 4:15-5:30pm (ages 3 \_ to 13 years) Young Rembrandts prepares children for goals set forth by the National Standard for Art Education. Our exclusive program dispels the myth that art is a talent a child has or doesn't have. We view art not merely as a talent, but as a skill that can, and should, be learned by all children. Price includes all materials. For more informa-

tion call 954-647-6403 or visit [www.youngrembrandts.com](http://www.youngrembrandts.com). 8 week session 8/10 to 9/28 costs \$128.

**The Play's the Thing!** Fri 4:00-5:00 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. Limit 12 kids/class. Class runs 9/14 to 12/14. Cost is \$210. Robin Braun and the Inside Out Theatre Company: 954-385-3060.

**Bright & Smart Robotics** Fri 5:30-7:00pm (7-12 years). Kid oriented program that develops engineering skills based on robot assembling, computer programming and teamwork. A six-week class full of fun, exciting and rewarding experiences that help children to discover and learn new skills in an interactive approach to science. Cost is \$150 for 6 weeks. Free demo class on 8/24. Class resumes on 8/31. Call 954-816-3346 for more information or go to [www.brightandsmart.com](http://www.brightandsmart.com). Ask about the free demo class!

**Musical Theatre Production Class** Sun 4:00-7:00pm (9-12 years). This class focuses on training in acting and movement with a rehearsal period that leads to a performance of one of our original musicals. Instruction includes traditional Stanislavski techniques, improvisation, and character development. No experience is necessary; this class leads to a performance in a professional theatre setting and students are expected to be committed and work at the highest level of professionalism. Limit 12 kids/class. Class runs 9/30-1/13. Cost is \$395. Call Robin Braun of the Inside Out Theatre Company for more details: 954-385-3060.

**Kidokinetics** Kidokinetics is the fun way to fitness that's inspiring kids to get up, get moving and get in shape! We

are an all around sports fitness program for children ages eighteen months to 10 years old. Your children will develop important building blocks for life: discipline, confidence, coordination, fine and gross motor skills, and fitness. Activities include: soccer, hockey, tennis, basketball, volleyball, golf, t-ball, polo, lacrosse, frisbee, hula-hoops, obstacle courses, relays, hurdles and more. For more information call 954-385-8511 or go to [www.Kidokinetics.com](http://www.Kidokinetics.com). Classes meet INDOORS at the Community Center.

	Tuesdays:	Thursdays:
Ages 3-5 years	4:00-4:45	
Ages 2-3 years	4:45-5:30	
Ages 5-10		4:00-4:45

Fall I Session: Week of 9/3 to week 10/23  
 Fall II Session: Week of 10/29 to week of 12/18.  
 Cost is \$96 for 8 week session.

T-shirts can be purchased for an additional \$10. Class can be prorated if you join late.

**Kidokinetics Jr. - Parent and Child Sports** Sat 9:00-9:45am (Ages 2-4 years). We all know that parents love to play sports and workout with their kids. This class is a high energy, active class with your little ones. Introducing them to sports and making fitness fun while setting the pace for them in years to come. Parent and child will help develop your child's coordination, concentration, and motor skills, while having fun in a safe, non competitive environment. Every week focuses on a different sport. Activities include soccer, hockey, basketball, hula hoops, bean bag skills, football, tennis, t-ball, obstacle courses, golf and much more. For more information, please call 954-385-8511 or go to [www.Kidokinetics.com](http://www.Kidokinetics.com). Class meets INDOORS at the Community Center.

Ages 18 mos-3 years (Mondays 9:00-9:45)  
 Fall I Session runs 9/10 to 10/29  
 Fall II Session runs 11/5-12/17





Ages 18 mos-4 years (Saturdays 9:00-9:45)

Fall I session runs 9/8 to 10/27

Fall II session runs 11/3 to 12/22

Cost is \$84 for 7 week session and \$96 for 8 week session. T-shirts can be purchased for an additional \$10. Class can be prorated if you join late.

