



# THE ANNOUNCER

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE CITY OF WESTON

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## Weston Announcer to "Retire" ...



A new era brings about new access to information

After a decade of publishing the Weston Announcer, the official city newsletter is being retired and in its place an exciting new avenue for residents to obtain **weekly** rather than **quarterly** news articles on city happenings.



*Newsday Tuesday* is coming to the City web site beginning **Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**. Residents and visitors accessing the city site at [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org) will find

the *Newsday Tuesday* icon on the homepage starting March 30<sup>th</sup> (add it to your Favorites list). Every Tuesday new articles on city information, department programs, educational topics of community interest, and covered or upcoming events will be displayed in a scrollable format. This new format will enable us to get this information to you in a much more timely fashion.

### THE CITY OF WESTON

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This change was precipitated by two core factors: Economics and Technology.

■ Economics - the cost of designing, printing and mailing over 23,000 copies of the Announcer, four times a year, is approximately \$100,000 annually. In a tight economy where alternatives are available, the choice for change was chosen.



Thru the years – The Weston Announcer

■ Technology – the majority of today's population has gone from reading printed news to accessing news on-line. Giving people what they want, and leveraging technology to save money, sealed the deal to undertake a new avenue for delivering city information. The Announcer has certainly had a great run. The awards case at city hall shows off just a handful of the awards won each year for Best Publication. But providing the best possible service in the most efficient manner will hopefully bring a new round of accolades, from you, our viewing public.

# Community

Our new media logo *Weston Always On*, refers to Weston's entire network of information that is accessible 24-hours a day... literally "Always ON".



This includes:



Our City web site



Weekly

Articles and Information



Our City Information Radio Station (within city limits)



Our City Government Access Cable TV channel



Twitter

and Weston's CodeRED Emergency Notification System – you can sign up for both by going on-line!

## How's Weston Doing?

Eric M. Hersh, Mayor

I hope you enjoyed the holiday season, and had the opportunity to welcome in the New Year with family and friends. I am very optimistic that this year will bring a much needed economic turnaround, thereby helping families protect their current financial well being, and secure their future.

Positive economic news and a long-awaited rebound in real estate would not only assist families, but would be a welcome relief to all governments, including the City of Weston. Although we are financially sound, we have, and will likely continue to face some difficult decisions for the years to come. Balancing the need for essential services, providing for an exceptional quality of life here in Weston, and adding value to your investment in our community are of utmost importance to us. At the same time, we want to keep the cost of living in Weston as low as possible.

In an effort to trim our costs, and based on feedback from the community, one of the decisions the City Commission made last year was to change the way we communicate to you, our shareholders, those who live and work in our community.

We have decided that this newsletter, "The Announcer", as it exists today will be "retired". This last edition has articles and event information through April,

with some information going out even further.

Beginning Tuesday, March 30th, weekly postings of articles will be launched on the city website at [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org), every Tuesday, on city projects, department programs and services, and city events and other information. Articles will be in a scrollable format, each on a letter size page template.

Our new format will enable us to provide articles and show covered events in a more timely fashion, and save on the cost of printing and distributing the newsletter.

This weekly update will also help us to steer residents to our web site for all of the information that is accessible 24-hours a day. Many of the listings published each quarter: meeting schedules, community center class offerings, city contact listings, bulk pickup schedule, and more, are already available on the city web site.

On our web site we also have a Calendar of Events, and there



will be a "Happening Now" link on the homepage for the latest information on a variety of subjects. We will still continue to provide information on our City Government Access Cable Channel, the City Information Radio Station (1680AM), as well as on Twitter. Our communications department will also continue putting out press releases, and using our CodeRed emergency calling service for any urgent notifications, and when necessary, we will still mail important information to your home.

We want you to feel proud that you live in Weston, and to keep the word out there that this is the best city in Florida to live and raise your family. To do that, you need to be informed about what we

do, and what we have to offer. We will make this information as easy as possible to get to, but we'll be asking you to use today's technology to get it. We hope you will sign up for Twitter updates, register for CodeRed alerts, and check our website often.

We always welcome your feedback, and I encourage you to email me, as well as the other members of your Commission with your comments, suggestions and ideas.

On behalf of Commissioner Stermer, Commissioner Chermak, Commissioner Henriksson and Commissioner Gomez, we wish each of you a great 2010 and look forward to seeing you around Weston. Please keep in touch.



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The 6th Annual

**FREE  
CONCERT**

**Saturday at 7pm  
March 20th 2010**

Weston Regional Park  
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Still The One



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All inquiries regarding event should be directed to The City of Weston

Denise Barrett & Jeff Skidmore - 954.385.2000

Rotary Club of Weston

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## FIREFIGHTERS WEARING PINK PAYS OFF MORE THAN \$5K RAISED FOR BREAST CANCER

One more reason to be proud of the brave men and women that help maintain the safety of our residents each and every day. BSO firefighters in Weston joined Weston elected officials and Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz at Station #81 for a jumbo check presentation to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure®

Miami/Ft. Lauderdale Affiliate on Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

During "Breast Cancer Awareness Month," Broward Sheriff's Office Fire Rescue personnel, including Weston's very own, wore pink T-shirts on duty to show their support for the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 4321

"Care Enough to Wear Pink" campaign, which started in October. The pink T's were donated by Waste Management, Inc. of Florida; firefighters and supporters purchased the shirts for a minimum donation of \$10. The pink T-shirt supply was quickly depleted, resulting in a \$5,500 donation.

# Happenings

The Weston Tennis Center  
16451 Racquet Club Road | 954-389-8666



The 2010 season is upon us and it is time to get ready for an exciting year on the courts. Many players at this stage take the time to work on a few small things in their game and most players begin working on a different grip or stroke. A couple tips to help with that transition.

1. Most of the time when you change something it's not going to work in the short term. This is because it is not comfortable and the body will resist. Be patient with the grip or swing and remember that you always have the old swing in the bag, so be fearless.
2. Grip pressure on a new swing or specifically a grip change: When you make that change you tend to squeeze the racquet and the tension will cause fatigues and most likely injuries. Try not to try so hard and keep that grip pressure at least a 2 out of 5.

3. Start small and slow and then build up the confidence. If you are working specifically with a new swing to help with topspin, make sure you feel what the stroke is doing to the ball. There is no feel when you are muscling that ball, keep it smooth and work the technique and you'll find results quicker.

I hope these tips help with those small transitions and you continue your journey on being a better player and reaching your goals.

Sincerely,  
Reza Tompsett  
Tennis Center Director



# Happenings

The Weston Tennis Center  
16451 Racquet Club Road | 954-389-8666



## The Weston Tennis Center... the U

The Weston Tennis Center is a spacious, 16-court facility that includes 15 hydro-clay courts and one championship hard court. The Center is equipped with men's and women's showers, lockers, covered patio area for pre- and post-match relaxation and a

fully stocked Fila concept pro shop offering a variety of racquets, shoes, and clothing for sale.

In addition to top notch amenities, the Weston Tennis Center is an elite provider of opportunities to learn the game of tennis or help the avid player improve his/her skill set. Private lessons, in a one-on-one atmosphere is the preferred way to learn technique and specific tactics,

however, lessons can be shared in a semi-private environment and can be taken for one half-hour, one-hour, or one-and-one-half hour sessions.

Clinics containing a 4 to 1 student ratio are also available every morning from 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Evening clinics are available on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings from 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. They are open for all levels but





# Ultimate Tennis Experience

mainly for 3.0 and up.

Calling ALL Junior Tennis Players!!  
Did you know that all juniors are eligible to participate in a **FREE** first day try-out? Just call the Weston Tennis Center at 954-389-8666 today!

**Monday thru Friday the following is available:**

Pee Wee (ages 3-5):  
3:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Thunder (ages 5-9):  
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. (also Saturday morning at 10:30 a.m.)

Turbo (ages 10-15):  
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. (also Saturday morning at 11:30 a.m.)

Top Gun (invitational):  
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
*Additionally a tournament training program for competitive kids from USTA rookie level all the way up to super series and district levels is available Monday*

*thru Friday from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.*  
**UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE WESTON TENNIS CENTER**  
**Call the Weston Tennis Center for event details at 954-389-8666**

- Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> – Casino night
- Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – USTA Weston Tennis Center Youth Cup (Boys & Girls)
- Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> – Margarita Mixer
- Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> – French Open Night

# Community

## Stories, Reads and Happenings at the Weston Branch Library 4205 Bonaventure Boulevard 954-389-2098

Hours: Monday-Wednesday 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Thursday-Saturday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sunday Closed

Each month the Weston Branch Library provides an extensive array of classes, programs and presentations for adults, teens and children. Please call or visit the library for a complete list and you can visit the Weston website events calendar at [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org) for many of the programs.

### For Adults

#### BOOK-CLUB-IN-A-BAG

Start your own book club with everything you need to lead a discussion group. Contact Linda Abraham for details at 954-389-2098 ext 249

#### ENGLISH CAFÉ

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

A conversation practice class for intermediate learners of English

#### PAPO AFIADO

Mondays 6:00 p.m.

Intermediate conversational Portuguese

#### SPANISH CAFÉ

Fridays 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

A conversational class for beginners and intermediate learners

#### U.S. CITIZENSHIP EXAM

##### PREPARATION CLASSES

Tuesdays 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

\*For additional citizenship classes call Janine Rodrigues at 954-389-2098 ext 247

#### ENGLISH BOOK CLUB

Last Tuesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

English Book Discussion. February Author Bonnie J. Glover discusses her book *Going Down South*

\*For more information contact Priya Anand 954-389-2098 ext 245

#### SPANISH BOOK CLUB

Last Monday of each month from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

\*For more information contact Waleska Diaz 954-389-2098 ext 244

The library offers over a dozen

computer classes, including

Computer Literacy, MS Word,

PowerPoint, Excel and Publisher.

