



WESTON

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Moving Forward with Optimism

By Mayor Eric M. Hersh



Eric M. Hersh
Mayor

With all that is going on in the world, it's easy to enjoy the good life we have in Weston. Despite the "good life", concerns about security and safety in light of the terrorist attacks must be addressed.

Commissioners Edwin Jacobson, Robin Bartleman, Barbara Herrera-Hill, Sandy Halperin and I are all concerned and constantly kept abreast of security measures in our City. On February 15th, on behalf of the City Commission, I attended a Statewide Security Summit held in Orlando. This summit, sponsored by the Florida League of Cities and run by the Florida Domestic Security Advisory Panel, provided an update to Mayors across Florida on the progress of our state's security measures. We heard

from Governor Jeb Bush, who appointed the advisory panel, Governor Tom Ridge, who is President Bush's director of Homeland Security, Commissioner James T. Moore, the Commissioner of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, as well as Dr. John Agwunobi, Florida's Secretary of the Department of Health.

Over the four-hour meeting, John Flint (our City Manager) and I learned of the detailed plans that the State of Florida is implementing, in co-operation with the Federal Government, to

deal with terrorism here at home. The Strategic Concept for Florida's Domestic Security entails four distinct areas: Prevention, Mitigation, Response and Recovery.

This year's federal budget includes \$38 billion in funds for Homeland Security, with much of that money to come down to the States and ultimately to the local level to assist in the effort to combat terrorism. Governor Ridge expressed the President's commitment to securing our Country and our citizens, and promised to keep us informed on the progress.

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On more local matters, we are pleased with the progress of plans for the full transition from Arvida to the City of Weston as they begin to wind down their operations. We have negotiated several agreements, one of which provides for the City, through our staff, to assume all management responsibility of the common areas throughout the Indian Trace portion of Weston. Our goal is to dramatically improve the maintenance standards, and develop a long-term plan of recurrent main-

tenance. This will go hand in hand with our development of the 2010 Strategic Plan, which will outline our capital improvements for Weston for the next eight years. I hope you have had a chance to visit our redesigned web site. I think you will find it greatly improved, and easy to use. The address is www.westonfl.org. Take some time to learn more about your city, and remember, your feedback is always welcome as an important “shareholder” of our community!



John R. Flint
City Manager

A NOTE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

John R. Flint

Weston and Griffin Roads.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, our 32nd President said, “As we recaptured and rekindled our pioneering spirit, we have insisted that it shall always be a spirit of justice, a spirit of teamwork, a spirit of sacrifice, and above all, a spirit of neighborliness.”

How true those words spoken in 1933 are today in our City of Weston. As we continue to progress and identify new challenges and meet them with excellence, we will need to do so with a forever recaptured and rekindled pioneering spirit. It seems that is what our country’s and our city’s history and successes are all about.

When we all moved to Weston, we thought we were pioneers, moving to a brand new community. We then incorporated; more pioneering. We built fire stations, a police station, athletic and community facilities; still more pioneering. One would think that the pioneering was over. Think again. In September we pioneered as we came together as a community to mourn and to honor; in February we pioneered with school boundaries; in March we pioneered with the development at



A Hoppin' Good Time

On March 30th, kids with parents in tow turned out at Windmill Ranch Park for the Weston Egg Hunt hosted by the BSO District VIII Community Council and the City of Weston. There were many happy faces as pictures with the Spring Bunny were handed out, along with prizes to those who found the golden eggs!



Official City Meetings

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

City Commission meetings are telecast live over the city’s government access channel for cable television subscribers. Advanced Cable subscribers should tune to channel #25. AT&T Broadband subscribers should tune to channel #18.

Commission meeting agendas are available in both English and Spanish, and are available on the City website at www.westonfl.org and your city government cable channel.



City Commission

7:30p.m. 1st & 3rd Mondays
(954) 385-2000

Planning & Zoning Advisory Board

6:30p.m. 2nd & 4th Mondays
(954) 385-2000



City Commission meeting dates that fall on a national holiday are scheduled for the next day, being held on a Tuesday.

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



SPECIAL EVENT

Friday, May 31st 7-9pm

The City of Weston and Adventures in Fitness presents **P.E. PANDEMONIUM**, an old fashioned, fun night of games and activities for kids ages 5-12. Games will include: dodge ball, kickball, sack races, relay races and much more.

P.E. PANDEMONIUM will be held at the Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Road.

