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## BSO-Weston Hosts Comprehensive Training Exercise At Cypress Bay High School

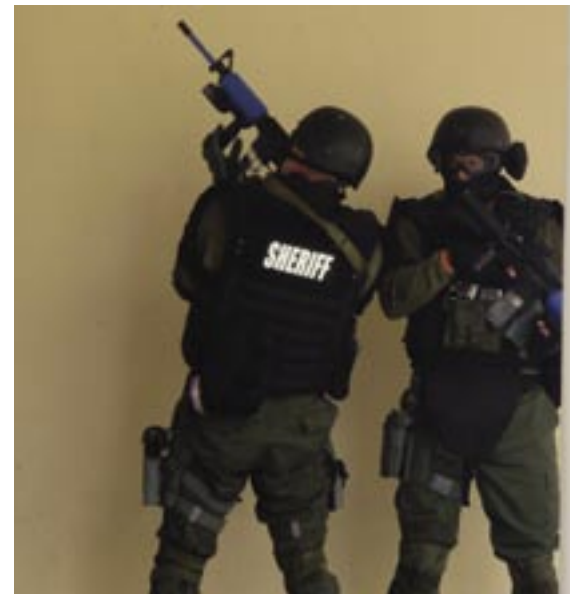
Includes hundreds of law enforcement and SWAT from throughout Broward County

Billed as a Comprehensive Training Exercise, the Broward Sheriff's Office, Broward County School Board and Cypress Bay High School officials planned for months for what would be a test of each agency's policies, procedures and personnel responses to a crisis situation.

The scenario was grim, and regrettably the potential for such a situation is all too real: Two armed assailants came onto the high school property during the school day. Gun shots echoed throughout the campus. They shot several

administrative personnel and students, positioned pipe bombs, and chained closed a number of exits. As in a real-life situation, school personnel frantically called 9-1-1 operators who set into motion a response by local Weston deputy sheriffs, SWAT, the bomb squad, K-9, Tactical Rescue, Mobile Command and Fire Rescue.

First on-scene, local officers assessed the situation, by-passing the gunshot victim lying in the courtyard, to pursue the armed assailants before they can claim additional victims. SWAT came in next, securing the campus and moving to the interior of the school where the assailants were holding hostages. Two deputies were dragged or carried



out, having been "shot"; teenage victims were removed to safety; and the assailants apprehended. The bomb squad removed all explosives while Fire Rescue rushed to assess, tag and treat the wounded. While all this was happening media responded to the school and others called, anxious for information.

A violent and dire situation played out at Cypress Bay on March 27<sup>th</sup> but this instance fortunately ended with handshakes and slaps on the back. An exercise of this magnitude here in Weston, at Cypress Bay,

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# BSO-Weston Hosts Comprehensive Training Exercise

one of this nation's largest high schools, is of tremendous benefit to the city. Weston Police Chief Greg Page with the Broward Sheriff's Office, advised that BSO wanted to see how people from every agency handled the situation, to see that the right questions got asked; that responders knew where to go and how to access and secure the vast campus. Trainers supervising the scenario identified strengths as well

as possible weaknesses in all areas from communications, to tactical response, to trauma care.

The possibility of a live-shooter scenario is something at the forefront of people's minds, but a training exercise of this kind prepares school administration and emergency responders for this and other disaster situations such as tornados, hurricanes, or large scale accidents.



Left top: Extension of the right-turn lane between Vista Park Boulevard and Isles of Weston Avenue, section view; Provisions between South Post Road and Park Ridge Street plan view. Left bottom: Provision of Bike Lanes across from Manatee Bay Elementary, section view.

## Manatee Isles Drive Improvement Project

### Construction to begin during school summer break

For those who live off of, or drive down Manatee Isles Drive, desired roadway improvements are coming. The project will provide for the addition of new curbing and gutters, turn lanes, bike lanes, irrigation and landscaping. While there will

be some inconvenience to local residents during 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.

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- 5) Pro Kyle Mayberry explains proper volley grip to ladies during Wilson Demo Day

activities such as tennis, soccer, and dodge ball. The afternoon is meant to cool off in the swimming pool with fun games. Summer camp at the Weston Tennis Center offers more than just fun, as campers learn what it's like to be part of a team. Team Alpha and team Omega will battle it out in team competition throughout the week for a chance to win the ultimate prize, "The Team Trophy." Participants will get to see themselves on television during a video presentation on the last Friday of each session during an awards ceremony.

Sessions begin Monday, June 8, 2009. Camp is held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with Friday being pizza day; pizza will be provided to all campers. Early drop off and aftercare is also available. For more information or to register call the Weston Tennis Center at 954-389-8666.

## Happenings on and off the Court at the Weston Tennis Center

### A Simple Tennis Tip to help every level!

By Dan DeBruyne,  
Tennis Center Director

Good footwork is a prerequisite for good tennis. If you can't get to the ball, your extraordinary strokes won't help you at all.

There is a science to good footwork that every aspiring player must understand and put into practice. The following tips will improve your footwork and move your game to the next level in a hurry.

Hitting a tennis ball is equivalent to hitting a golf ball. It helps to maintain balance. Have you ever miss-hit a

ball, shaking it off the frame of the racquet? Of course you have. One of the reasons this happens is because you are not set comfortably at the point of contact. Your skills improve when you make contact while you maintain balance; flat footed, front knee slightly bent, with your head still. Your footwork helps you reach this balanced position where you will be able to strike the ball cleanly.

In between shots ... don't stand around flat-footed. All good players use the bounce step to keep poised and ready to get to the next shot. When you are on the balls of your feet it makes it easier to move right, left, forward or backward, so that

you can get to the shot in time, stay balanced and hit a clean shot. Flex your knees a little, and bounce rhythmically between shots and you will play better tennis.

**TUNE IN to Weston Community Radio 1680AM while outdoors or in your car for current city information and a monthly tennis tip - courtesy of the Weston Tennis Center.**

### Upcoming Events and Tournaments

**Wimbledon Wooden Racquet Tournament**  
Saturday, June 27, 2009  
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Wear your whites and take a trip down memory lane to get the feeling of how the greats of yesterday played the game. It will be a round robin tournament and all participants are welcomed to use the wooden racquets which will be provided. Enjoy strawberries and cream and the tennis from Wimbledon following the Round robin.

### USTA Drysdale Open Super Series

Saturday, July 25, 2009 through Monday, July 27, 2009  
Open division for boys and girls (ages 14, 12, 10, and under) singles and doubles. To register

for the tournament visit [www.usatennisflorida.usta.com](http://www.usatennisflorida.usta.com) or call the Weston Tennis Center at 954-389-8666 for more information.

### USTA Weston Tennis Center Super Series

Saturday, August 29, 2009 through Monday, August 31, 2009  
Open division for boys and girls (ages 18, 16, and under) singles and doubles. To register for the tournament visit [www.usatennisflorida.usta.com](http://www.usatennisflorida.usta.com) or call the Weston Tennis Center at 954-389-8666 for more information.

### Summer Camp

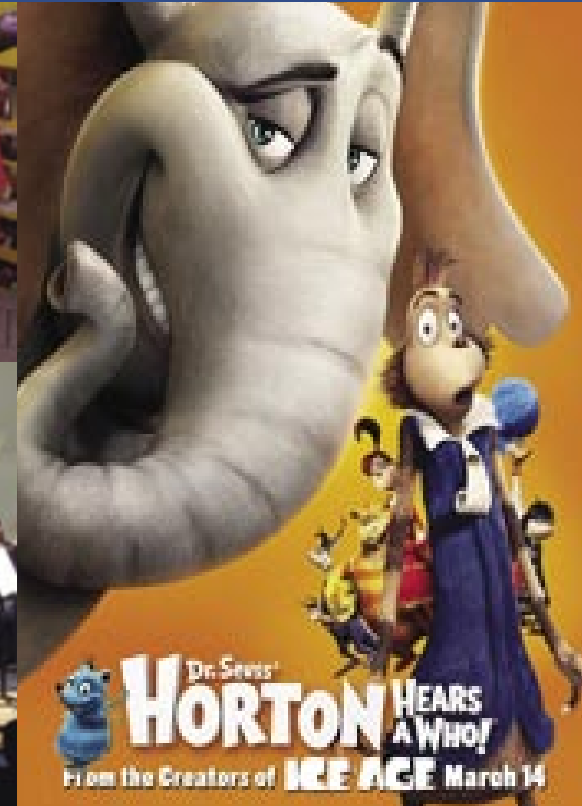
Summer camp at the Weston Tennis Center is an enjoyable experience. The morning is filled with exciting

### Team Drysdale

The Drysdale Team offers young players the opportunity to pursue their goals and fulfill their dreams by specifically focusing on the players' individual needs as well as promoting the philosophy of team and family. For more information or to register call the Weston Tennis Center at 954-389-8666.

