



Committed to Making 2004 a Success

By Mayor Eric Hersh

BULK PICKUP SCHEDULE FOR 2004

JANUARY	WED 28	THUR 29	FRI 30
APRIL	WED 14	THUR 15	FRI 16
JULY	WED 14	THUR 15	FRI 16
OCTOBER	WED 13	THUR 14	FRI 15

Collection is on your regularly scheduled pickup day and items should be placed curbside by 7AM.



See article on new garbage hauler for additional details

Our fiscal year 2004 has just begun and we are delighted that for the seventh year in a row, we have maintained the same millage tax rate as before our incorporation in 1996. My guess is there are very few cities that can make that claim, and yet despite keeping the tax rate the same, our financial health is excellent.

Last year, the City Commission accepted and adopted the 2010 Strategic Plan and 2010 Business Plan, which set forth our future reserve requirements and also plans for our financial strength well into the years to come. This year's budget once again meets those goals while improving service for police, fire and recreation needs in our city. I, along with Commissioner Bartleman, Commissioner Herrera-Hill, Commissioner Stermer and Commissioner Chermak, am very proud to have approved this outstanding budget, and to

Best Wishes for a Wonderful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year



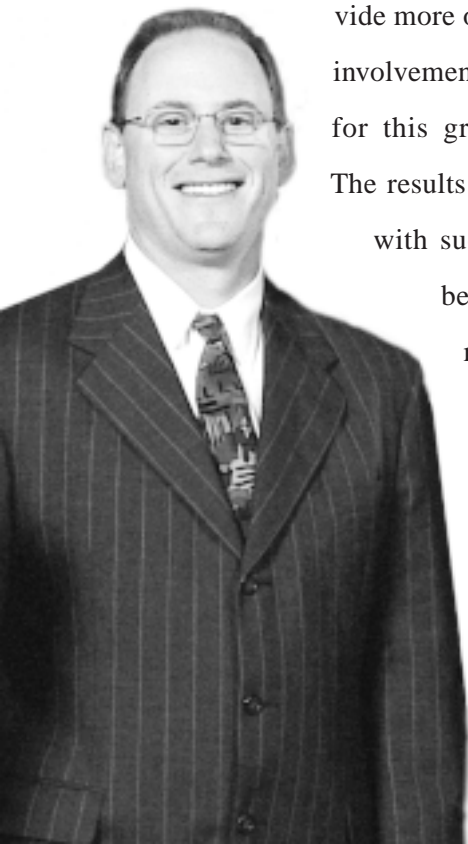
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know that our city is prospering even during challenging economic times.

We will persist in our vigilance regarding spending decisions, and continue to protect the contract form of government in order to secure long term future prosperity for our city. Quality of life and adding value to your investment in property within Weston are our top priorities.

I am delighted to officially thank and welcome the Arts Council of Greater Weston. In September, the City Commission approved an agreement which formally aligns the Arts Council with the City to help further develop arts and cultural events. We originally sought to form an Advisory Board, but as the process went forward we realized that the formation of the Arts Council would provide more opportunities for citizen involvement and be a better format for this group to work with us. The results are already being seen with successful events having been held, and with many more in the works. The dedication and commitment by those volunteering their time is appreciated by all - we thank you!



I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Planning & Zoning Board, who just a few months ago agreed to remain in their positions until May 2005. Their work and input have been invaluable to the City Commission, and the results can be seen in the projects that they have reviewed. Like the Arts Council members, all are volunteering their time to improve life in the City of Weston, and we greatly appreciate their efforts.

Finally, on October 1, our fire department, which we contracted with Broward County Fire Rescue, was merged with the Broward Sheriff's Office, who we contract for police protection. This merger, which Weston encouraged and supported, will help us with better coordination between the two public safety divisions, a central command, and overall, I believe will allow us to be better prepared and provide better response to emergencies. Our long standing relationship with Sheriff Jenne puts us in an enviable position as the Sheriff's largest contract city, now with both police and fire protection. I am very pleased with this change, and know it will benefit our residents.