(954) 389-4321

This is a FREE program but space is limited so pre-register at the Community Center today!

Weston Events

Parks Family City Progress



The Weston Tennis Center

16451 Racquet Club Road 954-389-8666

Celebrating One Year Milestone

The Weston Tennis Center, no longer in its infancy, celebrated its one-year anniversary

on April 7th and now sports a growing list of professional and international top ranked players that train on its courts.

As of January, the International Tennis Federation (ITF) officially began training at the Weston Tennis Center, sending over thirty world-ranked junior players and ten coaches to our facility. Many of the junior players attend the Sagemont School, while others

make use of Sagemont's virtual school, completing their studies on-line. A number of the player's families have bought houses here in Weston, making Weston their home as well as their home court.

Planning to watch the French Open and Wimbledon Tennis Tournaments this year? If so, then keep an eye out for six players from the Weston Tennis Center participating in these prestigious tournaments: Oliver Gross, Michael Joyce, Surina Debeer, Josh Cohen, Wayne Odesnik and Nana Miyagi. Weston will be cheering them all on.



Calling all Kids

Summer Tennis Camp is Back!

SESSIONS: June 17-21 June 24-28
July 1-5 July 15-19 July 22-26 July 29-
Aug 2 Aug. 12-16 Aug. 19-23

- Tennis Instruction and Clinics
- Games and Recreational Activities
- Daily Drinks & Snacks provided
- Supervised Swimming
- Friday Ice Cream and Pizza Days

FEES PER SESSION

	Members	Non-Members
Full Day (9am-3pm)	\$175.00	\$200.00
Half Day (9am-12pm)	\$115.00	\$130.00

City Responds to Area Residents-

EAGLE POINT PARK BASKETBALL COURTS MADE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC USE

With the cooperation of the School Board of Broward County and Eagle Point Elementary School administration, the City has installed new fencing and gates in order to provide access to two of the basketball courts for public use.

The courts, located at 18691 North Lake Boulevard, adjacent to Eagle Point Elementary School, are open for use during non-school hours until dusk, and from 8a.m. until dusk on weekends and holidays.

Upcoming Tournaments at the Weston Tennis Center

May 22-26	International Tennis Federation World Team Qualifying Tournament
June 8-10	Yonex Youth Cup Boy's & Girl's
July 6-8	Weston Tennis Center Junior Championships Boy's & Girl's 18's and 16's divisions

Don't get the impression that the Weston Tennis Center is only for the accomplished tennis player. Nothing could be further from the truth, as the Center welcomes and encourages individuals of all ages who are considering learning how to play. We suggest that you try out one of our clinics or lessons designed specifically for inexperienced players. Specializing in programs designed to develop beginners, the Weston Tennis Center is proud to announce a new member of its teaching staff, Mr. Rick Lambert, a certified USPTA professional. Residents are welcome to call the Center and speak directly with Rick, or Kyle Mayberry, the Program Director, regarding your interests and what the Center can offer you.

WESTON RECEIVES BROWARD BEAUTIFUL GRANT

City will match \$50,000 funding to beautify Interchanges

The City has been awarded a \$50,000 Broward Beautiful State Thoroughfare Beautification Grant from the Florida Department of Transportation. Requirements of the grant include a match of funds in the amount of \$50,055 from the City, which was awarded for a landscaping and beautification improvement project to be constructed at two city interchange locations:

- * The south facing embankment of State Road 84 (I-75) at the Arvida Parkway Interchange, and
- * The south facing embankment of State Road 84 (I-75) at the Indian Trace Interchange



Arvida Parkway Interchange Rendering

Each interchange will receive identical landscaping improvements, which are depicted in the rendering showing the Arvida Parkway location. Approximately 40,000 square feet of land at each interchange will be transformed to provide visual impact and a City identity, as well as to enhance what is considered the gateway into Broward County from the West. The enhancements will utilize the "Paths of Sunshine" color palette, established for the County, through the selection of yellow, orange and red flowering plant materials.

Once complete, these two interchanges will reflect a continuity of the lush vegetation that exists throughout our community. Project construction is expected to begin this spring.

SPOTLIGHT ON: WESTON Community Center Activities

Your Community Center at the Regional Park continues to buzz with innovative programs for the whole family. This edition of Spotlight highlights two fun and educational classes.



Understanding Your Dog

Why is Fido man's best friend? This class, taught by Lou Moran, PhD (954-593-7551) will explore the relationship between man and dog. You will have a better understanding of how dogs perceive the world around them and why they do things

they do. In this class for humans only, Lou will have you sitting, staying, and begging for more!