**Playball** Mon & Wed 4:00-4:45 (3 to 5 years). Playball is an international child development company that has taught character education and instilled self-esteem thorough non-competitive sport since 1982. Playball benefits boys and girls equally. The program covers a wide

array of sports skills and uses a building block, progressive approach to attaining proficiency. Class meets at Tequesta Trace Park. Cost \$120/10 weeks. Call Coach Adrian for schedule. We offer a free trial class at Tequesta Trace Park.

**Fun In Spanish** Wed & Fri, 9:30am-11:00am (ages 2-3 years) Don't forget your Spanish. The only way to hang on to your roots is to practice. Learn and practice Spanish with Latin kids and others that wish to learn in a playful, musical and artistic environment. For information, please call 954-822-7528 or 754-214-4723. Cost is \$10/session or 4 5 classes for \$40. Continuous.

## 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 9/11-10/16, 10/23-12/4.

**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. Session begins 9/26.

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

**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. Class runs 8/3 to 10/5, 10/12-11/16 and 11/23-12/28.

## ADULT PROGRAMS (CONTINUED)

**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 \$125/6 weeks. Classes start 9/8 and 11/3. Susan Claire – 954-349-5969.

**Canine Good Citizen Class** also available at 3:00pm.

**Stroller Strides** Tue through Sat 9:00 to 10:00 am. Friday playgroup 10:00-10:30 am. This 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. Other activities include Moms Night Out and Community Service events. 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](http://www.strollerstrides.net/Weston).

**Rev It Up Fitness** Mon 10:00-11:30. This 9-week program helps you learn to “listen” to your body. Understand why it works the way it does and how to help it work more efficiently. Adjust your exercise routines to maximize your body's performance. Contact Fabienne Grossman at 954-349-3274. Costs \$225/9 weeks, including materials. Class resumes 9/10.

**SAT Preparation** (Age 15-20) Tues (7:00-9:30pm) or Sun (1:30-4:00pm). This 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 \$475 for 8 week, 20 hour course (including text and materials). Next session starts 10/7 (Sun), or 10/9 (Tues) for 12/1 test.

**Weston 55+ Club** This club was founded in 2001 by a group of men and women who enjoy each others company at outings and other social gatherings. For more information call Dottie at 954-349-6029. Membership: \$30/person/year.

**Country Line Dance Lessons** Tue or Thu 9:30-10:30am. If you like to dance, you'll love this fun and creative way to exercise. No experience necessary! You'll leave every class with a handout of the steps to each dance so you can practice at home, or go show off what you've learned at a local Country hot spot. Gail Haines (954) 648-8530 has been line dancing for over 13 years. You may remember her from her class at the old Arvida Community Center. Gail is also a certified teacher and has taught elementary PE and dance for over 15 years. Come join in the fun, and get in shape while you are at it! Call for schedule.



PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

# PLEASE READ

Important information for parents of children wanting to use the Weston Skate Park.

Parents or Guardians Must Complete Attached Waiver For Use of the Weston Skate Park by **Children Under 17** Years of Age



6. **PHYSICAL FITNESS AND EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION:** I attest that my child/ward is physically fit to participate in the indicated activities; and that I desire for my child/ward to participate in these hazardous activities and do hereby consent to such participation. Further, I give permission for the City of Weston, its officers, agents, employees or volunteers, to arrange for transportation to a hospital in the event of an injury, for which I will be financially responsible, although I understand that the Releasees assume no responsibility to do so.

7. **THE AGREEMENT:** The signature below indicates agreement to the foregoing terms and conditions for use of Skate Park. I, as the parent/guardian of a minor, understand the nature of the activities at the Skate Park and the child's/ward's experience and capabilities and believe the child/ward to be able to participate in such activities. I hereby give my permission for my child/ward to participate in the activities and further agree, individually and on behalf of my child/ward, to be bound by the terms of the above Agreement.