For information regarding any of the tennis programs 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 2008/2009 Performing Arts Season in Weston saw some of the highest attendance totals to-date.



## A Super Successful Season

Weston Performing Arts Programming

The 2008/2009 Performing Arts Season in Weston saw some of the highest attendance totals to-date. Over 400 concertgoers attended each symphony concert; the Moonlight Movies in the Park drew between 300 to 500 people at each monthly feature film; puppet shows were held to capacity crowds in the Community Center;

and events such as the Art and Showtime held along Town Center's Main Street and the Community Concert in the Park were attended by thousands of area residents.

The next performing arts series will begin again this October as the weather turns cooler and the rains subside.... Keep an eye out in your Weston Announcer and on [www.westonfl.org/events](http://www.westonfl.org/events) for future event dates and times.





## Pet Owners Remain Mindful

- No dog shall be allowed to stray, run or go at large upon any public property or street, sidewalk, park, or on the private property of another without the consent of the property owner.

- In order for a dog to be allowed on a public street, road, park or other public property unless otherwise specifically permitted, the dog shall be under the direct control of the owner or keeper.

- Allowing or permitting any animal to habitually bark, whine, howl, crow, cackle or make other loud noise resulting in a serious annoyance or interference to the neighboring residents, continuously for a period of not less than ten minutes or intermittently for a period of not less than 30 minutes.

- It shall be a violation for any person who owns or harbors any animal to permit said animal to defecate upon:

- (1) The sidewalk of any public or private street.
- (2) Any public park, public property or public school ground, other than in areas designated for that purpose.
- (3) Any private property not belonging to the owner of the animal unless said person makes an immediate effort to remove any feces deposited by the animal.
- (4) Any public or private swale or street right-of-way serving to convey storm water to a canal, lake or other receiving water, unless said person makes an immediate effort to remove any feces deposited by the animal.



To ensure the safety and protection of residents and other animals in our community, pet owners should remain mindful of Chapter 96 of the City's Code of Ordinances as it provides the City's rules and regulations for dogs and other pets.

In accordance with Chapter 96 of the City of Weston's Code of Ordinances (please visit [www.weston.org](http://www.weston.org) and click on City Codes for the complete Chapter):

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"The more your 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

#### 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 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

#### U.S. Citizenship Exam Preparation Classes

Second and third Tuesdays of each month from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
\*For additional citizenship classes call Janine Rodrigues at 954-389-2098 ext 247

### For Children & Teens

#### 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.** For more details and additional Summer youth programs and classes such as Brazilian Capoeira, Anime Club and Saturday activities call Youth Services for more details at 954-389-2098 ext 252.

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



## Did You Know...

**You can search for Lost Treasure...** The State of Florida is holding more than \$1.7 billion in unclaimed property. Visit their web site to find out if they have property or money of yours. Start your search at [www.FLTreasureHunt.org](http://www.FLTreasureHunt.org) or call 1-888-258-2253.

**Broward County's Small Business Development Division** supports the growth and sustainability of Broward's small businesses by administering targeted certification, goal setting / compliance, and business services programs. The Division ensures equitable representation for local small businesses on County contacts - assisting in their economic growth - and promoting opportunities through County procurement. The Division currently offers **three certifications for small businesses:** Community Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (CDBE), the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE), and the Small Business Enterprise (SBE), or Sheltered Market. Applications for the CDBE and the DBE certification can be downloaded and mailed to the Small Business Development Division for processing. Go to: <http://www.broward.org/smallbusiness>

**Workshops** - The Small Business Development Division conducts monthly workshops entitled "How to Do Business with Broward County." County business includes events such as the upcoming NFL **Superbowl** which will have an anticipated

\$400 million in direct economic benefit to Broward County and its business community. Local businesses are urged to "Get Certified" today.

Two **Cypress Bay High School** students had one of the 75 winning videos in C-SPAN's 2009 "StudentCam" national video documentary competition. Students Chad Klitzman and Dustin Slade, both 9<sup>th</sup> graders, produced the award winning video "Bailout or Failout".

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.

**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

An exceptional experience was enjoyed by the 22 students in this year's program when the class headed to our state capitol at the early hour of 5AM on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Students headed to the offices of the Florida Cabinet where they first met with the Honorable Charles Bronson, Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs. Commissioner Bronson provided

a unique insight on Florida's history and agricultural growth throughout the years. Students were hosted next by the Chief of Staff for Chief Financial Officer Alex Sink and then had a sit down discussion with Attorney General Bill McCollum. Heading across the street, students sat in the seats of the Florida Supreme Court where they debated a mock trial case. Back again to the Capitol the class had lunch with State Senator Nan Rich from Weston, discussing current bills being considered in the Legislature.

With an invitation from the Senator, later that afternoon the class sat in on a Senate Committee Hearing. Always a warm and gracious host, Senator Rich, known for her work benefitting children and education, made quite an impression on our students.

A planned photo opportunity with the Governor turned into a truly significant event as Governor Christ hosted Weston's students to a 20-minute one-on-one question and answer session. He fielded questions

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that stemmed from how he got his start in politics, to his position on the legalization on marijuana (for the record, he is opposed), to what he considered his greatest victories which included the restoration of felon rights and advances in education. Before leaving, the Governor gave an impassioned speech on future leaders for our communities, our state, and our country, urging students to continue their interest in public service. Next students were given the opportunity to sit in the seats of our

elected members of the House of Representatives, welcomed by State Representative Franklin Sands. A long-time Weston resident, Representative Sands explained current legislation and its processes, the history of the capitol, the honor of being a public servant of the people, and his pride in our city and our students. The day was not for the meek or weak, leaving students exhausted upon their return to Weston nearing 9PM. A busy month, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April students completed their

Commission Simulation exercise, which is required to graduate, complete with role assignments, an agenda and an audience - just like the real thing. In their roles as Commissioners, staff or developers, students evaluated and voted on a number of very real city issues. As has each class before them, they found that making a decision that impacts someone's livelihood and the community is not as easy as it sometimes appears.

# Community

Weston puts on dozens of events each year, either free or at a nominal ticket cost.



## 3 – 2 – 1 – GO!

Seconds after this countdown was broadcast at Weston's annual egg hunt, thousands of kids scooped up over 17,000 candy-filled eggs in a matter of minutes. Dressed in spring bonnets or bunny-ears, carrying a basket or a bag, a mad dash to recover eggs, candy and

the prized golden eggs cleared the baseball fields at the Regional Park faster than an egg could be scrambled. Tons of prizes were given out and bounce houses helped to burn off the sugar rush felt by many!



# 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  
 Weston Police Services Building, 17300 Royal Palm Blvd.  
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*Crime Prevention / Prevención del Crimen* . . . . .954-389-2030  
*Code Enforcement / Aplicación de Reglamentos* . . . . .954-389-2067

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**Administration** . . . . . 954-389-2015  
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 Emergency Police/Fire/EMS . . . . . **911**  
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### Building & Permitting/Construcción & Permisos

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### Broward County Weston Branch Library / Biblioteca

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### Cable Television

Advanced Cable (Channel #25 for City information)954- 753-0100  
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**Parks & Recreation / Parques y Diversión**  
 20200 Saddle Club Road . . . . . 954-389-4321  
 www.westonfl.org - Parks & Recreation: info on parks, events &  
 recreation class schedules

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

www.westonfl.org - Parks & Recreation/ Arts Council  
 Arts & Events Calendar: <http://www.communityartscalendar.org/>  
 Email: [ArtsCouncil@westonfl.org](mailto:ArtsCouncil@westonfl.org)  
**55+ Club** . . . . . 954-389-4321  
 www.westonfl.org - Parks & Recreation/55+ Club  
 email: [Dot41@aol.com](mailto:Dot41@aol.com)

### Public Works 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  
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 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

### Weston Community Radio

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



# Community

The Scheinberg 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.