Kidz Biz

If somebody would have warned you about that 21.9% interest rate on your first credit card wouldn't you be better off today? Through a fun and interactive six-week experience, kids ages 11-14 will learn the essentials of earning, saving, and investing money. Maybe they'll be able to support you one day! Our instructor, Lonny Shapiro, can be reached at 954-436-2963.

With a varied selection of programs for

the young and the young at heart, the Community Center continues to be The Place to Be! For more information about these and other courses, please find the pull out class insert or surf over to www.westonfl.org.

-Don Decker, Program Specialist





April 21st - 27th was proclaimed Volunteer Week in the City of Weston

Thank you to all those individuals who give of their time and their talents

Bonaventure Community Bus Begins Service



Mayor Eric Hersh, Evelyn Bursevich, Commissioner Robin Bartleman and Commissioner Edwin Jacobson, celebrate the inaugural ride of the new Bonaventure Community Bus.

On February 1st the Bonaventure Community Bus saw its inaugural rider, Ms. Evelyn Bursevich, when she was picked up in front of her home and transported in air-conditioned style to the Country Isles Publix. Evelyn received a bit of a surprise when she came out to board the bus and found Mayor Eric Hersh and Commissioners Edwin Jacobson and Robin Bartleman waiting to wish her well and send off the first of many riders to come.

when it purchased KBB, through funding assessed to the Bonaventure Development District.

Shuttle service is provided from 9am-2pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. With a reservation, Bonaventure residents will be picked up at their home and transported to specific destinations: the Country Isles Publix, the Weston Regional HealthPark, the Cleveland Clinic, the Bonaventure Town Center, the Broward Mall and the Sawgrass Mills Mall.

For Reservations:

Call the dispatch center at 954-741-2811, preferably 48 hours in advance.

For a Schedule: Call Weston City Hall at 954-385-2000 or visit the City website at www.westonfl.org, click on the FAQ tab on the home page and scroll to Bus Service.



Mayor Hersh speaks with riders on the first day of the new Bonaventure Community Bus.

The Weston Area CROPWALK 2002

Raising Money for the Hungry



Stepping out to assist the hungry, the 2002 Weston CROPWALK.

For the fifth year, the Weston Area CROPWALK for the Hungry successfully raised over \$15,000 to feed those in need. Organized by ten area congregations, the Weston Cropwalk was held on Sunday, February 3rd at the Weston Town Center, where over 500 participants, including local school bands, led a walk to assist those less fortunate. Individuals, families, or corporations interested in participating in next years walk can contact Cantor Bill Lieberman, Coordinator at 954-384-8265.

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Bonaventure Master Plan Underway

Successful financing of bonds pays for improvements

Construction on Phases II & III of the Bonaventure Master Plan was initiated in March and is projected to be completed this fall, to the delight of residents who have patiently awaited the finalization of this four-phase plan. In early April, residents of the Bonaventure community received a Special Edition of the Weston Announcer, announcing the construction, detailing the types of improvements, outlining the dates and status of phases, and providing an improvements location map. Additional copies of the Special Edition Announcer are available at City Hall. Residents in the Bonaventure area will continue to be informed via Special Editions as progress on the Master Plan advances.

Improvements Underway:

Phase II - East and West Mall Roads

Includes drainage, sidewalk construction, asphalt overlay, pavement markings and signage.

Phase III - East of Bonaventure Boulevard

Includes residential street drainage, curbed radii, asphalt overlay, pavement markings and signage, guide signs and entry features, as well as landscaping and irrigation at locations specified on the Master Plan.

Financing of the Master Plan Improvements and the purchase of the Keep Bonaventure Beautiful Corporation, which previously maintained the public properties within Bonaventure, was completed in January with the sale of \$12.8 million in Bonds. The favorable borrowing rates available at the time, paved the way for the Bonaventure Development District to complete the bond transaction, paying 5.184% interest rate on the Bonds, which includes all costs of the issuance. With lower than expected costs for borrowing, the bond will be repaid in 20 years versus an originally anticipated 30 years.

Much of the success of the excellent financing terms can be attributed to the City's ability to receive a high bond rating and additional insurance, resulting in the receipt of a lower interest rate.

John Rodstrom presents Mayor Hersh with a \$12.8 million check from the sale of the bonds.