Child's/Ward's Full Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Child's/Ward's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Child's/Ward's Legal Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Child's/Ward's Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent's/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent's/Guardian's Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent's/Guardian's Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent's/Guardian's Emergency Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent's/Guardian's Driver's License Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent's/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Witness Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Witness Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Skatewave Park Rules Require Signed Waiver

The popular Skatewave skate park inside the Weston Regional Park requires a waiver be signed by parents or guardians of children under 17 years of age.

The waiver only needs to be submitted once per child as it will be kept on file at the Weston Community Center. The waiver is a requirement under Florida law to enable the City to allow children under the age of 17 to use the skate park.

### HOW

Download a waiver on-line at [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org). You can find the waiver on the Parks & Recreation page and also

under Municipal Parks/ Regional Park at Weston or pick one up in the Weston Community Center. Signed waivers should be dropped off at the Community Center reception desk.

### Skatewave Park

For in-line skaters and skateboarders, the skate park is modular steel construction equipment by Skatewave, laid out in a 72 foot by 144 foot rink.

There are no fees required for use of the Skate Park.

Hours: Open Daily 8AM-10PM, weather permitting.



## Weston Community Happenings...

Clockwise from top left:  
 Commission honors Deputies of the month; Everglades Elementary visits city hall; In the July 4th spirit; The Commission float along main street; Country Isles elementary students; Students touring fire equipment and apparatus







## A New Fire Chief for Weston *Weston Chief John Frailey*

The City of Weston welcomes a new Fire Chief, after a fond farewell to outgoing Fire Chief Craig Otten.

Chief John Frailey comes to Weston with 27-years of fire service experience and is a native of West Broward. Prior to coming to Weston, Frailey who was a Battalion Chief with BSO Fire Rescue, served the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea as their Fire Chief. A fourth generation Floridian, he knew he wanted a career in emergency services when he watched the television program “Emergency” while growing up, intrigued with the opportunity of saving someone’s life.

His certifications include Fire Instructor 3; Advanced Cardiac Life Support; C.P.R. Instructor; Strike Team Leader (Leader of a Task Force or Strike of Engines and Rescuers deployed to hurricanes, fires or any other natural disaster within the state of Florida); and Paramedic. He earned a Masters in Public Administration from Nova Southeastern University;

a Bachelor of Science in Professional Management from Nova Southeastern University; and, an Associate of Science in Emergency Medicine & Fire Science at Broward Community College.

Chief Frailey created and established the Fire Fighter reserve program, a volunteer program for certified firefighters to gain additional experience executing rescues and handling engines as they pursued their careers.

A fire service family, Chief Frailey is married to Julie Frailey, a Battalion Chief of Facilities for BSO Fire Rescue, and they have 2 children, Michael, 22 and Cristina, 19. His hobbies include salt water fishing and boating. Chief Frailey’s slogan in his high school year book stated, “I want to be a good paramedic.” The City of Weston welcomes a “good paramedic” and our new Fire Chief.

L-R: Commissioner Daniel Stermer, Commissioner Sharon Cheren, Fire Chief John Frailey, Mayor Eric Hersh, Mrs. Ewing-Chow, Adolfo Eduardo, Capt. Jeff Andrews, Firefighter/Paramedic Gary Toolan, Commissioner Mercedes Henriksson and Commissioner Murray Chermak.

## Civilian Hero Adolfo Eduardo and Weston Rescue Crew Honored at City Commission Meeting

Commissioners had the honor of recognizing and thanking a true civilian hero, Adolfo Eduardo, at the June 4, 2007 City Commission meeting, along with our own Weston Fire Rescue personnel.

On March 25th, Adolfo, along with members of his church group, were playing soccer in the Weston Regional Park when he witnessed one of his teammates, Dr. David Ewing-Chow, collapse on the field. Adolfo ran to the victim and after assessing that he had stopped breathing, immediately began CPR while 9-1-1 was called. Weston Rescue 81 and Engine 67 responded to the report of a heart attack at the park and upon arrival found the patient in cardiac arrest with CPR being performed. Rescue personnel took over CPR and defibrillated Dr. Ewing-Chow and transported him to the Cleveland Clinic Hospital, where they visited him on the following shift to find that he had made a complete recovery.