## Sheinberg Family YMCA of Weston



LOCATED IN THE WESTON REGIONAL PARK  
20201 SADDLE CLUB ROAD · WESTON, FL 33327  
954-424-YMCA

YMCA Mission: To put Judeo-Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all.

## The YMCA Corner

The Scheinberg Family YMCA, located inside the Weston Regional Park, offers many programs and services to provide residents in our community with the opportunity to develop a healthy spirit, mind and body.

The YMCA's current programs are geared toward fulfilling the organization's three main initiatives for 2009: 1) Drowning Prevention and Water Safety, 2) Childhood Obesity, and 3) Enhancing Healthy Lifestyles.

### Drowning Prevention and Water Safety

The YMCA aquatics programs offer children an opportunity to learn water safety and swimming skills. All instructors are nationally certified and will be ready to help each child learn the five YMCA Swim Lesson Objectives: personal safety, personal growth, stroke development, water

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

sports and games, and rescue skills.

### Childhood Obesity

Committed to reducing childhood obesity, the YMCA offers youth sports, kids fitness classes as well various programming options for children as young as three years old. Encompassing more than just skill development each program simultaneously focuses on character development, building friendships, self-esteem and creating experiences that will last a lifetime.

### Enhancing Healthy Lifestyles

To promote healthy lifestyles, the YMCA offers over 120 programs and classes on a continual basis. From personal training and nutrition coaching to the Y Wait program and adult sports and aquatic classes each YMCA program participant is provided with a healthier more balanced lifestyle. Taking time for yourself will ultimately reduce stress, increase your energy level and help you make health and wellness a permanent part of your life.

Lastly, YMCA summer camps provide thousands of children and teens with summers filled with memories that will last a lifetime. For many, it's a life-changing adventure that leads to lifelong friendships that they would never have the opportunity to experience without the generous support of the YMCA's loyal donors and friends.

Each and every program offered by the YMCA is designed to provide children and families with experiences that are safe, convenient, affordable and fun!

## 2009 / 2010 Broward County Public Schools Calendar

Students begin school on August 24, 2009 and the school year will 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/cal10910.htm](http://www.browardschools.com/calendar/cal10910.htm)

### School Zones: 15 MPH Strictly Enforced



Public schools are back in session as of Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>.

Once again, the Broward County Sheriff's Office will have "ZERO TOLERANCE" for speeding within a School Zone.

Parents are also urged to take note that deputies will be watching for

vehicles making illegal turns – a major traffic problem, especially during the morning school drop-off times.

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

And then, GIVE A FRIENDLY WAVE TO YOUR CROSSING GUARDS WHO HELP PROTECT OUR KIDS EACH SCHOOL DAY!

### Cell Phones

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

## Weston "Stand Up and Be Counted"

The 2010 Census is Coming...

**W**hat is the Census? The census is a count of everyone living in the United States every 10 years.

- The census is mandated by the U.S. Constitution.
- The next census is April 2010.
- Your participation in the census is required by law.
- It is a form that takes less than 10 minutes to complete.
- Federal law completely protects the personal information you share during the census.
- Census data are used to distribute Congressional seats to states, to make decisions about what community services to provide, and to distribute \$300 billion in federal funds to local, state and tribal governments each year.

Weston has joined in partnership to formulate a Broward County Complete Count Committee that encompasses all segments of our community.

### Why? Because of its vital importance:

#### ■ Census affects funding in Weston

Census data directly affects how more than \$300 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to communities for neighborhood improvements, public health, education, transportation and much more. That's more than \$3 trillion over a 10-year period. Spending just a few minutes to fill out your census form will help ensure our community gets its fair share of federal and state funding.

#### ■ Census affects your voice in Congress

Mandated by the U.S. Constitution, the census is also used to apportion seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and to redistrict state legislatures.

#### ■ Census affects your representation in state and local government.

Census data are used to define legislature districts, school district assignment areas and other important functional areas of government.

#### ■ Census informs our county-wide decisions

The census is like a snapshot

that helps define who we are as a nation. Data about changes in our community are crucial to many planning decisions, such as where to provide services for the elderly, where to build new roads and schools, or where to locate job training centers.

**What can you do?** Educate yourself, your family and others about the 2010 Census. Area businesses are encouraged to include Census messages in promotional displays and sales materials and help disseminate information about Census awareness programs, because getting a complete count helps our community and our county which in turn helps business.

With less than one year until Census Day 2010, the City of Weston is encouraging you, our residents, to "Stand Up and Be Counted" for the benefit of your community.

Census educational materials and information will be distributed to Weston residents throughout the coming year. For on-line information please visit <http://2010.census.gov>

## School Board Launches Anonymous Tip Via Text Initiative

### Measure Could Prevent Violence and Report Illegal Activity

The Broward County School Board has added texting in tips as a part of several ways to anonymously report dangerous or unusual situations to district officials.

**HOW:** From any cell phone, messages must begin with SBBC [space] followed by the message, and sent to CRIMES or 274637.

**WHAT TO REPORT:** Illegal activities such as drug sales and distribution, weapons, violence, vandalism, theft, unusual student behavior or information about crimes or violence being planned.

**SECURE:** This service was designed to permit informants to remain anonymous by encrypting the text messages and routing them through several secure servers.

#### MORE WAYS TO REPORT:

Hotline: 754-321-0911 (24hr/7day)  
E-mail: [school911@browardschool.com](mailto:school911@browardschool.com)  
web: [www.broward.k12.fl.us/siu/tips/](http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/siu/tips/)



## 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)

## Maintaining our Community

Eric M. Hersh, Mayor

In today's difficult economic times, why does the City of Weston continue to publish our quarterly newsletter, maintain our radio station or publish maps & business guides? Why still have Moonlight Movies in the Park, concerts, egg hunts and the like? Why not cut down on the landscaping or maintenance of the parks?

The answer is simple- if we act like a distressed community, we will begin to become one. Yes, times are difficult, and city revenues will be down this upcoming fiscal year for the second year in a row due to declining real estate values and declining state revenue sharing money. But our job is to enhance the quality of life and provide value to our residents and business owners. We can do that by MAINTAINING our community in pristine condition, investing in our future, and making sure that Weston maintains its stature as one of the most desirable places to live in Florida.

While we in Weston can't resolve a global recession, our actions can position us for future growth. Did

you know that Weston has never given any tax incentives, or spent money on economic development? Instead, we seek to invest in our community, and build demand from within and by word of mouth. Our newsletters and other materials help realtors promote Weston, and help sell homes. Commercial owners use these materials to help entice businesses to locate here in Weston. If executives and business owners want to live in Weston, they will want to locate businesses here.

As I outlined in last quarter's newsletter in explaining "How we are doing", Weston is doing relatively well during this downturn

due to years of strategic planning, and saving for a rainy day. Our planning includes significant reserves for emergencies, as well as reserving funds for capital improvements that will be needed in future years. Although financially we are doing fine, it doesn't mean that we aren't continuously looking for more effective ways to use our tax dollars, and looking for savings where savings can be found without compromising our objectives.

Ask yourself this question- if you were looking to buy property, would you buy in the best kept area or one not well maintained? Would you buy where current owners

feel good about their community, or one where everyone is concerned about the future well-being of their city? The fact is, we need to continue to act like the upscale community which we are. This recession will end, and when it does, Weston will be best positioned to capitalize on the recovery.

Please join Commissioner Stermer, Commissioner Henriksson, Commissioner Chermak, Commissioner Gomez and myself, in boasting about our outstanding community to others, and feeling very fortunate to live in such a fantastic city!



## Weston Dining & Shopping Guide

### Available On-Line

Pop on to [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.



Ms. Carile Morris, of the South Florida Water Management District accepts a City proclamation promoting water conservation.

The Florida Black Bear: The Florida black bear is the largest native land mammal in Florida.