For computer classes at the library, call 954-389-2098 X234

For Children & Teens

For more details and additional

youth programs and classes call

Youth Services at 954-389-2098 ext 252.

#### TODDLER TIME

(ages 2 to 3) Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

and 11:30 a.m. Space is limited

and tickets will be distributed

prior to the start of the program.

Registration through youth services is required.

#### STORY TIME

(ages 3 to 6) Thursdays 11:00 a.m.

Space is limited and tickets will

be distributed prior to the start of

the program. Registration through

youth services is required.

### WAG'S N' TALES

(ages 5 to 12)

Third Tuesday of the month at 3:30 p.m. Registration through youth services is required

### BOOK JOURNEYS BOOK CLUB

(ages 9 to 12)

Last Monday of the month

For more information contact Youth Services 954-389-2098 ext. 252



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RECEIVE WESTON TWEETS!

Keeping residents, visitors and “followers” informed, Weston has joined the “tweeting” generation! Twitter is at the forefront of social media and allows City staff to tweet upcoming events, latest news items, current traffic situations and more! The City’s Twitter account is [www.twitter.com/CityofWeston](http://www.twitter.com/CityofWeston) - join by accessing Twitter or via the City website at [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org) and start receiving your tweets today!

*\*Please note that the City’s Twitter account is a one-way communication, tweets sent to the City will not be answered via Twitter. Anytime you have a question or inquiry, please email City Hall at [cityhall@westonfl.org](mailto:cityhall@westonfl.org) or call 954-385-2000.*

## QUICK TIPS AND FAST FACTS

**Child Safety Seat Installation:** Take a photo of the seat BEFORE you take anything apart to install it. A picture is worth a thousand words....

**Going Out of Town?** BSO offers a free **home watch program** to check on your home daily. Visit [www.sheriff.org/homewatch](http://www.sheriff.org/homewatch) to download the form. If you have any questions, contact your Weston BSO district office at 954-389-2010.

**Free Wi-Fi in the Park** – Weston Regional Park provides all park visitors with access to free internet connectivity. Visitors and spectators are now able to use laptops and other portable devices with WI-FI capability anywhere within the park’s boundaries.

**Do You Count?** – Ensure that you do. **The 2010 U.S. Census** needs to count every single person living in Weston as of **April 1, 2010** - renters; caretakers; children; parents, relatives and friends residing in your home; illegal aliens;

college students; and those that live outside of the US during other periods of the year. *Simply*, everyone. Ensure you are counted so that you, your city, your county and state get the share of federal dollars deserved.

**Bike Lanes** – Weston has over 46 miles of marked bike lanes. Whether biking, jogging, skating or walking, be considerate of others. Maximum of two persons abreast within the lane. Go to single file so that others may pass or pass-by.

# FREE Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collection Event May 16, 2010

## Clean out the Garage AND Preserve the Environment

Planning on doing a Spring cleaning? When cleaning out closets and garages, put aside items that cannot be placed into the trash or put out for bulk pickup for the annual FREE Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collection Event which will take place on **Sunday, May 16, 2010** at the Weston Public Works Facility (2599 South Post Road). For event details check the Weston website [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org) or call Public Works at 954-385-2600.

## Don't Want to Wait?

The safest way to dispose of hazardous home chemicals is to carefully pack them up and bring them to one of Broward County's HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) Collection Centers. The HHW program accepts hazardous chemicals generated from Broward County residents **FREE OF CHARGE** and disposes or recycles them according to all local, state and federal regulations. Each Saturday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. HHW drop-off centers are open to collect waste that cannot be collected curbside.



## Weston Area Location:

Central HHW Collection Center  
5490 Reese Road  
Davie, FL 33314

For more info call the Hotline: 954-765-4999

Or visit: <http://www.co.broward.fl.us/waste/iwi04100.htm>



## What is Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)?

HHW refers to used or leftover contents of consumer products that contain chemicals with one of the four characteristics: *Toxic, Ignitable, Corrosive, or Reactive* as defined by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Household Hazardous Waste includes: oil and latex paints and thinners, used motor oil, auto fluids and gasoline solvents, pesticides, fertilizers, pool chemicals, drain cleaners, tires, mercury, rechargeable & automobile batteries and electronics.



# Fire Safety

## *What can happen...did happen.*

On December 1, 2009 a pot left unattended on a stove burner that was thought to have been turned off, but wasn't, ignited a kitchen fire that ultimately left a home in The Falls community uninhabitable. Fortunately there were no injuries. Fire Capt. Guy Lindauer (in above photos) checks the walls and ceilings with a thermal imaging

camera to ensure there are no hot spots remaining in the home.

Cooking fires are the most common cause of home fires in the U.S. BSO Fire Rescue reminds resident to check stove burners and candles (another common cause for fires) before leaving the home or going to bed.

### Training

Weston firefighters in training – With blacked out face masks to simulate the lack of vision in a real fire situation, firefighters utilized the playground equipment at the Weston Regional Park as props. The steps, narrow walkways, twists, turns and drop-offs, made for an excellent practice location.

# The City of Weston Annual Royal Egg Hunt

**Saturday, April 3**

**10:00a.m. Prompt start time**

*Weston Regional Park at baseball fields #1 thru #4*

One of Weston's most beloved events for young children. Join in on the fun of scrambling to collect some of the over **15,000** candy-filled eggs.

Keep an eye out for golden colored eggs as they will win you a prize!

**Arrive Early!**

**Age Categories up to  
10 years old**

**All age groups start  
promptly at 10am**

**Bring a basket or bag for  
gathering eggs**

**Bounce Houses and  
photos with the Royal  
Bunny after the egg hunt  
until 12:00 noon**

For more information please call the  
Weston Community Center at 954-389-4321

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*Emergencia Policia/Bomberos/Auxilio Médico* . . . . . **911**  
Non-Emergency Dispatch / *Despacho No Emergencia* .954-765-4321  
BSO Police Administration / *Policia - Administración* .954-389-2010  
Weston Police Services Building, 17300 Royal Palm Blvd.  
*Weston Traffic Unit / Weston Unidad de Trafico* . . . . .954-389-2016  
*Crime Prevention / Prevención del Crimen* . . . . .954-389-2030

## **Broward Sheriff's Office- FIRE Department Administration**

*Bomberos - Administración* . . . . .954-389-2015  
**Emergency** Police/Fire/EMS . . . . .**911**  
*Emergencia Policia/Bomberos/Auxilio Médico*.. . . . .**911**  
Station No. 81, 17350 Royal Palm Blvd.

## **Building & Permitting/Construcción & Permisos**

C.A.P. Government, Inc. . . . . 954-385-0500  
2700 S. Commerce Parkway, Suite 101

## **Broward County Weston Branch Library / Biblioteca**

4205 Bonaventure Blvd. . . . . 954-389-2098  
[www.broward.org/library](http://www.broward.org/library)

## **Cable Television**

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

**City Hall/Oficinas Municipales** . . . . . 954-385-2000  
City Manager/ Asst. City Mgr./CFO / City Clerk/Finance/  
Communications/Business Tax Receipt (F/K/A Occupational  
Licenses) 17200 Royal Palm Blvd. Email: [cityhall@westonfl.org](mailto:cityhall@westonfl.org)

**Code Enforcement/ Aplicación de reglaenntos** . . . . . 954-385-0500

## **Community Services / Servicios Comunitarios**

**Parks & Recreation / Parques y Diversión**  
20200 Saddle Club Road . . . . . 954-389-4321  
[www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org) - Parks & Recreation: info on parks, events &  
recreation class schedules

**Arts Council of Greater Weston**.. . . . . 954-389-4321  
[www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org) - Parks & Recreation/ Arts Council

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

## **Public Works Services Center - water & sewer/**

**Obras Públicas - Agua y Alcantarillado**  
At the Public Works Services 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). . . . . 954-385-2600  
After hours and weekends for Indian Trace . . . . . 954-385-2600

## **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](http://www.westonfl.org)

## **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**

**Weston Twitter**.. . . . . [www.twitter.com/cityofweston](http://www.twitter.com/cityofweston)

# Community

The Sheinberg Family YMCA of Weston is open Monday thru Friday 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday's 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday's 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is located inside of the Weston Regional Park.

## The Sheinberg Family YMCA of Weston.

Strong kids, Strong Families...  
Strong Community

The Sheinberg Family YMCA of Weston is undeniably a popular destination for children, teens, families and seniors throughout our community. The YMCA provides a safe, healthy, family-friendly environment; which strives to make everyone feel welcome. This volunteer based organization has a long history of serving the community through programs that build a healthy spirit, mind and body for all. Even through these difficult economic times, the YMCA has maintained a commitment to the health and well-being of the families in Weston.

Members of our community continue to support the mission and initiatives of the YMCA.

Through generous contributions to the YMCA's Y-Partners campaign, YMCA supporters are ensuring that every child and family in our community, regardless of income, is provided access to the great programs and facilities of the YMCA. In 2009, the Sheinberg Family YMCA of Weston raised over \$119,000. This was an increase of more than \$17,000 from 2008! These donations impacted the lives of more than 2,000 children and families by providing them with programs and services they otherwise would not have been able to afford. Through these gifts, the YMCA of Weston is able to provide financial assistance for every



program that is offered.

Two key YMCA programs that continue to make a significant impact on the strength of families in Weston are:

- **Afterschool Care:** This program serves more than 115 children per day and offers transportation from 7 local elementary schools. 38% of the children attending the program would not be able to do so without some level of financial assistance.
- **Summer Camp:** This past summer more than 250 children attended camp everyday and more than \$50,000 was required in financial assistance to ensure





classes, free childcare, sports programs for children, teens and adults, free seminars and workshops, swim lessons and much more; there is truly something for everyone at the YMCA - and it is affordable for all.

The YMCA is committed to ensuring nobody is denied due to their inability to pay. The Sheinberg Family YMCA of Weston continues to build strong kids, strong families and a strong community through the generous support of our volunteers and donors.