Adolfo Eduardo was recognized for his civic heroism and life

saving actions and the personnel of Rescue 81 and Engine 67 were honored for the delivery of exceptional medical care and treatment. Unable to attend the ceremony were Firefighter/Paramedic Mike Pazienza, Lt. Paul Williams, Driver Engineer/Paramedic Bill Carr and Firefighter/Paramedic Joe Ippolito.

Mrs. Ewing-Chow, also a doctor, and her family attended on behalf of her husband who was out of the country. She read a heart-felt email sent by Dr. Ewing-Chow thanking Adolfo and the rescue crew. Mrs. Ewing-Chow addressed the Commission and the audience, expressing her immense gratitude for the individuals who saved her husband’s life, and also cited the extreme importance of knowing how to perform CPR. She advised that during the first 3 minutes of cardiac arrest, that CPR is critical to survival. Today, her husband is healthier than ever.

**CPR SAVES LIVES.** For residents interested in taking CPR classes, please contact Weston Fire Station No. 81 at 954-389-2015.





**Looking forward to yet another class of talented young individuals:**

The Class of 2008 will be selected from Weston high schools, Cypress Bay and Sagemont, in September. Essay submittals are required. Watch for posters in your school on how to apply. Cypress Bay students: contact Ms. Selvidge. Sagemont students: contact Ms. Iacono. Home-schooled juniors and seniors wishing to apply should contact Denise Barrett, Director of Communications at 954-385-2000.

## Five Years And Counting... Weston University Graduates its Fifth Class—The Weston University Program

It's hard to believe that another year has passed and another class of students have graduated, but even harder is the realization that this was the City's fifth graduating class of the Weston University Program.

Seven months flew by and 18 students in the Class of 2007 celebrated their graduation from the Weston University Program on May 21st.

Students were treated to a get together of pizza and cake prior to the ceremony, as most will be headed

off to college, dispersed to areas around the country in July and August. The simple graduation ceremony took place at the beginning of the City Commission meeting with students welcomed by State Senator Nan Rich, a 5-year proponent of the program, who praised and encouraged their initiative and wished them well as they continued their journey. Senator Rich and the City Commission awarded each student a unique, poster-size diploma. Students also received pictorial memory books of their experience, a DVD of their Commission simulation exercise, and a gift from the city.

Each and every year we are amazed with the students in this program and this year was no exception. The enthusiasm of the students is infectious and we are proud to report that at least two students have readdressed their college career choices due to influence from the program. After five years, the Weston University program has come full-circle, with students from the inaugural program year (2002/03), now interning with city contract providers while in their last year of college, exemplifying our set of four goals which includes "To expose students to the multiple layers of government and various career possibilities." We have strived to show students the op-

tions available to them and it has truly paid off.

*The City wishes a bright future to every Weston student who graduated this year.*

**The Weston University Class of 2007**

Leon Arteche, Joe Atiyeh, Erica Blonde, Svetlana Chekmasova, Jonathan Deng, Brooke Flanders, Esmey Granados, Ilana Grumberg, Andrea Guerrero, Jessica Mejias, Stephanie Prieto, Stephanie Pulido, Ariel Rothfield, Andrea Ruiz, Maria Sklar, Albert Soulier, Rueben Stokes, Melissa Umpierre.





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TO HOLD SPECIAL  
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ON TUESDAY,  
JANUARY 29TH  
TO FILL  
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## A Fond Farewell Salute

Weston's First Fire Chief, Craig Otten, Retires after 10 Years

Chief Otten became Weston's first Fire Chief, when the City incorporated in 1996. He leaves a 10 year legacy with Weston as well as a 34-year career in the fire services.