Keep in touch,

Eric M. Hersh
Mayor

2004 Homestead Application Prefilings Taken at Weston Community Center

All Florida residents are eligible for a Homestead Exemption on their residence, which provides a tax-saving exemption on the first \$25,000 of the assessed value of the owner-occupied residence.

Representatives of the Broward County Property Appraiser's Office will be at the Weston Community Center (20200 Saddle Club Road, inside the Regional Park), from 5:00PM to 7:00PM on the following dates:

- Monday, December 8th, 2003
- Monday, January 12th, 2004
- Monday, January 26th, 2004
- Monday, February 9th, 2004

To file you will need to bring with you:

- Warranty Deed for the residence
- Florida Voter's Registration or Declaration of Domicile
- Florida Driver's License
- Florida Car Registration
- Non U.S. Citizens: permanent Visa or Political Asylum Documentation
- Know the social security number of each owner (do not need the card)
- Know the date of occupancy and date of permanent Florida residence

For additional information, go to the Broward County Property Appraiser's website at www.bcpa.net or please call 954-357-6830.



WESTON NIGHT AT THE PANTHERS

Special Ticket Prices to Benefit the
Family YMCA in Weston Building Fund

Game: Saturday, March 27th, 2004 7:30PM
Florida Panthers vs. Atlanta Thrashers
at the Office Depot Center

Tickets: Lower Level- \$25, with \$5 to YMCA
Upper Level - \$15, with \$5 to YMCA

Prize: One lucky Weston Night ticket purchaser
will win a round-trip voucher from Spirit Airlines

Call Alissa Bavli at (954) 835-7223 to order your tickets or for more information.
Flyers available at the Weston Community Center or City Hall

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Weston Approves Final Budget

Once Again, No Property Tax Increase -With Increased Services

For the seventh year in a row, Weston will maintain the same ad valorem (property tax) rate of 1.5235 for each \$1,000 of assessed value. The City Commission adopted the 2004 budget of \$97,043,356. The annual fire protection fee increased \$7.45 to \$199.79 which is assessed for each single and multi-family unit within the City.

Along with the City's 2010 Business and Strategic Value Plans, the 2004 Budget sets out the resources to complete our goals and objectives for the upcoming year.

Residents can view the budget on our city website, www.westonfl.org

Town Foundation Budget Available

The Town Foundation Financial Report and Budget is available to residents at no charge.

Please stop by or call Weston City Hall at 954-385-2000 and one will be provided to you.

Summary of Projects and Services

Weston residents and its business community can look forward to the following:

- The lowest solid waste and recycling rates in Broward County, with increased services beginning January. 1, 2004.
- Increased staffing in Fire Rescue and EMS Services.
- The implementation of a BSO seventh patrol zone and one additional BSO Code Enforcement Officer.
- The final phase of improvements at Tequesta Trace Park.
- Street maintenance improvements throughout the City.
- The opening of Vista Park.
- Additional community events and programs.

