



# THE ANNOUNCER

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE CITY OF WESTON

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## Weston Purchases New Fire Trucks & EMS Vehicles Fleet Sees a Whole New Look

Weston's fire trucks and EMS (Emergency Medical Service) vehicles have a new look. The City recently purchased four new fire engines, five new EMS trucks and one new tower ladder. Since the City owns the vehicles the distinctive designs on each truck were designed by the City as well. Weston's decision to purchase the vehicles rather than have the Sheriff provide them within the contract resulted in a cost savings



New Weston fire trucks

The City of Weston is pleased to call its new fleet of fire trucks and EMS vehicles its own and even more proud of the services provided by the men and women that operate these vehicles ensuring the continued level of exceptional safety of the City's residents.



of \$1.2 million over the life of the contract, which runs from FY08 to FY12.

One thing that hasn't changed is the dedication and outstanding service provided by the men and women of the Broward Sheriff's Office who will staff these vehicles. Their dedication has transpired throughout the required training to ensure proper and safe usage of the vehicles. The new EMS vehicles can transport two patients simultaneously and allow paramedics to have 360 degree access to patients.



THE CITY OF WESTON

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The Weston Fire Rescue Department continuously offers fire prevention services to residents and groups - Call Fire Station #81 at 954-389-2015 for more information.

## “Flight of the Falcons Day”

### Weston Fire Rescue Department Visits Falcon Cove Middle School.

Weston Fire Rescue offers many services beyond emergency medical and fire protection and prevention services. Education being considered paramount to the well-being of the community, Broward County Fire Rescue personnel participated

firefighters. Students had the opportunity to speak to the firefighters, tour the fire engine to learn about the equipment, and even try on DUI (Driving Under the Influence) Goggles that simulate the feeling of intoxication. As students wore the goggles and tried to walk in a straight line, they quickly learned how difficult it is to function on such a simple task, such as walking, while under the influence. The Weston Fire Rescue Department continuously offers the following fire prevention services to residents and groups - Call Fire Station #81 at 954-389-2015 for more information.

- Public tours of fire stations
- Walk-in blood pressure checks



- Residential Fire Escape Plans
- Child Safety Seat Inspections
- Community Education Programs and demonstrations on fire prevention and safety
- Automatic External Defibrillator inspections and placement assistance for businesses



in Falcon Cove Middle School’s “Flight of the Falcons Day” on November 14, 2008, to educate students about the equipment firefighters utilize while on the tour of duty, safety and prevention tactics.

As the bell rang to switch class periods, students from each grade rushed out to the school’s track and field to engage in fun activities such as potato sack races, basketball games and soccer shoot-out matches – but the real attraction was the fire rescue engine, ambulance and



# FREE Annual HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AND ELECTRONICS COLLECTION EVENT

Clean out the garage AND preserve the environment

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2009 8AM – 3PM

at the Weston Public Works Services Center, 2599 South Post Road  
(corner of SW 26<sup>th</sup> Street; north of Manatee Isles Drive)

## ALL ITEMS ARE EITHER RECYCLED OR DISPOSED OF IN AN ECO-FRIENDLY MANNER

When cleaning out closets, offices and garages, put aside chemicals and materials that cannot be placed into the trash, along with old electronics, and bring them to the Collection Event on Sunday, May 17th.

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, automobile and boat batteries.

### End of Life Electronics include:

- ✓ Computers, monitors, keyboards, mice
- ✓ Terminals, printers, modems
- ✓ Cell phones
- ✓ Rechargeable batteries
- ✓ Televisions
- ✓ Copiers
- ✓ DVD players/VCRs

### Do NOT bring:

- ✗ Desks/Furniture
- ✗ Stereos/Speakers
- ✗ Musical Equipment
- ✗ Appliances



Questions? Call Public Works at 954-385-2600

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# Happenings

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



## Happenings on and off the Court at t

### UPCOMING EVENTS

To obtain more information or purchase tickets for any of the following events, please call the Weston Tennis Center Pro Shop at 954-389-8666.

#### VALENTINE'S DAY ROUND ROBIN AND FASHION SHOW

Friday, February 13, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.

One of the Tennis Center's most popular events, the round robin tournament will be followed by lunch, raffle prizes, and a fashion show featuring the latest in tennis fashion modeled by the

Tennis Center's very own coaches.

#### CLUB TRIP TO NIGHT SESSION FOR INTERNATIONAL TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS IN DELRAY BEACH

Monday, February 23, 2009

Space is Limited - For tickets please call the Weston Tennis Center Pro Shop at 954-389-8666

#### ST. PATRICK'S DAY 4 LEAF CLOVER TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Friday, March 13, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

Round robin tennis tournament followed by a barbecue with Irish beer. Pros will play into the round robin to make all games competitive. There will also be a junior clinic so that the whole family can celebrate St. Patrick's Day together.

#### CASINO NIGHT

Friday, April 1, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

A professional tennis exhibition will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the tables will open at 6:30 p.m. Professional dealers will deal Black Jack, Roulette, Craps, Texas Hold-Em, and more (play money



1. CDT Pro Jessica Navarro has fun while helping the Holiday Campers with their tennis
2. 2008 Davis Cup Champion Venezuela with Captain Ricky Hernandez
3. Davis Cup Captains from l to r Nico, Kyle, Ricky, Belen, Dan, and Colin.
4. Camillo Rodriguez and Gary Johnson shake hands with Jay Evans and Austin DeBruyne after a competitive doubles match
5. Ricky Hernandez CDT Pro and Venezuelan Captain celebrate victory after games were tallied

# The Weston Tennis Center

of course!). Great raffle prizes for the winners and refreshments will be provided.

## SPRING BREAK CAMP

Monday, April 6, 2009 – Friday, April 10, 2009

The Weston Tennis Center offers a Spring Break Camp April 6<sup>th</sup> through April 10<sup>th</sup> for ages (4-15) designed to make those first on court experiences a memorable one for those who are looking for an action packed camp over the break. Camp sessions are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.,

Friday is pizza day for all the campers. For information regarding any of the tennis programs/events at the Weston Tennis Center, please contact Tennis Director Dan DeBruyne at 954-389-8666 or [d.debruyne@cliffdrysdale.com](mailto:d.debruyne@cliffdrysdale.com)

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

# Community

L-R: Commissioner Mercedes Henriksson, Commissioner Daniel J. Stermer, Commissioner Angel Gomez, Senator Nan Rich, Commissioner Murray Chermak and Mayor Eric Hersh, as they “push the button”, energizing the Florida Author’s Fountain.



## Library Park

Open to the Public for Enjoyment

**O**n the crisp fall evening of October 30th, the City Commission energized the Florida Author’s Fountain, the centerpiece of Library Park, as the symbolic grand opening of Weston’s newest and probably the last major park to be constructed in the city. Open to the public, the event included music, light refreshments and *Art on a Limb*, which featured hundreds of Library Park bookmarks adorned with an original drawing by a Weston student, all hanging from the trees to be selected by guests as a one-of-a-kind keepsake.

Library Park is a stunning, tranquil retreat for residents, students, and library patrons alike. The park includes three gazebos of varying sizes which will be used for shaded relaxation along with social events, book fairs, study groups and children’s Storytime readings. The centerpiece, the Florida Author’s Fountain, is so named for the informational plaques on Florida Authors that ring the walls surrounding the cascading waters. Another highlight and educational feature is the Weston History Walk which tells of our city’s rich archeological past. Follow the bronze plaques imbedded in the sidewalk for a strolling education on Weston, then spread

out a blanket or sit upon one of the many park benches throughout this lushly landscape escape.

### Library Park

4255 Bonaventure Boulevard  
Weston, FL Hours: 8am-10pm  
*adjacent to the Weston Branch Library*

Library Park contains the Florida Author's Fountain and Weston History Walk.



# Community

At each school, classes and/or clubs maintain the butterfly gardens and use them as an ever evolving and changing learning tool.



Roy Rogers with Falcon Cove Middle School Principal Mark Kaplan



Roy Rogers with City Landscape Director, Drew Gilmore

## Connecting Students to Nature

A Partnership Made Not in Heaven, But in the Garden

For over a year now, Weston's 10 public schools have been the benefactors of a great partnership, forged through an initiative by long-time Weston proponent, environmentalist and all-round great individual, Mr. Roy Rogers. Asked what the Environmental – Educational Partnership means to him, Roy said he feels that it celebrates connectivity with the community and symbolizes a handshake between the city and schools.

Roy Rogers has spent a life-time on a personal quest to connect students to nature. This partnership does just that, by adding to the student's school curriculum, and to their lives, a journey that never has to end – one of an education and appreciation of nature. The partnership is a simple one, involving Roy, the City of Weston and the School Board of Broward County. The School Board approved the construction of butterfly gardens on the property of each school in Weston, along with the erection of a sign. At each school

classes and/or clubs maintain the gardens and use them as an ever evolving and changing learning tool. The City paid for the informational signage at each location. Roy provides the plant materials, planting design, knowledge, enthusiasm, and love of the environment, inspiring students of all ages. *Priceless.*

At Cypress Bay High School, the partnership also includes the restoration and maintenance of an archeological site on school property.