## No Lions, No Tigers, But Bears...

Yes, a Florida bear was spotted in the lake adjacent to Windmill Reserve beginning on April 18<sup>th</sup>, caught here on a cell phone camera by one of the responding deputies. The incident was turned over to Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation (FWC) officers for capture and release in more appropriate location. It is assumed the bear managed to cross US 27 and wandered a bit further east than normal, finding his way to Weston. After being well photographed for several weeks at various locations but always making a get-away, the bear was spotted by FWC officers in vegetation at Royal Palm and

Bonaventure Boulevard. The 310 lb. bear was tranquilized, tagged and relocated to the Picayune Strand State Forest in Collier County, Florida.

This incident again stresses the point that nature is unaware of community boundary lines. Living in close proximity to the Everglades, residents need to be mindful of nature's neighbors.

The Florida Black Bear: The Florida black bear is the largest native land mammal in Florida. It is shy and secretive, hiding in dense vegetation and rarely seen in the wild. A unique subspecies of the American black bear, the Florida black bear once ranged throughout

Florida and over the border into southern Georgia and Alabama. Once numbering over 12,000, biologists aren't sure how many black bears live in Florida today, but they estimate that only about 1,500 black bears remain. Florida's black bears are omnivores and eat a wide variety of foods, with eighty percent of their diet made up of plant material. Loss of habitat and road kills are its main threats to survival. Conflicts between humans and bears are most often created by people. Intentional and unintentional feeding of bears is the number one source of the problem and if you even thought about doing it, it's illegal to feed bears in the state of Florida.

## 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 2009 7:00 p.m.

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

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

\*Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> (Budget Hearing)

\*Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> (Budget Hearing)

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

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

\*September meeting dates shall be coordinated with the Broward County School Board and Broward County Commission budget hearings, in accordance with Florida Statute.

### 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 Link 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.



L-R: Commissioner Gomez, Commissioner Stermer, BSO Officer of the Month Deputy Eugene Mobley, Commissioner Henriksson, Commissioner Chermak and Weston Police Chief Greg Page.



L-R: Commissioner Gomez, Commissioner Stermer, Mayor Hersh, Rick Ropke, Commissioner Henriksson and Commissioner Chermak.

## Snakes, Gators and Raccoons, Oh My!

Maintaining a healthy relationship with South Florida's local inhabitants

Few places are as rich in nature as the south Florida ecosystem. Nearly 45 species of mammals frequent the Everglades and over 50 kinds of reptiles, including the signature alligator live in these wetlands. As close neighbors to the Everglades and bordering on thousands of acres of wetland preserves, Weston residents need to be familiar with necessary precautions.



### Snakes

The photo shown here was taken along 26<sup>th</sup> Street just outside of the city by a Weston contract employee, and happens to be a venomous water moccasin (also known as a cottonmouth).

Snakes occur in every natural habitat in Florida. With 45 species of snakes

in Florida, only six are venomous and a danger to humans. The snakes that most frequently turn up in backyard swimming pools are the ringneck and crowned snakes and they are totally harmless. If one turns up in your pool, they can be removed with a skimmer and released into your garden or shrubs.

Florida snakes are not aggressive unless cornered; actually most snakes will flee rather than confront a human. You may fear snakes, but snakes fear you as well. If you see one, leave it alone and it will wander away on its own. Sometimes when basking in the sun, it may want to stay there until it gets warm. When snakes bite: Biting is not a sign the snake is venomous or that it is vicious. It happens to be the only way they have to defend themselves. The only acceptable treatment for a venomous snakebite, involves the use of antivenin. If you or someone else is bitten by a venomous snake, seek immediate medical attention at the nearest hospital or medical facility. Stay calm, remove any rings that could restrict circulation if hands swell, keep the bitten limb below the level of the heart, and call 9-1-1.

**Benefits:** Snakes play a beneficial role in natural ecosystems eating insects, rodents, and other small prey.



### Alligators

As a result of urbanization around traditional alligator habitats there has been increased contact between alligators and people. Their adaptability has resulted in alligators being found in what would seem to be unlikely places: underneath cars in driveways, in drainage ditches, swimming pools and on golf courses.

If you see an alligator, stay calm. They generally have no intentions of bothering you. Feeding, harassing, or killing alligators violate State law, so just leave them alone. If an alligator appears threatening, comes close to your home, or becomes a risk for humans or pets, contact the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) at 561-357-4200.

Only nuisance alligators can be removed and the FWC will make that determination and contact a licensed trapper. The City of Weston is not permitted to handle an alligator for any reason. Good judgment can prevent serious incidents from occurring.

**Benefits:** Alligators depend on the wetlands, and in many ways the wetlands depend on them as they help control the population of rodents and other animals that might overtax the marshland vegetation.



### Raccoons

This nocturnal animal has adapted extremely well to the suburban environment as South Florida's population increase has squeezed out their habitat, where it often dens in backyards, beneath decks, or in accessible outbuildings or attics. Raccoons eat both plants and animals. In addition to feeding on backyard fruits, nuts, and vegetables,

they scavenge from garbage cans. Pet food left outside overnight ranks high as a food resource, and should be removed before nightfall. Pick up fallen fruits and nuts frequently. Raccoons may have that cute, cuddly look but they are wild animals that bite and scratch. Never intentionally provide food for raccoons as it only attracts more raccoons.

Rabies concern: The majority of rabies cases in the U.S. are in wildlife, with raccoon cases predominating. Rabies is a serious public health concern to South Florida humans and pets. Since July 2000, there have been 26 confirmed rabies cases in Broward County alone. In March of 2009, Broward County completed a 5-year effort to vaccinate raccoons against rabies with a county-wide distribution of baits filled with an oral vaccine.

It is important to be aware that cats, dogs, and horses are all susceptible to contracting this disease. Broward County requires all domestic animals be vaccinated. In fact, cats have accounted for the greatest proportion of rabies cases reported to the Center for Disease Control since 1988.

**Benefit** - They will eat small rodents, insects and other small pests.

## City Department Heads making a difference -

### Not just in Weston...

Our city professionals are making an impact around the county, the state and even throughout the country, sharing their experience and skills serving as elected or appointed officers on professional organizations within their respective fields.

**Donald Decker,**  
**Director of Parks and Recreation**  
Co-Chair of the Florida Recreation and Park Association 2009 State Conference, Director of Advocacy for Florida Recreation and Park Association, Trustee on the Board of Directors for the Florida Recreation and Park Foundation and President-Elect for Florida Recreation and Parks Association, August 2010-August 2011

**Brad Kaine,**  
**Director of Public Works**  
Chairman of the Technical Advisory Committee for the Resource Recovery System of Broward County, Chairman of the American Public Works Association, South Florida Branch

## A Note from the City Manager

John R. Flint

Communicate. It has always been important for us to communicate with you, and now, it is more important than ever.

In years past, reporters from south Florida's two daily newspapers regularly visited or called City Hall for stories; this is no longer the case. Coverage of our government and events in Weston was once a common appearance in the newspapers,

whether in print or on their web sites; now it is a scarcity. The newspapers have reduced their staffs as the revenues needed to support them have declined. Unfortunately, we can no longer rely on the daily newspapers as one of our tools to keep you informed about our city.

Today, and into the future, we have to do the best job possible to communicate with you and keep you up-to-date on the activities in our government; fortunately, we have the means and the tools to do so. Our quarterly newsletter, the Announcer, reports on recent and upcoming events, the summer edition includes our annual Performance Report that outlines our financial condition, and each edition lists contacts for all of the elected offices that Weston's residents vote for, from our Mayor and City Commissioners all the way to the President of the United States. Our website, [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org), has direct links to contact our Mayor, City Commissioners, each of our city departments, City Commission meeting

agendas and back-up, our budgets and Comprehensive Financial Report, City codes, and is updated regularly with current information. Our cable channel, channel 25 on Advanced Cable, channel 78 on Comcast, and channel 62 on Direct Path, has current events as well as useful information about water conservation, crime prevention, safety tips, and the like. Our radio station, 1680 AM, can be heard throughout the City and has current events and is an integral part of our means to communicate with you in the event of a prolonged power outage. And last, but not least, we have CodeRed, our high speed calling system to inform you of urgent matters.