For more information about the Sheinberg Family YMCA of Weston please call 954.424.9622 or visit our website at [www.ymcabroward.org](http://www.ymcabroward.org).

that children in our community had a place to learn and grow over the summer!

The Sheinberg Family YMCA of Weston is committed to making our community a great place to

live, grow and play! A recent renovation of the wellness floor added more than 45 new pieces of state-of-the-art fitness equipment and an expansion of the *spinning studio* added 30 new spin bikes! With over 100 FREE group exercise

# 2010 Weston University Update



## A Day in Law Enforcement

### Weston University Class of 2010

Students of the city's Weston University Class of 2010 are now able to add the ins and outs of law enforcement into their roster of knowledge. After spending the day at the Weston Police Services building, the 24 students that make up this year's class learned how the Broward Sheriff's Office provides law enforcement services to the City of Weston.

Students began their day at City Hall with a personal welcome from City

Manager, John R. Flint. Police Chief Greg Page then addressed students on the operations of the department, budgetary and staffing processes, and the services provided to the City. Crime Prevention Officer Kari Pallotto and students then headed to the police services building for a first-hand look.

Throughout the day students learned what it takes to staff a 24/7 operation, along with the multitude of career opportunities available in a large

organization. From a hands-on crime scene investigation presentation, including dusting for fingerprints and swabbing for "blood", students left no stone unturned. Next, students learned how K-9 dogs are trained and witnessed a demonstration of how that training pays off for the community when the deputy works with a trusted canine partner. Lastly, students toured a SWAT vehicle, tried on equipment and learned the important role this unit plays in keeping our community safe.



# Community



## Fall Harvest Festival and Halloween Safety Expo Draws its Largest Crowd Ever

This action-packed evening drew its largest crowd to-date with over 1,500 kids, adults and pets in attendance.

On Halloween Eve the track at Tequesta Trace Park was adorned with tents that supplied candy for trick-or-treaters, as well as a huge selection of games, arts &

crafts, health and safety exhibits, give-a-ways, cotton candy and snow cones. Children and adults alike took part in a safe and fun-filled evening which included a children's costume parade, pet costume contests, live entertainment, DJ music, a pumpkin patch, bounce houses and safety exhibits from police and fire.





## Crime Prevention

In the above photos, BSO Crime Prevention Officer Kari Pallotto hosts a talk for kids at the Savanna clubhouse on Drugs, Bullying and Gun Safety. A teen tries out the DUI goggles which simulate the effects of alcohol or drugs on motor skills.

In the bottom photo, Deputies Pallotto and Joe Williams teach a self-defense class for women.

Want a presentation for your community group? Call BSO Weston Crime Prevention at 954-389-2030.

# Official City Commission Meetings

All meetings of the City Commission are held at Weston City Hall,  
located at 17200 Royal Palm Boulevard.

Meeting dates are subject to change or cancellation, please confirm prior to attendance, 954-385-2000

## City Commission 2010

7:00 p.m.

Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>

Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>

Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>

Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>

Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>

Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup>

Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>

Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>

Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>

Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>

Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup>

Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>

Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup>

Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

## VIEW MEETINGS ON-LINE and ON CABLE

- Meetings can be viewed live on the city's website at [www.westonfl.org](http://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 p.m.; Wednesday & Thursday at 10 a.m. and 9 p.m.

Advanced Cable subscribers tune to Channel #25

Comcast subscribers tune to Channel #78

Direct Path subscribers tune to Channel #62

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

## 2010 CENSUS: IT'S IN OUR HANDS



Easy, Important, Confidential  
WESTON COUNTS!

**APRIL 1, 2010 -  
BE COUNTED.**  
Help us, to help you.

**YOUR RESPONSE is  
essential for you and  
our community**

- **FUNDING** – more than ever, it is essential that Weston receives its fair share of funding which is determined by the Census population count – local communities receive money for education, public safety, housing and community development, transportation, health care and human service programs based on the results.

The loss of funding for government services for just ONE uncounted person in Broward County was estimated at \$1,300

- **IT'S SAFE** – personal information is NOT shared with any government agency.

**10 Questions  
10 Minutes  
To define who  
we are as a Nation**

**IF YOU DO NOT  
RECEIVE A CENSUS  
FORM BY APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>:**  
Forms will be available at City Hall or call us and we will get one to you, call 954-385-2002

**IF YOU NEED A FORM  
IN A DIFFERENT  
LANGUAGE:**

You will be able to request a form in one of the five non-English languages via toll-free numbers that will be available closer to Census Day.

To view the 10 question form, in English or Spanish, you can log on to:  
<http://2010.census/how/interactive-form.php>

This information is available on the Weston website at [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org)

# Community

## THE CITY OF WESTON DINING & BUSINESS GUIDE 2009

### **Weston Dining & Shopping Guide** *Available on-line*

At [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org) and you can find a listing for all of Weston's restaurants, shops and personal service establishments as well as houses of worship and hotels.

*Click on Residents & Visitors, then Dining/Shopping/ Lodging Guide.*

## Bothered by Unwanted Solicitations? Put an End to it Today

National Do Not Call Registry

1.888.382.1222

On-line registration at:

<https://www.donotcall.gov>

The National Do Not Call Registry gives you a choice about whether to receive telemarketing calls at home. Most telemarketers should not call your number once it has been on the registry for 31 days. If they do, you can file a complaint at [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov). You can register your home or mobile phone for free.

This literally takes seconds to complete.





# 10 QUESTIONS MINUTES

TO DEFINE WHO WE ARE AS A NATION

## The Census: A Snapshot

- **What:** The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States.
- **Who:** All U.S. residents must be counted—both citizens and non citizens.
- **When:** You will receive your questionnaire in March 2010 either by U.S. mail or hand delivery. Some people in remote areas will be counted in person.
- **Why:** The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years to count the population and determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- **How:** Households should complete and mail back their questionnaires upon receipt. Households that do not respond may receive a replacement questionnaire in early April. Census takers will visit households that do not return questionnaires to take a count in person.

## A Complete Count: The Importance of Census Data

- Every year, the federal government allocates more than \$400 billion to states and communities based, in part, on census data.
- Census data are used to determine locations for retail stores, schools, hospitals, new housing developments and other community facilities.
- Census data determine boundaries for state and local legislative and congressional districts.

## 2010 Census Questionnaire: Easy, Important and Safe

- With only 10 questions, the 2010 Census questionnaire takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. Households are asked to provide key demographic information, including: whether a housing unit is rented or owned; the address of the residence; and the names, genders, ages and races of others living in the household.
- By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's responses with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

United States  
**Census  
2010**

## CENSUS HISTORY

The first census took place in 1790 to determine the number of seats each state would have in the U.S. House of Representatives. The census also was created to gain a better understanding of where people lived and to establish patterns of settlement as the nation grew.


## ABOUT THE CENSUS BUREAU

The Census Bureau was established in 1902. Today, in addition to administering the census of population and housing, the Census Bureau conducts more than 200 annual surveys, including the American Community Survey, the Current Population Survey and economic censuses every five years.




**We move  
forward  
when you  
send it back.**

## 2010 Census Key Dates




**February - March 2010**  
Census questionnaires are mailed or delivered to households.




**March - April 2010**  
Be Counted program is implemented. Census questionnaires are available at select public sites for individuals who did not receive one by mail.




**April 1, 2010**  
CENSUS DAY



**May - July 2010**  
Census takers visit households that did not return a questionnaire by mail.



**Dec. 31, 2010**  
By law, the Census Bureau delivers population counts to the President.



**March 2011**  
By law, the Census Bureau completes delivery of redistricting data to states.

## Frequently Asked Questions

**1. Q. Who should fill out the census questionnaire?**

**A.** The individual in whose name the housing unit is owned or rented should complete the questionnaire on behalf of every person living in the residence, including relatives and non-relatives.

**2. Q. How will the 2010 Census differ from previous censuses?**

**A.** In 2010, every residence will receive a short questionnaire of just 10 questions. More detailed socioeconomic information previously collected through the decennial census will be asked of a small percentage of the population through the annual American Community Survey. To learn more about the American Community Survey, visit [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov).

**3. Q. How are census data used?**

**A.** Census data determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives. Census data also can help determine the allocation of federal funds for community services, such as school lunch programs and senior citizen centers, and new construction, such as highways and hospitals.

**4. Q. What kind of assistance is available to help people complete the questionnaire?**

**A.** 2010 Census questionnaire language assistance guides are available in a variety of languages. Questionnaire Assistance Centers (QAC) will also assist those unable to read or understand the questionnaire. Large-print questionnaires are available to the visually impaired upon request, and a Teletext Device for the Deaf (TDD) program will help the hearing impaired. Contact your Regional Census Center for more details about the types of assistance available and for QAC locations.

**5. Q. How does the Census Bureau count people without a permanent residence?**

**A.** Census Bureau workers undertake extensive operations to take in-person counts of people living in group quarters, such as college dormitories, military barracks, nursing homes and shelters, as well as those who have been displaced by natural disasters.

For more information about the  
2010 Census, go to [2010census.gov](http://2010census.gov).



2010 CENSUS  
IT'S IN OUR HANDS

# Picture Perfect Performances

THE CITY OF WESTON PRESENTS:  
THE 2010 WESTON PERFORMING ARTS SERIES

## Children's Theater Tickets

Available at the  
Weston Community Center,  
954-398-4321

\$10 in advance or \$15 at the theater box  
office the day of the show.  
All performances are held at the  
Cypress Bay Theater,  
18600 Vista Park Boulevard.



### The Emperor's New Clothes

April 17, 2010 10:00am

Nothing pleased the pompous Emperor more than a new suit of clothes. So of course when he heard of a magic material that had the remarkable quality of being invisible to anyone who was not good at his job or who was intolerably stupid, he called for the tailors at once. Join the crafty swindlers, the bumbling Emperor and his entire court as they learn the cost of conceit.