# Fleeted Officials

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# Community

"The more you read, the more things you will know. The more things you learn, the more places you'll go."  
Dr. Seuss

## 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 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

### For Adults

#### English Café

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

A conversation practice class for intermediate learners of English \*Spanish Café is available - Call Janine Rodrigues for dates and hours at 954-389-2098 ext 247

#### Papo Afiado

Mondays 6:00 p.m.

Intermediate conversational Portuguese

#### 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

### For Children & Teens

Call Youth Services for more details at 954-389-2098 ext 252

Toddler Time (ages 2 to 3)

Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Registration through youth services is required.

Story Time (ages 3 to 6)

Thursdays 11:00 a.m.

Chess Club (all ages and levels)

Sundays 1:30 p.m.

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.

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



## The World i Garbage Ca

Think before you throw...

Help Keep Weston Clean

### LITTER FACTS:

A piece of school notebook paper takes thirty days and thirty nights to break down into pieces small enough to become part of the earth again. A soda can takes 200 years!!!! It costs \$15 million a year just to pick up the litter in our national parks.

Food or litter thrown out of a car windows attracts animals to the road where they can be killed or injured by other cars.

It's just as easy to toss litter into a trash can, as it is to toss it onto the ground.



Litter isn't just an environmental issue. It's also an economic issue. When prospective businesses tour a community, they're looking for a dynamic, growing community where their businesses can grow.



Which view do you prefer?

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### ECONOMIC IMPACTS

When communities have a lot of litter, it simply shows that the people living there don't care about their town's future. If they don't, new businesses won't either.

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The absence of litter in a community reflects the pride that it shows and really does make a difference.

## Did You Know...

**For parents of kids in public school, a new Parent Involvement Web site has been created.** The link is available from the Broward School Board web site, [www.browardschools.com](http://www.browardschools.com). It has everything parents need to get involved and stay involved in their child's education. Click on the **Parents** tab on the home page.

*The Ft. Lauderdale Weston Courtyard received the FLORIDA GREEN LODGING PROGRAM DESIGNATION – from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.* An environmentally friendly hotel conserves resources, saves money and attracts customers. To become a designated member of the Florida Green Lodging Program, hotels must implement a variety of green practices. These practices include, but are not limited to, water conservation measures through low flow plumbing fixtures, a linen reuse program, and energy efficiency achieved by installing ENERGY STAR® appliances and compact florescent light bulbs throughout the building. The waste reduction criteria are met by providing the opportunity to recycle, purchasing items in bulk, purchasing recycled materials and by recycling ink and toner cartridges. All designated properties must also use green cleaners and high efficiency air filters. In addition to these initiatives, the Ft. Lauderdale Weston Courtyard

has a towel reuse program and has converted all printed collateral including key cards, key packets, stationery and business cards to paper that contains 30% post consumer fibers.

That you can place **all clean paper**, including junk mail, magazines, catalogues, cereal & shoe boxes, old homework, receipts, copy paper, and tissue rolls **together with your newspaper recycling**, into one bin. For more information call Public Works at 954-385-2600.

The **Hyatt Regency Bonaventure** Conference Center & Spa and Ireland's Steakhouse at the Hyatt have both earned the prestigious Four Diamond rating from the American Automobile Association (AAA).

**That 64% of car burglaries** in Weston occur to un-locked vehicles. Lock it... Don't Lose It... an easy step to crime prevention.

**A Sense of Community...It starts in Parks:** What transforms a crowd into a community? A chance for people to connect. Parks provide that chance. Parks are where lifetime friendships are formed, where the gap between generations is bridged, where people discover what they have in common. **How do you grow a hometown with a sense of community?** It starts in parks.

# Community

Students learned about state and local government while visiting various city departments and service providers.



## Weston University Program Class of 2009

The City's Weston University Program, initiated in 2002, has graduated six classes and in October welcomed the Class of 2009. An objective achieved this year, the program includes students from three high schools: Cypress Bay, Sagemont and now Western, due to the bounding of Weston students attending Western High. The program has seen its share of interest around the county and around the State, now being highlighted in the Florida League of Cities Citizen Academy Guide.

In October, November and December classes, the students learned about state and local government while visiting city hall and speaking with City Manager

John Flint and Mayor Eric Hersh. They spent an afternoon at the Weston Public Safety Building viewing and discussing law enforcement operations. Students participated in Crime Scene Investigation techniques including lifting fingerprints and fluids of a wrecked vehicle, after learning of the many requirements such as chain of evidence and documentation. Students also tried to "walk the line" while wearing DUI goggles which simulate the effects of having had several drinks, proving that while you may THINK your reflexes and responses aren't impaired – they are.

In December, Community Services hosted the group where students teamed up to design their "dream park". After each group presented their park, designs were critiqued on issues such as layout, access, parking, maintenance, security and cost – all factors other than the "fun" factor which goes into building a municipal park. Students also went into the field with the "unseen heroes" of municipal government – our public works professionals who maintain the water and sewer lines, waterways, landscaping, and wetland mitigation areas within the City.



# Community

Automatically re-elected, the Mayor and two City Commissioners were proudly sworn-in to office.

## The City of Weston Annual Royal Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 a.m.

Weston Regional Park  
at baseball fields #5-#8

- Age Categories up to 10 years old
- All age groups start promptly at 10AM
- Bring a basket or bag for gathering eggs
- Bring a camera - photos with the Royal Bunny
- Arrive Early!
- Bounce Houses after the egg hunt...

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



## Re-Elected Without Opposition

### Mayor Eric Hersh, Commissioner Mercedes Henriksson and Commissioner Angel Gomez

Each were un-opposed and automatically re-elected to serve another four years in office. At the November 17, 2008 City Commission meeting the Mayor and Commissioners each recited their Oaths of Office.

Stephanie Gomez, also a teacher within the city, proudly swore in her husband, Commissioner Angel Gomez as their children, Samantha, Andrew and Jacob stood by dad's side.

Commissioner Mercedes Henriksson was sworn in by her close friends Renee Smoley and Roy Rogers. Renee many years ago was given the term of endearment as the Mother of Weston and Roy, the Father of Weston; Commissioner

Henriksson's proud husband Otto watched from the audience as Weston's "parents" swore in his wife for a second term in office.

Lastly, Mayor Eric Hersh was provided with what he called the great honor of being able to be sworn in by his two children, Stephanie and Mathew, who were just elementary school age when the Mayor took office on Weston's very first Commission back in 1996. His proud wife Laurie stood at his side. The term limits that Mayor Hersh brought forward and helped to adopt, preclude him from being able to run for re-election at the completion of his next four years.

# City Contacts

## **Broward Sheriff's Office- POLICE /**

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*Emergencia Policia/Bomberos/Auxilio Médico* . . . . . **911**

Non-Emergency Dispatch/ *Despacho No Emergencia*

BSO Police Administration/ *Policia - Administración* .954-389-2010

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*Weston Traffic Unit/ Weston Unidad de Trafico* . . . . .954-389-2016

*Crime Prevention/ Prevención del Crimen* . . . . .954-389-2030

*Code Enforcement/ Aplicación de Reglamentos* . . . . .954-389-2067

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

. . . . . 954-389-2015

*Bomberos - Administración*

Emergency Police/Fire/EMS. . . . . **911**

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

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Comcast Cable (Channel #78 for City information).. 800-568-1212

Direct Path (Channel #62 for City information) . . . . 888-686-6110

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www.westonfl.org - Parks & Recreation: info on parks, events & recreation class schedules

**Arts Council of Greater Weston**.. . . . 954-389-4321

www.westonfl.org - Parks & Recreation/ Arts Council

Arts & Events Calendar: <http://www.communityartscalendar.org/>

Email: [ArtsCouncil@westonfl.org](mailto:ArtsCouncil@westonfl.org)

**55+ Club** . . . . . 954-389-4321

www.westonfl.org - Parks & Recreation/55+ Club

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## **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

## **Weston Tennis Center/ Centro de Tenis**

16451 Racquet Club Road.. . . . 954-389-8666

www.westontennis.com

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

## **Weston Community Radio /**

*Estación de Radio Comunitaria* . . . . . **1680AM**

# 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 Creating a Healthier, Stronger Community in 2009

The Sheinberg Family YMCA of Weston, formerly known as the West Broward YMCA Family Center, caters to a multitude of people in our community regardless of age, ability, race, religion, sex or income by providing a wide range of programs and services. In line with the YMCA's goal of developing a healthy spirit, mind and body for everyone, the YMCA ultimately contributes to a healthier and stronger community.

As a charitable 501(C)3 organization, the law requires that YMCA programs

be accessible to a significant segment of the community it serves. Everything the YMCA wants to accomplish and hopes to do for its members and community begins with and relies upon the quality of human interaction and relationship building referred to as "membership." Members discover connection, belonging and the comfort of community. The YMCA's unique approach to membership is inclusive and welcomes all people; no one is turned away from the YMCA due to the inability to pay.

### HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE SHEINBERG FAMILY YMCA OF WESTON-

Stop by anytime during regular operating hours for a personal tour of the facility.

The friendly and knowledgeable staff will show you our family center features and explain the numerous benefits YMCA members can expect to receive. There are five categories of membership to choose from; Family, Senior Couple, Adult, Senior and Teen - there is something for everyone.

