

"Weston has completed another major milestone in our City's history." Weston has completed another major milestone in our City's history. Pursuant to our original charter that created the City of Weston, the Charter Review Board has completed its analysis of our founding and governing document. Five members of our community donated their time to review the charter, line by line, paragraph by paragraph, and hear from the public on issues relative to the charter. They considered many potential changes, and recommended several to the City Commission. The recommendations now move to the City Commission for consideration and debate, and ultimately, any changes will be put to the voters of Weston in the form of a ballot question, if approved by the City Commission

I would like to thank the members of the Charter Review Board. Each member of the City Commission appointed one member of this board, and together they worked very efficiently to accomplish their review. I know I am joined by Commissioner Bartleman, Commissioner Herrera-Hill, Commissioner Stermer and See page 15 for details



Another Major Milestone for Weston

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Commissioner Chermak in thanking them. The members of the board were Amy Wall Bobker (Chairperson), Joel Fass (Vice-Chairperson), and board members Albert Gamarra, Todd Stone, and Franklin Sands. We thank each of you for a job very well done.

Many questions have been raised by residents since the takeover of the Town Foundation now that your cable fees appear on the water bill. Many newer residents have asked "Why is cable mandatory?" The answer is that the contract with Advanced Cable goes back many years when Arvida owned the cable company, and also controlled the Town Foundation, and that a deed restriction is on your property. It is NOT a law that is forcing you to have the cable, but rather the contract that encumbers your property.

Since the City of Weston took over the Town Foundation last year, we have been look-

ing at how we can, at some point, make cable "voluntary." These negotiations are ongoing and slow moving, but we are making progress with Advanced Cable. It should be noted however, if we are

successful in changing from a bulk contract, we will be left with few choices. Satellite is an option, but it can be more expensive than cable if you have multiple sets.

It is highly unlikely that any other cable company will offer service, as the cable lines are all owned by the current cable company. The City of Weston has a "Non Exclusive" franchise agreement with Advanced, so another company would be permitted to offer service, but it would be very expensive for another company to lay lines to offer service, and therefore not practical.

So, it is most likely that the majority of residents will keep their cable despite rising costs associated with it. Understand that under Federal Law, the City of Weston can NOT regulate cable rates. Right now, the Town Foundation is simply passing through the charges for the service. You have, I'm sure, read about the issues and problems relating to programming charges that are occurring throughout the country.

We will continue to work hard on this issue and are hoping to resolve it once and for all in the upcoming months.

We appreciate your feedback on this and other issues, and encourage you to continue to contact us with suggestions, questions or other matters. For general information or questions, please e-mail: cityhall@westonfl.org. To reach me directly, please e-mail: ehersh@westonfl.org.

Keep in touch,

Eric M. Hersh

Did You Know That...

The **Weston Regional Park** won first place in the large park category at the 2004 Broward Beautiful Beautification Annual Awards Program on April 16th.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) is collected every Saturday from 8am – 3pm at two different nearby locations:

The Central HHW Collection Center, at 5490 Reese Road in Davie takes paints, batteries, tires, oil, antifreeze and propane cylinders ONLY.

The South HHW Collection Center, at 5601 W. Hallandale Beach Blvd. in Hollywood takes all household hazardous waste materials and old electronics. For details on what you can dispose of visit www.broward.org/iwi and click on Household Hazardous Waste, or call 954-765-4999.

Don't miss the once a year household hazard waste event in the Weston Regional Park on June 13th, 8 am-3 pm.

The goal of the free HHW program is to reduce the amount of hazardous waste being disposed of improperly and harming our environment.

Broward ounty Transit's Route 23 in Weston From Mall....to Mall

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Did you know that a Broward County Transit bus runs along Weston Road? That's right. Route 23 will take you to the Sawgrass Mills Mall or the Pembroke Lakes Mall (making numerous stops along the way, of course)..... depending upon in which direction you're going!

You may call Broward County Transit directly at 954-357-8400, with any questions you may have, or visit their website at www.broward.org/bct.

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A Note From The City Manager

John R. Flint

When seeking assistance from the Mayor and Commissioners, it should be comforting to know that each will have an equal interest and each will be able to help equally.

Weston's Commissioners are elected at-large by Seat Area. "At-large" means that all of Weston's registered voters may vote for each member of the City Commission, regardless of seat area, as compared to single member districts where a voter only gets to vote for the one Commissioner from their district.

"Seat area" means only that the Commissioner must reside within that geographic seat area but must seek votes citywide; this assures that the members of the Commission reflect the geographic composition of the City.

The Mayor is elected at-large and may reside anywhere in the City.

So the next time you may have occasion to require the assistance of the Mayor or Commissioners, please keep in mind that not just the Mayor

and one Commissioner are available to assist you, but even better, each of the five elected officials will be equally and genuinely interested in





Way to Go BSO!

Recently, BSO's Emergency Services Bureau received an "outstanding" rating at an on-site inspection completed by the Florida Department of Health. This inspection was performed because the Sheriff's Office is a new agency providing fire

rescue services. Criteria included areas such as proper medical supplies & equipment on-board ambulances and rescue helicopters. The inspection also confirmed that all employees are properly trained and licensed, vehicles are well maintained, and records & procedures are up to date. Additionally, the International Association of Fire Chiefs Associations recognized the agency as the National Heart Safe Community for its successful work with public access defibrillation.



BSO Community Service Team (CTS) members were honored as Employees of the Month for January 2004.

Let's add one more acknowledgement to the list:

The Fire Rescue Communications Division, which dispatches for Weston, has also earned an international accreditation from the National Academies of Emergency Dispatch. After an 18-month in-depth evaluation, BSO's Department of Fire Rescue and Emergency Services was acknowledged as an Emergency Medical Dispatch Center of Excellence. BSO is one of three sheriff's offices in Florida to achieve the exceptionally high standards! All are to be congratulated for their exemplary work.



A Safe Haven for Newborns

A 2000 State Law permits mothers to drop off newborns, within three days of birth, at **firehouses**, **hospitals or emergency medical stations**, anonymously, without the fear of prosecution.

This law was designed to allow desperate young women who are unprepared for motherhood to seek safe shelter for their babies - no harm to the infant and no repercussions to themselves.

UPCOMING REGISTRATION DEADLINES & ELECTION DATES

The last day to register to vote in the Primary Election is Monday, August 2, 2004

The Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 31, 2004

The last day to register to vote in the General Election is Monday, October 4, 2004

The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2004

Remember, registering to vote is a right!

In order to be eligible, you must be 18 years or older (you may pre-register at 17); you must be an American citizen, and a permanent resident of Broward County. There is no specific time requirement to be considered a permanent resident of Broward County.

How to Register to Vote: You may register online at www.browardsoe.org; obtain a form at City Hall or any County Library; or call (954)357-7050 weekdays between 8 am and 5 pm to receive a form by mail.



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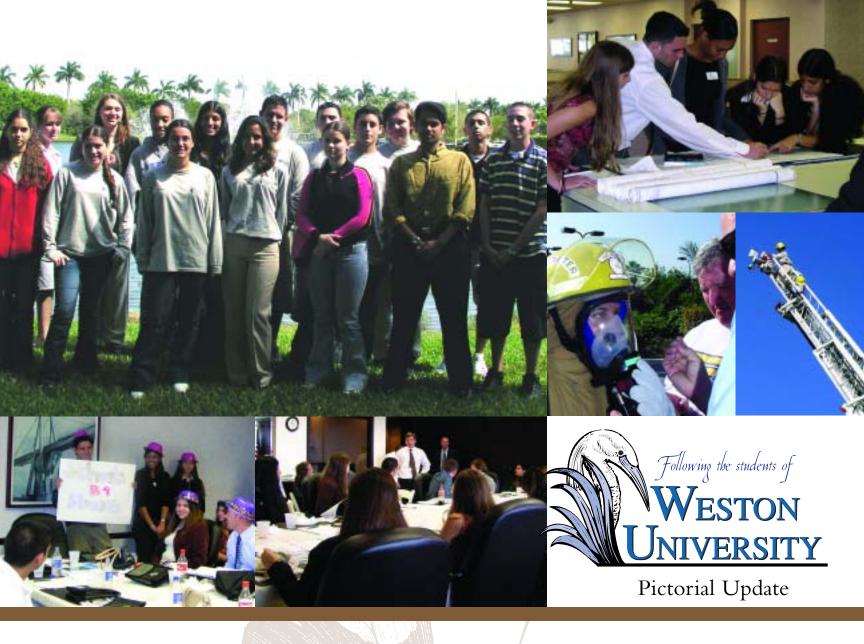
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Following the Weston University (lass of 2004

A bright and sunny January morning was the perfect backdrop for the students' excursion to the BSO Department of Fire Rescue and Emergency Services. Calm winds helped to calm nerves as several students made the precarious climb up the aerial truck's 105' ladder. After discussing budgets, staffing, and equipment purchases, students had some hands-on time with both the fire and EMS sides of the job, including transmitting EKG's to the Cleveland Clinic emergency room.