Weston's First High School Cypress Bay is Rising Fast on the Horizon

Emulating the school's mascot, positively charged with energy and excitement, yet innocuously housed in a trailer on a small plot of sand at the Weston Education Complex, Mr. Scott Neely, principal of Weston's new High School, Cypress Bay, is ready to bolt into action. A late February afternoon finds Mr. Neely finishing up another three hour marathon meeting. Taking a breath, he sits back down and with the enthusiasm of the young students he will be assigned, begins to list the accomplishments to date and the many hurdles ahead in preparing to open Broward's newest high school, which will house nearly 3,000 students.

Currently "Neely and Company", a staff that consists of only four beside himself - Barbara Burgs, Assistant Principal (formerly at Western High), Bob Swales, Guidance Director (formerly at Flanagan High), Bill Caruso, Athletic Director (formerly at Deerfield Beach High), and Phyllis Trujillo, Confidential Office Manager, are working on everything from designing student curriculum to selecting flooring colors and the gambit in between. They are in the process of tweaking the schedule by reviewing other schools and implementing

what will work best for their students. Biting at the bit, Neely has anxiously awaited the green light to hire his staff of teachers and administrators, allowing the completion of course selection by ensuring he has the instructors necessary for each course to be offered.

The school is fast on track to opening on schedule this August for the 2002/03 school year for grades 9, 10 and 11. Seniors will remain at their current schools and graduate with their class. Eager to inform students and parents as to what they can expect to find when Cypress Bay opens its doors, foremost will be an administration and staff resolute to providing students with an exemplary academic education as well as a unique campus lifestyle. Yes campus lifestyle, much like that of a college atmosphere. Staff is designing a progressive environment, designed to orient students for post secondary schooling. The large campus and its specialty academies or schools within a school structure, will be looked at as a mini-college and the atmosphere will simulate that effect. As for personal interaction with students, Neely takes to heart the old adage: *If you treat others with respect, you get respect in return*, something he

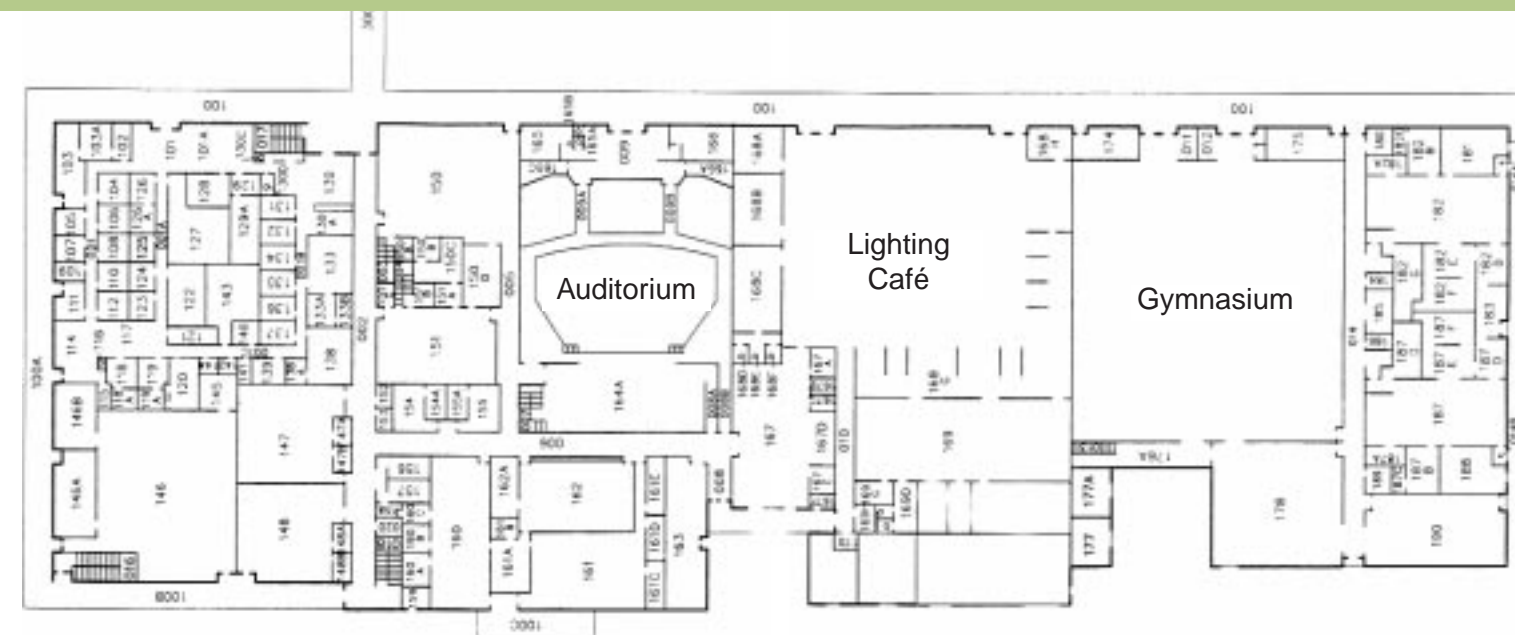
practices and believes students innately come to appreciate.