The YMCA has no contracts and makes membership affordable and accessible for all.



For more information regarding membership or programs please call (954) 424-9622 or visit [www.ymcabroward.org](http://www.ymcabroward.org).



THE YMCA OFFERS A WIDE VARIETY OF PROGRAMS FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES AND ABILITIES.

SPRING PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN:

- Y-KIDS FITNESS AND TWEEN FITNESS CLASSES
- KIDZ CLUB AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM AND CAMP FUN DAYS
- AFTERSCHOOL SPORTS AND TINY TOT SPORTS
- Y-WINNERS SPORTS (BASKETBALL, ROLLER HOCKEY, VOLLEYBALL, FLAG FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING)
- ENRICHMENT CLASSES (MAD SCIENCE, SELF DEFENSE,

WHAT'S COOKING)

- SWIM LESSONS AND COMPETITIVE AQUATICS

SPRING PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS:

- MEN'S FLAG FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL AND SOFTBALL
- CO-ED VOLLEYBALL AND SOFTBALL
- PERSONAL TRAINING AND HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAMS
- ACTIVE OLDER ADULT CLASSES
- AQUATIC FITNESS AND MASTERS SWIMMING

- TRIATHLON CLUB

- COOL RUNNER'S
- GROUP EXERCISE AND SPINNING

SPRING PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES:

- PARENT'S NIGHT OUT PROGRAM
- BIRTHDAY PARTIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS
- FIT FAMILY CHALLENGE
- Y-GUIDES FOR FATHERS AND SONS AND Y-PRINCESSES FOR FATHERS AND DAUGHTERS
- CPR AND FIRST AID CLASSES

# Community

A new habitat was constructed under the supervision of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.



The new home construction

## Owls Relocated from Center Field

City Provides Condo Assistance for Burrowing Owls

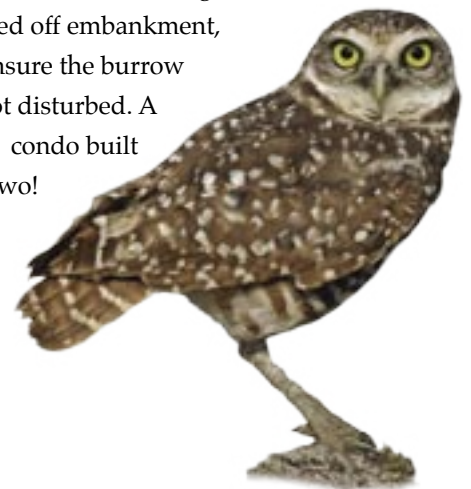
Throughout the summer, two adult Florida Burrowing Owls had made themselves at home in the center of soccer field #3 at Weston's Vista Park.

Burrowing Owls do just as the name implies – they burrow or dig into the ground making a tunnel-like home. These 9-inch underground dwellers particularly like golf courses and ball fields due to their soft, sandy soil and night-time lighting which attracts insects, their main food supply.

Relocating the cute creatures is more involved than filling in their burrow. The owls are considered a species of special concern within the State of Florida, as they have lost their habitat to development throughout the area. In the case of the Vista Park pair, the City's Parks and Recreation Department operated under the direction of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Division of Habitat and Species Conservation, Species Conservation Planning Section.

The nest was undisturbed through the

mating season and then guidelines were followed in the construction of a new burrow, which was placed on the "other side of the fence" along the fenced off embankment, to ensure the burrow is not disturbed. A new condo built for two!



## 2009 / 10 School Year Calendars approved by School Board

For busy parents trying to plan ahead the next school year calendar has been approved and is available on-line. Students begin school on August 24, 2009 and end on June 9, 2010. Winter break will begin Monday, December 21, 2009 and return to school Monday, January 4, 2010. Spring Break begins Monday, March 29, 2010 with students returning on Tuesday, April 6, 2010. To view the entire school year calendar go to: [www.browardschools.com/calendar/cal0910.htm](http://www.browardschools.com/calendar/cal0910.htm)



## Infrared Aerial Photos of all Properties in Broward

### Helpful in Identifying Rooftop Moisture

The Broward County Property Appraiser's web site has a new feature that can assist owners of any home, business or structure. You can view infrared aerial photos, to assist you in identifying rooftop areas where moisture may be accumulating. Anyone with a leaking roof will find this particularly helpful, and it can be used as a preventative resource.

Condominium residents and HOA Boards may want to share this information with their maintenance workers/company. One caution: ignore areas with tree

overhang as that will show high moisture contact.

Steps for viewing infrared aerials:

- Log onto [www.bcpa.net](http://www.bcpa.net)
- Click "Property Search" and follow steps to pull up property record
- When at the property record, click "View Map" to view the aerial
- On the left side, click on the drop down "Aerials" to select the [Infrared 2008 photos](#)

## How's Weston Doing?

Eric M. Hersh, Mayor

The most frequent question asked of me, almost daily, is "How is Weston doing in these difficult financial times?"

In short, the answer is very well. Sure, we are experiencing a downturn like everyone else, including a marked increase in housing foreclosures, and business downturns. However, our conservative forecasting and business models, and our contract form of government have allowed us to maintain a strong balance sheet during these challenging times.

Although we went through our budget process last September, we are still comfortable with our forecasts through the end of this Fiscal Year. We have maintained all our service levels, and expect to continue to be able to maintain the high standards we set.

### Some interesting statistics comparing Fiscal Year 2008 vs Fiscal Year 2009:

- Taxable Value of property in Weston is expected to decline 5.3% to \$7.97 billion
- Total City Revenue is expected to decline 2.5% to \$99 million
- State Revenue sharing which comes back to the city is expected to decline 17.5%
- Expenditures for the City are expected to decline by 9.6% from last year
- Our general fund reserves are currently 1.3 times our annual general fund budget, well above the targets we set years ago

So sure, the tasks are challenging, but we are constantly looking to improve our model, and adjust where ever we

can to cut expenses, while at the same time, now is NOT the time to cut back on those expenses which make Weston a special place to live and work. Times will improve, as the economy always goes through cycles, and during difficult cycles we must invest and improve, so that when the cycle turns, we lead the way out.

Our housing market is suffering as it is throughout the country, especially in Florida. However, we are benefiting by the tax portability more than most cities in Broward. People want to live in Weston, so as prices have declined, people are looking at opportunities in our community. If we were to cut our ascetics, and cut our services, we would be less desirable, and fall to be like every other city. That is not a wise course; so instead, we continue to

provide the standard of services you have come to expect in Weston. Be positive, be enthusiastic about where we live, and enjoy life in Weston! This nation has faced adversity before and has come through with flying colors. I have no doubt that we will do so again.

Allow me to comment on Davie Commons, a massive 2.1 million square foot retail/office/hotel project proposed to be developed on the east side of I-75 at Royal Palm Boulevard. This project would create over 32,000 trips per day on I-75 and Weston's roads, and although the project is completely in the Town of Davie, ALL the impact of traffic is in Weston. Some of you have been asked in surveys by the developer if you would like a high end shopping mall near Weston. The problem



is the developer doesn't explain that the impact to our quality of life would be dramatic, and very negative, in terms of traffic, crime, and the need to widen and expand our roadway system.

In November, the Broward County Commission heard this issue, and passed it up to the next level on a 5-3 vote (5 votes are required for approval). We MUST have this project defeated - it is the one issue that could derail much of what we have accomplished as to quality of life in Weston.

Broward County Commissioner Lois Wexler is one of two members of the County Commission representing a portion of Weston, as well as representing the area where the project is located. Commissioner Wexler fought hard on our behalf, voting AGAINST the project. I know she will do so again when this comes back to the



County Commission for a final vote. Broward County Commissioner Diana Wasserman-Rubin represents the greater portion of Weston. Commissioner Wasserman-Rubin voted IN FAVOR of the project, despite the fact that the project is outside of her district. It was Commissioner Wasserman-Rubin's vote that could have stopped this project, and therefore, by her vote, she has forced us to continue to spend thousands of dollars to continue to fight this project. The project comes back to the County Commission for a final vote in a few months, and we need your help in telling Commissioner Wasserman-Rubin that we want to maintain our lifestyle in Weston, and that approving a project that puts the entire traffic burden in Weston is unacceptable! You can contact Commissioner Wasserman-Rubin at [dwassermanrubin@broward.org](mailto:dwassermanrubin@broward.org), or call her at 954-357-7008. Many of you have already helped out by contacting her, but I would encourage you to do so again. This is a fight we can't afford to lose!

As we begin 2009, we are hopeful that it is the beginning of better economic times for all. On behalf of Commissioner Stermer, Commissioner Chermak, Commissioner Henriksson and Commissioner Gomez, we wish you much health, happiness, and prosperity throughout this New Year.

## Important Reminder to Residents

**If you have a medical or any other type of emergency , always call 9-1-1.**

For suspicious incidents always call the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO), NOT your community gate attendant or security guard. The security guards that patrol gated communities are an excellent deterrent to crime. If there is a disturbance or suspicious person, they should not be called to respond or be placed in harms way. Only BSO can make arrests. Deputies are armed and trained for all law enforcement responses.

**Emergencies: 9-1-1**

**Non-Emergencies: 954-765-4321**

# Community

The 55+ Club has a wealth of activities and events from card games to bus trips and more.