In February, students discovered dozens of job possibilities that they had never contemplated after visiting the offices of Calvin, Giordano & Associates (CGA), the City's contract firm for planning and engineering services. With over 100 employees, the firm provided students

with a look at a wide variety of career opportunities including 3D graphics, landscape architecture, surveying, engineering, and much more. Gaining some practice for their upcoming City Commission simulation, students selected roles and enacted the legislative process for a site plan approval (while having a laugh or two along the way). Who says government can't be fun?

In March, students were back at City Hall for a lesson in government finance (it really wasn't as somber as it sounds) and then on to selecting role assignments for their final and mandatory class, the City Commission Simulation. Before leaving for the day, students posed for the Class of 2004 group photo.

HURRICANE SEASON SAFETY GUIDELINES Hurricane Hotline

Hurricane Season begins June 1st and runs to November 30th

Hurricane Hotline 954-831-4000

HURRICANE SAFETY

The only real defense is PREPAREDNESS. Below is a checklist of important steps to take and items to have on hand in a Disaster Survival Kit.

Special Needs Registry - If you are elderly, frail, or disabled and have no method of transportation to local shelters, assistance is available. However, only those individuals that have pre-registered will be eligible for transportation. Do not wait until the last minute. If you qualify or for more information, please call: Broward County Elderly & Veterans Services Division at (954) 537-2888.

HAVE A PLAN

- * Determine escape routes from your home and places to meet, as well as an out of area person to call so all family members have a point of contact.
- * Make a plan for what to do with your pets (they cannot be taken to shelters).
- * Post emergency telephone numbers by phones. Do children know when & how to call 911?
- * Check your insurance policy **now** for hurricane and flood damage coverage. Once a hurricane watch is issued, insurance companies will not write any new policies or make adjustments to current policies.
- * Document your valuables by photographing/videotaping them. Keep records secure in a safety deposit box or waterproof unit.

WHEN A STORM IS APPROACHING

- * Secure all outside objects. Bring loose objects such as patio furniture, garden tools and planters, inside.
- * Fill vehicle fuel tanks and generators.
- * Turn refrigerator & freezer to the coldest setting.
- * Fill bathtubs and any large containers with water for washing, cleaning and flushing toilets, since electric power may go out of service.
- * If your cable is working, tune to channel 25 (Advanced Cable) or channel 18 (AT&T Broadband), for up-to-date City information on boil water orders and other related information.
- *TUNE YOUR CAR RADIO TO 1680AM for City emergency information, boil water orders and other important notifications. The 1680 emergency notification system will be operational even with a power outage for approximately 4 days.

DISASTER SURVIVAL KIT

Emergency supplies should be adequate to last at least 3 days. A 10-day supply of water, food and medicine is recommended.

Water At least 1 gallon per person for each day

Food Canned or packaged, pre-cooked foods for 3-7 days/can opener

Clothes/blankets Change of clothes/rain gear/shoes/blankets or sleeping bags

Medicines/First Aid Prescription medications, equipment, eyeglasses and first aid supplies

Fire Extinguisher Dry chemical, type ABC

Radio Battery operated Flashlights Extra batteries and bulbs

Cash Banks and ATM's may not be open for a period of time

Safety/Tools Keep a set of tools/trash bags/chlorine/soap/tarp/rope/broom/pen & paper

Toiletries/Specialty Items Hygiene items/baby supplies /moisture wipes/pet supplies

Keys

INFORMACION IMPORTANTE PARA LA TEMPORADA DE HURACÁN

Línea de Emergencia 954-831-4000

La Temporada de Huracán comienza el 1ro de Junio y continúa hasta el 30 de Noviembre

COMO PREPARARSE PARA LOS HURACANES

En realidad, la única defensa es de estar preparado. Abajo encontrará una lista de los pasos importantes que hay que tomar, y los artículos que deben de tener a mano para formar su propio Equipo para Sobrevivir un Desastre.

Necesidades Especiales: Si usted es una persona anciana, delicada o incapacitada y no tiene ningún tipo de transporte para un refugio local, hay asistencia disponible para usted. Pero tenga en cuenta de que solo los que se hayan registrado serán elegible para la transportación. No espere hasta hasta el último momento. Si usted califica o si desea mas información, por favor llame a la División de Servicios de Ancianos y Veteranos del Condado de Broward al (954) 537-2888.

SU PLAN

- * Determine las rutas de escape de su casa y los lugares en donde piensan encontrarse. Además, es importante tener a una persona fuera del área a quien llamar, para que todos tengan un punto de contacto.
- * Formalice un plan para sus animales (ellos no se permiten en los centros de refugio).
- * Coloque los números de teléfono de emergencia al lado de los teléfonos. Asegúrese de que sus niños sepan llamar al 911.
- * Revise su póliza de seguro ahora para su cobertura para daños de huracanes e inundaciones. Cuando se anuncie un huracán, las compañías de seguro no escribirán pólizas nuevas o hacer ajustes a las pólizas actuales.
- * Haga una lista de sus artículos de valor por la fotografía o el video. Mantenga sus documentos seguros en una caja fuerte o aparato que sea resisente al agua.

CUANDO UNA TORMENTA SE ACERQUE

- * Asegure todos los objetos afuera de su casa. Traiga por adentro objetos sueltos como muebles de patio, herramientas y tiestos.
- * Llene los tanques de vehículos y generadores.
- * Ponga la nevera y congelador a las temperaturas máximas.
- * Llene las bañeras y cualquier recipientes grandes con agua para lavarse y enjuagar los sanitarios en el caso de que la electricidad este fuera de servicio.
- * Si el servicio de cable está funcionando, sintonice al Canal 25 (Advanced Cable) o al Canal 18 (Comcast) para estar pendiente de información de la Ciudad sobre las órdenes de hervir el agua y otra información al respecto.
- * SINTONICE LA RADIO DE SUVEHÍCULO AL CANAL 1680 AM para información de emergencia de la Ciudad sobre la necesidad de hervir el agua y otra información al respecto. El sistema del Canal 1680 AM de informes de emergencia seguirá funcionando hasta con un apagón de electricidad por aproximadamente 4 días.

EL EQUIPO PARA SOBREVIVIR UN DESASTRE

Su equipo de emergencia debe ser adecuado para un mínimo de 3 días. Se recomienda de que tenga disponible agua y medicina para durar 10 días.

Agua Por lo menos un galón por persona por día

Comida Enlatada/empacada/pre-cocida para durar 3 a 7 días/abridor de latas

Ropa/Cobijas Cambio de ropa/ropa para aguaceros/zapatos/cobijas o sacos de dormir

Medicina/Primeros Auxilios Prescripciones/equipos/lentes/primeros auxilios

Extinguido de fuego Química seca, tipo ABC

Radio Que opere por baterías

Linterna Que opere por baterías/bombas adicionales

Dinero en Efectivo Puede ser que no se abren los bancos y ATMS por un tiempo

Herramientas Un conjunto de herramientas/bolsas para basura/cloro/jabón/carpa/soga/escoba/bolígrafo y papel

Artículos de Baño/Artículos Especiales Artículos higienicos/artículos para bebe/ toallitas humedas/artículos para los animales

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Community-Wide **BULK PICK-UP**

Wednesday, July 14 Thursday, July 15 Friday, July 16

on your regular trash pick-up day

Place items curbside or next to dumpster by 7:00AM on your regular pick-up day.

Hazardous waste materials not accepted.

Questions? Call City Hall at 954-385-2000

Free Household Hazardous Waste Event:

Sunday, June 13, 2004 8AM - 3PM at the Weston Regional Park (adjacent to the Skate Park)

When cleaning out closets and garages, put aside items that cannot be placed into the trash and bring out to the Weston Regional Park on Sunday, June 13th. Keep in mind, hazardous waste items cannot be accepted during Bulk Pickups. Household Hazardous Waste includes: oil and latex paints and thinners, used motor oil, auto fluids and gasoline solvents, pesticides, fertilizers, pool chemicals, drain cleaners, tires, mercury, rechargeable & automobile batteries and electronics.