**Appropriate**  
for ages 3-10 with  
parent/guardian

Tickets: \$10 in advance / \$15 at door

*Purchase at*

The Weston Community Center,  
954-389-4321



# Picture Perfect Performances

THE CITY OF WESTON PRESENTS:  
THE 2010 WESTON PERFORMING ARTS SERIES



March 13, 2010

## **The Tortoise and the Hare**

Shows at 1:30pm and 3:00pm

Televised coverage modernizes this Aesop's fable about a great race between a lovable tortoise and an arrogant hare. In addition to the moral that perseverance prevails, good nutrition and exercise are stressed.

May 8, 2010

## **Little Red Riding Hood**

Shows at 1:30pm and 3:00pm

An all-new twist on an all-time favorite. In this updated version, the Wolf and Red both learn some valuable lessons on the way to Grandma's house. Exciting ...educational.



**Appropriate**

for ages 3-10 with  
parent/guardian

**FREE Puppet Shows for Children**

*Appropriate for ages 3-10, with parent/guardian*

**The Weston Community Center**

Inside the Weston Regional Park at 20200 Saddle Club Road 954-389-4321

## WESTON SYMPHONY SERIES

All concerts at the Cypress Bay Theater 18600 Vista Park Boulevard  
Ticketed performances / Free parking

### **Ars Flores Symphony Orchestra**

Saturday, March 13, 2010 | 8pm – 10pm

Dr. Lynn Sams Luce, Artistic Director  
and Conductor

### **THE ARS FLORES RISING STARS ALUMNI**

**CONCERT**, featuring Daniel Andai, Violin,  
and Dawn Smith, Viola. These alumni are now  
accomplished professionals in the field. Each  
will perform a solo with the orchestra. In its 10th  
season, Ars Flores Symphony Orchestra is a unique  
orchestra of professionals and conservatory level  
students (fellows), who perform and rehearse side  
by side.

Tickets: \$20 in advance  
\$15 at door / \$10 Student

### **The Weston Community Center**

20200 Saddle Club Road  
954-389-4321

### **Summer Fest**

### **The Mont Blanc Chamber Orchestra (France)**

July 2010 – exact date to be announced

Time to be announced

*This concert will not be at  
Cypress Bay Theater*

A cultural exchange presented by the Symphony of the Americas and American Airlines involves European and American musicians in joint performances throughout Florida and the US, Central and South America and the visiting orchestra's home country.

The Mont Blanc Chamber Orchestra is composed of select top members of the Mont Blanc Symphony of France. They aim to promote and make classical music more widely known. The orchestra has interpreted a vast repertoire of music ranging from the Baroque era to the 20th century.



# The City of Weston Presents Free Monthly MOONLIGHT MOVIES IN THE PARK

*Kick back and relax, the movies are on us...*

Bring lawn chairs or blankets and relax.

All movies at the event stage in the Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Road

Saturday, February 6, 2010  
Marley and Me 7:30pm

Heel the love... A family learns important life lessons from their adorable, but naughty and neurotic dog.

Saturday, February 26, 2010  
Mall Cop 7:30pm

Safety never takes a holiday. When a shopping mall is overtaken by a gang of organized crooks, it's up to a mild-mannered security guard to save the day.

Saturday, March 6, 2010  
Journey to the Center Of the Earth in "3D" 7:30pm

Same Planet. Different World. On a quest to find out what happened to his missing brother, a scientist, his nephew and their mountain guide discover a fantastic and dangerous lost world in the center of the earth.

Saturday, April 10, 2010  
Madagascar 2 8:00pm

Still together. Still lost! The sequel to 2005's "Madagascar", in which New York Zoo animals, Alex the Lion, Marty the Zebra, Melman the Giraffe and Gloria the Hippo still stranded on Madagascar, start to leave the island.



# Community

## Free Residential Bulk Pickup for 2010

Bulk pick-up occurs once a quarter (January, April, July and October) in the City of Weston. To ensure that you don't miss out, ALL bulk pick-up dates for the entire year are published on the city's website, [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org) just click on "Public Works."

### 2010

January 2010: Wed. 20 / Thur. 21 / Fri. 22 / Multi-family: Sat. 23

April 2010: Wed. 21 / Thur. 22 / Fri. 23 / Multi-family: Sat. 24

July 2010: Wed. 21 / Thur. 22 / Fri. 23 / Multi-family: Sat. 24

October 2010: Wed. 20 / Thur. 21 / Fri. 22 / Multi-family: Sat. 23

**WHICHEVER date is the day of your regular garbage collection.**

Place items curbside by 7:00am on that date.

Multi-family units & Townhomes: place items next to dumpster.

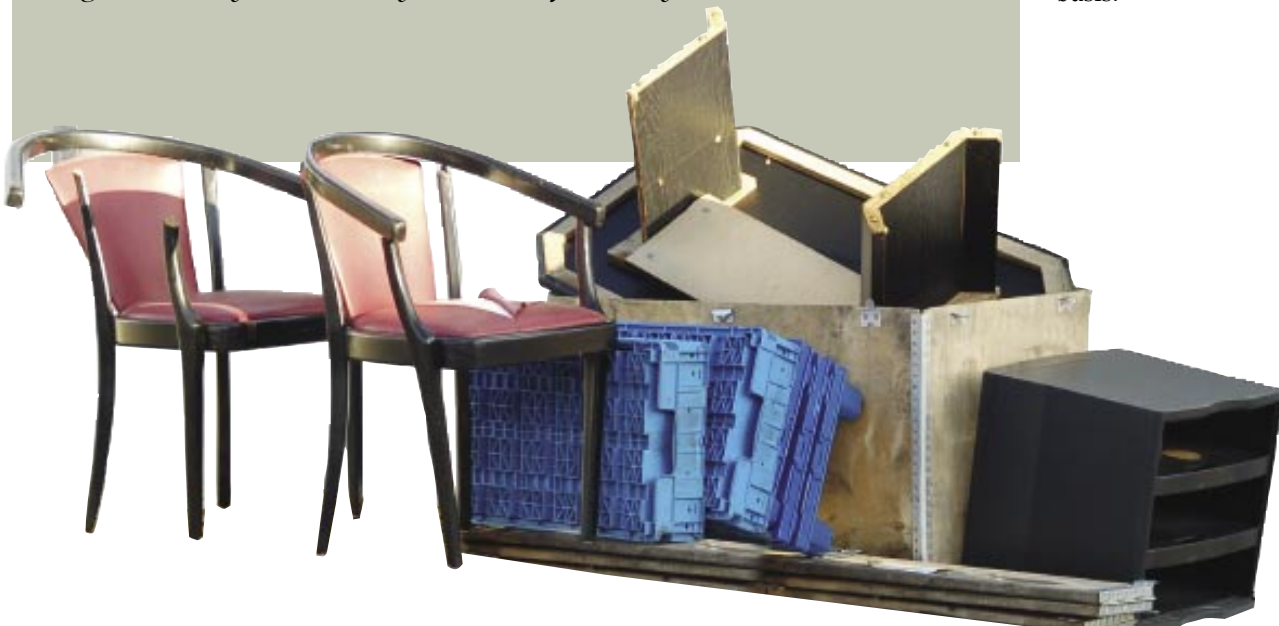
*Please note that items not collected that day, will be collected the next day – dependent upon the amount of participation, trucks may not get to every location by the end of the day.*

### THINK BEFORE YOU THROW

#### THINK ABOUT DONATING BEFORE TOSSING:

Help those in need, keep items out of the waste stream, and get a tax deduction. Several national organizations will even pick-up directly from your residence – you don't have to wait for bulk pick-up day!

There are many local, well-established charitable organizations that readily accept donated items. From your home to a new home... and don't forget pets, many pet shelters are in need of sheets and towels on a regular basis.



## National Flood Insurance Program Grants 10% Discount to Weston Residents!

As of May 1, 2009 the City of Weston was accepted as a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System, with a Class 8 rating.

### FLOOD WARNINGS

The City of Weston in coordination with Broward County, has a warning system to notify residents of impending flood danger. Warnings will be transmitted on television, radio, telephones and other media. Listen for instructions during times of flood risk.

### FLOOD SAFETY

Even if your area is not known for flooding or not directly hit by heavy winds, flooding is a potential threat. Knowing what to do to minimize losses is paramount. These are precautionary steps:

- Turn off electricity and natural gas.
- Have a battery-powered radio or television to monitor storm and flood

warning information.

- Heed warning and evacuation instructions from disaster officials. Weston is not in an evacuation zone but residents may need to go to a shelter, or evacuate in a disaster.
- Take your own essentials (food, toiletries, clothes, etc.) Be careful to distinguish between roads and canals during severe flooding.

### PROPERTY PROTECTION

There are numerous ways to minimize property losses from flood damage, including:

- Move furniture and other household valuables to rooms or spaces in the upper story of the dwelling or a location higher than the regular floor elevation.
- Park your car on high ground, preferably inside a garage or shelter.
- Cut down loose tree limbs and palm fronds. Check around outside of home, securing anything that could become airborne in a storm.
- Secure windows, putting up storm shutters or boards.

*A detailed list of how to survive a storm is available on the City's web site at [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org).*

### FLOOD INSURANCE

Most homeowner insurance policies DO NOT cover loss due to flooding. You need a flood insurance policy. Property owners can insure buildings and contents; renters can insure possessions. The City of Weston participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)

All residents and businesses in Weston qualify for National Flood Insurance Program policies. A 10% discount is received due to Weston's participation in the Community Rating System.

to provide city residents with the initial qualification to purchase flood insurance and qualifies properties in Weston for a 10% discount.



## FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

All development, including new construction, repair/replacement work and additions, signs, fences, fill and tree removal requires a permit. Contact the Building Department at 954-385-0500.

## STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Stormwater is managed through a system of drainage catch basins, lakes and canals maintained regularly by our Public Works Department. Water flow, especially during heavy storms, is essential to flood prevention. City and state laws prohibit dumping in waterways. Please report violations to the police department at 954-765-4321 or Public Works at 954-385-2600.

For additional information please feel free to contact our Public Works Department at 954-385-2600.



# FROM PERU TO THE CITY OF WESTON

## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE TEAM VISITS CITY HALL

Rotary International Group Study Exchange members from Peru were welcomed to city hall by Weston City Commissioner Mercedes G. Henriksson and City Manager John R. Flint, as they discussed the City of Weston, its form of government and tourism. Weston staff members Ana Rodriguez, Accounts Receivable Clerk who is originally from Peru along with Don Decker, Director of Parks and Recreation, and Laurie Menekou, Assistant Director of Communications also met with the group. Both Laurie and Don are past participants of the Rotary Exchange Program, with Don visiting Italy and Laurie traveling to Argentina with the Weston Rotary Club.

Exchange group participants are young professionals that each work in various industries in both the public and private sectors in their native country.

This is the ninth year in a row that the Weston Rotary Club has arranged for a Rotary International Group Study Exchange team to visit Weston City Hall. Participants from countries all across the globe such as South Africa, Argentina, the Philippines and now Peru have made the, now, anticipated annual visit to Weston City Hall for a cultural exchange, professional discussion and warm welcome.

## A Note from the City Manager

John R. Flint

The more things change, the better they can be. We have many changes in store for the New Year, and all for the better. You're holding in your hand the first noticeable change, our Weston Announcer; this is our last edition. The Announcer served us well during the city's first 12 years, winning numerous national and international awards and recognitions, a testament to our Communications staff. Now it's time to move forward, make the best use of the technology available and deliver our information in the most contemporary way. We're changing

the way we'll be communicating with you: more often, more information, greater ease, less costly, and always on. We've re-branded our Weston media to "Weston Always On" because whether it's our website, our cable channels, or our AM radio, they are all "always on".

Take a few moments to read our cover article about "Weston Always On", the changes to our website, including the new "Newsday Tuesday", its how we'll deliver our news to you.

The next noticeable change is as you drive along Weston's main roadways; you'll see new traffic signs being installed. These signs aren't just any signs; these signs are designed, engineered and tested to withstand significant storm force winds, the first in south Florida. The City's original sign posts and frames were constructed of wood and PVC, which have deteriorated due to exposure to the elements over time, and we lost hundreds of these signs during Hurricane Wilma. The installation began at the east end of Royal Palm Boulevard and will progress westward, and ultimately all of the City's public roadways will receive

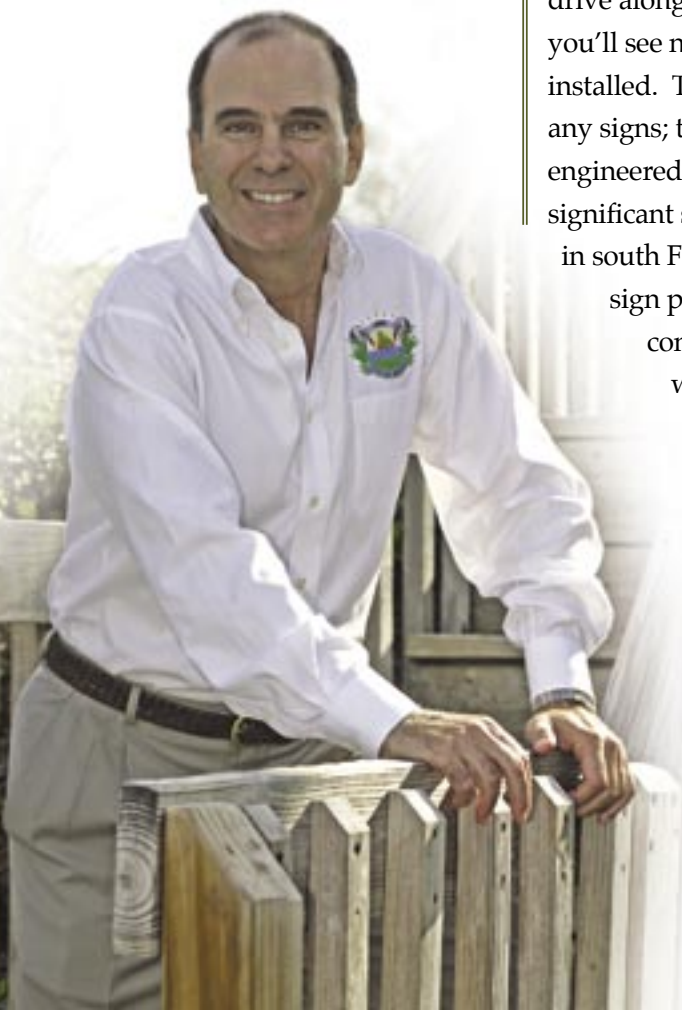
the new signs. The entire replacement program will take 2 to 3 years to complete.

A change that you may not even notice is the City's street lighting system. Utilizing an American Recovery and Renewal Act (federal stimulus) grant, we'll be changing the incandescent street light fixtures to fixtures using LED lamps. You shouldn't notice any change in the street lighting, but we'll notice a change in the electric bill. The LED conversion will save almost 70% in on-going energy costs!

Another noticeable change will be the two roundabouts that will be constructed on Bonaventure Boulevard, one at Saddle Club Road and the other at Blatt Boulevard. These two roundabouts will replace the multi-lane four-way stops at each location and expedite traffic flow and improve safety for motorists and pedestrians alike. Construction is expected to begin March 2010.

We look forward to these and many other changes in the New Year, all to make Weston even better.

One thing that will not change is our constant commitment to meet your expectations; let us know what you think, we're only a phone call or email away. In the meantime, look for us on the web, listen to us on the radio, watch us on cable TV, as we're "always on".



Before and after comparison:

Inset photo: Current intersection at Bonaventure Blvd. & Saddle Club Rd.

Right Photo: Rendering shows roundabout design and landscaping effects

# Bonaventure Boulevard to Get Roundabouts

HOA OF BONAVENTURE DONATION WILL HELP FUND LANDSCAPING

Two intersections, Bonaventure Boulevard at Saddle Club Road and Bonaventure Boulevard at Blatt Boulevard will receive improvements to increase safety and efficiency. Both currently 4-way stops with 4-lane roads but are not approved by Broward County for traffic signals.

In lieu of continuing to wait for possible future approvals from the County, the City will construct a roundabout at each location. Construction is anticipated to begin in March 2010. While there will be intermittent lane closures during construction, the intersections will remain open.

**What is a "roundabout"?** It is a circular intersection at which traffic is slowed down and enters a one-way stream around a central island. Statistically, roundabouts are safer for drivers and pedestrians than both traffic circles and traditional intersections.



L-R: Commissioner Angel Gomez, Commissioner Daniel Stermer, Mayor Eric Hersh, Ted Elefter and Russ Hart of the HOA of Bonaventure, Commissioner Murray Chermak and Commissioner Mercedes Henriksson.

## Enhanced Appearance

Roundabouts and their central island provide for enhanced landscaping and a softened visual appearance.

**The Homeowners Association of Bonaventure** donated \$30,186.94 to the Bonaventure Development District on August 17, 2009, which is dedicated to landscaping costs on the Bonaventure roundabout project.

## Advantages of a Roundabout over a traffic signal:

- Overall traffic delay can be reduced by 75%.
- Free-flow speeds reduced down to 10-25mph.
- Not affected by power outages or controller problems.
- Injury crash rates reduced by 73% after installation of a roundabout.
- Reduced vehicle emissions and fuel usage as a result of increased intersection efficiency.
- Pedestrian crossing distances reduced.
- Vehicles interact with pedestrians and bicycles at speeds of 25mph or less.
- Aesthetically pleasing and enhanced surroundings.

# Parks Update

To view a list, photos and amenities of all of Weston's municipal parks, visit [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org)



## Weston Parks Update

### Playground Resurfacing

Resurfacing of the playgrounds at **Windmill Ranch Park** (next to Everglades Elementary School) and **Country Isles Park** will take place in 2010. Playground closures will be publicized on the City web page and government access channels. The new, poured-in-place rubberized surfacing will provide for a safe, consistent surface that minimizes injuries due to falls while providing for greater accessibility to meet ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) requirements.

**Playground Safety:** Children should have adult supervision while on the City's playgrounds. Please help prevent injury:

- *Shoes should be worn at all times.*
- *Don't wear clothes with drawstrings or other loose items that could get caught on play equipment.*
- *Don't wear bicycle helmets while on the playground.*
- *Children should use equipment appropriate for their age. Playground equipment in Weston is designed for children 2 to 12 years old.*

### Country Isles Park Improvements

The City of Weston has applied for a \$200,000 Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) grant through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. In addition to the playground surfacing, plans include replacing the aged playground equipment, replacing the wooden gazebo, improvements to the walking path and ADA access improvements to the parking spaces. Park closures will be publicized.



## WESTON KIDS TOPS IN FIRE PREVENTION!

In its 87<sup>th</sup> year, Fire Prevention Week, sponsored by the National Fire Protection Association, is the longest running public health and safety observance on record. The Broward Sheriff's Office Department of Fire Rescue participates each year and this year hosted a Home Escape Plan Contest in schools throughout Broward County.

In Weston, the winner was Ms. Judy Wise's kindergarten class from the Sagemont Lower School. SPARKY, the giant Dalmatian mascot, surprised the kids and congratulated them for 100% participation in the contest.

The kids received the brand new BSO Quiggley Fire Rescue T-shirts, McDonalds French fry vouchers, pencils and other goodies for preparing the escape plans with their families. They also got a special tour of Broward Sheriff Fire Rescue and City of Weston Engine #67 and all of the emergency equipment on board. Great Job!!