## In High School and in Need of Service Hours?

### Are You a Company or Organization in Need of Students to Help With a Project?

Weston's Communications Department maintains a list of high school students desiring service hours required for graduation. The City uses students during city sponsored events and activities throughout the year. While the city doesn't have enough service hours for all students, we can put community organizations, businesses or groups in touch with interested students.

Students interested in being added to the volunteer list, or organizations in need of volunteers, should call the Weston Communications office at 954-385-2002 or 954-385-2008.



## It's a Party

### Weston's 55+ Club Celebrates

The 55+ Club celebrated 7 years in existence with a lunch at the Bonaventure Country Club. An active group of men and women who meet weekly for cards, games, trips, lunches, seminars and more, the group is always looking for new members.

Call the Weston Community Center for more information at 954-389-4321 or

check out the monthly schedule of events at [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org) under Parks & Recreation.



# Official City Commission Meetings

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

## VIEW MEETINGS

- Meetings can be viewed on the City's website at [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org) click on live and archived.
- 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 Link subscribers tune to Channel #62

## City Commission 2009

7:00 pm

Tuesday, February 17th

Monday, March 2nd

Monday, March 16th

Monday, April 6th

Monday, April 20th

Monday, May 4th

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.

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



L-R: Commission Gomez, Commissioner Stermer, State Representative Sands, Mayor Hersh, Bert Waters, J.D., SFWMD, Commissioner Henriksson and Commissioner Chermak.

## The Check is in Our Hands...

On December 1<sup>st</sup> the City Commission gratefully accepted a \$1 million grant check from the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) for the City's Bonaventure Stormwater Pump Station replacement project, obtained with the assistance of State Representative Franklin Sands.

This \$3.3 million project replaces the 30-year old, obsolete pumps servicing the Bonaventure Development District, to provide flood control for the residents and businesses in the Bonaventure Basin.

## Vote for Your Favorite Movie

FOR MOONLIGHT MOVIES IN THE PARK ON APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup>

The movie choice receiving the most votes will be shown on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm in the Weston Regional Park

Vote on-line at [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org) on the Weston Homepage



Kung-Fu Panda



Star Wars – The Clone Wars



Speed Racer

Movies are featured on a giant inflatable screen.

Bring lawn chairs or blankets for a fun-filled family event in the park.

Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

## Whitefly Destroy How to

**F**icus trees and hedges throughout South Florida have been hard hit by the Ficus Whitefly, which causes the leaves to turn yellow and drop from the plant. The pest is new to the continental US and has been found mainly infesting ficus, weeping fig, banyan trees, strangler fig, fiddle-leaf fig and banana-leaf fig; all species of ficus.

The underside of infested leaves look as though they are dotted with small, silver or white spots. The insects feed on the underside of the leaves with their “needle-like” mouthparts, and can seriously injure the host plants causing wilting, yellowing, stunting growth, leaf drop and even death.

### Controlling Infestation:

Efforts to understand and control this pest are still on-going but there are several options currently available.

- Monitor ficus plants for early signs of infestation which will be easier to manage (prior to defoliation); look for the specks on the underside of leaves.
- Insecticidal soap or oil sprays are effective for small trees or shrubs – coverage of the undersides of leaves is especially important. It is necessary to repeat applications every 7-10 days. If hedges are



# Preserving Vegetation in South Florida Help Your Landscape Cope

trimmed, bag clippings to reduce spreading insects.

- Once infestation has been removed, feed with fertilizer to assist foliage in recovery.

## Preserving Landscape Not Infected –

The current recommendation is to:

- Drench the soil around the base of the tree or hedge with a product that contains a neonicotinoid compound (you can ask at your garden supply). These products can provide sufficient control for 4-8 months depending on the size of the tree or shrub.
- Monitor plants 3 months after application for the presence of nymphs. This can also be applied to treat “hot spots” or get quick knockdown, in addition to the soil applications, but should not be applied to all of the foliage. The soil application will provide the longest control.

\*\* These applications are recommended to be done by a professional pest control service. All but one brand of the chemicals require a license to purchase. An experienced, licensed landscape contractor could also make the application.

City maintained landscaping has also been affected –

Some trees and hedges in the city rights-of-way have been damaged by this pest. Crews have and continue to apply sprays to control the whitefly and minimize further injury. There are cases where nymphs were already active on the ficus before it completely absorbed the pesticides. The damaged hedges have been treated with fertilizer and plant stimulants to help the ficus recover and regenerate as quickly as possible. As we are in the semi-dormant time of year, they will take a bit longer to heal. The liquid applications will be repeated as necessary until the plant has fully recovered and once again provides the same buffer for residents as before. This process is faster and more economical than installing new material and waiting for it to mature and provide a similar buffer size.



*Symphony  
of the Americas*

JAMES BROOKS BRUZZESE  
ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

The City of Weston

*Proudly Presents*

**Symphony  
of the America's**

Saturday, February 28, 2009  
8:00pm

With guest artist Stanislaw Drzewiecki on piano.

Drzewiecki performed his first concert tour at age 6 in Japan. Now at the age of 20, he is the laureate of many prestigious awards.

Performance is held in the Cypress Bay Theater, 18600 Vista Park Boulevard. FREE Parking

**Tickets:** \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door and \$10 for students with ID, available in advance at the Weston Community Center, 20200 Saddle Club Road in the Regional Park. Tickets will be sold at the door, the evening of the performance only, beginning at 6 p.m.

**Call 954-389-4321 for  
information on tickets  
and events.**

*Bringing performances to you, right in your own hometown...*

# Community

Our 2018 Strategic Value and Business Plan is built on the foundation of our original business plan which enabled us to make sound decisions in a business-like manner.

## A Note from the City Manager

John R. Flint

The current downturn in the global economy gives good cause for concern as to where we as a city are going in the future. To best look forward it helps to understand where we've been and where we are today.

Prior to the city's incorporation in 1996, we prepared a five-year business plan that forecasted our infrastructure and services needs and the associated revenues and expenses needed to support those needs. In doing so we set the foundation to operate the city in a business-like manner and used the business plan as a tool by

which to identify our goals and methodically achieve them.

As the city's first five years drew to a close we prepared the 2010 Strategic Value and Business Plan. This new plan utilized a ten year horizon and embraced the concept that value be added to each and every-thing that we do. Utilizing a ten year horizon enabled us to take a more comprehensive and long-term approach to providing, maintaining and enhancing the City's infrastructure and services. Embracing the value added concept assured that we remain mindful of our obligation to add value to the City, through increased property values and enhancing the quality of life that has brought us all to Weston. The plan was specifically designed to be reviewed periodically with the flexibility to be able to adapt to or counter conditions beyond our control.

The 2010 Plan worked as designed and successfully provided the basis for the ensuing city budgets.

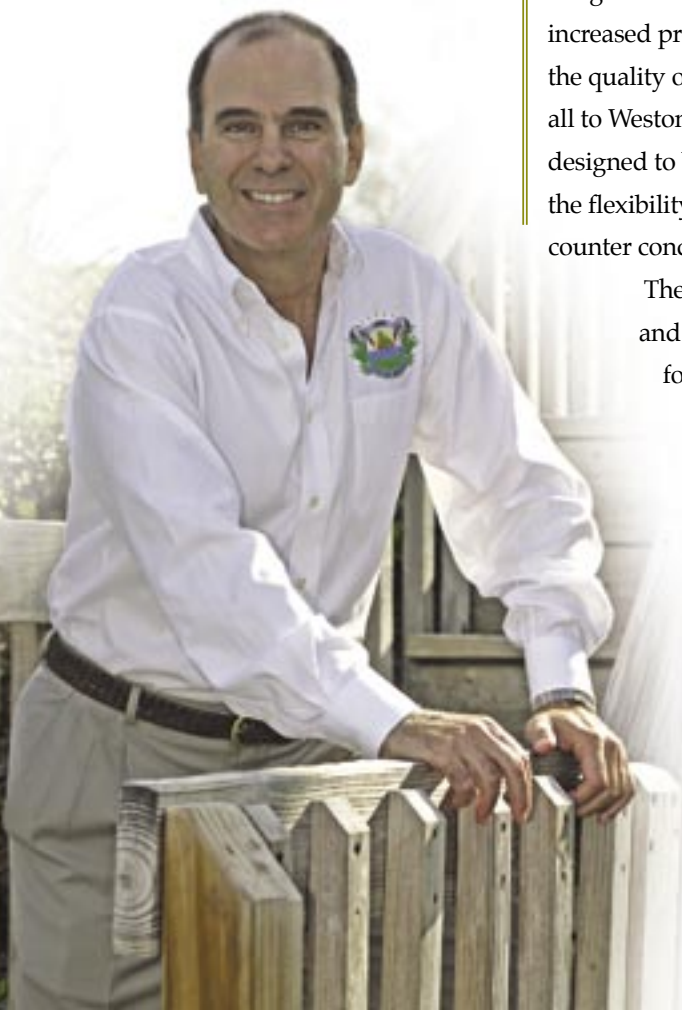
In 2004, the 2010 Plan was updated to the 2015 Plan. The ability to review and amend the plan proved both useful and necessary when in 2006 and 2007 the Florida Legislature and Governor implemented tax reform measures that impacted the City's ability to generate

certain revenues, thereby causing us to take a comprehensive look at the 2015 Plan.