The Campus:

Cypress Bay will encompass 310,924 square-feet of buildings on nearly 36 acres, consisting of a two-story Classroom Wing, a one and two-story Administrative and Support Building and a free standing one-story Storage Building. Unlike many schools in the east, there will be over 750 parking spaces available, a hot commodity for students looking forward to driving to school. Students will enjoy 60 general classrooms with facilities for computer skills development, foreign language studies, and science and technology labs.

The Cream of the Crop -

Students can look forward to the use of a state-of-the-art Media Center/Library complete with Internet access. The campus also features an art laboratory, as well as band and choral rehearsal space. A 641-seat auditorium awaits a multitude of productions and performances at Cypress Bay. Something new - the Weight Room/Wellness Center will be utilized by students with course selections that include nutrition and



Cypress Bay High School

wellness for life, type programs. Team sports members will also train in the weight room.

The Sports -

There is no doubt that teens throughout Weston have been waiting to find out exactly what Cypress Bay will offer in the realm of athletics. In simple terms: Everything. The school will offer, in its very first year, Junior Varsity and Varsity level teams for every single sport offered by Broward County High Schools, except Varsity Football, which will begin in the Fall of 2003. It was felt that it would be unfair to place ninth, tenth and eleventh graders in competition against developed Varsity football teams that include seniors.

THE LIST INCLUDES: Football, Flag Football, Cross Country, Softball, Baseball, Swimming, Golf, Water polo, Basketball, Track &

Field, Soccer, Wrestling, Cheerleading, Competition Cheerleading and Tennis. Athletic Director Bill Caruso is excited to be at Cypress Bay building new teams, which he envisions, will see a large turnout of students. While sports such as baseball are capped at the number of players permissible on a team, others such as track & field and football have the possibility of seeing large numbers of participants. Currently Caruso is compiling an impressive coaching staff, each eager to join the Cypress Bay team.

The Sports Facilities are impressive to say the least. The indoor gymnasium has automated bleachers, high-tech equipment and includes the schools logo, a lightning bolt, designed into the floor. Wrestling mats were being ordered in between interviews and phone calls.

The Baseball and Softball fields have been redesigned from the



Cypress Bay is Rising Fast on the Horizon *(continued)*

original plans, whereby the home plates will be back-to-back, with concessions in the middle. Currently the school is searching for funding for outdoor lighting, not included in its design.

The football field and track are ready to go, with the stadium to be completed within the next year. Staff is working with various groups to try and secure funding for the outdoor stadium lighting which will be necessary for night-time play.

Uniforms, for sports that is, have been selected and ordered from Nike and other leading manufacturers. Every team uniform will reflect the lightning bolt symbol. Even the Varsity football uniforms will be ready - gold pants and royal blue shirts with the lightning bolt symbol and metallic gold helmets, will await the JV players that aspire to go on to Varsity ball. All of the energy and work put into establishing these programs, and having team equipment and uniforms ready for students from day-one, is the culmination of an effort to begin the building of a tradition. Helping students feel cared for and feel a part of that tradition is administrations ultimate goal.

The Lunch -

Worthy of its own section, the lunch hour is an important aspect of student life and

Cypress Bay will be the envy of schools around the county. Again fostering that campus atmosphere, the Lightning Cafe' will feature a mall style food-court encompassing 12 stations which may include selections such as Italian, Mexican and Chinese cuisines. The multiple stations will allow the school to feed 600 students in 10 minutes,

Cypress Bay High School

18600 Vista Park Boulevard Weston, FL 33331

954-217-6382

Principal: Scott Neely

Assistant Principal: Barbara Burgs

Guidance Director: Bob Swales

Athletic Director: Bill Caruso



For Lightning Sports Teams: 954-385-6799

School Colors: Blue, gold and silver

Mascot: Lightning bolt

leaving additional time for students to eat, converse and relax. The usual collection of indoor tables will have an equal complement of outdoor picnic benches and a grassy patio area, yet again projecting the campus-like atmosphere.