Through the years, Chief Otten oversaw the growth of Weston's fire rescue services to meet the needs of our growing community. From the original one station, he leaves the City of Weston with a sophisticated suburban fire rescue department comprised of three strategically located stations, three Advanced Life Support three-person Rescue Companies, three Advanced Life Support three-person Engine Companies and one Advanced Life Support four-person Aerial Company.

On May 30, 2007 a ceremonial presentation of the retirement of the flag was performed and an inspection of the on-coming and outgoing shifts. The flag flown over the station was presented to the Chief.

Chief Otten has three grown children, the youngest, Julie, was recently recognized as Dispatcher of the Year for District XII by the Broward Sheriff's Office. His daughter Tracy is an accomplished artist and professor at the University of Minnesota and his son Greg, a Certified Public Accountant. At the writing of this article Craig and his wife Felisse were headed back to Hawaii where they enjoyed their honeymoon just two years ago. Felisse continues to work in Weston as a Senior Vice President for the insurance provider UAFC, but they plan to travel frequently, enjoying the opportunities that life presents.

We thank Chief Otten for the firm foundation he has left behind, the professional guidance and great friendship. A part of the "Weston Family", Chief Otten will be missed but not forgotten.

We'll see you soon Chief.

★ Election to be held with the State Presidential Preference Primary Election ★  
★ Being held on **January 29, 2008** ★

On **Tuesday, January 29th**, 2008 the City of Weston will hold a Special Election to fill the unexpired term of the recently vacated Seat No. 1 on the City Commission.

The vacancy was created by Commissioner Sharon Cheren's resignation from the City Commission upon the decision to move out of the state.

The successful candidate will be sworn in at the February 4, 2008 Commission meeting and will serve the remainder of the unexpired term until the next regular election on November 4, 2008.

The Commission is elected at-large and non-partisan. All Weston residents registered to vote as of December 31, 2007, are eligible to vote in the January 29th Special Election.

Return to the polls on **Tuesday, January 29th** to vote on the Weston Commission Seat Vacancy and the Presidential Preference Primary

Polls are open from 7am - 7pm. Check your voter registration card for your city polling location or the Supervisor of Election website at [www.browardsoe.org](http://www.browardsoe.org)





# UPCOMING CITY EVENTS

September - October - November

## September

**Monday, September 3**

### Labor Day

In observance of a national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity and well being of our country, City Hall, the Community Center and Building Department will be closed. All City parks will be open.

**Monday, September 3, 9:00 a.m.**

### US Open Round Robin Tennis Tournament

Wrap up your Labor Day weekend with a round robin tennis tournament and a junior clinic for the kids. A day of tennis for the entire family! Following the tournament, relax on the back patio and enjoy lunch while watching the US Open on the television. \$15.00 members/\$20.00 non-members/\$12.00 children's clinic Weston Tennis Center, 16451 Racquet Club Road. To reserve your spot, please call 954-389-8666.

**Monday, September 10**

### New Location for Weston's City Hall

17200 Royal Palm Boulevard Weston, FL 33326

Our phone number, FAX and web site address are still the same! 954-385-2000; FAX 954-385-2010 www.westonfl.org

## October

**Friday, October 5, 8:30 p.m.**

### A Taste of the Arts in Weston

The Arts Council of Greater Weston kicks off their season with an ideal way to learn about the Arts Council and their upcoming events. Come mingle with local artists, poets, photographers, sculptors, performers, musicians and city officials. Featuring a display of artwork, silent auction, live entertainment, dessert and coffee reception. FREE and open to the public.

Bonaventure Country Club, 200 Bonaventure Boulevard. For information, please call 954-389-4321, 954-349-8744 or visit www.communityartscalendar.org/



**Friday, October 12, 6:30 p.m.**

### Brazilian Round Robin Tennis Tournament

A round robin tennis tournament, followed by a Brazilian barbecue complete with Brazilian beer and Brazilian music. A junior clinic will coincide, so the entire family can enjoy a day of tennis. \$20.00 members/\$25.00 non-members/\$15.00 children's clinic Weston Tennis Center, 16451 Racquet Club Road. To reserve your spot, please call 954-389-8666.