Today we are finalizing the 2018 Plan which not only takes into account the recent tax reform measures, but also accounts for the impacts of the current economic environment. This iteration of the plan will guide us through these uncertain times by identifying the resources necessary to assure that we are able to maintain and enhance our infrastructure and services, not diminish our quality of life, and be well prepared for the return of a healthy economy.

The 2018 Strategic Value and Business Plan is built on the foundation of our original business plan and its successors, all of which have enabled us to make sound decisions in a business-like manner, and this newest plan will enable us to continue to do the same into the future.

Evidence of the success of these plans is our ability to continue to maintain, enhance and add to our infrastructure, and thereby continue to add value to the City, despite the current economic climate. Some of the projects currently in progress are the rebuilding of the storm water management system serving the Bonaventure community that replaces 40 year old pumps with a state-of-the-art system in storm hardened structures; Manatee Isles Drive will be upgraded with the addition of curbing, bicycle lanes, drainage and landscaping; and the City's traffic and



street signage will be replaced with a newly designed system that will withstand 100 mph winds.

In the event the new President and the Congress enact an economic stimulus package that includes funding for local government infrastructure, the 2018 Plan already identifies our infrastructure needs and will enable us to respond quickly to move these projects forward. Weston's future remains bright, in part

due to its past. Our Strategic Value and Business Plans are one of the cornerstones of our municipal corporation that has, along with our proven contract style of managing our government, positioned us to be prepared to successfully meet the challenges that lie ahead.

From all of us who have the privilege to serve you, our best wishes for a healthy and prosperous new year, and remember, we're only a phone call or email away.



Principals and a student from every school in Weston, both public and private, gathered at Weston's Annual Principal's Lunch. Mayor Hersh, City Manager John Flint, and key staff meet each year with school principals to ensure open communication and get input on how the City can participate and assist in their programs and needs.

Cyclists enjoy a portion of Weston's 46 miles of marked bike lanes throughout our hometown.

# Community

"The community in which you choose to live, indeed, can be an oasis of comfort in the midst of a maddeningly impersonal world."  
*Brad Henry*



## Weston Community Happenings...

Clockwise from top left:

Six Weston students recognized and honored for their development of an Abolish Bullying Campaign; City Manager Flint (right) shows off one of Weston's new EMS vehicles to Broward County Fire Rescue Chief Joseph Lello; League soccer in action!; Practicing soccer kicking skills in the Weston Regional Park; Rick and Rita Case where presented with a City Proclamation proclaiming Rick Case Bike for Kids Month in Demember.



# Saving Money and Energy

## CITY INITIATES ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM IN CITY BUILDINGS AND STREET LIGHTS

### CITY OWNED BUILDINGS

The City has embarked on an energy and money saving retrofit of older technology fluorescent lighting fixtures in all city-owned buildings. The current fixtures are being replaced with new, energy efficient fixtures which provide for a 25% reduction in energy consumption, resulting in a 25% savings on electricity costs, while also reducing greenhouse gases.

The replacement of fixtures has already been completed in the Police and Public Works facilities. The Weston Community Center, three fire stations and all city maintenance buildings and outdoor restroom buildings within city parks will be completed by the end of the year. Weston City Hall was constructed with energy efficient fixtures so it is not included in the project. The payback or return on investment for the cost of the new fixtures is approximately 2 1/2 years.

### CITY OWNED STREET LIGHTS

A second energy conservation program will commence this Spring, which will provide for energy cost savings of over

\$60,000 annually. A comprehensive study of the city owned street lighting system was conducted which includes 1,300 street lights in the Indian Trace Development District along city roadways. The project will provide for the installation of voltage regulators at each of the 38 electricity service points which provide energy to the street lights. The regulators reduce the voltage which is drawn, with no perceptible reduction in the light emitted.

There are a number of additional benefits to the project which include an immediate and lasting cost savings of 25-30% on electric costs (over \$60,000 per year), an extended life of the current fixtures and lamps of up to 300%, and a carbon footprint reduction of 369 metric tons of CO2 emission per year.

The payback is 2 to 3 years, and the life expectancy of the regulator system is estimated at over 25 years. City leaders are looking forward to the completion of this energy efficiency program by the end of 2009.



# Next Free Residential Bulk Pickup

## SINGLE FAMILY HOMES

Wednesday, April 15th

or

Thursday, April 16th

or

Friday, April 17th

## MULTI-FAMILY

Saturday, April 18th

**WHICHEVER** date is the date 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.



# Community Class Schedule

## Weston Regional Park Children/Youth Program

**Karate** Wed 6-7pm (Ages 6-8) and 7-8pm (Ages 9+). Provide your child with the ability to defend him/herself and react with confidence. David Schopp, 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Black Belt in Goju Karate, will teach your children the basic principles of self-defense, fighting, weaponry and forms. **Cost \$125/3 months. \$25 LATE FEE** if tuition is not paid by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. (returning students only) **Continuous.**

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

**Teen Performance Workshop** Sunday, 7:15pm-9:15pm (ages 15-18 years) This class is for students interested in helping write and produce a performance piece based on relevant issues in their lives. Through the use of improvisation and scene work, students will hone their acting and performance skills as they present the play in a café-style setting at the end of the season. Limit 12 kids/class. For more information call Robin at 954-385-3060. **Cost is \$375. Spring session will run from 2/1/09 to 5/3/09.**

**Young Rembrandts** Fri. 4:30-5:30pm (ages 3 ½ to 13 years) Young Rembrandts prepares children for goals set forth by the National Standard for Art Education. Our exclusive program dispels the myth that art is a talent a child has or doesn't have. We view art not merely as a talent, but as a skill that can, and should, be learned by all children. Price includes all materials. For more information call 954-647-6403 or visit [www.youngrembrandts.com](http://www.youngrembrandts.com).

**youngrembrandts.com. Winter Session II: 1/23 to 3/13. Spring Session I: 3/20 to 5/15 (no class 4/10) Cost \$80.**

**The Play's the Thing!** Fri 3:15-4:15 pm (ages 7-8). Students engage in the theatrical process through acting exercises designed to increase concentration, free the imagination and increase confidence. Movement for the stage, character development and improvisation techniques are used to help students develop a script based on a value laden folktale. A class presentation will be held the last day of class. Limit 12 kids/class. **Cost is \$210. Robin Braun and the Inside Out Theatre Company: 954-385-3060. Spring Session will run from 1/30/09 to 4/24/09.**

**Bright & Smart Robotics** Fri. 6:00-7:30 (7-12 years). Kid oriented program that develops engineering skills based on robot assembling, computer programming and teamwork. A six-week class full of fun, exciting and rewarding experiences that help children to discover and learn new skills in an interactive approach to science. Space is limited to 12 students. **Cost is \$150 for six classes of 1½ hr. each. Session 1/23 to 2/27. A Free demo class on 3/27 is available for session 4/3 to 5/15.** Call 954-816-3346 or email at [info@BrightSmart.com](mailto:info@BrightSmart.com) to RSVP for the **free demo classes.** For more information about our programs visit [www.BrightSmart.com](http://www.BrightSmart.com).

**Musical Theatre Production Class** Sun. 4:00-7:00pm (9-12 years). This class focuses on training in acting and movement with a rehearsal period that leads to a performance of one of our original musicals. Instruction includes traditional Stanislavski techniques, improvisation, and character development. No experience is necessary; this class leads to a performance in a professional theatre setting and students are expected to be committed and work at the highest level of professionalism. Limit 12 kids/class. **Cost is \$395.** Call Robin Braun of the Inside Out Theatre Company for more details: 954-385-3060. **Spring Session will run from 2/1/09 to 5/11/09.**

**Junior Jazzercise** Wed. 3:30-4:30 (5-7 years) & 4:30-5:30 (8-12 years). Fitness is fun with this exercise program designed especially for children...learn about nutrition, the body and the importance of physical fitness. Learn the latest cool dance moves to your favorite pop and hip hop music! For more information call 954-389-2624. **Cost is \$36/per month (One time \$25 registration fee made payable to Fit First, Inc.)** Call instructor for class schedule.

**Fun In Spanish** Wed. and Fri. 9:30-11:00 (ages 2-5) 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 [Marigmtours@bellsouth.net](mailto:Marigmtours@bellsouth.net). **Cost is \$10/session or 5 classes for \$40. Continuous.**

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

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

Tuesday Session: 1/13 to 2/24 and then 3/03

to 4/21 (NO CLASS 4/7)  
Thursday Session: 1/08 to 2/26 and then 3/05 to 4/30 (NO CLASS 4/9)

Cost is \$65 per session. T-shirts can be purchased for an additional \$8. Class can be prorated if you join late.

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**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 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**  
(Monday 9:30-10:15)

Winter Session I: 1/12 to 2/23  
Winter Session II: 3/2 to 4/20  
(NO CLASS 4/6)

**Ages 6 months to 14 months**  
(Fridays 11:30-12:15)

Winter Session I: 1/9 to 2/27  
Winter Session II: 3/6 to 5/1  
(NO CLASS 4/10)

Cost is \$65 per session. T-shirts can be purchased for an additional \$8. Class can be prorated if you join late.