A Note From The City Manager

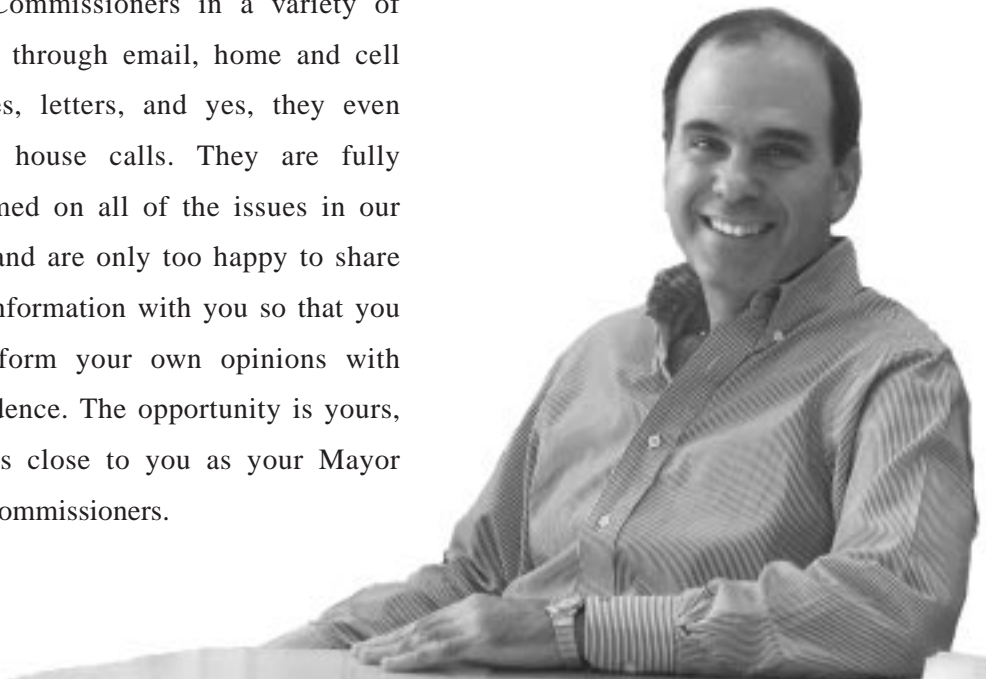
John R. Flint

So, is all of the news that you read or hear totally accurate and thorough? Not necessarily. Think about it: the newspaper or television story is written or told to you by someone who is trained as a journalist, not necessarily in the subject at hand. The story is then edited and headlined by someone who has no firsthand knowledge of the event, and compressed to fit the space or time available based upon other stories and/or advertising.

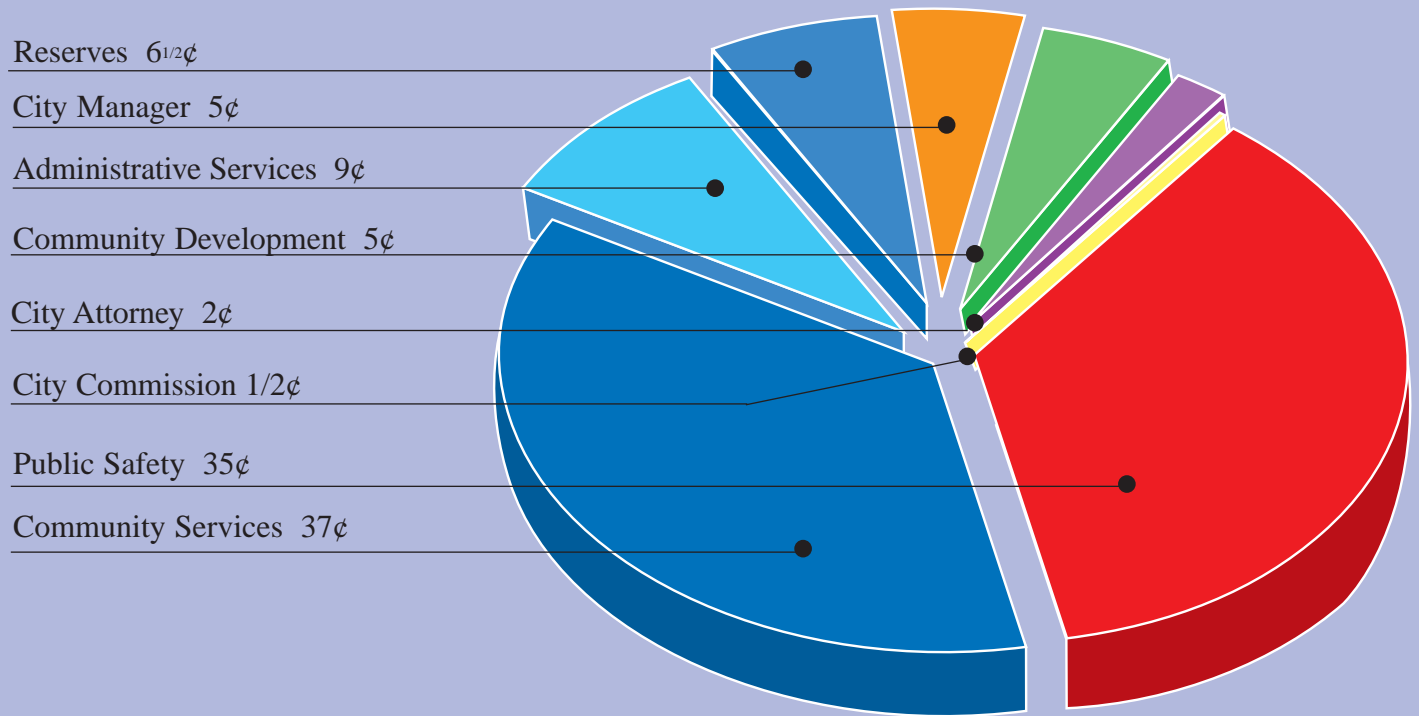
This is a good start for an initial awareness of an issue, or issues, in our City, but in most cases, there is a lot more to it. Now more than ever it is easier to get