> The Weston Regional Park: 20200 Saddle Club Road

Questions? Call City Hall at 954-385-2000



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

Meetings can be viewed live on the city's website at 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, 9 pm, Wednesday & Thursday, 10 am and 9 pm.

Advanced Cable subscribers tune to Channel #25 Comcast subscribers tune to Channel #18.

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

> City Commission 7:00PM

Monday, June 7, 2004

Monday, June 21, 2004

Tuesday, July 6, 2004

Monday, August 16, 2004

Tuesday, September 7, 2004*

Planning & Zoning Advisory 6:30PM 2nd and 4th Mondays

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



Spring Royal Egg Hunt

The Spring Royal Bunny sprung into action at this year's Weston Egg Hunt at the Weston Regional Park, and it was once again a hopping success. The Royal Bunny officiated over the start of each of the four egg hunts and pleased many a child by posing for photos with admiring fans. Thousands of kids and parents enjoyed the thrill in finding over 10,000 candy-filled eggs along with bonus prizes given to those children finding the specially marked eggs. After the hunts were over the fun continued, as kids enjoyed bounce houses and inflatables suited for varying age groups.

Changes in the works for next year: Parents please note that due to the increasing popularity of the Egg Hunt, next year all egg hunts (for the different age groups) will go off at the same time. In this way, no one from a previous egg hunt can move to another field and go again, ensuring every age group has an equal chance to collect as many eggs as possible! There will also be a Bunny on every field (you know how they multiply!).

Web Cast City Commission Meetings

Live or Archived - the choice is now yours

Utilizing the latest in technology, the City of Weston has launched a new service for its residents, businesses and visitors via the Internet. Custom designed by Weston's IT department, this new service will allow anyone with an Internet connection to view Weston City Commission meetings in real-time, or up to six months of archived meetings fully indexed – meaning you can go to a specific section of the meeting without watching the whole thing.

As Easy As 1-2-3

To watch the meetings via computer, follow these simple steps:

- * Log on to the City of Weston's web site at www.westonfl.org.
- * From the top menu bar, click on the tab titled "Commission Agenda/Minutes/Notices."
- * Select "Web Casting Commission Meetings" from the pop-up selections.

From here, users will be able to select either "Live Commission Meeting" which will advise you of the date and time for the next live commission meeting, or "Archived Meetings" that acts as a gateway to all archived City Commission meetings for the past six months.

A little technical info for those that want it:

You will have a choice for viewing video using either the Windows Media Player that comes pre-installed on every Microsoft Windows computer or you can choose to download the free RealPlayer video software from the web site. Both technologies are easy to use and offer clear viewing capabilities.

Just what is web casting? It is another term for "streaming video" where web users do not have to wait to download a large file before seeing the video or hearing the sound. Instead, the media is sent in a continuous stream over the internet and displayed by the viewer as it arrives.

Protection Against Brush Fires - Weston Installs Fire Wells Along U.S. 27

The City is currently in the process of installing fifty-three fire wells all along the east side of U.S. 27 within the city's boundaries as a safety measure against the possibility of brush fires in the conservation or mitigation areas that lie on either side of the highway. The wells will provide firefighters with the water resources to extinguish any brush fires before they could become a threat to homes.

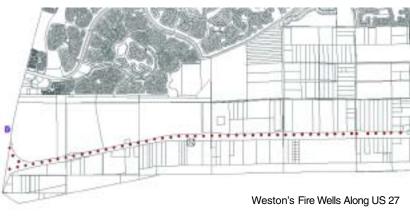
Fire wells are different from hydrants in that they are needed in areas not connected to water mains like hydrants. Fire wells are literally wells dug deep into the ground (approx. 80 feet) until the Biscayne aquifer is accessed. The aquifer is the main water source for all of Broward and Dade Counties and consists of permeable lime and sandstone. Pumps on firefighting equipment draw the water up from the wells.

The wells are being constructed every 600 feet along US 27 between Griffin Road and I-75. Over thirty of the wells have already been completed with the remaining wells to be dug and constructed by the end of the summer, at a total cost of approximately \$150,000.

Reminder to Parents & Sports League Participants

COMMUNITY RADIO

TUNE TO 1680 AM
ON YOUR CAR
RADIO
for city event info
and field closures





Heart Health Month Honored by Cleveland Clinic Hospital with Donation.

Pictured Left to Right: Dr. Robert Weber, Chairman of Emergency Medicine, Laura Cillo, CEO, Cleveland Clinic Hospital, Craig Otten, Weston Fire Chief, Vicki Cotto, Director of Emergency Department, Erwig Irigyen, EMS Coordinator, Eric M. Hersh, Mayor, Murray Chermak, Commissioner, and James Glaze, BSO Fire Rescue



Fire Chief Otten demonstrates the AED as Mayor Hersh observes its ease of use.

leveland linic Hospital

Spotlights Heart Health Month with Donation

In honor of Heart Health Month in February, the Cleveland Clinic Hospital donated three Automated External Defibrillators (AED's) to the City of Weston during a presentation ceremony at City Hall. These easy to use, computerized units provide audible step-by-step instructions to the operator assisting a victim. AED's can provide immediate, life saving assistance during a heart attack or if someone's heart has stopped beating by passing an electrical current through the heart. Each of the donated AED's has an approximate value of \$2,000 per unit.

The donated AED's will be the first to be located in Tequesta Trace Park and the new Vista Park, which is currently under construction. The third AED unit will be located in the Weston Regional Park near the basketball courts. The City already has AED's installed at the Weston Police Services Building, the Weston Community Center, and the Weston Tennis Center in case of an emergency. Personnel at each site are trained in the use of the units by the Broward Sheriff's Office Department of Fire Rescue & Emergency Services.

A Da Vinci Valued at \$1.5 million Resides at the Ceveland Clinic Hospital in Weston

A Da Vinci valued at \$1.5 million resides within the rose-colored marble walls of the Cleveland Clinic Hospital right here in Weston. No, not the famed Mona Lisa - the original still hangs well protected within the Louvre in Paris — the Da Vinci now in residence at the Cleveland Clinic Hospital is on the leading edge of robotic surgery, the Da Vinci Surgical System. The System was unveiled at a public demonstration at the Cleveland Clinic on February 12, and is currently employed there by Dr. Doug Boyd for cardiac surgery only. In the future, the Da Vinci may be used for other surgical procedures.

Cardiac surgery traditionally entails an incision 8 inches in length, and the ribs separated in order to get to the heart. The Da Vinci Surgical System takes surgery into the next century. It allows doctors, seated at a console, separated from the patient, to perform complex, minimally invasive procedures utilizing robotic arms with wristed instruments, providing a full range of motion and the elimination of hand tremor. These instruments fit into incisions of only 3/4-1 inch in width. Doctors are assisted by being able to view high resolution, three-dimensional images with enhanced optics allowing for precise detail. The patient benefits are multiple: decreased blood loss and complications, less tissue damage and scarring, decreased pain and going home in a fraction of the time. Recovery time is significantly reduced.

Leonardo Da Vinci was not only an artist who was a master of anatomy, but an architect and scientist as well. His scientific studies anticipated many of the developments of modern science - but it is doubtful he could ever have envisioned this. Da Vinci's Mona Lisa is uninsurable; assigned no value, it is considered priceless. Cardiac surgery with minimal incisions and a quick recovery — many might also say....priceless.



SURPRISE GUEST GLORIA ESTEFAN

Delights students in Weston at the 2004 (FASC) Florida Association of Student Councils Convention

Photo: L-R: Laurie Hersh, Gloria Estefan, and Mayor Eric Hersh

Over 750 enthusiastic student leaders from across the State gathered in Weston from March 26 through the 28th, attending the FASC annual convention, this year hosted by Cypress Bay and Plantation High Schools. With tons of activities and events planned throughout their stay, the convention focused on an exchange of ideas regarding school-related issues through organized workshops. Students also discuss current issues in education and decide on positions to be taken as a lobbying group.

In a welcome letter to the convention attendees, Mayor Hersh said, "I encourage you to voice your opinions and not to be afraid of new suggestions or a "change in the old ways" - it is the key to progress and you are the fresh young leaders of tomorrow who can turn that key". In keeping with the impassioned theme of motivation and encouragement, Mayor Hersh was honored to present a welcome proclamation and crystal vase to surprise guest Gloria Estefan at the welcoming night banquet. Students were elated by the appearance of singer, songwriter and actress Gloria Estefan, arranged by Cypress Bay High School Student Council President David Solomon. Estefan eloquently spoke to the students, urging them to work hard at making their dreams come true.