**Skate Park** – The skate park located at Weston Regional Park is open during regular park hours. Participants skate at their own risk and must wear helmet, elbow pads and knee pads. Children under 17 may skate only after a parent or legal guardian fills out a waiver available on the City website or at the Community Center.

**Regional Park** – Wi-Fi access is now up and running. Once connected to the Wi-Fi, open your internet

browser, read and approve the disclaimer and you are good to go.

**Reminder:** Group instruction and training in the City's parks is only permissible with prior authorization from the Parks and Recreation Department. Requirements include carrying liability insurance, completion of background checks and signed contracts with the City of Weston. For more information please call 954-389-4321.

# Community Class Schedule

## Weston Regional Park Children/Youth Program

**Karate** *Wednesdays 6:00-7:00pm (Ages 6-8) and 7:00-8:00pm (Ages 9+).* Provide your child with the ability to defend him/herself and react with confidence. David Schopp, 5<sup>th</sup> degree along with 4 certified Black Belts in Goju Karate, will teach your children the basic principles of self-defense, fighting, weaponry and forms. Monday night advanced classes are available to returning students. **Cost \$125/3 months. \$25 LATE FEE** if tuition is not paid by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. **Continuous.**

**Superstars Dance and Baton** *Thursdays 4:00-5:00pm (beg ages 4-7), 5:00-6:00pm (beg. ages 8-12), 6:00-7:00pm (intermediate).* 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. **Continuous**

**Kindermusik:** Join Miss Rachel on *Mondays from 9:30-10:15am (Ages 18*

*months-4 years) for ABC Music & Me* an interactive way to foster your child's love for music. *Families will experience musical movement, singing, instruments, imaginative play, and story time.* Required home materials: 2 home CDs, 2 family guides, and 1 instrument. **Mondays from 10:30-11:15am** (newborn-18 months) **Kindermusik Village** is an amazing way to learn more about your baby and how they communicate with you through music. *Families will experience singing, instrument play, rocking, dancing, baby massage, and together time-all in your baby development.* Required at home materials: baby's picture book, instrument, home cd and art banner. Miss Rachel has been a licensed Kindmusik Educator since 2003, and has taught Early Childhood Music for more than 10 years. For more information call 954-389-2629 or visit <http://timeforusmusic.blogspot.com>. **Cost is \$126 per 8 week session; required material fee \$34.** Call instructor for schedule.

**Fun In Spanish** *Fridays 9:30-11:00am (Ages 2-5 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 email [FuninSpanish@hotmail.com](mailto:FuninSpanish@hotmail.com) . **\$40 for 4 classes. Continuous.**

**Chess Club** *Mondays 4:30-6:00pm or Fridays 6:00-7:30pm (Ages 5-15 years)* [www.alphachessa.com](http://www.alphachessa.com) By joining the chess club, students are given a different avenue to use in order to challenge their minds. This mental persistence gained through chess will enable students to focus on achieving goals throughout their lives. **Cost is \$130 for 8 sessions.** For more information contact Chess Grand Master Garcia at [gilgarchess@gmail.com](mailto:gilgarchess@gmail.com) or (813) 375-2179. **Continuous**

**Fencing Club - Mondays and Wednesdays:** *Beginners (6:30-7:30pm) Intermediate/advanced (7:30-9:00pm)* We invite males and females, ages 10 and up, to join our fencing classes and learn the sport of fencing! We offer beginner and intermediate level foil classes, taught by a former member of the Bulgarian National Fencing Team, Antoaneta Spassova. Our members include nationally ranked members of the





committee. **Cost is \$120 per month.** For more information call (954) 389-4391, email [WendiOppenheim@gmail.com](mailto:WendiOppenheim@gmail.com), or contact Coach Antoaneta Spassova at [smotalinkova@aol.com](mailto:smotalinkova@aol.com) or call her at (954) 249-3295. **Continuous**

**Young Minds Arts** *Fridays 4:00-5:30pm* (Ages 4 to 13 years) Young Minds Arts 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 information call 954-647-6403. **Cost: \$80 per 8 weeks. Winter Session: 1/22-3/12 Spring Session: 3/19-5/14 (no class 4/2)**

**Stroller Strides** *Mondays through Fridays 9:15-10:15am* Stroller Strides is a one hour total body workout designed specifically for moms with stroller-age children (6

weeks-4 years), offering dynamic classes that combine power walking, running and intervals of body toning using exercise tubing, fitness balls, the environment AND your stroller. This is not just a stroll in the park—it's a workout that gets you striding into your best shape, while spending time with your child and other moms. **Babies are our priority, so don't worry if your little one is fussy or if you have to feed! We are all moms, and that's what makes Stroller Strides so special.** Classes are taught by nationally certified instructors who are moms just like you and structure class so that moms can make baby happy and not miss out on your workout. Whatever your fitness level, Stroller Strides will give you the workout you need. We are more than a fitness class too – as a member, you get to enjoy play groups, Moms Night Out, community service and charity projects, as well as other social activities with you, your baby and your family. Stroller Strides is a great way to make instant friends who have fitness and health in common. **Multiple Class packages are available, starting at \$2.75/class with a monthly membership.** For more information call Cynthia 1-888-868-4763 or go to [www.strollerstrides.net/weston](http://www.strollerstrides.net/weston). **Continuous**

**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 2 years old to 10 years old. Your child 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.**

|                  | <b>Tuesdays:</b>   | <b>Thursdays:</b> |
|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Ages 2-3</b>  | <b>10:00-10:45</b> |                   |
| <b>Ages 3-5</b>  | <b>4:00-4:45</b>   |                   |
| <b>Ages 2-3</b>  | <b>4:45-5:30</b>   |                   |
| <b>Ages 5-10</b> |                    | <b>4:15-5:00</b>  |
| <b>Ages 3-5</b>  |                    | <b>5:00-5:45</b>  |

**Tuesday Session: 1/12 to 2/23/10**  
**3/2 to 4/20/10 (no class 3/30)**  
**4/27 to 6/8/10**

**Thursday Session: 1/14 to 2/25/10**  
**3/4 to 4/22/10 (no class 4/1)**  
**4/29 to 6/3/10**

**Cost is \$65 per session.** Classes will be pro-rated if you join late.

**Babykinetics** - Kidokinetics Baby is an introduction to physical activity for babies. Our classes increase body awareness and help babies learn, coordination and balance and to control muscles. Babies

# Community Class Schedule

## Weston Regional Park Children/Youth Program *continued*

will have a fun opportunity to interact with soccer balls, footballs, bouncy balls, bean bags, cones, hula hoops, tunnels and much more all with their parents.

**Ages 15 months to 24 months (Tuesday 9:15-10:00)**

**Ages 6 months to 14 months (Tuesday 10:45-11:30)**

**Winter Session: 1/12 to 2/23/10**

**Spring Session I: 3/2 to 4/20/10 (no class 3/30)**

**Spring Session II: 4/27 to 6/8/10**

**Cost is \$65 per session.** Classes will be pro-rated if you join late.

**Kidokinetics Jr. - Parent and Child Sports** *Saturdays 9:00-9:45am (Ages 18 months - 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 months-4 years (Saturdays 9:00-9:45)**

**Winter Session: 1/16 to 2/27/10**

**Spring Session: 3/6 to 4/30/10 (no class 3/27 & 4/3)**

**Cost is \$65 per session.** Classes will be pro-rated if you join late.

## Weston Regional Park Adult Program

**Art/Multi-Media** *Tuesdays 6:00-9:00pm*  
Acclaimed artist Rolande Moorhead, 954-721-6055, 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 \$195/6 weeks. Continuous**

**Watercolor Painting** *Fridays 10am-1pm*  
Award winning watercolorist Rolande Moorhead, 954-721-6055, teaches

the vocabulary of colors, shapes, composition and preliminary drawing. All skill levels. **Cost \$195/6 weeks. Continuous**

**Karate** *Wednesdays 8-9:30pm* Come get in shape and learn to defend yourself at the same time. David Schopp, 5<sup>th</sup> degree along with 4 certified Black Belts in Goju Karate, will instruct ages 14 and up in skills of fighting, forms, weaponry, and self-defense. **Cost \$125/3 months. \$25 LATE FEE** if tuition is not paid by



the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. Advanced classes are available on Mondays. **Continuous**

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**SAT Preparation (Ages 15-20 years)** *Tuesdays (7:00-9:30pm), Thursdays (7:15-9:45pm) or Sundays (10:30am-1:00pm or 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).** Winter Session starts 1/17 (Sun) 1/19 (Tues) and 1/21 (Thurs) for test on 3/13. Spring Session starts 4/11 (Sun) and 4/15 (Thurs) for test on 6/5.

**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.**

**Needle Arts**, is an opportunity to learn, invest in yourself, make friends, and possibly make a profit from your hobby. **Needle Arts** classes welcomes anyone who is interested in acquiring the ability to be able to make your own gifts, embellish your clothes and your home by giving them a personal and unique touch. Learn the art of weaving a thread or yarn with a needle. **Crochet class** on Monday from 9:30-10:30am or paint with threads or ribbons instead of paint in Hand Embroidery class on Monday from 10:30-11:30am. No supplies needed to start. **\$60 per month.** Call Carmen @ 954-261-9295 with any questions. *Si solo habla espanol, tambien es bienvenida.* **Continuous**



## FINANCE AWARD RECEIVED FOR THE 11<sup>TH</sup> CONSECUTIVE YEAR

For the 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, the City of Weston was awarded the **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting** for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2008. The award, presented by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the U.S. and Canada, is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting.

This is the 11<sup>th</sup> year that the City has submitted the report for consideration and the 11<sup>th</sup> year of award achievement. Accepting on behalf of the City were Darrel Thomas, Treasurer and Cindy Tao, accountant.

## Weston Regional Park Adult Program *continued*

**Open Bridge Play** *Mondays 12:30-4:00pm* Join us on Mondays for social Bridge. Call Bernice Ross game organizer at 954-389-8756.