**Kidokinetics Jr.** - Parent and Child Sports Sat 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 2-3 years**  
(Mondays 10:30-11:15)

Winter Session I: 1/12/09 to 2/23/09  
Winter Session II: 3/2 to 4/20  
(NO CLASS 4/6)

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

Winter Session I: 1/10 to 2/28  
Winter Session II: 3/7 to 4/25

Cost is \$65 per session. T-shirts can be purchased for an additional \$8. Class can be prorated if you join late.

**Pee Wee Dance** - Tues. 10:00-10:30 (ages 2-3) Instructed by Dance Through the Ages, this is an introduction to the art of dance. Students will learn the basics (pointing & flexing of the feet, turning, fine & gross motor skills) while using innovative props and listening to familiar preschool tunes All instructors are trained dancers, as well as teachers, and will promote fun, positive atmosphere in order to encourage a love of dance for all students Recital option is open for all students interested. Meredith Dreyfuss, Dance Director, is a member of the International Dance Teacher's Association and is a trained dancer with over 10 years of teaching experience. Please call (954) 260-4409 for more information or visit [www.dancetta.com](http://www.dancetta.com). Cost is \$54/month. **Continuous.**

# Community Class Schedule

## Weston Regional Park Adult Program

**Art/Multi-Media** Tues. 6-9pm Acclaimed artist Rolande Moorhead teaches all skill levels in the mediums of their choosing including oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, painting and charcoal drawing. With individual attention, students explore their creative potential. **Cost \$195/6 weeks. Continuous.**

**Watercolor Painting** Fri. 10am-1pm Award winning watercolorist Rolande Moorhead teaches the vocabulary of colors, shapes, composition and preliminary drawing. All skill levels. **Cost \$195/6 weeks. Continuous.**

**Karate** Wed. 8-9:30pm Come get in shape and learn to defend yourself at the same time. David Schopp, 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Black Belt in Goju Karate, will teach all ages and levels the 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. (returning students only) Continuous.**

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

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

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**SAT Preparation** Age 15-20: Tues. (7:00-9:30pm), Thurs. (7:15-9:45) or Sun. (1:30-4:00pm). This course prepares students for all facets of the College Board exam. Class not only thoroughly reviews content of what is tested but also exposes students to numerous insightful strategies for scoring well on the SAT. Jeff Steinberg, the instructor, has specialized in developing and instructing SAT preparation courses since 1990 (including for the University of Miami). Students are assured of receiving expert instruction (the average increase in scores is 200 points), while paying less than half of what some commercial courses charge. To enroll in this course, please contact Mr. Steinberg directly at



(954) 478-0792. **Cost is \$475 for 8 week, 20 hour course (including text and materials). Spring session starts 1/18 (Sun) and 1/20 (Tues) and 1/22 (Thurs) for test on 3/14.**

**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.**

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**Hip Hop Now** – Tues. 10:30-11:30 (adults) Instructed by Dance Through the Ages, this class is an aerobic workout and a dance combined. Perfect for beginners and those who have taken Hip Hop before; this class focuses on the strengthening of core muscles, while teaching easy to follow choreography to upbeat, hip hop/pop music. It is a complete body workout. We guarantee that all students will leave feeling like dancers! All instructors are trained dancers, as well as teachers. **Meredith Dreyfus, Dance Director, is a member of the Dance Teacher's Association and has over 10 years teaching experience.** Please call (954) 260-4409 for more information or visit: [www.dancetta.com](http://www.dancetta.com). **Cost is \$60/month. Continuous.**



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Kick Back and relax – the movies are on us...

Saturday, February 7, 2009

**Bee Movie**

7:30 pm

Barry B. Benson, a bee who just graduated from college, is disillusioned with his only job prospect, honey. When he ventures outside of the hive he breaks a cardinal rule and talks to a human, a florist named Vanessa, and is shocked to find out that humans have been stealing bees honey for centuries and decides to sue them in this animated comedy.

prepare it for destruction. As the Silver Surfer races around the globe wreaking havoc, Reed, Sue, Johnny and Ben must unravel the mystery of the Silver Surfer and confront the surprising return of their mortal enemy, Dr. Doom, before all hope is lost.

Saturday, April 11, 2009

**“Weston’s Choice”**

8:00 pm

Log on to the Weston website at [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org) and vote from several hit movies. The winning selection will be advertised and shown on April 11th.

Saturday, March 14, 2009

**Fantastic 4-Silver Surfer** 7:30pm

The Fantastic Four, meets their greatest challenge yet as the enigmatic, intergalactic herald, The Silver Surfer, comes to Earth to



# Community Upcoming Events

## February – March – April - May

### February

Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

**FREE Weston Moonlight Movie in the Park: Bee Movie**

Event Stage in the Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Road, Weston

Barry B. Benson, a bee who has just graduated from college, is disillusioned at his lone career choice: making honey. On a special trip outside the hive, Barry's life is saved by Vanessa, a florist in New York City. As their relationship blossoms, he discovers humans actually eat honey, and subsequently decides to sue us. Bring lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy a free movie under the stars projected onto a giant inflatable screen. Kids under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

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

Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m.

**Weston Foreign Film Series:**

**Belle Epoque (Spain)**

**ALL FILMS HAVE ENGLISH SUBTITLES**

Weston 8 Cinema, 1338 SW 160<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sunrise

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 to you the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Weston Foreign Film Series. In this romantic comedy a young soldier deserts the army befriends a country farmer and falls in love with all four of his daughters.

Tickets are \$6.00 per film and can be purchased at the following locations: Community Bank of Broward (Weston Branch, 1504 Weston Road), Weston Branch Library (Friends Bookstore) or the Weston Community Center (20200 Saddle Club Road). Make all checks payable to ACGW – Foreign Film

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

**Presidents Day**

In honor of the Presidents that have served our country, all City administrative offices (City Hall, the Community Center, the Public Works Services Center and the Building Department) will be closed. All of the parks will be open and there will be regular garbage collection.

Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> 10:00a.m.-3:00p.m.

**Traveling DMV Bus at Weston**

**Community Center**

Located inside the Weston Regional Park at 20200 Saddle Club Road, Weston.

The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles "Mini-Flow" bus will be at the Weston Community Center and provides all of the services the DMV office provides, except testing. You can: Renew a license: fee is \$20.00. Get a duplicate license: fee \$10.00 Reinstate license: fee is \$47.00 Original coming from another state is \$27.00 and adding endorsements is \$7.00. For more information call 954-389-4321.

Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

**Symphony of the America's in Concert**

Performance held at Cypress Bay Theater, 18600 Vista Park Blvd, Weston Florida

The Symphony celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> season, bringing the best of classical music to a diverse orchestral repertoire and international guest artists to South Florida.

Tickets are available at the Weston Community Center (20200 Saddle Club Road) 954-389-4321

### March

Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.

**Professional Theater for Children: The Velveteen Rabbit**

Cypress Bay Theater, 18600 Vista Park Boulevard, Weston, Florida

Return to a simpler time in a poignant story about a nursery filled with toys and their dreams of being real. Join the curious rabbit, the wise old skin horse, and even the rappin' jack-in-the-box as they sing and dance their way into your heart. This is a musical adaptation featuring all the nursery magic and tenderness that made the Velveteen Rabbit one of the most popular children's stories of all time.

Tickets are available at the Weston Community Center (20200 Saddle Club Road) 954-389-4321

Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 2 a.m.

**Daylight Saving Time Begins!**

Turn clocks ahead one hour. This is an excellent time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors to avoid the high pitched alarming reminder from going



off in the middle of the night. Every year in the United States, about 3,000 people lose their lives in residential fires. Most fire victims die from inhalation of smoke and toxic gases, not as a result of burns. Most deaths and injuries occur in fires that happen at night while the victims are asleep. *Properly installed and maintained smoke alarms in the home are considered one of the best and least expensive means of providing an early warning of a potentially deadly fire.*

**Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m.**

**Weston Foreign Film Series:**

**Noodle (Israel)**

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**FREE Concert in the Park – RPM**

**Event Stage in the Weston Regional Park,  
20200 Saddle Club Road, Weston**

Defined as Rock and Pop Masters, this group is comprised of some of the original lead singers of some of the biggest and best bands in rock history. Polished and professional for a great evening of rock and pop! Featuring - Larry Hoppen-Orleans; Joe Lynn Turner-Deep Purple; Mark Farner-Grand Funk Railroad; David Pack-Ambrosia; Joe Bouchard-Blue Oyster Cult; Jeff Scott Soto-Journey; Robert Papst & Jane Bogaert-Dominoe PLUS Charlie Morgan on drums, Lane & Lance Hoppen, Jerry Riggs and Barry Dunaway. Bring lawn chairs and blankets for a great family night event! Free parking but come early and get a great spot! **For more information please call the Weston Community Center at 954-389-4321**

**Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 p.m.**

**FREE Weston Moonlight Movie in the Park: Fantastic 4: Rise of the Silver Surfer Event Stage in the Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Road, Weston**

The Fantastic Four learn that they aren't the only super-powered beings in the universe when they square off against the Silver Surfer and the planet-eating Galactus. Bring lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy a free movie under the stars projected onto a giant inflatable screen. Kids under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

**For more information please call the Weston Community Center at 954-389-4321 Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> – Performances at 1:30p.m. & 3:00p.m.**

**FREE Puppet Show for Children:  
Shadow Puppet Story Time**

The Weston Community Center inside the Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Road, Weston.