Daily newspapers are a vital part of our American democracy. Responsible journalism has long provided a much needed independent view of government, whose scrutiny we will never shy away from. Our publications and broadcasts are not intended to replace or compete with the daily newspapers, but in their diminished state, we have to do all that we can. As south Florida's daily newspapers cope with the current economic

conditions and redefine themselves, whether in print or on-line, we look forward to their restored health and being yet another viable means of keeping you informed about Weston.

One of the items that we will be communicating with you about in an upcoming issue of the Announcer and on our website is the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, otherwise known as the stimulus, and how it will benefit us in Weston. Funding programs are coming

from Washington at a fast and furious pace, and as they come, we are pairing these programs with Weston's "shovel ready" projects so that we may use federal dollars in lieu of Weston's dollars to move these projects forward.

To communicate with you will always be important to us. For you to communicate with us, we're only an email or phone call away, and we make house calls too! We look forward to hearing from you.



## 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.

## 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) 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

**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.**

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.



**The City of Weston**  
Residential Disaster Debris  
Collection Guide 2009

# The City of Weston Residential Disaster Debris Removal Rules

## To our Residents,

The City has adopted regulations for the removal of disaster debris. We have established an efficient and effective system, so you will know what to expect and how to have your disaster debris successfully removed.

## What qualifies as a Disaster?

A natural or human-caused event or occurrence that results in substantial injury or harm to the population or substantial damage to or loss of property. A State of Emergency must have been declared by the City.

## What then qualifies as Disaster Debris?

Vegetative Debris and Structural Debris caused by a disaster.

## The City will remove Disaster Debris only if:

The City makes the determination that the debris is extensive enough to pose a serious and immediate threat to life, health, safety and welfare or an immediate threat of significant damage to property; AND a federal, state or local agency will provide reimbursement for the removal of the disaster debris.

## When does collection begin?

The City will use all available media to notify residents if and when disaster debris collection will commence and when it will end. This includes but is not limited to:

- Weston's CodeRED notification system,
- 1680AM Weston Community Radio,
- The City's web site, [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org),
- The City's government access cable TV channel
  - Channel 25 on Advanced Cable
  - Channel 78 on Comcast Cable
  - Channel 62 on Direct Path
- Press releases and other media available to us at the time

**Are you registered with the City's CodeRED emergency notification system?** Visit the Weston web site at [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org) or call the Communications Department at 954-385-2000.

## When does collection end?

The City will advise residents of the final date of collection termed the **LAST PASS**. Any debris placed out for removal after the **LAST PASS** will not be removed by the City.

# Weston's 1-2-3 of Disaster Debris Removal

Three debris categories and what goes into each. Where and how to put debris out for collection.

## 1. Vegetative Debris



### What is it?

Debris from damage to plants and trees: i.e. tree limbs, fronds, bushes.

**Not Collected:** large stumps or limbs greater than 24" in diameter.

Place into a separate pile in the swale area, curbside. It does NOT have to be bagged or bundled – although loose vegetation such as leaves, small particles, grass and mulch should be placed in a plastic bag.

**Do not place with items from any other category.**

## 2. Structural Debris



### What is it?

Debris from damage to structures including but not limited to screen enclosures, roof tiles or shingles, gutters, windows, siding, bricks, stucco, drywall and carpet.

**Not Collected:** floor tiles, appliances, fixtures, furniture and clothing.

Place into a separate pile, in the swale area, curbside.

**Do not place with items from any other category.**

## 3. Household Waste (Garbage)



### What is it?

Rubbish and garbage ordinarily generated by a residence on a daily basis – generally food waste.

**Not Collected:** appliances, tires, construction and demolition debris, yard trash, and hazardous waste and that which requires special handling

Place in bags, then in a garbage cart curbside, or in a dumpster.

Use your normal garbage collection routine.

**Do not place with items from any other category.**

# The City of Weston Collection Don'ts

- **Don't** – mix items from debris categories. Mixing of debris types will result in non-collection.
- **Don't** – block access to property or mailboxes. The City, or its contractors, will not be responsible for damage to mailboxes, swales or sidewalks.
- **Don't** – move or transport debris by a motorized machine (i.e. bobcat, backhoe) as it will not be collected. This is not the time to clear land; it is for residential disaster debris only; debris that is hand-cleared.
- **Don't** – commingle debris from community property such as common areas or private parks – it will not be collected.
- After a major storm, it may be necessary to suspend regular garbage and recycling collection for a brief period of time in order to concentrate on clearing the streets and neighborhoods of debris.
- For questions on debris collection call Weston Public Works at 954-385-2600.

Residents are reminded that "The first 72 is up to you." Residents need to be prepared to survive without outside assistance for at least 72 hours after a disaster.



# La Ciudad de Weston

## Desastre Natural Reglas para La Remoción de Despojos

### Estimado Residente,

La Ciudad ha adoptado nuevos reglamentos para la remoción de despojos ante un desastre natural. Hemos establecido un sistema eficiente y eficaz para que usted este informado de que esperar ante un desastre y como remover con éxito los despojos originados de él.

### ¿Qué califica como un desastre natural?

Un evento natural o una ocurrencia que da lugar a daños substanciales a la población o a la pérdida de una propiedad. Fíjese que un estado de emergencia se debe haber sido declarado por la ciudad.

### ¿Qué entonces califica como despojos?

Despojos de origen vegetal o estructural causados por un desastre natural.

### La Ciudad solamente removerá despojos si:

La Ciudad determina que un despojos es extenso lo suficiente para causar una amenaza seria e inmediata a la vida, salud, y seguridad de los residentes, o si el despojos puede causar daño a la propiedad; cuando la ciudad hace tal determinación, entonces, una agencia federal, estadual y local proporcionará un reembolso para la remoción del despojos.

### ¿Cuándo la colección comienza?

La Ciudad utilizará cualquier medio disponible para notificar a los residentes cuándo la colección de despojos comenzará y cuando terminará. Los medios incluyen:

- Sistema de notificación CodeRED de Weston,
- Radio Comunidad 1680AM,
- La página web de la ciudad, [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org)
- Cable de Acceso al gobierno de la Ciudad de Weston
  - Canales de TV
  - Canal 25 del Advance Cable
  - Canal 78 del Comcast Cable
  - Canal 62 del Direct Path
- Lanzamientos de prensa y otros medios disponibles

**¿Usted esta registrado con el servicio de notificación CodeRed de la Ciudad de Weston?** Visite a nuestra página web: [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org) o llame al Departamento de Comunicaciones al número de teléfono (954) 385-2000.

### ¿Cuándo la colección termina?

La ciudad notificará a los residentes de la fecha final para la colección la cual se nombra PASE FINAL (LAST PASS). Cualquier despojos colocado para colección después de la fecha del PASE FINAL no será recogido por la Ciudad.

# El Sistema 1-2-3 de Remoción de Despojos de la Ciudad de Weston Desastre Natural

Tres Categorías de Despojos y Sus Contenidos.

## 1. Despojos Vegetativo



### ¿Que es un Despojos Estructural?

Despojos de origen estructural o de construcción, por ejemplo, azulejos, canales, ventanas, ladrillos del tejado, estuco, carpetas, etc.

No se colecta: ladrillos de piso, utensilios, accesorios, muebles, ropas o artículos personales.

Por favor sitúelos en una pila separada al lado o en frente de su casa.

**No lo mezcle con ningún otro tipo de despojos.**

## 2. Despojos Estructural



### ¿Que es un Despojos Doméstico?

Desperdicios y (basura) desechados por una residencia diariamente – generalmente basura derivada de alimentos.

No se colecta: utensilios, neumáticos, artículos de construcción, despojos de demolición, basura del patio, y desechos peligrosos o que se requiere una dirección especial.

Por favor sitúelos en bolsas plásticas dentro del basurero.

Trate de la basura doméstica como de costumbre.

**No lo mezcle con ningún otro tipo de despojos.**

## 3. Despojos Doméstico



### ¿Que es un Despojos Doméstico?

Desperdicios y (basura) desechados por una residencia diariamente – generalmente basura derivada de alimentos.

No se colecta: utensilios, neumáticos, artículos de construcción, despojos de demolición, basura del patio, y desechos peligrosos o que se requiere una dirección especial.