Guidance -

Student curriculum is being designed to

serve the needs of the students of the community. Staff will have gone into Middle Schools and begun registering ninth graders in mid April. Tenth and eleventh graders will be registered at a later date and will see many of the same class offerings seen at Western High, all of the required courses, and exciting new additions that include Web Design and technical programs new to the county and a Marketing Program geared toward Sports, Recreation and Entertainment. Classroom tours will be held prior to the opening of school.

Guidance Director Bob Swales and Assistant Principal Barbara Burgs anticipate utilizing a variety of media avenues to ensure students and parents alike are informed on school activities and to provide as much information as possible to assist them in planning a course for their future. On the school website, families will find monthly meeting schedules, student activities and school information, as well as information regarding college application. Of course printed materials will still be sent home with students. Guidance will be instituting college nights to provide the opportunity for parents to come in with their kids to discuss post secondary choices. Swales is

hoping to start out with four counselors who likely will meet with each student and are available for personal conferences. He also hopes to invite parents to join an Advisory Guidance Team. Quoting Principal Neely, "With kids, you've got to earn your wings every day" - and this team plans to do just that.

Security -

The school will utilize the mandatory student ID badges; have forty-eight cameras; have double the regular amount of monitoring devices positioned throughout the school; and have a full-time staff

member who constantly monitors the screens. Security specialists will be on-site along with a police resource officer.

Weston Police Chief Greg Page advises that the campus floor plan and layout will be added to the Broward Sheriff's Office Operation Safe Schools Program, which provides deputies with a laptop and CD containing invaluable school campus information, which would be available instantly during a critical incident or event.

Aside from all of these measures taken to ensure student safety, Principal Neely maintains that it is the parents who make the real difference. Parents who partici-

pate and are well informed and involved in their children's lives are the best security measure available.

So, from designing logos to picking out uniforms; from purchasing equipment to selecting wall tile; and from hiring educators to speaking at community functions to spread the word about a fabulous new high school that's coming to town, Cypress Bay administrators are looking forward to that morning in late August when several thousand students walk through the doors for the first time, on their way to fulfilling their educational dreams.

Crime is Down and Clearance Rates are up

You don't get much better than that

City officials are delighted to call attention to the Uniform Crime Report (UCR) statistics for the City of Weston, which show that the number of Part I Crimes in the City went down by 11.4% for the year ending December 2001, over the year 2000 and that clearance rates (crimes solved) for these same crimes went up 42.8%. For UCR data compilation, Part I Crimes encompass murder, forcible sex, robbery, aggravated assault, aggravated stalking, burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft. The decrease in crime and increase in clearance rates becomes even more impressive considering that Weston had a 7.9% increase in population during this same time period, along with a substantial increase in our commercial base.

Every member of the Broward Sheriff's Office, District VIII, Weston, is to be congratulated on their outstanding performance. Excellent leadership, training and accountability have been the fundamental elements in Weston's success. Chief Page and his department have utilized every crime-fighting tool available to them, including POWERTRAC which employs technology by rapidly analyzing timely data and charting relevant crime patterns, deploying targeted resources to areas of need, utilizing effective tactics to combat specific problems and conducting relentless follow-up strategies to eradicate crime trends. Uncompromising performance standards have paid off in the form of positive dividends for Weston residents.



Florida Department of Law Enforcement statistics released on April 5th: **Weston crime rate is lowest of any City in Broward County.**

Did You Know That...

- \$82,856 was the final count of monies donated by generous Weston individuals and groups to the NY Firefighters 9/11 Disaster Relief Fund! This is only one of many charitable organizations/ funds that collected money for the September 11th disaster. Thank you Weston.
- Your Weston web site is extremely popular. In the month of February, over 600,000 "hits" were recorded (or mouse clicks); it served 13,972 distinct hosts (different users) and 703 distinct files were requested (things like minutes, forms, pictures). If you haven't already visited the site, take a look at www.westonfl.org.
- The City of Weston has an informational guide available listing City restaurants, shops, lodging and houses of worship.



Graduation day for participants in the BSO Senior Citizen Academy.

Seniors on the move

Twenty active and interested seniors participated in the BSO Senior Citizen Academy Class #5, an 8-week, no fee course, designed specifically to address concerns that affect senior citizens and those who provide care to the elderly.