firsthand, accurate and thorough information about City issues that can affect you, your family and/or your business. You can communicate with your Mayor and Commissioners in a variety of ways, through email, home and cell phones, letters, and yes, they even make house calls. They are fully informed on all of the issues in our City and are only too happy to share this information with you so that you may form your own opinions with confidence. The opportunity is yours, and as close to you as your Mayor and Commissioners.

One thing that is totally accurate and thorough is our best wishes to all of our Weston families and businesses for a happy, safe and peaceful holiday season.

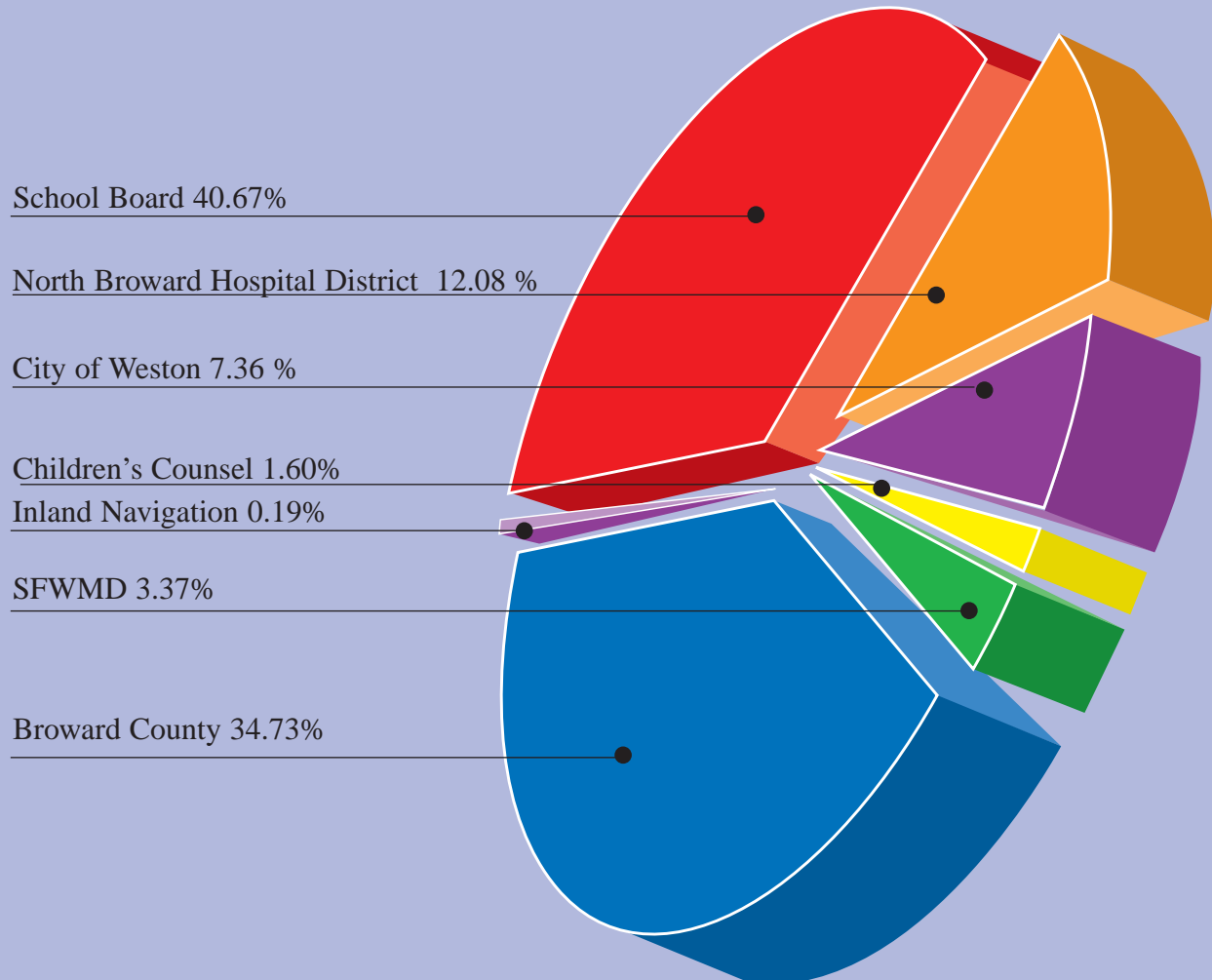


Services Delivered for Each Tax Dollar in Weston



If your home is assessed at \$200,000 after Homestead Exemption, then you pay - at \$1.5235 per \$1,000 of property value - a total of \$304.70 per year in **Weston** property taxes.

How Your Ad Valorem Taxes Are Distributed



Dance

WESTON 2003-2004 SIGNATURE SERIES

DRAMA and all that JAZZ

IT'S COMING TO WESTON!

A CULTURAL SOLUTION...
THE WESTON 2003-2004 SIGNATURE SERIES
World Class Performing Arts in Your Own Hometown

Responding to resident requests for expanded cultural programming, the City of Weston teamed up with the Weston Philharmonic Society to provide both indoor and outdoor performances for a wide range of cultural preferences. The Cypress Bay Theater, located on the campus of Cypress Bay High School, is the venue for five of the ticketed programs. The Weston Amphitheater in Town Center Park will be the location for two free outdoor concerts.

NO FIGHTING TRAFFIC, FREE AND PLENTIFUL PARKING AND MINUTES FROM YOUR HOME - ALL FABULOUS BENEFITS OF BRINGING PERFORMANCES RIGHT INTO YOUR OWN HOMETOWN