S ince Weston is bordered by the Everglades, it is very likely that at one time or another, you may see an alligator slinking by. Most of the time alligators are out of sight but during the height of their mating season in May and June, they tend to become more visible as they traverse between water bodies, seeking a suitable mate. They are often seen swimming in lakes or canals, or sunning themselves on canal banks. Larger, mature male alligators are the ones most likely to be seen, but smaller female alligators are also active after being dormant during the winter when waters are cooler. Many times, their movement generates many false "nuisance" complaints.

I f you see an alligator nearby, 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 (305) 956-2500, extension 108. 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. So pay a little extra attention to your surroundings when you and your family are spending time near the water, but continue to enjoy the uniqueness of our environment.

A lligators are a part of Florida's natural environment and play an important role in the State's wetlands ecology. For more information about these natural inhabitants visit the following websites: www.fwc.state.fl.us/gators and www.ecofloridamag.com.

LOVE IS IN the Lir...

It's that time of the year - alligator mating season!



Left to Right: Barbara Herrera-Hill, City Commissioner; Daniel Stermer, City Commissioner; Mona Habib, President, Friends of the Library at Weston; Ilene Lieberman, Mayor of Broward County; Eric M. Hersh, Mayor; Diana Wasserman-Rubin, County Commissioner; Robin Bartleman, Commissioner; Murray Chermak, Commissioner; Dr. Larry Calderon, President, Broward Community College and Robert Cannon, Director, Libraries Division.



Left to Right: Steve Hammond, County Architect, Construction Management Division; Michael Harac, Project Manager III; Mona Habib, President, Friends of the Library at Weston; Ilene Lieberman, Mayor of Broward County; Eric M. Hersh, Mayor of Weston; Diana Wasserman-Rubin, County Commissioner; Sally Stephens, Chair, Broward County Library Advisory Board; Dr. Larry Calderon, President, Broward Community College; Robert Cannon, Director, Libraries Division and Senator Debbie Wasserman Schultz with son Jake.



Groundbreaking Perseveres A Silver Lining Amid Blustery Conditions

Not clouds, nor wind, nor morning rain could stand in the way of the Weston Branch Library Groundbreaking. On March 24th the 120-person audience was thrilled as the first shovels of sand were dug for this much anticipated library despite strong and gusty winds. Various

prominent figures from Weston, Broward County, the Broward County Library Advisory Board, and Broward Community College were in attendance to greet and speak to an enthusiastic audience. Attendees listened intently as speakers regaled about the upcoming facility and then were treated to songs by seven members of the Cypress Bay Show Choir, under the direction of Brad Franks.

The new library will be completed twelve months after the initial construction begins at the corner or Bonaventure Boulevard and Orchard Road - adjacent to the Educational Complex containing Falcon Cove Middle and Cypress Bay High Schools.

FACTS AND FIGURES: Weston Branch Library

- * Cost: \$7.5 million to include furniture, fixtures & equipment, and library collection
- * Funding: Broward County Commission (1999 Library Bond Program)
- * Size: 51,031 square foot library on 5.194 acre site, with 340 designated parking spaces
- * Includes: 10 classrooms to be leased by Broward Community College on second floor Classes will begin after 10:00 am, Monday through Friday, to prevent traffic delays
- * Library facility to include:
 - 100,000 -150,000 collection size
 - popular library and audio visual area
 - youth services area with program room
 - young adult area with teen activity room
 - reference service area
 - periodical area with browsing collection
- * Architect: Cartaya & Associates Architects, P.A.
- * Managing General Contractor: Centex Rooney

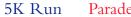
- **public** use computers
- tutor and study rooms
- seating capacity throughout for 100
- 150 seat meeting room
- conference room
- exhibit area, gift shop and coffee bar

Finally, Weston residents will soon have a local library to call their own, that will fulfill the needs of today's Weston and will serve our residents into the future.



Celebrating 11 Years The Weston Hometown Fourth Of July







Spectacular Fireworks display by Zambelli International

A day filled with activities and fun from early morning to late into the night - come out and spend the day with family, friends and neighbors at the 11th Annual Weston Hometown Fourth of July celebrating our Nation's Independence.

7:30AM 5K RUN A day of festivities kicks off with the 11th Annual 4th of July Celebration 5K Run, sponsored by the Weston Regional HealthPark and the City of Weston, beginning at 7:30AM at the Weston Town Center. Race administrator is Split Second Timing.

- * Advance Entry Fee is \$16; Race day registration is \$20, available from 5:45am 6:45 am.
- * Age Groups: 14 & under, with 5 year age groups to 80 and over.
- * Race Route: will begin at the Town Center and go east on Three Village Road to Indian Trace. The parade then heads west on Indian Trace to Town Center Blvd., then south, returning to Three Village Road and ending back at the Town Center.

Detailed information, downloadable application and a route map is available online at www.splitsecondtiming.com, go to events, or call the Weston Community Center.

10:30AM PARADE The fun continues with our hometown parade down Main Street. All local businesses, civic groups, schools, organizations, and residents are invited to participate. See Entry Form on reverse side. Parade information and additional entry forms are available by calling the Weston Community Center at 954-389-4321.

- * Categories: Floats, Bands, Marching Units and Commercial entries.
- * Parade Route: Begins at the corner of Three Village Road and Town Center Boulevard, continuing east on Three Village Road to Bonaventure Blvd heading south briefly to Bell Tower Lane, and winding through Town Center to the heart of Main Street.
- **Spectators:** Are encouraged to walk or ride their bicycles to Town Center if possible.

5-9:00PM HOMETOWN CELEBRATION Our celebration changes venues, moving to the Weston Regional Park for an evening of fun and entertainment for all ages.

- * Continuous live band and stage show featuring George Galfo's Mystics featuring music from the 50's and 60's, culminating in a finale countdown to our spectacular fireworks display.
- * Amusements: Bounce houses, rock climbing wall, face painters, jugglers, and MUCH more will be on-hand to entertain the young and the young at heart.
- * Food: A wide variety of food concessions will be available.

9:00PM FIREWORKS An evening of fun concludes with a spectacular aerial display by Zambelli Fireworks International a show that is not to be missed.

> The Weston Regional Park is located at 20200 Saddle Club Road Overflow parking will be available on both South Post and Saddle Club Roads

Please call the Weston Community Services Department at 954-389-4321 for more information















The City Of Weston 2004 Fourth Of July Hometown Parade

Join us for the City of Weston 4th of July Hometown Parade! Bring your family, friends and your organization (Little League team, Scouts, etc.) and walk with our Grand Marshal in Weston's biggest and most exciting event. REGISTRATION IS FREE!

WHEN: July 4th: Participants line up at 9:30 A.M. Parade begins promptly at 10:30 A.M.

WHERE: Town Center Blvd. and Three Village Road. Parade route continues through

Town Center Main Street and Park

Parade Criteria: The following parade criteria have been established in order to provide a high quality, entertaining and safe holiday parade.

- 1. All entries must be decorated according to the spirit of July 4th. Parade officials will review each entry prior to the beginning of the parade.
- 2. Entries must be received by the parade committee no later than June 18, 2004.
- 3. Throwing of candy, novelties or any other item from your float is strictly prohibited. We wish to ensure the safety of our spectators, especially young children.
- 4. Consumption of alcohol is strictly prohibited anywhere along the parade route and in the lineup area. Please help us maintain the family atmosphere of the event.
- 5. Parade route streets used for lineup area will be closed at 10:00 A.M. Lineup begins at 9:30 AM. Surrounding streets will close at 9:30 AM.

Additional Information:

Parking for parade participants: Participants are asked to park their cars at the Weston Town Center. The parade will disband at this location. Parade participants may not park their cars in the parade lineup area.

Lineup Information: Parade participants can be dropped off at the lineup area. This area is on Town Center Blvd. You may enter from Arvida or Indian Trace.

Parade Application

Parade categories (circle one):	Float	Band	Marching Unit	Commercial	Other (specify below)	
Give a brief description of your entry. Will you be participating in a group activity; singing, dancing, playing music? How much space (in feet) will your entry require?						
AGREEMENT: The rules of the parade are understood and our group agrees to comply with them. It is understood that our entry will be removed from the parade at any time if the rules are not adhered to.						
Signature:				Date	··	
Group contact: Name			Phone Day		Eve	
Address:			City		_ Zip Code	

Please return this form by mail to City of Weston, 20200 Saddle Club Rd., Weston, FL 33327 -OR-

Fax 954-389-5430

ATTN: PARADE FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 954-389-4321.