Held on Tuesday mornings, from 9-11AM at the Weston Police Services building, the objectives of the academy include

improving the quality of service delivery through education; create an additional feedback system to affect police training programs; conduct basic police orientation to inform citizens on matters that directly impact their community; and to leave students with an informed vision of the Broward Sheriff's Office, the nature of policing and the professionalism of employees. Additional Senior Citizen Academy's will be held in the future so call today to register, 954-389-2010 or 954-321-5076.

Senior Citizen Academy Class No. 5 boarding the BSO bus bound for downtown, to tour the BSO Crime Lab and 911 dispatch facility.



55+ Club Hosts Senior Trip to Shark Valley



The 55+ Club ventures to Shark Valley.

The **55+ Club**, based out of the Weston Community Center, is open to all senior citizens looking to be involved in the City's recreational social programming or just wanting to participate in an activity and have a great time with others.

On February 6th, the Club hosted a bus trip to Shark Valley at the Everglades National Park, where an enjoyable and educational afternoon was had by all.

To join or find out information on upcoming **55+ Club** events, call the Weston Community Center at 954-389-4321



Deputy Schupp inspects child safety seats.

Child Car Safety Seats

The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

Events highlighting National Child Passenger Safety Week, February 10th-16th

On February 14th, a day synonymous with love, parents lined up at the Weston HealthPark so that Deputy Schupp of the Broward Sheriff's Office, a certified safety seat technician, could inspect the child safety seats within each vehicle, to ensure their small children are secured in properly installed and maintained carriers. Parents are instructed in the correct installation procedures for their specific car seat, while any unsafe or recalled seats are collected and replaced with new, safe models.

Safety seat inspections are offered every Saturday, between 10am and 2pm at the Weston Police Services Building, 17300 Arvida Parkway. Anyone with questions can call Deputy Schupp at 954-389-2030.



That same day, Weston City Commissioner Barbara Herrera-Hill and County Commissioner Diana Wasserman-Rubin joined Broward County Fire Rescue and other area agencies as over one hundred defective car seats were lined up and crushed, ensuring no child could ever again be placed in the defective devices. The child seats were collected from throughout Broward County during safety seat inspections just like the one's held at the Weston HealthPark and at our Weston Police Services Building each Saturday. This event was held at Weston Station No. 55 to culminate National Child Passenger Safety Week.



County Commissioner Diana Wasserman-Rubin and Weston Commissioner Barbara Herrera-Hill stand on the roller as defective car seats are crushed.

Every once in awhile, Crime does pay...

Proceeds from the sale of property and vehicles that were used during criminal activities are going to fund the City's purchase of a Smart Trailer. The Smart Trailer is a high tech, mobile devise that will be used by the Broward Sheriff's Department for a number of functions including,

- Notifying drivers of their speed
- As a message board to advise of road & lane closures, or other events
- Taking traffic counts



No Planting Down By The Lake

Reminder to Lakefront Property Owners

All Weston lakefront properties have a twenty-five foot (25') lake maintenance easement that runs along the lakefront. City Code requires property owners to remove all trees, shrubs, bushes, structures, docks, fences and any un-permitted obstruction along the lake maintenance easement. Failure to comply can result in the removal or destruction of all obstructions.

A general, rule of thumb measurement, is under normal weather conditions (non-drought/non-storm), the easement area starts at the water line and runs away from the water up twenty-five feet. These easements are necessary so that crews may have access for continued lake maintenance, as well as emergency rescue responses.



Jumps, ramps, inclines and grinds await in-line skaters and skateboarders!



Spring Break Weston Style

Tons of fun in the sun

Dancing, limbo, face painting, surfing, spinning, bouncing and even sumo wrestling was the order of the day on Saturday, April 6th as the City of Weston presented Spring Break their way. Continuous music and tons of fun set the standard for five straight hours of entertainment for all ages, in a safe and relaxing environment, at Weston's Town Center Park and Amphitheater.

Volunteers from the Teens 4 Teens organization and the Western High School Key Club assisted residents in signing up for a chance to win one of three NFL footballs signed by Weston's own Dan Marino. They also helped in handing out Spring Break Weston Style sunglasses so that all participants had some shades while enjoying the free activities and great music.