Por favor sitúelos en bolsas plásticas dentro del basurero.

Trate de la basura doméstica como de costumbre.

**No lo mezcle con ningún otro tipo de despojos.**

Recordamos a nuestros residentes que las primeras 72 horas están bajo su control. Los residentes necesitan estar preparados para sobrevivir un desastre natural sin asistencia pública hasta 72 horas después del desastre.

## The City of Weston Collection Don'ts

- **No** mezcle los diferentes tipos de artículos de despojos. Los artículos que no estén separados por categoría no serán colectados.
- **No** recoja despojos de la propiedad comunitaria como en las áreas comunes o parques privados pues los mismos no serán colectados.
- **No** bloquee el acceso a la propiedad o a las cajas postales con despojos. La Ciudad y sus contratistas no se harán responsables por cualquier daño a las cajas postales, al el “swale” frente su casa, o a la acera.
- Después de la tormenta, será necesario suspender la colección de artículos para reciclaje y basura por un período de tiempo para concentrarse en la limpieza de las calles y comunidades de todo despojos en la Ciudad
- **No** mueva ni transporte el despojos por una máquina motorizada (es decir bobcat, backhoe) pues no será recogido. Solamente los despojos recogidos manualmente serán aceptados para la colección.
- Para más informaciones sobre la colección de despojos de la Ciudad de Weston en (954) 385-2600.

# Safety in the Sun

## Ensure Summer Memories are Safe Ones

Kids love summer! They don't have to go to school, they can stay up late and best of all – they have all day to play. Forty percent of all unintentional injury-related deaths occur in summer months. The greatest risks include drowning, bike crashes, falls, pedestrian incidents and motor vehicle crashes. Make your summer a safe one.

### Travel Safe!

- Make sure your kids are secured in the appropriate child safety seat or safety belt for their age and size. Over 96% of car seats are improperly installed.
  - Kids should always be secured safely in the back seat.
  - Weston has a pamphlet entitled Be Seat Smart – providing information on car seat requirements ([www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org) under Police, Fire & Communications).
- Weston police and fire departments will properly install safety seats for you – call 954-389-2015 or 954-389-2010 for an appointment.



### Swim Safe!

- Always supervise young children near water, including pools, canals, spas, toilets, bathtubs and buckets.
- Insist your children wear personal flotation devices when out on boats, near open bodies of water or participating in water sports.
  - Remove toys from the pool when not in use. Toys can tempt kids to return to the water when you're not present.
- Consistently practice sun protection! Kids receive an average of three times more sun exposure than adults.



### Be Head Safe!

- Make sure children wear properly fitted helmets and other protective gear every time they ride their bikes, scooters, inline skates or skateboards.
- Be sure kids wear light colored clothing or reflective material.
- Teach your children the rules of the road and practice obeying traffic laws with them.
- Check out our Be Head Smart brochure on the city's website at



[www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org) for statistics and information on head injuries from wheeled sports.

### Walk Safe!

- Never let your child under age 10 cross the street alone. Teach children to obey traffic rules.
- Make sure your kids wear reflective materials, and don't let them walk alone at night. If they must walk at dawn or at dusk, make sure they carry a flashlight.

### Play Safe!

- Always supervise your children at playgrounds or in the backyard. Ensure that they are on age appropriate equipment.
- Make sure your kids wear the correct, properly fitted protective gear when they practice and play team sports!

### Store Safe!

- Make your house kid-friendly! Summer greatly increases the amount of time your kids spend at home.
- Properly contain and store all medicines, cleaning solutions and poisons where children cannot get to them.

**DROWNING** among children ages 1 to 4 years most often occurs in residential swimming pools. Most young children who drowned in pools were last seen in the home, had been out of sight less than five minutes, and were in the care of one or both parents at the time.

### PREVENTION IS KEY

Designate a responsible ADULT to watch young children while in the bath and all children swimming or playing in or around the water. Adults should not be involved in any other distracting activity while supervising children. Avoid drinking alcohol while supervising children.

With young children, do not use air-filled or foam toys, such as "water wings", "noodles", or inner-tubes, in place of life jackets (personal flotation devices). These toys are not designed to keep swimmers safe.

Learn to swim. Be aware that the American Academy of Pediatrics does not recommend swimming classes as the primary means of drowning prevention for children younger than 4 years of age.



Learn cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Before paramedics arrive, your CPR skills can make a difference in someone's life. Contact Weston Fire Rescue at 954-389-2015 to inquire about CPR classes.

\*Residential swimming pools: The law requires you to install a four-sided, isolation pool fence that totally separates the house and yard from the pool area. The fence must be at least 4 feet high and completely separate the pool from the house and play area of the yard (contact the Weston Building Department at 954-385-0500 for specifics). Use self closing and self latching gates that open outward, and have latches that are out of a child's reach. Consider additional barriers such as automatic

door locks or alarms to prevent or notify you regarding access to the yard or pool.

Toys should be removed from the pool immediately after use. Floats, balls and other toys might encourage children to enter the pool area or lean over the pool and potentially fall in.

**\*Weston BSO offers free home pool inspections by a deputy certified in pool safety. For your home pool inspection contact Deputy Kari Pallotto at 954-389-2010.**

**In Case of Drowning:** Immediately call 9-1-1 and initiate CPR until paramedics arrive or victim begins breathing on their own.



## Annual Weston Hometown 4th of July Celebration is “Celebrating Tomorrow’s Leaders”

This annual event draws hundreds of Weston residents each year and is guaranteed fun for the whole family. This year’s theme, “Celebrating Tomorrow’s Leaders,” spotlights our community’s established and emerging leaders of all ages.

Festivities will begin at 7:00 a.m. with the Annual 5K run and walk, sponsored by Broward Health Weston. The run begins and ends at Weston Town Center. For more

information including an application and race route map, log on to [www.splitsecondtiming.com](http://www.splitsecondtiming.com) or call Split Second Timing at 954-384-7521, or the Weston Community Center at 954-389-4321.

At 10:30 a.m. after the run, enjoy the celebration of our country and community at the annual parade with this year’s theme “Celebrating Tomorrow’s Leaders.” Featuring local businesses, civic groups,

schools, organizations, residents and more! Parade information and free entry forms are available at [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org) under Parks & Recreation and at the Weston Community Center, 954-389-4321.

**There will be no event activities or fireworks in the Weston Regional Park.**

City Parks will be open on Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> until 6:00 p.m.

## Cycling Safety

Bicycling is great exercise! There aren’t many places more conducive to cycling than Weston, with an extensive inclusion of over 46 miles of bike lanes throughout the city. While bicycling is great fun and great for you, as with any sport, precautions must be taken to prevent serious and even life threatening injuries.

### Safety Tips for 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.

**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.

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

### Wear Safety Equipment.

- Sport sunglasses can stop dust and bugs from getting into eyes.
- A rear view mirror attached to helmet, glasses or handlebars is important to provide riders with the ability to see what is behind them.
- Get a headlight. For night riding front and rear headlights and

a red reflector are required by law. Reflective clothing or vest is recommended. Never allow children to ride at night.

- Bright clothing is suggested at any time of day, for easier visibility by motorists.

### Safety Tips for Drivers

**Drive cautiously.** Reduce your speed when approaching cyclists.

**In bad weather** or situations potentially dangerous to cyclists, give cyclists extra room when behind or passing them.

**Yield the appropriate right of way to cyclists.** They are considered vehicles and may take the entire lane if road conditions warrant it.

**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.

### KIDS AND BIKES

- 1) Children must be provided with helmets and taught to wear them properly on every ride, starting when they get their first bike or tricycle.

- 2) Parents should set limits on where children may ride
- 3) The most important “Rules of the Road” for them to learn are:
  - a. Ride with traffic. Always put your bike away
  - b. Stop and look both ways before entering the street.
  - c. Stop at all intersections, marked and unmarked.
  - d. Before turning, use hand signals and look all ways.
- 4) Children should never ride at dusk or in the dark.

### BE HEAD SMART

Always wear a helmet  
For a **BE HEAD SMART** brochure call or stop by City Hall or the Community Center; visit our website at [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org) – Recreation.