Brochures outlining the Signature Series were mailed to Weston residences and are available at City Hall and the Weston Community Center.

A listing of the event series is shown below.

Residents get ready for some **Dance, Drama and All That Jazz!**

Saturday, January 10, 2004 8pm
Florida Grand Opera & Symphony of the Americas
presents An Opera Evening

Saturday, February 21, 2004 8pm
Gold Coast Jazz Band presents A Benny Goodman Tribute

Saturday, February 28, 2004 8pm
Gold Coast Jazz Band presents An Evening of Swing

All performances are held at the Cypress Bay Theater, located at 18600 Vista Park Blvd., Weston
Ticket prices range from \$30 to \$45. To insure that the arts are accessible to our youth, student pricing is available the night of each event at \$15 per ticket with any student ID. Box office opens at 6pm.
Tickets are available online at ticketmaster.com, at all Ticketmaster outlets including Spec's Music, select FYE Music stores, and Ricky's Records stores. To charge by phone, call (954) 523-3309 in Broward or (305) 358-5885 in Dade.

The City of Weston presents

FIU Concerts in the Park

A Free outdoor concert series - bring blankets or chairs for an evening of music under the stars.
Performances held at the Town Center Park Amphitheater, 1900 Bell Tower Lane, Weston.

Friday, November 14, 2003 8-10pm
A Traditional American Band Concert, with the FIU Wind Ensemble and vocals

Friday, January 23, 2004 8-10pm
The FIU Jazz Band

For more information please call the City of Weston at 954-389-4321





A new management team for the Weston Tennis Center, left to right: Tom Brownhill, Kyle Mayberry, Mayor Eric Hersh, Cliff Drysdale and Don Henderson.