City Commissioners were put to the test judging the Limbo Contest, which saw an incredible number of very limber residents of all ages - ultimately three finalists were presented with a Spring Break Survival Kit! Terrific fun in the sun and into the evening, Weston's first Spring Break event was a success that will be followed up next year with even more events for kids and adults of all ages.



The Weston City Commission cuts the ribbon to fun and excitement at the Weston Skate Park

SKATE PARK OPENS TO AN EXCITED CROWD

In a brief ribbon-cutting ceremony on the evening of February 19th, the City Commission opened the gates to a fun-filled sport complete with jumps, ramps, inclines, grinds, half & quarter pipes and pyramids. While the park has no age limit, youth is definitely the presiding dynamic at the converted hockey rink inside the Weston Regional Park.

The City invested over \$80,000 in modular steel construction Skatewave equipment, which now welcomes in-line skaters and skateboarders. Skaters must register and pay a \$6 fee, and are required to wear helmets, elbow, knee and wrist pads when using the park. There are discounts available for multi-session purchases.

Skate sessions are 1 1/2 hours in length and are limited to 30 skaters per session.

Hours:

- M-F 3pm-10pm
- Sat. & School Holidays 9am-10pm
- Sun. 10am-7:30pm

Calendar of Events

Sun., May 19 2-5pm	SunTrust Sunday on the Town Concert Series - high energy Swing band	Town Center Park 954-349-8123
Wed., May 22 to Sun., May 26	International Tennis Federation World Team Qualifying Tournament	Weston Tennis Center 954-389-8666
Mon., May 27 7:30am	Memorial Day 5K Run Annual benefit run	Town Center Main Street 954-384-7521
Fri., May 31 7-9pm	P.E. Pandemonium A night of games and activities for kids 5-12 Free program but reservation is required	Weston Regional Park 954-389-4321
Sat., June 8 12-4pm	Family Fun Day Amusements & games for the family	Main Street Clock Tower Courtyard 954-349-8123
Sat., June 8 to Mon., June 10	Yonex Youth Cup Boy's & Girls	Weston Tennis Center 954-389-8666
Thur., July 4 Events throughout the Day	Annual Weston Hometown 4th of July celebration that includes: 7:30am 5K Run/Walk Race, at Town Center. 10:30 am Parade 6-9 pm Live band, dancers, attractions & entertainment, and food concessions at the Weston Regional Park. 9:00pm Spectacular Fireworks display	Main Street in Town Center Weston Regional Park 954-389-4321
Sat., July 6 - Mon., July 8	Weston Tennis Center Junior Championships Boy's & Girls 18's and 16's divisions	Weston Tennis Center 954-389-8666
Sat., July 13 12-4pm	Family Fun Day Amusements & games for the family	Main Street Clock Tower Courtyard 954-349-8123
Sat., Aug. 10 12-4pm	Family Fun Day Amusements & games for the family	Main Street Clock Tower Courtyard 954-349-8123
Every Wed. 10:30am	Storytime Ages 3-5	Weston Reading Center 954-389-2098
Every Sat. 10a-2pm	Child Car Safety Seat Inspection Have your child's car seat inspected to ensure it is installed properly	Weston Police Services Building 954-389-2030 954-389-2010

Community Weston Weston Events Progress

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 2500 Weston Road, Suite 101, Weston FL 33331

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 Non-Emergency Dispatch/*Despacho No Emergencia*

Weston Administration/*Weston Administracion* . 954-389-2010
 24 hours Information/*Informacion las 24 horas* . 954-389-2010
 Weston Traffic Unit/*Weston Unidad de Trafico* . 954-389-2016
 Crime Prevention/*Prevencion del Crimen* 954-389-2030
 Code Enforcement/*Aplicacion de Reglamentos* 954-389-2067

Fire Department Administration. 954-389-2015
Bomberos - Administracion 954-389-2015
 Planning & Zoning / *Planeamiento y Zonificacion* 954-921-7781

Building & Permitting / *Construccion & Permisos*. 954-765-8967
 Community Services / *Servicios a la Comunidad* . 954-389-4321
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Skate Park info-line 954-384-7570
Parque de Patina je linea de info

Weston Sports Alliance/ 954-389-5013
Alianza Deportiva de Weston

Water, Sewer, Storm Drainage 954-389-4321
 After Hours & Weekends 954-753-0380
Aqua, Drenaje, y Alcantarilla de la Cd. Weston . 954-389-4321
Emergencias y Fines de Semana y Noche 954-753-0380

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Reminder
 June 27/28/29
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 an Information Brochure



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