Three stories in one presentation: *Mysto the Magician*, *Old MacDonald (has a farm)* and *The Gingerbread Man*. Recommended for ages 3-10 years of age.

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

**Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**FREE Weston Artwalk and Showtime**

The City of Weston in partnership with the Arts Council of Greater Weston, Inc., will host Broward County artists and photographers, sculptors and jewelry artisans, during this day-long event at Weston Town Center, 1900 Bell Tower Lane, Weston

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

## April

**Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.**

**Annual Royal Egg Hunt**

**Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Road, Weston**

For kids ages 10 and under, 3 age groups will hunt for over 17,000 candy-filled eggs on four fields. The egg hunts all go off promptly at 10:00 a.m. so we highly recommend packing up your basket and getting to the park **early**.

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

# Community Upcoming Events *continued*

## February – March – April - May

Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>; Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>; Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>; and \*Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

**FREE Weston Moonlight Movie in the Park: Weston's Choice**

**Event Stage in the Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Road, Weston**

The winning selection of the vote on [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org) will be shown! Bring lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy a free movie under the stars projected onto a giant inflatable screen. Kids under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

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### **Bulk Trash Pickup**

**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**

**Saturday, May 2nd – Performances at 1:30p.m. & 3:00p.m.**

**FREE Puppet Show for Children:**

**More Precious Than Gold**

The Weston Community Center inside the Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Road, Weston.

A kingdom by the beach, a King and his daughter discover that there are things even more precious than sandcastles or gold... Recommended for ages 3-10 years of age.

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

**Saturday, May 9th at 1:30p.m.**

**Professional Theater for Children:**

**The Three Little Pigs**

**Cypress Bay Theater, 18600 Vista Park Drive, Weston**

An original musical that explores the flaws of human nature through the eyes of a family of stubborn pigs and one very famous wolf. This is a story of Papa Pig and his three children. The children must overcome sibling rivalry and join forces to battle the hungry wolf. Even the Big Bad Wolf turns out to be not so bad in a surprise ending!

**Tickets are available at the Weston Community Center (20200 Saddle Club Road) 954-389-4321**

**Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**Recycle Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics**

**Weston Public Works Services Center, 2599 South Post Road, Weston**

Help contribute to a more eco-friendly environment by bringing household hazardous waste items to the Weston Public Works Services Center. **Household Hazardous Waste items include:** Oil-Based/Latex-Based Paints, Used Oil, Nickel-Cadmium/Lead-Acid Batteries, Used Tires, Paint Thinners, Paint Strippers, Solvents, Pesticides, Insecticides, Fertilizers, Pool Chemicals, Oven and Drain Cleaners, Spot Removers, Furniture Polish, Mercury, and Automotive Fluids.

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**Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Memorial Day**

In observance of Memorial Day, all City administrative offices (City Hall, the Community Center, the Public Works Services Center and the Building Department) will be closed. **All city parks will be open and there will be regular garbage collection.**

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**SATURDAY**

**MARCH 14, 2009**

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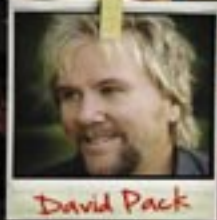
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# Community Parks Update

**W**ith 13 municipal parks and the Weston Tennis Center, Weston residents have the chance to enjoy an array of amenities for every age and lifestyle. The Community Services Department is constantly assessing the equipment and fields at every facility. By providing, protecting, and maintaining our parks, Weston is sustaining the natural environment that in turn sustains us as individuals and as a community.

## *Improvements Include:*

**Library Park – Is now open to the public!** Located on 5-acres adjacent to the Weston Branch Library (at 4255 Bonaventure Boulevard) the park features three gazebos, perfect for story-time, school class visits, and outdoor library classrooms while the Weston History Walk, conducive for a pleasant stroll through the park, tells of our City's rich archeological history. The open lawn provides a place to spread a blanket and read in the sun and the benches surrounding the Florida Author's Fountain, which showcases those Floridians who have contributed to our literary culture, invite relaxation while enjoying the sight and sound of rushing waters. To make the park even more attractive, Wi-Fi will be available in the Spring of 2009.

**Vista Park –** Resurfacing of the playground is complete. The new, poured-in-place rubberized surfacing provides for a safe, consistent surface that minimizes injuries due to falls while providing for greater ease of accessibility.

**Gator Run Park –** The new playground surfacing will be completed as of February 1st.

**Eagle Point Park –** Resurfacing on the playground will be complete in March. The open playfield has been redesigned with more drainage to allow for safer playing conditions.

**Tequesta Trace Park –** Major renovation of the stadium field (used for football and lacrosse) is complete. New drainage under the surface has been designed to rapidly remove rain water from the field, allowing for safer playing conditions while preserving the grass. Construction of a new storage facility is nearing

completion. This building will be used by the leagues to safely secure uniforms and equipment. The most visible improvements at the park are the new entrance gates and signage that greet all park visitors.

**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 is Weston is designed for children 2 to 12 years old. Children under 2 years old should not be on the equipment.

**Reminder:** Group instruction, training, etc. in the City's parks is only permissible with prior authorization from the Parks and Recreation Department. Requirements include carrying liability

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insurance, completion of background checks and signed contracts with the City of Weston. For more information please call the Weston Community Center at 954-389-4321.

## Theater Series

All shows at the Cypress Bay Theater,  
performed by Stages Productions.

**The Velveteen Rabbit**  
**Saturday March 7, 2009**  
**1:30pm**

Return to a simpler time in a poignant story about a nursery filled with toys and their dreams of being real. Join the curious rabbit, the wise, old Skin Horse and even the rappin' Jack-in-the-box as they sing and dance their way into your heart.

**The Three Little Pigs**  
**Saturday May 9, 2009**  
**1:30pm**

An original musical, that explores the flaws of human nature, through the eyes of a family of stubborn pigs and one very famous wolf.

### **Tickets:**

*Weston Community Center*  
20200 Saddle Club Road | 954-389-4321  
\$10 in advance / \$15 at the door

## Free Puppet Shows

Free Shows / Free Parking  
All shows are held at the Weston Community Center  
20200 Saddle Club Road  
Appropriate for ages 3-10 with parent/guardian

**Shadow Puppet Story Time**  
Saturday March 21, 2009  
1:30pm and 3:00pm

Three stories in one show! Mysto the Magician, Old MacDonald (has a farm) and The Gingerbread Man.

**More Precious Than Gold**  
Saturday May 2, 2009  
1:30pm and 3:00pm

In a kingdom by the beach, where sand castles are the coin of Realm, a King and his daughter discover that there are things even more precious than sand castles or gold...



## Manatee Isles Drive Improvement Project Approved

For anyone who lives off of or drives down Manatee Isles Drive, roadway improvements are coming. A project that will provide for bike lanes, curbing, irrigation and landscaping has been approved.

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

**Be Responsible,  
THINK before you throw...  
HELP KEEP WESTON CLEAN**  
*Which view do you prefer?*



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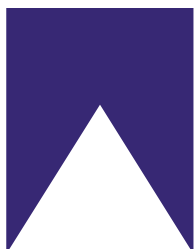
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# City of Weston Budget Brief 2008-2009



The City of Weston budget reflects an Ad Valorem millage rate of 1.5235 mills, an increase from the previous year's rate of 1.3215 mills. The 1.5235 millage rate is the same rate adopted for the City's first fiscal year in 1997-98 and each year thereafter through 2006-07. The City's Gross Taxable Value decreased by 5.35% over the prior year's Gross Taxable Value, to \$7,971,771,379. The impact of this decrease in Gross Taxable Value at the Fiscal Year 2008 millage rate of 1.3215 would have resulted in a loss of \$545,000 in Ad Valorem proceeds. The adoption of the millage rate of 1.5235 will result in an increase of Ad Valorem revenues of \$984,800 when compared to Fiscal Year 2008, and thereby will not require the use of reserves to balance this budget.

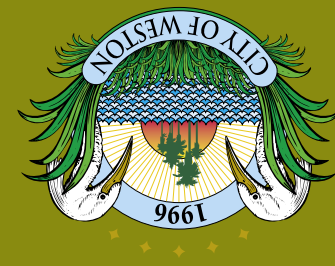
City-wide expenditures are reduced from the Fiscal Year 2008 total of \$109,294,424 to \$99,141,200 to compensate for the decrease in the City's revenues. Expenditures within the City's General Fund are also reduced from \$37,118,700 to \$34,204,900. No cost reductions were made to the areas of public safety and maintenance of infrastructure as the City looks to maintain its core service levels. In conjunction with maintaining these core service levels the City has recently completed or started the following projects.