Weston Tennis Center Under New Management

Cliff Drysdale Management to Serve Up 1st Class Results



Cliff Drysdale

Cliff Drysdale, former tennis star, who was ranked No. 1 in the world with over fifty-four professional tournament wins to his credit, heads Cliff Drysdale Tennis, the firm that entered into a 5-year operating agreement and management contract with the City. Mr. Drysdale, currently also an ESPN announcer who most recently was commentator at the French Open and Wimbledon, operates several tennis clubs in the United States.

Billed as the Ultimate Tennis Experience, the Weston Tennis Center offers something for everyone:

- Morning and evening adult clinics
- Court time available for members & non-members

- After-school junior programs
- Full-time Tennis Academy
- Social events for members and guests
- Summer and Holiday camps for kids - a perfect mix of tennis, swimming, field trips and more (no membership required)
- Celebrity tournaments with Cliff Drysdale
- Private Lessons for every level of play
- Leagues
- USTA sanctioned tournaments

Membership rates have been lowered and improvements to the clubhouse are underway. The Weston Tennis Center staff members are all world class tennis professionals, although keep an eye open for stray kangaroos as most of our pros

are transplanted from Australia.

FACILITY Infrastructure: 15 hydro clay courts and 1 championship hard court, all lighted for night-time play. The Center is equipped with men's and women's showers and lockers and a large, covered patio area for pre and post match relaxation. The Tennis Center is also being remodeled so that visitors will be greeted by a reception area and will include a new Nike pro shop and a snack/drink bar.

Watch for announcements of our Grand Re-Opening Celebration to be held this winter - Free clinics and reception!

Stop by or call the Weston Tennis Center today at 954-389-8666
16451 Racquet Club Road

Official City Meetings

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

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.

Comcast subscribers should tune to channel #18.

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



City Commission

7:00P.M.

Monday, December 1, 2003

Tuesday, January 20, 2004

Monday, February 2, 2004

Tuesday, February 17, 2004

Monday, March 1, 2004

The December 15, 2003 & January 5, 2004 meetings have been canceled.



Planning & Zoning Advisory Board

6:30P.M.

2nd & 4th Mondays

954-385-2000

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



The 9 Lives of Chester the Cat

Lost and wandering Feline winds his way home via a Lucky Encounter

Chester the cat certainly had luck on his side when he crossed the path of Holly Donahue, Assistant to the Director of Community Services out at the Weston Regional Park. Little did Holly know just how lucky Chester really was.

On Friday morning, October 10th, Holly was headed into her Community Center office when she saw a cat sitting outside that she describes as literally "skin and bones." Always a soft touch for animals, Holly opened the tuna fish she had brought for lunch and fed the starving cat. She told him right then, if he was there when she left at noon, "I'll take you home with me." Indeed the cat was still there four hours later, so Holly gathered him up and drove him to her veterinarian in Margate. The vet was unsure if the cat would live. By Monday morning though "Riley," as Holly began calling him, seemed to be better.

On her way to work, Holly decided that this cat had to belong to a family because he was so well behaved and so sweet. She began calling Homeowner Associations and called an active member of the community, Debbie Levy, feeling that Debbie might have some contacts as to anyone having lost a pet. Within a matter of hours, it was found that indeed "Riley" was a beloved house pet and was in fact "Chester" of the Gross family living in Weston Hills! Chester had been missing for almost six weeks and his heartbroken family had just about given up hope. Stewart and Jody Gross, along with their children Alison, Alex, Amanda and Andrew (oh, and Jingles the dog too) are thrilled to have 8 year old Chester back home and have nicknamed him "Elizabeth Smart." Chester is a lucky feline indeed.

If you have a lost pet: Contact Broward County Animal Care & Regulation at 954-359-1313 as they pick up stray animals. Also, because City workers are in and around Weston, leave notice of your lost pet at the following:

The Weston BSO Desk: 954-389-2010

The Weston Community Center: 954-389-4321



Photographed in the Weston mitigation area north of Griffin Road, between Weston Road and Bonaventure Blvd.