911

Emergency Police/Fire/EMS

Emergencias Policia/Bomberos/Auxilio Medico 911

City Hall / Oficinas Municipales
2500 Weston Road, Suite 101
954-385-2000

Broward Sheriff's Office/Departamento. De Policia Non-Emergency Dispatch/Despacho no Emergencia 954-765-4321

Police Administration / Policia Administracion
Weston Police Services Building, 17300 Arvida Parkway
954–389-2010

24 Hour 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 /

Bomberos - Administracion

Station No. 81, 17350 Arvida Parkway 954-389-2015

Planning & Zoning / Planeamiento y Zonificacion

Calvin Giordano & Associates 954-921-7781

Building & Permitting / Construccion & Permisos

Broward County Building Code Services 954-765-4927

Community Services / Servicios a la Comunidad

Parks & Recreation, Public Works/ Parques Y Diversion, Obras Publicas

Weston Community Center, 20200 Saddle Club Road 954-389-4321 Skate Park info-line / Parque de Patinar Linea de info

954-499-9204

Weston Sports Alliance/Alianza Deportiva de Weston

Sports League Information & Registration 954-389-5013

Weston Tennis Center

16451 Racquet Club Road 954-389-8666

Water and Sewer / Agua y Alcantarillado

New connections, billing info./Nuevas conexiones, cuentas

954-746-3232

Problems / Problemas

Bonaventure area of Weston 954-846-7400

After hours and weekends for Bonaventure 954-846-7400

Indian Trace area (all areas except Bonaventure)954-389-4321

After hours and weekends for Indian Trace 954-753-0380

Garbage / Desecho

All Service Refuse-Customer Service 954-583-1830

Cable

Advanced Cable

(Channel #25 for City Information) 954-384-3090

Comcast Cable

(Channel #18 for City Information) 800-568-1212

City of Weston website / Página de Web

Paginas Web de la Cd. De Weston www.westonfl.org

Weston Community Radio

/ Estación de Radio Comunitaria 1680AM

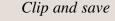
Broward County Environmental Hotline

/ Linea sobre Asuntos Ambientales 954–519–1400

Broward County Library Weston Reading Center

/ Biblioteca

17120 Arvida Parkway 954-389-2098





Easing the Bite Out of the Night

Say goodbye to those pesky mosquitoes and biting insects in and around all five of the Weston Regional Park's concession stands and restroom buildings. In March, the City installed automatic insect control systems in each of these locations to ease a biting situation. Much like the automatic air fresheners found in restrooms, this system instead releases an insecticide which minimizes mosquitoes, no-seeums, flies, fleas and other biting insects and spiders.

The spray is non-toxic to humans, warm-blooded animals and plants. It is a blend of natural ingredients, including Pyrethrum, which is a safe, natural insecticide derived from certain species of the chrysanthemum plant. Currently being used elsewhere in a variety of applications such as veterinary clinics, outdoor dining establishments, tennis courts, gazebos and playgrounds – the automatic insect control system has arrived at a park near you just in time for the hot and often buggy days of summer. If the [Platinum Mosquito Protection] system works well in the Regional Park facilities, it will be considered for other park areas within the City.



The City of Weston proudly applauds the first graduating class of Cypress Bay High School. The much anticipated Graduation Ceremony will be held on June 8th at the Office Depot Center. Graduates are off to colleges and careers near and far. And to the graduates of all schools:

Best wishes to the Class of 2004 on your future endeavors



A properly locked bike

A Reminder from the Broward Sheriff's Office

Keep bicycles locked when not in use: whether at a home, the clubhouse, or a shopping center.

Be sure to lock or store bikes A properly locked bike inside overnight. Also keep vehicles locked and garage doors closed for safety.

While the relaxed and secure atmosphere of Weston may make the idea of theft seem like an afterthought, we are not isolated from the outside world. Call the Broward Sheriff's Office at 954–385–2010 for information on how to properly secure bicycles.

AND THE NUMBER IS....

Broward County Public Schools in Weston					
Area Code is (754)					
Country Isles Elementary	754-323-5250				
2300 Country Isles Road, Weston, FL 33326	Fax: 754-323-5290				
Eagle Point Elementary	754-323-5500				
100 Indian Trace, Weston, FL 33326	Fax: 754-323-5540				
Everglades Elementary	754-323-5600				
2900 Bonaventure Blvd., Weston, FL 33331	Fax: 754-323-5640				
Gator Run Elementary	754-323-5850				
1101 Arvida Parkway, Weston, FL 33326	Fax: 754-323-5890				
Indian Trace Elementary	754-323-6300				
400 Indian Trace, Weston, FL 33326	Fax: 754-323-6340				
Manatee Bay Elementary	754-323-6450				
19200 SW 36 Street, Weston, FL 33332	Fax: 754-323-6490				
Falcon Cove Middle School	754-323-3200				
4251 Bonaventure Blvd., Weston, FL 33332	Fax: 754-323-3285				
Tequesta Trace Middle	754-323-4400				
1800 Indian Trace, Weston, FL 33326	Fax: 754-323-4485				
Cypress Bay High School	754-323-0350				
18600 Vista Park Blvd., Weston, FL 33331	Fax: 754-323-0363				
Chancellor Charter School at Weston **	954-659-3600				
2500 Glades Circle, Weston, FL 33327	Fax: 954-659-3620				
**Number does not change					

The Broward school district recently changed all public school area codes from 954 to 754. The new area code allows for a \$1 million dollar savings and the addition of 13,000 telephone lines to the ever growing Broward County School system.





Weston Tennis Center

Located right here in Weston, summer tennis camp is offered for players of all skill levels. Flexible scheduling offers you the ability to sign up for specific days, weeks or the whole summer!

Program includes:

- * Tennis instruction
- * All camp activities /swimming
- ★ Camp t-shirt each session
- * Snack
- * Team Tennis
- * Awards and video show at the end of every two week session

Players will need:

- * Tennis Racquet
- * Sunscreen
- * Bathing Suit

- **★** Tennis Shoes
- * Hat
- * Water Bottle

Camp Hours: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Participants will be responsible for their own lunch Monday through Thursday, Friday is Pizza Day. Gatorade® and a nutritious snack will be supplied each day.

Session Dates:

Session 1: June 7 - June 18
Session 4: July 9 - July 30
Session 2: June 21 - July 2
Session 3: July 5 - July 16
Session 6: August 16 - August 20

Tennis Camp Fees:

Members

2 Week Session \$300 1 Week Session \$160 Daily \$50 Half Day \$30 Non-Members 2 Week Session \$380 1 Week Session \$200

THE WESTON TENNIS CENTER
16451 Racquet Club Road

Call 954-389-8666 for registration information www.westontennis.com



Community Center Spotlight



Today's youth are bombarded with visual images defining beauty. The Model's Workshop offered by Jeannette Higgins is designed to address issues of external beauty and, more importantly, inner beauty. Students in her course will develop their self-esteem, confidence, and bring positive issues into their lives. Curriculum includes personal development, communication and vocal expression, personality growth/social awareness as well

as the more traditional topics such as make-up, fashion coordination/wardrobe, poise and runway.

Do you have a budding American Idol at home? They all have to start somewhere. Jeanette Shorey will help to develop that talent with her Guitarmania and VocalEase courses. Children will learn the basics singing, speaking, or guitar strumming techniques. The teaching is done in a creative way and you can be sure Simon won't be around to belittle your little one.

For information about these and other terrific classes offered at the Weston Community Center please check the class listing in this issue of the Announcer or call the Community Center at 954-389-4321.

The Rescue Rocket® Lands in Weston!



The Broward Sheriff's Office Department of Fire Rescue & Emergency Services in Weston is excited about the newest product purchased with our residents' water safety in mind.....the Rescue Rocket®.

All of Weston's firefighters have been trained to use the Rescue Rocket®.....a device that literally shoots out a retrieval line attached to a flotation device that opens immediately upon hitting the water for the victim to grab onto. It is powered by compressed air, kind of a high tech "throw 'em a line" device capable of reaching a distance of 300 feet. A trained firefighter hoists the device onto his or

her shoulder, points at the targeted victim in the water, and fires. Out shoots the line with tremendous force and quite a loud, rocket-like sound. The line will deliver the auto-inflating flotation device, which can support up to 300 pounds, to the victim who will grab on and be pulled in to safety. Every rescue truck in Weston is equipped with one of seven Rescue Rockets that were purchased for \$16,000 and paid for through the City budget. "We used to have to swim out to someone who was stranded out in the water," says Fire Chief Craig Otten. "With the Rescue Rocket, we will be able to pull someone in to safety, and avoid exposing our firefighters to possible danger."