**Wednesday, October 17; Thursday, October 18; Friday, October 19; and, \*Saturday, October 21**

### Bulk Pickup

Bulk trash will be picked up on your regularly scheduled collection day only. Bulk trash must be placed curbside by 7 a.m. For residences with dumpster service, place items alongside dumpster. \*Indicates pick-up for multi-family units (condominiums & apartment complexes.) For more information, please call City Hall at 954-385-2000.

**Saturday, October 27, 4:00 & 5:30pm show times**

### Jack O' Lantern Jamboree Concert

Spooky themed music performed by the Symphony of the Americas Orchestra, with Maestro James Brooks-Bruzzese, all in costume. Children are encouraged to wear costumes to the show. Ticket are \$5 and sold through school PTA's, The Community Bank of Broward at 1504 Weston Rd. and the Music Education Center at 90 Indian Trace. Performances held at the Cypress Bay Theater, 18600 Vista Park Drive

## November

**Sunday, November 4**

### Daylight Saving Time

Turn clocks back one hour. Take this opportunity to replace batteries in smoke detectors.

**Friday, November 2 thru 5, 8:00 a.m.**

### 5th Annual City of Weston Tennis Tournament

A U.S.T.A. Men's and Women's Championship Tournament. For open divisions 30, 40, 50 and over. To register, please log on to www.usatennisflorida.com and click on Tournament Schedule. Registration deadline is Monday, October 29.

\$33.00 singles/\$18.00 per player for doubles.

Weston Tennis Center, 16451 Racquet Club Road. For more information, please call 954-389-8666.

**Monday, November 12**

### Veterans Day

To thank living veterans for their service, to acknowledge that their contributions to our national security are appreciated, and to underscore the fact that all those who served - not only those who died - have sacrificed and done their duty.

City Hall, the Community Center and Building Department will be closed.

All City parks will be open.

**Saturday, November 17, 10:30 a.m.**

### Davis Cup Team Challenge Tennis Tournament

A tennis tournament with teams representing different countries competing against each other. After the challenge enjoy an array of distinctive food and drinks from the respective countries. Draft will take place on Friday, November 16, in the afternoon. To enter the draft, please register in the morning.

\$20.00 members/\$30.00 non-members

Weston Tennis Center, 16451 Racquet Club Road. To reserve your spot, please call 954-389-8666.

**Thursday, November 22**

### Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving Day is a time to give thanks for all that we have and care for. City Hall, the Community Center and Building Department will be closed.

All City parks will be open.



## ASSERT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE

Registration Deadlines & Voting Dates

### Presidential Preference Primary & Weston Special Election

Voter Registration Deadline: Mon., December 31, 2007  
Election Day: Tues., January 29, 2008

### State Primary Election

Voter Registration Deadline: Mon., July 28, 2008  
Election Day: Tues., August 16, 2008

### General Election & Weston Municipal Election

Voter Registration Deadline: Mon., October 6, 2008  
Election Day: Tues., November 4th

### Your ONE vote, does make a difference.

To be an eligible voter, you must be 18 years or older (you may pre-register at 17); be an American citizen; and, a permanent resident of Broward County.

### How to Register to Vote -

It's very simple and there are several ways that you can register to vote.

- 1) Online at www.browardsoe.org
- 2) Obtain a form at City Hall, any County Library or the Office of the Supervisor of Elections.
- 3) Call the Supervisor of Elections office at 954-357-7050 weekdays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to receive a form by mail.



# Quarterly Bulk Pick Up

**Wednesday, October 17; Thursday, October 18; Friday, October 19** - For single family residences, bulk trash pick up will take place on whichever date is your regularly scheduled garbage collection day.

**Saturday, October 20** - For multi-family units (condominiums & apartment complexes), only.

Simply place bulk trash items at your curbside by 7 a.m. \*For residences with dumpster service (multi-family units), place bulk trash items alongside the dumpster.

**For more information, please call  
City Hall at  
954-385-2000.**



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