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

**MommyKinetics**-(Momsonlyworkout)  
**Kidokinetics** "sports" boot camp for moms. You will be playing, running, jumping, kicking, and swinging your way to fitness. *Coach Kai* will get you moving and keep you sweating. In our newest Kidokinetics class. **Fridays 9:15-10:00am 5 classes for \$40, 10 classes for \$80, buy 10 classes & get the 11<sup>th</sup> for FREE.** Session Dates: 1/15-4/29/10 (no class 3/26 & 4/2) Classes can be pro-rated if you join late.

**Chess Club** *Mondays. 4:30-6:00pm or Fridays 6:00-7:30pm (ages 15 and up)* [www.alphachessa.com](http://www.alphachessa.com) *By joining the chess club, students are given a different avenue to use in order to challenge their minds. This mental persistence gained through chess will enable students to focus on achieving goals throughout their lives. Cost is \$130 for 8 sessions.* For more information contact Chess Grand Master Garcia at [gilgarchess@gmail.com](mailto:gilgarchess@gmail.com) or (813) 375-2179. **Continuous**

**Xmada Personal Fitness Training, Inc.** - Boot Camp is for one hour of fitness fun at **Vista Park**. Lose weight, tone your body & get in shape. Challenges are combined with jumping jacks, push-ups, running, sprinting, weight training, abs, core training and strengthening your entire body. Beginners, intermediate and advance are welcome. Male and female, ages 16 and up can enjoy this power hour of fun. All classes are conducted by **Certified Personal Instructors**. We educate to increase the knowledge about the mind, body and soul, to promote healthy lifestyle changes in a positive manner until goals are accomplished and dreams come true. **4 price packages are available for the Boot Camp.** For more information please contact Angela Andrews at 954-709-0909. **Continuous**



# Cycling & Pedestrian Safety

There aren't many places more conducive to exercising than Weston. The City has an extensive network of sidewalks and over 46 miles of marked bike lanes. While bicycling is great fun and great for you, as with any sport or mode of transportation, precautions must be taken to prevent serious and even life threatening injuries.

## Facts:

- A bicycle is legally defined as a vehicle (a non-motorized vehicle).
- Bicyclists have the same rights to the roadway, and must obey the same traffic laws as operators of other vehicles, including: stop signs, red lights, yielding right-of-way when entering roadway and speed limits.
- Bicyclists have the same rights and duties as a pedestrian when riding on sidewalks or in crosswalks, but must yield to pedestrians and give an audible signal before passing.
- Cyclists and passengers under age 16 are required to wear a helmet.
  - Maximum two riders side-by-side.



## Cyclists

**Obey all traffic control devices.**

Cyclists must obey all applicable traffic control devices such as traffic signals, signs and markings. Know and use proper hand signals when turning and be especially cautious when passing through intersections. The Broward Sheriff's Office will enforce traffic laws for cyclists in the same manner that they do for motorized vehicles.



**Maximum two riders side-by-side.**



**Ride with traffic, on the right side. Riding in the bike lane, to the right of traffic, is recommended for best visibility by vehicles and an ability to steer clear of potential intersection accidents.**

**Helmets** - 85% of head injuries, the most common serious injury suffered by bicyclists, are reduced by wearing a helmet.

**No Headsets** - Headsets, headphones or any listening device is prohibited (except hearing aid)

**Be visible** - Wear bright, reflective clothing. Use lights and reflectors in low-light conditions.

# MANATEE ISLES DRIVE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

## Construction and Improvements Near Completion

For those who live off of, or drive down Manatee Isles Drive, desired roadway improvements are near completion. The project, which commenced in July 2009, has provided for new curbing and gutters, turn lanes, bike lanes, irrigation and landscaping. With the project's estimated completion date of Spring 2010, the improvements have already added much relief for the motorists, cyclists, runners and pedestrians of Manatee Isles Drive.

While there will be some inconvenience to local residents during the final stages of the construction process, contractors will try to mitigate the impact by not working during peak traffic times.

To view the approved project plans and timeline, please visit [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org) and click on Communications or Development Services.

# Cycling & Pedestrian Safety

**Pedestrians** – understood to include “a person afoot, in a wheelchair, on skates, or on a skateboard”

**In a roadway or bike lane - pedestrian should face traffic, as far to the left as possible.**

**Crossing** A pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point other than a (marked or unmarked) intersection crosswalk or a marked mid-block crosswalk shall yield to all vehicles on the roadway.

**Courtesy** Pedestrians should heed the maximum two person side-by-side in a bike lane, and move to single file if a bicycle is in the lane, so that they may safely pass.

## Drivers

**Yield the appropriate right of way.** A



*pedestrian is considered to be lawfully within a crosswalk if he started crossing in it when it was legal to do so, and is finishing crossing without undue delay.*

*A driver facing a green indication may need to wait for a pedestrian to finish crossing in the crosswalk.*

**Drive cautiously.** Reduce your speed when approaching cyclists. Every driver of a vehicle shall exercise due care to avoid colliding with any pedestrian or any person propelling a human powered vehicle.

**Be considerate.** Be watchful for cyclists when you are driving, do not blast your horn when close to cyclists, and watch for cyclists when opening your doors.



**Pass with care.** Pass when conditions are safe to do so and leave at least 3 feet between your vehicle and the cyclist. Check over your shoulder after passing the cyclist before moving back to the normal lane position.

**Keep a Safe Distance.** Keep a safe distance from cyclists and pedestrians.

## BE HEAD SMART

*Always wear a helmet*

This brochure is filled with statistics on head injuries for wheeled sports and Florida laws regarding the usage of bikes, skates and scooters on roadways.

Visit our website at [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org)



L-R: Posing with a ceremonial grant award check on September 30<sup>th</sup> were Commissioner Murray Chermak, Clay Eschrich, V.P. of Sales, Allianz Life, Commissioner Angel Gomez, Commissioner Mercedes Henriksson, Mayor Eric Hersh, Fire Chief John Frailey, and Andrew Katlin, Allianz Life agent and Weston resident who nominated the Fire Department for the grant award.

## Weston Fire Department Awarded Grant

In a brief ceremony at Weston Fire Station #81 on September 30, 2009 the Weston Fire Department was awarded a \$21,466 grant from Allianz Life Insurance Company of North America.

The money will go toward the purchase of a GPS system to be installed in each Weston fire truck and rescue vehicle. The system will

work with preemption equipment funded by the City to be installed in city-wide traffic signals.

The system activates a signal before the emergency vehicle arrives at intersections to clear the approach of the emergency vehicle, assisting in a faster response time and increasing intersection safety.

The Allianz Heritage program

encourages employees to support their neighborhoods by nominating a fire department in their community for grants and by performing volunteer work. Agent Andrew Katlin, a Weston resident, nominated the Fire Department for this grant and was present for the ceremony.



## “Broccoli” the African Spurred Tortoise Saved and Provided a New Home

City Drainage Manager David Dove, recognizing that this was not a native species, contacted the Herpetologist at Metrozoo who advised the genus of the tortoise.

Why Broccoli? David advised that this very friendly and hungry fellow ate bunches of hand-fed broccoli as well as apple slices.

An African Spurred Tortoise, now named “Broccoli” was found wandering in Weston in late October by city crews.

Not native to either North or South America, these tortoises, complete with horned shell and thick heavy scales on the forearms, live on the edge of the Sahara desert. It is likely someone purchased him through an exotic pet shop; cost estimates are in the \$1,000 plus range.

A happy ending: Broccoli now lives at the home of the Metrozoo Herpetologist who just happens to live nearby.

To view a short video of “Broccoli” being fed just after being found, go on-line to: <http://tiny.cc/Broccoli> Scroll down to the video: African Spurred Tortoise



David Dove is pictured at the far right, back row with the sunglasses. Each year David provides the City’s Weston University Program students a tour of Weston’s wetland preservation site and the city’s stormwater pumping system.

question arose: *How do you know?* Well it turns out that David Dove, mild mannered Drainage Manager in Weston for the past 17 years, leads a very interesting and educated life: David has a Bachelors Degree in Zoology and post graduate work in Biology; he has a commercial diver certification; a Paramedic and an Underwater Paramedic License. He worked one summer for NASA; was a paramedic for a Broward County city; and former Laboratory Manager of Butterfly World where he earned recognition as one of the top 6 breeders in the country. Interesting facts indeed. It just goes to show, you never know *unless you ask.* ..

## Interesting Personnel Facts

So, just how does a Drainage Manager know so much about wildlife?

When David Dove contacted the Communications Office about the tortoise find, it wasn’t the first time he had provided interesting information

on either plants or wildlife. David has been the “go-to” guy for information on the inhabitants of Weston’s wetland preservation areas, along with recent newsletter articles on snakes, alligators and other common wildlife in south Florida. So the

# With More and More Wildlife in the Area Residents and Motorists Need to Take Precautions

**The good news:** More and more wildlife is settling into the nearly 2,000 acres of wetland preserves that Weston maintains along the city's western boundary.

With that good news come safety precautions that residents and motorists need to heed, particularly in the areas along Manatee Isles Drive, SW 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Saddle Club and South Post Roads.

Over the past several months the deer population has become noticeably more apparent with numerous sightings on and along South Post Road and Manatee Isles Drive. During the first week of November a full grown buck was struck and killed by a motorist along the western portion of Manatee Isles Drive. Fortunately there were no injuries to the driver (or passengers) but the vehicle sustained extensive damage.

## FACTS :

- Insurance company data shows the total number of deer-vehicle collisions in the US has increased 14.9 percent from five years ago.
- Collisions are more frequent during the deer migration and mating season in October, November and December.
- The combination of growing deer populations and the displacement of deer habitat are producing increasingly hazardous conditions for motorists and deer.

## TIPS:

- Always wear your seat belt and observe the speed limits!
- If you see a deer in the roadway, **brake but do not swerve**. Most fatalities and injuries happen when drivers swerve their vehicle and hit



a tree, another vehicle or another immovable object.