High School student and resident Marina Morris was recognized by the City Commission for her academic achievements in being one of 350 outstanding high school students nationwide selected to participate in the National Youth Leadership Forum on Law in Washington, D.C.

Tequesta Trace Middle School Welcomes Baseball's 8 time All-Star

Baseball great, Andre Dawson recently visited Tequesta Trace Middle in honor of Black History Month. Mr. Dawson, also known as, "The Hawk" has won numerous Golden Glove Awards and has played on several teams including the Chicago Cubs and the Florida Marlins, where he now holds an executive position. Mr. Dawson shared with the students of Tequesta Trace Middle his love for baseball, as well as the importance of staying in school and getting an education.



Roundabout To Get Underway! Regional Park to get new entranceway

Depicted in the rendering is the new Weston Regional Park Roundabout, to be located at the entrance to the park. It will merge two lanes of traffic into one at the end of Saddle Club Road and prevent the ability to drive head-on into the park. Visitors coming from South Post Road will traverse the roundabout, in lieu of currently stopping at a stop sign and making a direct left into the park. The roundabout prevents the possibility of drivers running the current stop signs and from straight in access at higher rates of speed.

A roundabout poses many advantages over a traffic signal:

- * Overall traffic delay can be reduced by 75%.
- * Free-flow speeds reduced from 30-40mph, down to 10-25mph.
- * Low maintenance: not affected by power outages or controller problems.
- * Design eliminates the worst crashes: right angle and severe rear-end.
- *Vehicles interact with pedestrians and bicycles at speeds of 25mph or less.

* Aesthetically pleasing and enhance their surroundings.

Construction on the roundabout is scheduled to begin late summer. Delays along South Post and Saddle Club roads near the park phase will be inevitable due to lane closures during the construction. But the overall safety of our children and residents will be enhanced upon its completion, along with a beautiful entranceway befitting a world class park facility.

On Your Mark, Get Set, It's Summer! Ensure Summer Memories Are Safe Ones

Your 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. Follow the safety tips below to make sure their summer memories are safe ones.

Travel Safe!

- * Make sure your kids are secured in the appropriate child safety seat or safety belt for their age and size.
- * Kids should always be secured safely in the back seat.

Swim Safe!

- * Always supervise young children near water, including pools, 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.

Wheel Safe!

- * Make sure your kids properly wear 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.

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.

IN CASE OF POISONING

CALL 9-1-1 IMMEDIATELY

THEN CALL THE POISON CENTER HOTLINE:

800-222-1222

Forty percent of all unintentional injury-related deaths occur from May to August. The greatest summertime risks include drowning, bike crashes, falls, pedestrian incidents and motor vehicle crashes.

alendar of Events

Mon., May 31 7:30AM	Annual Memorial Day Classic at Weston – 5K Run and Walk. Annual benefit run and walk sponsored by The Rotary Club of Weston Sunset, with proceeds going to the scholarship fund	Weston Town Center To register and for race details go to: www.splitsecondtiming.com
Sun., June 13 8:00AM – 3:00PM	Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event Free Broward County collection event. Items accepted include paints and thinners, used motor oil, auto fluids, pesticides, fertilizers, pool chemicals, drain cleaners, tires, batteries and electronics.	Weston Regional Park 20200 Saddle Club Road 954-385-2000 for questions 954-389-4321 Park offices
Sun., July 4 5K Run: 7:30AM Parade: 10:30AM Activities: 5-9PM Fireworks: 9PM	11 th Annual July 4 th Hometown Celebration An annual celebration of our country's independence that includes a morning 5K run and walk, followed by a fun-filled hometown parade. Activities heat up beginning at 5pm in the Weston Regional Park with games, live music, exhibits, food and more, followed by the spectacular Zambelli fireworks, not to be missed.	5K Run: Town Center Parade: Three Village Road to Town Center Activities: Weston Regional Park Fireworks: Weston Regional Park 954-389-4321 for information www.splitsecondtiming.com for race registration and map
Wed., July 14 Thur., July 15 or Fri., July 16	Bulk Pickup Collection for JULY 2004 Bulk trash must be placed curbside by 7am on your regularly scheduled collection day of Wednesday, July 14; Thursday, July 15; or Friday, July 16.	Citywide Bulk Trash Pick-Up 954-583-1830 – All Service Refuse 954-385-2000 – City Hall
Tues., Aug. 3 6:00PM– 9:00PM-	National Night Out Against Crime The Broward Sheriff's Office, the Weston Regional HealthPark and the City of Weston presents an evening filled with educational information, demonstrations and activities. Refreshments served. BSO police horses and motorcycle units, SWAT, short information sessions on safety issues, vendor displays, surprise guests and more.	Weston Regional HealthPark 2300 N. Commerce Parkway Parking Lot & Community Room BSO for Info:954-389-2030
Every Wed. 10:30AM	Storytime Ages 3-6	Weston Reading Center 17120 Arvida Parkway 954–389–2098
Every Sat. 10AM-2PM	Child Car Safety Seat Inspection Have your child's car seat inspected to ensure it is installed properly Weston Police Services Building	Weston Police Services Building 17300 Arvida Parkway 954-389-2030 / 954-389-2010

The Parks Report

With twelve municipal parks and a tennis center, the Community Services Department is constantly assessing the equipment and fields at every facility. Maintenance, improvements and upgrades are provided to preserve and enhance the superb quality of our Weston parks system. Recent and upcoming improvements include:

Eagle Point Park- the new tot lot, landscaping and walkways are completed.

Gator Run Park- construction on the addition of restroom facilities continues and will be completed by this summer.

Weston Regional Park- construction of an outdoor stage is underway along the north side of the Community Center. The stage will accommodate special events and sports league award ceremonies. Also, completion of a sixth restroom adjacent to the roller hockey tot lot in expected by early summer.

Vista Park- Development is underway and should be completed by the fall of 2004. Features include: 4 soccer/football fields, 4 baseball/softball fields, playground, and concession/restroom buildings.

Weston Tennis Center - Interior renovations have been completed on the construction of a pro shop and

Weston Tennis Center - Interior renovations have been completed on the construction of a pro shop an reception area.



Engines roared in Weston on April 3rd as 178 law enforcement motorcycle officers competed at the Weston Regional Park in the SE Police Motorcycle Safety Trials. With over 1,000 spectators watching, the Broward Sheriff's Office took first place in both the Team and Individual competitions, a superior performance up against departments from all over the southeast United States.



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The Community Center at the Weston Regional Park Children/Youth Programs

- **1. High Touch-High Tech Science Program** (Ages K-5) Tues 3:30-4:30pm. High Touch-High Tech provides totally handson, totally participatory science experiences for each and every child. These unique programs are designed to stimulate the imagination and curiosity of children in the sciences. This program includes the mysteries of light, biology, gravity and much more! Cost \$56.25/3 weeks. Next session runs 5/25, 6/1 and 6/8.
- **2. Karate** *Wed* 6-7pm (Ages 6-8) and 7-8pm (Ages 9+). Provide your child with the ability to defend themselves and react with confidence. David Schopp, 3rd degree Black Belt in Goju Karate, will teach your children the basic principles of self-defense, fighting, weaponry and forms. **Cost \$30/month. Must register at the beginning of the month.** *Limited Space Available.*
- 3. Kumon Math & Reading Tues & Fri 3-7pm (Ages 6-18) Kumon Math is an internationally acclaimed program that prepares students for a lifetime of learning. Children become independent learners, their concentration increases, their self-esteem improves and they learn to like and master math. Kumon Reading program will develop students' reading comprehension skills. Students will gain strong comprehension, reading passages quickly and accurately, and grasping their meaning with ease. Cost \$100/8 sessions for each section or \$190 for both (sessions are? hour per student). Material fees \$30. For more information please call Maria at 954-217-0480.
- 4. Drawing for Children (Ages 8-11) Tues 4:30-6pm. Rolande Moorhead teaches the basics of art as well as art history. Young students will learn how to draw basic shapes into familiar objects, and learn how to create art and how to see, rather than just looking. Self-expression through art. Cost is \$95/6 weeks. Runs from 6/29 to 8/10 and then from 8/17-9/21.
- **5.** Weston Scholastic Chess Club for All Ages Chess develops life skills such as logical thinking, intense concentration, tolerance and better problem solving skills. Chess develops sportsmanship and a good attitude. After a few months, most parents report better grades in school and improved behavior in their chess playing children. The WSCC chess programs are open to boys and girls ages 4-17.

Beginners Chess, Tues extra long 2 hour classes from 4-6pm. Cost \$194/8 extra long classes, or \$120/4 extra long classes plus \$20 material and t-shirt fee. Next session begins 6/29.