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



# 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:

Weston joins the County's "March On Hunger" with a food drive in the Weston Regional Park in March; Rich Ropke, Utilities Manager was recognized with a 25 year pin in March; Rich worked for the Indian Trace Development District prior to the City's incorporation; Rich is honored by city staff with an anniversary cake. He has truly seen Weston transition from rural to urban over the past 25 years; AYSO Under 19 Weston Wild boys soccer; The Areawide Council on Aging of Broward County recognizes the city for its contributions



## Free Residential Bulk Pick-up

July 2009

SINGLE FAMILY HOMES

Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>

or

Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>

or

Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>

MULTI-FAMILY

Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>

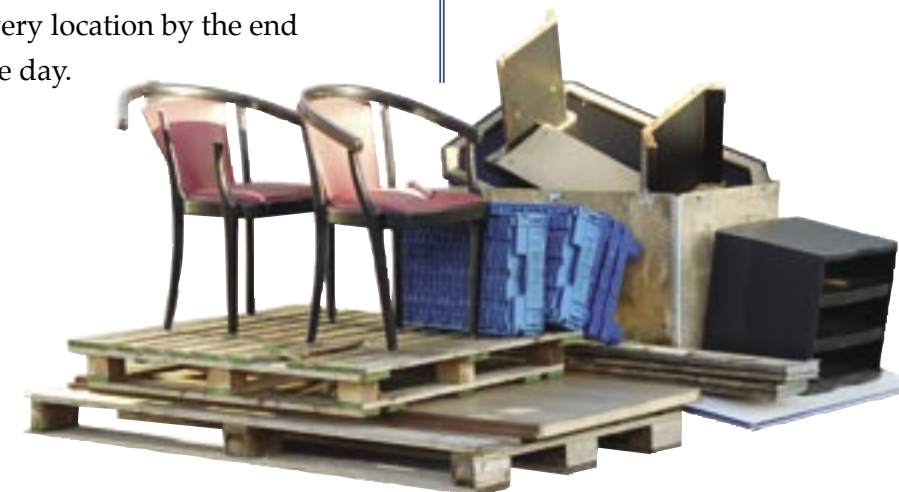
WHICHEVER date is the date of your regular garbage collection. Place items curbside by 7:00am on that date. Multi-family units & Townhomes: place items next to dumpster.

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.

### 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.



## Weston to Receive Federal Funding to Reduce Energy Usage

The City of Weston received the excellent news from Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz in late March that the City will receive \$594,600 through the federally funded Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program, a part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment plan for projects that reduce total energy use and fossil fuel emissions. With the new grant funding, Weston will implement enhanced energy saving initiatives in city-owned buildings and the Indian Trace Development District street lighting system.

The City is currently planning lighting upgrades in the Community Center, three fire stations, maintenance and outdoor restroom buildings in City parks. The grant funds will allow the City to explore top of the line options, such as LED fixtures which have a higher initial cost, but achieve much greater energy savings.

In addition, the federal grant funds make it feasible to investigate options for the Indian Trace Development District (ITDD) street lighting system, such as LED fixtures that offer energy savings greater than 70% and a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions of over 1,100 metric tons a year; the City will be issuing a request for proposals for all types of energy saving devices. The ITDD street lighting system includes over 1300 light poles whose lamps would be changed out to a more energy efficient product.

Weston's city leaders look forward to completing the energy efficiency programs by the end of 2009, leading to both increased environmental and monetary savings.

# 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, 4th degree Black Belt in Goju Karate, will teach your children the basic principles of self-defense, fighting, weaponry and forms. Advanced classes are available on Mondays. Cost \$125/3 months. \$25 LATE FEE if tuition is not paid by the 10th of the month. 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.) Classes resume 8/20. Monthly fee includes unlimited classes at locations around Broward County.

**Teen Performance Workshop** Sunday, 7:15pm-9:15pm (ages 13-18 years) This class is for students interested in helping write and produce a performance piece based on relevant issues in their lives. Through the use of improvisation and scene work, students will hone their

acting and performance skills as they present the play in a café-style setting at the end of the season. Limit 12 kids/class. For more information call Robin at 954-385-3060. Cost is \$375. Class resumes in August.

**Young Minds Arts** Thurs. 10:00-11:30 & Fri. 4:00-5:30 (3\_ to 13 years old) 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. Summer Session: Thursday 6/11 to 8/13 and Friday 6/12 to 8/21 (no class 7/3) Cost: \$50 for five weeks session or \$100 for 10 weeks.

**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. Class resumes in August.

**Junior Jazzercise** Wed 3:30-4:30 (4-6 years) & 4:30-5:30 (7-10 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 \$30/per month (One time \$25 registration fee made payable to Fit First, Inc.) Call instructor for class schedule.

**Bright & Smart Robotics** Fri 6:00-7:30 (7-12 years). The newest adventure in robotics that amazes kids and parents alike! Bright & Smart welcomes all future engineers and scientists, 7 to 12 years old, in both its summer camps and enrichment classes where children learn about assembly and programming in a fun-filled experience that fosters teamwork, critical thinking and problem solving. Call to RSVP your free trial class (954) 816-3346 or email us to [info@BrightandSmart.com](mailto:info@BrightandSmart.com). Cost is \$150 per 6 week session. FREE demo class on 9/4 for session 9/11 to 10/16 and FREE demo class on 10/30 for session 11/6 to 12/11.

**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. Class resumes in August.

**Fun In Spanish** Wednesday & Friday 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 [FuninSpainsh@Hotmail.com](mailto:FuninSpainsh@Hotmail.com). Cost is \$10/session or 5 classes for \$40. Continuous.

**Chess Club** Mon. 4:30-6:00 or Fri. 6:00-7:30 (ages 5-18 years) 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 (6:30-7:30) Intermediate/advanced (7:30-9:00) 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 \$65 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.

**Stroller Strides** Mon through Fri 9:15-10:15 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-round 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

# Community Class Schedule

## Weston Regional Park Children/Youth Program

more information call 954-385-8511 or go to [www.Kidokinetics.com](http://www.Kidokinetics.com). Classes meet INDOORS at the Community Center.

	Tuesdays:	Thursdays:
Ages 2-3	10:00-10:45	
Ages 3-5	4:30-5:15	
Ages 2-3		5:15-6:00
Ages 5-10		4:15-5:00
Ages 3-5		5:00-5:45

Tuesday Session: 6/16 to 8/4 and then 9/15 to 10/27

Thursday Session: 6/18 to 8/6 and then 9/17 to 10/29

Cost is \$65 per session. Classes will be pro-rated if you join late. FREE KIDOKINETICS CUP WITH REGISTRATION

**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 (Tuesday 9:15-10:00)

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

Summer Session: 6/16 to 8/4

Fall Session: 9/15 to 10/27

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

FREE KIDOKINETICS CUP WITH REGISTRATION

**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 child's coordination, concentration, and motor skills, while having fun in a safe, non-competitive environment. Every week focuses on a different sport. Activities include soccer, hockey, basketball, hula hoops, bean bag skills, football, tennis, t-ball, obstacle courses, golf and much more. For more information, please call 954-385-8511 or go to [www.Kidokinetics.com](http://www.Kidokinetics.com). Class meets INDOORS at the Community Center.

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

Summer Session: 6/13 to 8/8

Fall Session: 9/12 to 10/31 (no class 9/19)

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

FREE KIDOKINETICS CUP WITH REGISTRATION



**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 12 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.

## 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, 4th 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 10th of the month. Advanced classes are available on Mondays. Continuous.

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

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

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**Fencing Club** - Mondays and Wednesdays: Beginners (6:30-7:30) Intermediate/advanced (7:30-9:00) 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 on the committee. Cost is \$65 per month. For more information call 954-389-4391, email [WendiOppenheim@gmail.com](mailto:WendiOppenheim@gmail.com) or contact Coach Antoaneta Spassova at (954)-249-3295.

**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). Summer session starts 8/16 (Sun), 8/18 (Tues), and 8/20 (Thurs) for test on 10/10. Fall Session starts 10/11 (Sun) and 10/13 (Tues) for test on 12/5.

**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.

**Chess Club** Fri 7:30-9:30 (ages 15 and up) By joining the chess club, students are given a different avenue to use in order to challenge their minds. The 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.