- Tequesta Trace Park Weston Area Little League storage building
- Bonaventure Blvd. at Saddle Club Rd. traffic roundabout
- Bonaventure Blvd. at Blatt Blvd. traffic roundabout
- Bonaventure Blvd. left-turn lanes at Royal Poinciana Dr., Birchwood Way and Lakeview Dr.
- Manatee Isles Dr. Improvement Project
- South Post Rd. at North Ridge Dr. traffic signal
- Indian Trace at Saddle Club Rd. traffic signal
- Library Park
- Bonaventure pump stations
- Traffic sign replacement
- New City-owned EMS and Fire Rescue vehicles
- Tequesta Trace Park athletic field improvements
- Wi-Fi network at Regional Park and Library Park
- Traffic signal video detection system along Weston Rd. and the eastern portion of Royal Palm Blvd.
- Fire Station 67 emergency traffic signal
- Expanded facilities at Fire Station 81
- Final phase of the 2006 Master Re-landscaping Plan
- Street light energy conservation program
- Energy efficient lighting retrofit in City owned buildings
- Begin annual lift station and sewer line repair program

It is essential that through this economic downturn we maintain our commitment to public safety, we maintain our infrastructure, and we maintain our reserves; collectively they enable us to sustain the quality of life and the value of our City that brought residents and businesses to Weston, and that we all have come to expect. The consequences of allowing our public safety, infrastructure, and reserves to deteriorate would have a long-term effect on our quality of life and the value of our City that would take years and even greater resources to recover from. While this may require increases in the Ad Valorem tax rate and fees for services from time to time, doing so will enable us to be better prepared for the improved economic times that will eventually come.

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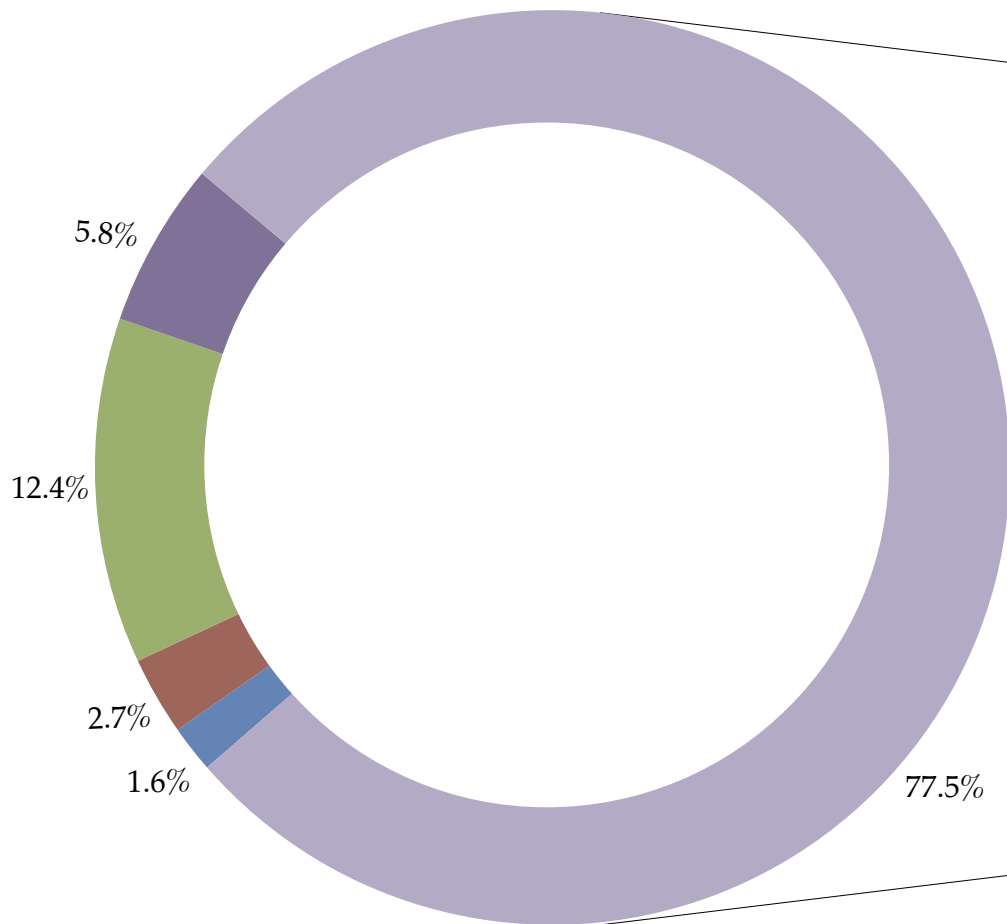
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# CITY OF WESTON BUDGET-IN-BRIEF 2009

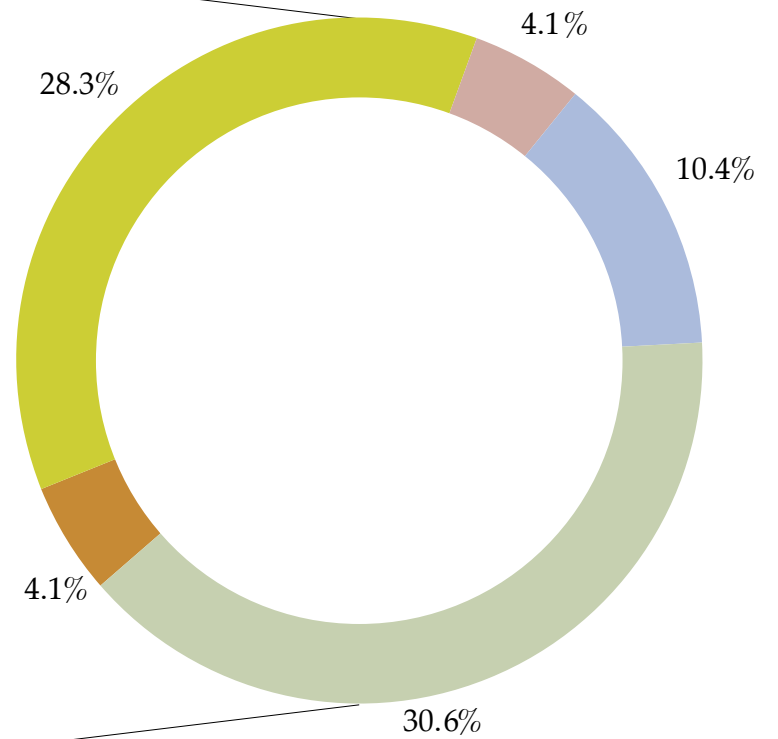
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### All Expenditures



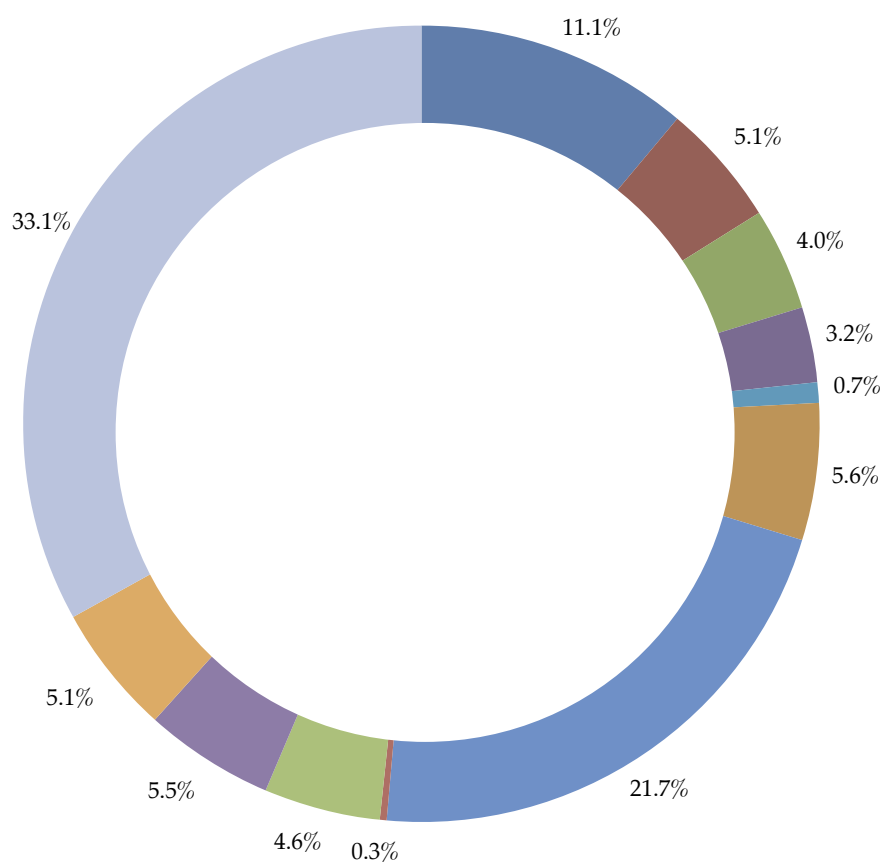
- Operating Expenditures
- Personal Services
- Capital Outlay
- Debt Service
- Transfers Out

### Operating Expenditures



- Public Works
- General Government
- Public Safety
- Community Development
- Community Services

### Revenue Breakdown



- Fines & Forfeitures
- Franchise Fees
- Miscellaneous Revenue
- Utility Taxes
- Communications Taxes
- Transfers In
- Use of Fund Balance
- Licenses & Permits
- Special Assessments
- Intergovernmental Revenues
- Ad Valorem Taxes
- Charges For Services

### Total Tax Bill Millage Rate Trend (in mills per \$1,000 of taxable value)