Advanced Beginner Chess, Wed 4:30-5:30pm and Fri 4:30-5:30pm. Plus \$20 material and t-shirt fee. Next session begins 6/30 & 7/2

Intermediate/Advanced, Wed 5:30-7pm and Fri 5:30-6:30pm. Plus \$20 material and t-shirt fee. Next session begins 6/30 & 7/2. IMPORTANT NOTE: Both advanced beginner and intermediate/advanced chess classes now require tournament play as part of the program curriculum. Minimum tuition for both 16-class formats only. Cost for both classes including Tournaments \$238. For more information and dates call Coach Su Lee at 954-389-9089 or 954-822-9434.

- 6. 2004 Little League Chess Tournament Fri 6:45-8:45pm open to non-members ages 8-14. Must sign up at least 5 days before the first day or call coach Alex to make sure your name is on the paring roster before the first day of the tournament. Cost is \$30 for non-members, \$22 for members, plus yearly USCF membership dues. Please bring official chess set, chess clock, score pad, and pencil. For more information and dates call Coach Su Lee at 954-389-9089 or 954-822-9434.
- 7. Kindermusik Village "Peekaboo, I Love You!" Wed, 3-3:45pm (newborn -18 mos) 5, 45 minute classes. Nurture your baby's cognitive, emotional, social and physical development through music and movement. Give your child a great musical beginning. Summer Camp session. Cost \$50/5 weeks. Material fees \$28. Orientation will be 6/2 and classes begin on 6/9.
- 8. Kindermusik Village "Cock-a-doodle-Moo!" Wed, 3-3:45 (newborn -18 mos) 45 minute classes. Nurture your baby's cognitive, emotional, social and physical development through music and movement. Give your child a great musical beginning. Cost \$75/8 weeks. Material fees \$30. Orientation will be 7/14 and classes begin on 7/21.
- 9. Kindermusik "Creatures In My Backyard" Spring Break Class. (Age 18 mo-3 yrs) Tues 9:15-10:30am and 10:45am-12:15pm. This class will consist of 5, 90 minute classes. There will be a snack and/or craft each day to compliment the theme. "Creatures In My Backyard" encourages parent and child to interact and explore their "backyard environment" and make new discoveries. Through music, movement, dance, storytelling and instrument exploration, backyard creatures will be "uncovered" and celebrated! Cost \$100/5 classes plus \$40 at home kit fee. Class runs from 6/8-7/6.
- 10. Models Workshop Thurs 5:30-6:30 (Beginners ages 9-15) This program is developed to help strengthen each child's self-esteem, confidence, and bring positive issues into their lives. Topics include personal development, make-up, fashion coordination/wardrobe, communication, social awareness, nutrition, manners, table etiquette and runway modeling. Cost \$200/6 weeks. Begins 5/27 and then 7/15.
- 11. Moms-and-Tots Mon 9-10:30am (Años 2-4) mamás y su niños en este programa de 90 minutos lleno de diversion y aprendizaje. Diseñado especificamente para los más pequeños (2-4 años), estoy segura que Uds. disfrutarán mucho! (Merienda ligera incluída). Arte y Manualidades para manos pequeñitas, Lectura de Cuentos, Música, Baile y Canciones infantiles, Grupos pequeños, para que todos participen. Sesión de 6 semanas por \$48.00 o \$8.00 cada clase/diá. Para mayor informacion y horas y disponibilidad llama a Maru Arnott a 954-385-3804 ó 954-240-2303. Next session begins 5/24 and then 7/19.

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- **12. Tumblebears with Mom and Tot** (ages 2-4) Wed from 9:30-10:00. Moms and tots will do fun movement songs to music, prop activities (such as scarves, ribbons and parachutes) and learn how to tumble along with an obstacle course of learning and balancing equipment. Costs \$45/6 weeks begining 6/2 and then \$52.50/7 weeks beginning 7/14. Attire: sneakers, comfortable clothes. Call Joy for more information at 954-971-9917.
- **13. Dancercize** (ages 3-5? years) Thurs from 11:15-12 is a fun filled class where boys and girls do creative movement songs, coordination dance steps, fun routines like Ghostbusters and Kimm Possible including fun props. An end of the year show will be offered, but not mandatory. Cost of class \$80/9 weeks (pay for 8) plus a material fee of \$40 for the optional end of year show. Class begins 6/3 and then 7/15. Call Joy for more information at 954-971-9917.
- **14. Guitarmania** $(2^{nd}-5^{th} grade)$ Thurs 3:30-4:30pm this class is designed to teach children the basics of playing the

- guitar. Students will learn basic strumming and picking techniques, as well as how to read music. The class is taught in a creative way, which will inspire the students to learn. This class requires the student to have his/her own guitar. Cost of class \$60/month plus a one time material fee of \$25. Classes are continuous and begin the first Thursday of each month. For more information please call Jeanette @ 754-422-8668.
- 15. VocalEase (4th and 5th grade) Thurs 4:30-5:30pm a creative class specifically geared towards teaching children the basic singing and speaking techniques. Students will learn to sing on pitch; to sing alone and to sing well with others; to project and strengthen their voices; and sing with a smoother, more pleasant sound. This class is a great way to boost your child's confidence and expand his or her vocal capacity. Cost of class is \$60/month plus a one time material fee of \$25. Classes are continuous and begin the first Thursday of each month. For more information please call Jeanette @ 754-422-8668.

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- **16.Cheerleading** (Ages 4-6) Thurs 5:30-6:15pm (Ages 7-11) Thurs 6:15-7pm Cheers, chants, pom pom routines, motions, jumps and stunting. White shirt, red shorts, sneakers. Parents must wait outside, there will be an end of session observation on last class. **Session begins 6/17. Cost \$80/9 weeks (pay for 8 weeks).**
- 17. Gymnastics (Ages 6-11) Thurs 7-7:45pm Basic tumbling rolls, cartwheels, handstands, and headstands along with a combination of skills put to music. Parents must wait outside, there will be an end of session observation on last class. Session begins 6/17. Cost \$80/9 weeks (pay for 8 weeks).
- **18. Hip Hop Dance** (*Ages* 6+) *Mon* 1-1:45pm Learn funky warm-ups, cool dances, great exercise and lots of fun. Sneakers and comfortable clothing. Parents must wait outside, there will be an end of session observation on last class. **Session begins** 6/14 \$70/8 weeks (pay for 7 weeks).
- **19. Pee Wee Hip Hop** (*Ages 3-5*) *Mon 12-12:45* Rappin Mickey here we come. Learn simple routines and lots of coordination moves. Age appropriate. Wear sneakers and comfortable clothing. Parents must wait outside, there will be an end of session observation on last class. **Session begins 6/14. Cost \$70/8 weeks** (**pay for 7 weeks**).
- **20. Gymnastics** (*Ages 4-7*) *Mon 2-2:45pm* work on tumbling skills like rolls, cartwheels, handstands and more. Aerobic warm-ups and fun props. Sneakers and comfortable clothing.

- Parents must wait outside, there will be an end of session observation on last class. Session begins 6/14. Cost \$70/8 weeks (pay for 7 weeks).
- 21. Play Pretend *Thurs 10-10:45am (Ages 3-5)* Play Pretend is an interactive class specifically designed to give 3 to 5 year olds a creative, dramatic experience, while enhancing early reading and comprehension skills. Each week the students will bring a different classic children's story to life, using dramatic play, movement, music and basic costuming. The children will create their own costumes and each lesson will emphasize a different dramatic or musical skill. Cost \$45/month plus \$10 material fee. For more information call Jeanette Shorey 754-422-8668. beginning 6/14.
- 22. Photoshop & Graphic Arts (Ages 9+) Students learn about photo editing, scanning, animations, and creating cool graphics, badges, ID cards, stickers and more using professional graphic programs. They will explore the internet, use the scanner and digital camera, master graphic programs, edit digital images, and create short animations. Students will have a project to complete each day. At the end of the session each student will have created a digital portfolio that they can present in a slide show format. Session I runs 6/14-18, 1-4pm. Session II runs 6/21-25, 9am-noon. Cost \$195. Or session III ADULTS ONLY runs from 7/12-16, 12-4pm at a cost of \$225. *Sign up for Photoshop, Dreamweaver and Flash and get 10% off each (discount given at last class)