**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 Dreyfuss, Dance Director, is a member of the Dance Teacher's Association and has over 12 years teaching experience. Please call (954) 260-4409 for more information or visit: [www.DanceTTA.com](http://www.DanceTTA.com). Cost is \$60/month.

# Community Upcoming Events

## June – July – August - September

### June

There are no scheduled events – enjoy your summer!

### July

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

#### Bulk Trash 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

Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### City Offices Closed

All City administrative offices (City Hall, the Community Center, the Public Works Services Center, and the Building Department) will be closed in observance of the Independence Day Holiday of July

4, 2009.

All of the parks will be open and there is regular garbage collection.

Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>

#### Annual Weston Hometown 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration: “Celebrating Tomorrow’s Leaders”

7:00 a.m. 5K Run/Walk

Annual run and walk, organized by Broward Health Weston. The run begins and ends at Weston Town Center. For more information including an application and race route map, log on to [www.splitsecondtiming.com](http://www.splitsecondtiming.com) or call Split Second Timing at 954-384-7521, or the Weston Community Center at 954-389-4321. Weston Town Center: Main Street

#### 10:30 a.m. Parade

After the run, enjoy the celebration of our Community with the annual parade with this year’s theme “Celebrating Tomorrow’s Leaders.” Featuring local businesses, civic groups, schools, organizations, residents and more! Parade information and entry forms are available at [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org) and at the Weston Community Center, 954-389-4321.

Weston Town Center: Main Street

There will be no event activities or fireworks in the Weston Regional Park.

City Parks will be open on Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> until 6:00 p.m.

### August

There are no scheduled events – enjoy your summer!

### September

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

#### City Offices Closed

All City administrative offices (City Hall, the Community Center, the Public Works Services Center, and the Building Department) will be closed in observance of Labor Day. All of the parks will be open and there is regular garbage collection.

## From the Philippines to The City of Weston

### Rotary International Group Study Exchange Team Visits City Hall

Rotary International Group Study Exchange members from the Philippines were welcomed to city hall by Weston Mayor Eric Hersh and City Manager John R. Flint, as they discussed the City of Weston, its form of government and tourism. Weston staff members Don Decker, Director of Parks and Recreation and Laurie Menekou, Assistant Director of Communications also met with the group as each of them have been participants in the Rotary Exchange, 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 eighth year in a row that 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 and most recently the Philippines have made the, now, anticipated annual visit to Weston City Hall for a cultural exchange, professional discussion and warm welcome.



Students lead the pledge at Weston City Commission Meeting.

# Community Events *continued*



## Weston Rocks the Night Away

2009 Rock & Pop Masters Concert

This year the event stage in the Weston Regional Park attracted over 3,500 people to enjoy the Rock & Pop Masters play hits from the 70's and 80's. Rock & Pop Masters is comprised of original lead singers from some of the biggest and best bands in rock history including: 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.



# Community Parks Update



1, 2) Library Park is enhanced with the addition of four, 30' tall oak trees offering shade to visitors.

3, 4) Tequesta Trace Park renovated football surface and new storage building.

5) The Florida Authors Fountain at Library Park is a welcoming water feature.

6) Tequesta Trace Park receives resurfacing and new entrance gates.

## Playground Resurfacing Update:

Resurfacing of the playgrounds at Gator Run Park and Eagle Point Park 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 accessibility to meet ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) requirements.

**Field Closures:** The soccer fields at Regional Park and Vista Park, along with the football fields at Tequesta Trace Park, will be closed from June through late August for annual maintenance.

**Library Park:** Work is currently underway to implement **Wi-Fi access** throughout Library Park and is expected to be completed by the end of August 2009. Four mature oak trees were installed in late April; the trees each measured between 25' – 30' in height and will provide great shade for relaxing on the park lawn.

**Tequesta Trace Park:** Stadium renovation is complete; new drainage has been installed under the football playing surface to rapidly remove water from the field; the new storage building is finished, which will be

used by sports leagues to store equipment and uniforms. The parking area is being resurfaced and new entrance gates and signage will greet visitors.

**Regional Park:** A stand-by power system has been installed at the Weston Community Center located inside the Weston Regional Park. The center will now be able to fully operate in the event of a typical power outage. The Community Center also serves as a staging area for staff and contractors in the event of a hurricane. The

park now has **Wi-Fi access** for all visitors.

**Lightning Safety:** Weston's three most active parks (Regional Park, Tequesta Trace Park and Vista Park) are equipped with the Thor Guard lightning prediction system. The system alarms when conditions are favorable for lightning. A horn will emit a loud, long blast warning athletes and park visitors to clear the fields and take cover. When conditions improve, the system gives an "all-clear" by emitting three, short horn blasts. Florida leads the nation in annual fatalities resulting from lightning. June, July, August and

September are the peak months for lightning. Please heed the warnings and stay safe!

**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 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



## “The Golden Minute of Life”

### Promoting AED Use to Residents

In 2004, Weston became one of the first cities nation-wide to require that Automated External Defibrillators (AED) devices be installed in specific commercial and public access buildings and places of assembly, to provide emergency cardiac arrest services for those in need. The Ordinance requires building owners to provide all necessary training to ensure appropriate and correct use.

In February 2009, “The Golden Minute of Life” educational campaign was launched by Cleveland Clinic and the Rotary Club of Weston in partnership with the City of Weston and the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Association. This multi-media campaign advocates for increased AED awareness, immediate by-stander action and public access to defibrillation to

prevent loss of life from sudden cardiac arrest. By visiting local organizations, businesses and schools “The Golden Minute of Life” campaign continues to make a successful and potentially lifesaving impact on our community.

For more information on how to use an AED, please visit [www.suddencardiacarrest.org](http://www.suddencardiacarrest.org).

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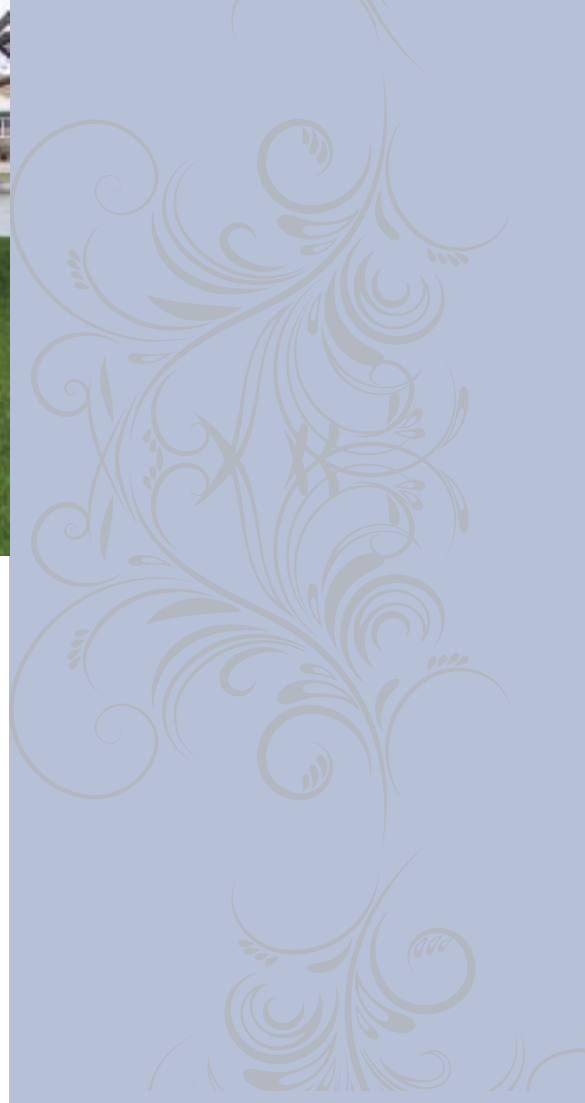
The Broward Sheriff's Office encourages you to stay informed through our new **CyberVisor**<sup>SM</sup> program. By registering for BSO's **CyberVisor**<sup>SM</sup>, you will receive e-mail or text messages from our agency about the following topics that may affect your residential or business neighborhood:

- ✓ **criminal activity**
- ✓ **traffic information**
- ✓ **upcoming events**
- ✓ **security issues**
- ✓ **important safety information**

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