- Deer are most visible at dusk and at dawn.
- Deer often travel in groups, so if you see one crossing the road, chances are there are more.

For more information on Weston's preservation area and its wildlife, please visit: [http://www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/Parks\\_Brochure.pdf](http://www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/Parks_Brochure.pdf)

# Community Upcoming Events

February – March – April - May – June – July

Always check the city's online calendar of events as new events are constantly added. To view the online calendar of events visit [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org) and click on "Events" on the homepage.

## February 2010

**Saturday, February 6th at 7:30 p.m.**  
**FREE Moonlight Movie in the Park:**  
**Marley and Me**

Event stage in the Weston Regional Park (20200 Saddle Club Road)  
Heel the love...A family learns important life lessons from their adorable, but naughty and neurotic dog. Bring lawn chairs or blankets and relax. Full-length feature films are projected onto a giant inflatable screen. For more information, please call 954-389-4321.

**Monday, February 8th at 5:00 p.m. & 7:15 p.m.**

**Weston Foreign Film Series: Lovers of the Arctic Circle (Spain)**

Weston 8 Cinema, 1338 SW 160th Avenue, Sunrise, Florida

The City of Weston in partnership with the Arts Council of Greater Weston, Inc., and the Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival are happy to bring you the 4th Annual Weston Foreign Film Series. 'Lovers of the Arctic Circle' is a story of circular lives with circular names in a circular place where the day never ends – The Land of the Midnight Sun. Love, too is a never-ending circle. Tickets: \$7 per film and can be purchased at the following locations: Community Bank of Broward, Weston Branch Library, or the Weston Community Center. For more information, visit [www.tiny.cc.westonartscouncil](http://www.tiny.cc.westonartscouncil).

**Monday, February 15, 2010**  
**City Offices Closed - President's Day**

All City administrative offices (City Hall, the Community Center, the

Public Works Services Center, and the Building Department) will be closed in observance of President's Day. All City parks will be open and there will be regularly scheduled garbage collection.

**Saturday, February 26th at 7:30 p.m.**  
**FREE Moonlight Movie in the Park:**  
**Mall Cop**

Event stage in the Weston Regional Park (20200 Saddle Club Road)  
Safety never takes a holiday. When a shopping mall is overtaken by a gang of organized crooks, it's up to a mild-mannered security guard to save the day. Bring lawn chairs or blankets and relax. Full-length feature films are projected onto a giant inflatable screen. For more information, please call 954-389-4321.

## March 2010

**Saturday, March 6th at 7:30 p.m.**  
**FREE Moonlight Movie in the Park:**  
**Journey to the Center of the Earth in 3D**

Event stage in the Weston Regional Park (20200 Saddle Club Road)



Same Planet, Different world. On a quest to find out what happened to his missing brother, a scientist, his nephew and their mountain guide discover a fantastic and dangerous lost world in the center of the earth. Bring lawn chairs or blankets and relax. Full-length feature films are projected onto a giant inflatable screen. For more information, please call 954-389-4321.

**Monday, March 8th at 5:00 p.m. & 7:15 p.m.**

**Weston Foreign Film Series: The Old Man Who Read Love Stories**

Weston 8 Cinema, 1338 SW 160th Avenue, Sunrise, Florida

The City of Weston in partnership with the Arts Council of Greater Weston, Inc., and the Fort

Lauderdale International Film

Festival are happy to bring you the

4th Annual Weston Foreign Film

Series. Filmed in Guiana in 2007 and

starring Richard Dreyfuss, this film

depicts the stark drama of hunter against beast, and man against his

own past. Tickets: \$7 per film and

can be purchased at the following locations: Community Bank of Broward, Weston Branch Library, or the Weston Community Center.

For more information, visit [www.tiny.cc.westonartscouncil](http://www.tiny.cc.westonartscouncil).

**Saturday, March 13th at 1:30 p.m. & 3:00 p.m.**

**FREE Puppet Show: The Tortoise and the Hare**

Weston Community Center (20200 Saddle Club Road)

The great story about a race between a lovable tortoise and an arrogant hare. In addition to the moral

that perseverance prevails, good nutrition and exercise are stressed.

Appropriate for children ages 3-10 with a parent or guardian.

For more information, please call 954-389-4321.

**Saturday, March 13th at 8:00 p.m.**

**Ars Flores Symphony Orchestra:**

**The Rising Stars Alumni Concert**

Cypress Bay Theater (18600 Vista Park Boulevard)

Featuring Daniel Andai, violin, and

Dawn Smith, viola who are both former symphony alumni and are now accomplished professionals who will perform a solo with the orchestra. In its 10th season, this unique orchestra of professionals and conservatory level fellows perform and rehearse side-by side. Tickets: \$20 in advance / \$25 at the door / \$10 students OR \$35 for both performances (first performance is January 30, 2010). Tickets available at the following locations: Weston Community Center 954-389-4321 (20200 Saddle Club Road) Community Bank of Broward, Weston Branch (1504 Weston Road) and Comerica Bank (2800 Weston Road, #100) For more information, please call 954-389-4321.

**Saturday, March 20th**

**Casino Night**

Weston Tennis Center (16451

Racquet Club Road)

For more information please call the Weston Tennis Center at 954-389-8666.

# Community Upcoming Events *continued*

## February – March – April - May – June – July

**Saturday, March 20th at 7:00 p.m.**

### **Weston's 6th Annual FREE Outdoor Concert**

Event stage in the Weston Regional Park (20200 Saddle Club Road)

This FREE community concert sponsored by the City of Weston in cooperation with the Rotary Club of Weston is sure to be a rockin' good time for the whole family. Arrive early (free parking), bring your lawn chairs and blankets, then relax and enjoy music from the 70's and 80's. THIS YEAR'S LINEUP INCLUDES: Edgar Winter, Larry Hoppen, Don Barnes, Pat Travers, John Cafferty & Tunes Antunes, Peter Beckett and Deanna Johnston.

Bring your lawn chairs or blankets out to the Regional Park for a fantastic night of concert entertainment, right in your own hometown...

## April 2010

**Friday, April 2nd**

### **USTA Weston Tennis Centre Youth Cup (Boys & Girls)**

Weston Tennis Center (16451

Racquet Club Road)

For more information please call the Weston Tennis Center at 954-389-8666.

**Saturday, April 3rd at 10:00 a.m.**

### **The Royal Egg Hunt**

Weston Regional Park on Baseball Fields 1-4

The Royal Egg Hunt starts PROMPTLY at 10:00 a.m. for children 10 and under. After children collect their Eggs filled with treats, there will be bounce houses and pictures with the Royal Bunny until 12:00 p.m.

For more information call 954-389-4321.

**Saturday, April 10th at 7:30 p.m.**

### **FREE Moonlight Movie in the Park: Madagascar 2**

Event stage in the Weston Regional Park (20200 Saddle Club Road)

Still together, still lost! The sequel to 2005's "Madagascar", in which New York Zoo animals, Alex the Lion, Marty the Zebra, Melman the Giraffe and Gloria the Hippo who are still stranded on Madagascar, start to leave the island. Bring lawn chairs

or blankets and relax. Full-length feature films are projected onto a giant inflatable screen.

For more information call 954-389-4321.

**Saturday, April 10th**

### **Margarita Mixer**

Weston Tennis Center (16451 Racquet Club Road)

For more information please call the Weston Tennis Center at 954-389-8666.

**Saturday, April 17th at 10:00 a.m.**

### **Professional Theater for Children:**

#### **The Emperor's New Clothes**

Cypress Bay Theater (18600 Vista Park Boulevard)

Nothing pleased the pompous Emperor more than a new suit of clothes. So of course when he heard of a magic material that had the remarkable quality of being invisible to anyone who was not good at his job or who was intolerably stupid, he called for the tailors at once. Join the crafty swindlers, the bumbling Emperor and his entire court as they learn the cost of conceit in the

original “fashion faux pas”.

This endearing musical adaptation of the Hans Christian Andersen classic is sure to weave its way into your heart. Tickets: Available at the Weston Community Center, \$10 in advance or \$15 at the theater box office the day of the show.

For more information, please call 954-389-4321.

**Wednesday, April 21st; Thursday, April 22nd; Friday, April 23rd; and \*Saturday, April 24th**

**FREE Residential Bulk Pick-Up**

Bulk trash will be picked up on your regularly scheduled collection day. 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). Occasionally bulk trash is not collected on its regularly scheduled collection day due to heavy volume, if this occurs it will be collected the following day. For more information, please call

the Weston Public Works Services Center at 954-385-2600.

## May 2010

**Saturday, May 8th at 1:30 p.m. & 3:00 p.m.**

**FREE Puppet Show:**

**Little Red Riding Hood**

Weston Community Center (20200 Saddle Club Road)

An all-new twist on an all time favorite. In this updated version, the Wolf and Red both learn some valuable lessons on the way to Grandma’s house. Exciting and Educational! Appropriate for children ages 3-10 with a parent or guardian.

For more information, please call 954-389-4321.

**Sunday, May 16th**

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event**

Planning on doing a spring cleaning? When cleaning out closets and garages, put aside items that cannot be placed into the trash or put out for bulk pickup for the

annual FREE Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collection Event which will take place at the Weston Public Works Facility (2599 South Post Road). For event details check the Weston website [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org) or call Public Works at 954-385-2600.

**Saturday, May 22nd**

**French Open Night**

Weston Tennis Center (16451 Racquet Club Road)

For more information please call the Weston Tennis Center at 954-389-8666.

## June 2010

**HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER**

## July 2010

**Sunday, July 4, 2010**

Join us for the annual 5K Run/Walk as well as the 4th of July Parade in Weston Town Center. This annual celebration of our country’s independence is not to be missed. Event details will be available at [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org).



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For questions, call the Weston Public Works Services Center at 954-385-2600