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- 23. Build Your Own Computer Mon-Fri (Ages 10 & up) Need a computer at home for your kids? In this course they will build their own computer, becoming experts in hardware. Never again take your computer for service at the store! This course will give them a look at what's inside the "box", and make them experts in troubleshooting. A powerful Athlon XP 2GHz system with 256 MB RAM, DVD-ROM, 60GB HD, 56K Modem or Network Card, Sound, 64MB nVidia Video, Windows XP Home, Mouse Keyboard and Speakers! (No Monitor included). Base Cost \$370, (there are up-grades and options that will increase the cost) Session runs 8/9-11 9am-3pm.
- **24. Web Animation in a FLASH!** *Mon-Fri* (*Ages 10 & up*) Animation design is one of the hottest new skills used on the web today. Students will learn to master the widely used Macromedia Flash. Fundamentals of animation, such as story boarding, timing, layering and tweening will be covered. Students will leave with a short interactive animation, and learn how to create rollover buttons for web use. While no prior experience with Flash is required, basic computer skills are needed. **Cost \$195. Session I runs 6/28-7/2, 1-4pm. Session II runs 7/26-30, 9-noon.** *Sign up for Photoshop, Dreamweaver and Flash and get 10% off each (discount given at last class)
- 25. Computer Gaming Camp Mon-Fri (Ages 9 & up) With classes full every summer, kids will spend a full week with other game fans playing state-of-the-art, mind-demanding strategy games. More than just fun, they will learn strategy skills, resource management, fast-action-taking, careful planning and implementation, reaction to changes in the scenario, backup plan, cooperation & diplomacy. Learn how to not only survive but defeat your opponents, including the computer! This year with new games and newer computers equipped with powerful 3D video accelerators. Full Day 9-5 including lunch costs \$295, morning only 9-1 including lunch costs \$195, afternoon only without lunch 1-5 costs \$190. Session I 7/6-10. Session II 8/2-6.

- **26. Jr. Entrepreneur** *Mon-Fri* (*Ages* 8 & *up*) A classic every year and featured in the Herald. Here is your chance to design and establish your own business any kind you want! As a business person, you will learn to use a word processor, a spreadsheet, a database and multimedia programs involved in establishing a business. You will also learn to create the tools that all successful business, owners use to identify themselves and their business; a business card, company letterhead and envelope, database of clients, a worksheet of prices, inventory and costs. You will also put together a multimedia slide show to advertise one of the products/services you are trying to sell! **Cost** \$195. **Session I runs** 6/14-18, 9am-noon. **Session II runs** 7/26-30, 1-4pm.
- 27. Web Sites: Dreamweaver Mon-Fri (Ages 9 & up) you have certainly heard about what web pages are made of: HTML (Hyper-Text Markup Language). Now learn how to develop an entire website! This class will use Macromedia Dreamweaver to build them. Topics covered will include web basics, page properties, tables, cells, boarders, links and meta tags. You will also use interactive image capabilities of Dreamweaver to develop Javascript rollover images. Session I runs 6/21-25, 1-4pm. Session II runs 6/28-7/2, 9-12noon. Cost \$195. Session III ADULTS ONLY runs 7/19,21,23 from 10am-4pm at a cost of \$225. *Sign up for Photoshop, Dreamweaver and Flash and get 10% off each (discount given at last class)
- **28.** Outdoor Yoga for Kids *Tues & Thurs 2:30-3:30pm* (Age 7 & over) A one hour class geared especially for kids. This class will give them an opportunity to exercise in the fresh air while learning yoga postures. We will be building strong bodies, in addition to getting other benefits like a calm and focused mind. Cost \$50/monthly 1/2 price for parents or siblings. Continuous. *Bring yoga mat, towel and water to the amphitheater at the Linear Park at the Town Center.*

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- **1. Art/Medium of Your Choice** *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 \$155/6 weeks. Begins 6/22 and then 8/17.**
- **2. Karate** *Wed* 8-9:30pm Come get in shape and learn to defend yourself at the same time. David Schopp, 3rd degree Black Belt in Goju Karate, will teach all ages and levels the skills of fighting, forms, weaponry, and self-defense. Weston's best-kept secret and a must for everyone. **Cost** \$30/month. Sessions begin 1st Wed of each month.
- **3.** Weston 55+ Club The Weston 55+ Club was founded in 2001 by a group of eager men and women. We quickly learned what adults over 55 really want to do. We have grown into a larger group who enjoys each others company at club activities and outings as well as social gatherings outside the Weston 55+ Club. Our board members are eager to see the club flourish even further. For more information call Dottie at 349-6029. Cost \$30 for a year long membership, discounts for couples.
- **4. Open Bridge Play** *Mon* 12:30-4pm Join us on Mondays for social Bridge. Call Bernice Ross at 389-8756 or bring a 4-some. **Cost** \$5/10 weeks.
- **5. Watercolor Painting** *Fri 10am-1pm* Award winning watercolorist Rolande Moorhead teaches the vocabulary of colors, shapes, composition and preliminary drawing. All skill levels. Cost \$155/6 weeks. Next session begins 5/21 and then 7/2.
- **6. Dog Obedience** Sat 4-5pm Back to the basics...teach your dog to walk on a leash without dragging you down the road, and to behave nicely around other dogs. Train your dog to greet people by sitting not by jumping, and to sit, stay, come, stand, and wait. You will also learn how to tell what your dog wants. The class is held at Tequesta Trace Park at 600 Indian Trace. Cost \$95/6 weeks. Call Susan Claire at 954-680-8101 for details. Next class begins 6/26.
- **7. Canine Good Citizen Course** Sat 3-4pm Will cover the 10 exercises necessary to earn a Canine Good Citizen (CGC) award from the American Kennel Club. On the sixth class, each dog will have the opportunity to be tested. The CGC is a certification program designed to reward dogs who have good manners at home and in the community. It is a two-part pro-

- gram that stresses responsible dog ownership for owners and basic good manners for dogs. All dogs who pass the CGC test receive a certificate suitable for framing from the AKC, are recorded in the AKC's Canine Good Citizen archive, and may use the title "CGC" after their names. For more information on the exercises required to pass, go to akc.org. In addition to these exercises, hand signals and long lead training with distractions will be covered in the advanced class. The same rules and equipment apply. Cost \$95/6 weeks. Call Susan Claire at 954-680-8101 for details. Next class begins 6/26.
- **9. Gentle Yoga** *Tues* & *Thurs* 1:00-2:00pm A yoga class for those individuals seeking increased balance, strength, and flexibility taught by Lillian Koziol. This class is ideal for seniors or beginners. This one hour session will include breath work (pranayama), eye and neck exercises, yoga poses (asanas) and guided meditation. **Cost** \$50/month or \$10/class. Continuous. *Bring yoga mat, towel and water.*
- 10. Yoga in the Park Tues & Thurs 8:00-9:00am A one hour class incorporating breath work (pranayama), sun salutations, yoga poses and guided meditation taught by Lillian Koziol. Cost \$50/month or \$10/class. Continuous. Bring yoga mat, towel and water to the bandshell at the Linear Park at the town Center.
- 11. SAT Preparation (Age 15-20) Sun (Math 1:30-3pm and Verbal 3-4pm) Jeff Steinberg developed this course in 1990 and taught it at the University of Miami. Much of this course discusses commonly overlooked strategies and techniques for beating the SAT. The average increase for student's taking this course is 200 points! Please contact Mr. Steinberg directly at 954-385-6579 for details to enroll in this course. Cost is \$395. Math and verbal only options available. Next session begins 8/8 for 10/9 test.
- 12. Childbirth Prep Class Sun 7-9pm This class is to prepare Parents-to-be for their upcoming birth. All aspects of the birth process are discussed. The stages and phases of labor, true vs. false labor, fetal monitoring, vaginal delivery and cesarean section. Induction of labor, pain medication options, and breathing techniques are addressed. This class is designed to alleviate fears, clear misconceptions, and promote a positive feeling toward the wonder of childbirth. Jill Sclaver RN BSN CCE is a well known childbirth educator who has 20 years of labor and delivery experience and has been teaching for 14 years. Cost \$95/3 classes. Call for schedule. For more information call Jill at 954-385-9183.

Summer Adult Programs

13. Adult Computer Classes *Mon-Fri* learn what everyone needs to get a job today: Microsoft OFFICE-Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Outlook, and internet Explorer-choose which class suits your needs. You'll surf the web, send and retrieve e-mail, create a spreadsheet, a letter document, and put together your own presentation! For home & professionals too. Basic session runs 7/12-16, 9-11am covers Word,

Windows, Explorer and e-mail. Intermediate session runs 7/20- 22 10am-4pm (1 hour lunch break) covers Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher Cost for each session \$195. Also see Photoshop and WebSites: Dreamweaver for more adult classes. *Sign up for 3 adult classes and get 10% off each (discount given at last class).