Mitigation Areas Hatch New Life

Continuous Compliance Monitoring Requirements Show Us That New Inhabitants Have Moved to Weston

New life continues to grace Weston's mitigation areas, documented through the required compliance monitoring that the City must provide State and Federal agencies.

Historically, Weston was Everglades marsh dominated by sawgrass. The area had been ditched and drained for pastureland and was quickly infested with exotic, nuisance tree species. The Indian Trace Community Development District (ITCDD) restored over 2,000 acres of wetland as mitigation. The homes and businesses in Weston were allowed to be built on the condition that these mitigation wetlands be constructed and maintained.

Objectives of the mitigation plan are to enhance and restore the historic Everglades marsh and the creation of open water and forested wetland habitats to benefit wetland-dependent wildlife. The sites constructed in Weston include varied wetland habitats such as open water, sawgrass marsh, forested tree islands, aquatic shelves and aquatic refuge.

Monitoring requirements of local, state and federal agencies require quarterly and semi-annual reports for each mitigation site for a period of five years, to assess its progress, any problem areas and its success. Maintenance of the sites includes eliminating specific plant species while fostering the growth of healthy wetland plants. Panoramic photo stations were established as photographs provide a visual record of vegetative cover and environmental conditions. Wildlife in the mitigation areas, such as those depicted here, are also recorded to document the overall health and vitality of each site.

If you would like additional information on Weston's mitigation areas, the City has a colorful and picture-filled, easy-to-read brochure available for residents entitled: The Who, What, When, Where and Why of Mitigation. Call or stop by City Hall or the Weston Community Center for your copy.



Spotlight on: Weston Community Center

At the Weston Community Center we are proud to offer programs that stimulate the imagination.

It has been said that the essence of chess is imagination and creative thinking. Students require a longer attention span and must learn to problem solve. Learning chess can develop those skills. Alex Toribio has been



playing chess for 30 years and has been a member of the United States Chess Federation for approximately 15 years. He and his wife Suharmy offer classes for all age groups, preschool to adult.

To find out more about these and the other terrific courses offered at the Community Center, please see the programs page or visit www.westonfl.org.

The daughter of an artist, Rolande Moorhead was born and raised in France. A realistic painter in watercolor, oil and acrylic, she is equally at ease depicting still life as well as western, floral, nautical or war themes. Her portraits have been praised for reflecting the soul of her subjects. Rolande teaches Watercolor, Multi-Media and Kids Drawing classes at the Community Center.

And the Winner is...

The City of Weston



2002 Annual Report - Winner of a Gold Certificate in the distinguished 2003 International ARC Awards, in the Non-Profit, Government Agencies & Offices category. The ARC Awards (Annual Report Competition) is the largest international competition honoring excellence in annual reports, drawing entries from 35 countries worldwide. Professionals regard ARC as the definitive competition, an index of excellence in writing, design, and financial presentation. Only 6 percent of entries were classified as Golds by an impartial, multi-tiered judging system. The main elements considered include: effectiveness of design, clarity of written text, presentation of corporate information, expression of financial data, and how well the spirit of the organization is communicated. The report was on display in the Museum of Arts and Commerce in Hamburg, Germany for the month of October.

2002 Weston Announcer Newsletters - Winner of the 2003 3CMA (City County Communications & Marketing Association's) Award of Excellence for Resident Newsletters. 3CMA represents cities and counties from across the United States. The Savvy Award honors outstanding local government achievements in communications and public sector marketing, recognizing skilled and effective government professionals who have creatively planned and carried out successful innovations in the field of communications.



2002/2003 Annual Budget - Recipient of the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award presented by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). This is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting, achieved by the entity publishing a budget document that meets strict program criteria, including that it serves as: a policy document; a financial plan; an operations guide; and a communications device.

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) - The GFOA has awarded the City of Weston the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ended 2002. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. An impartial panel of judges based its decision for the award on the report that meets the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate the financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

Engineering Firm of the Year - Calvin, Giordano and Associates, the City's contract agent for Planning, Zoning, Engineering and Landscape Architecture services, has been recognized as the South Florida Business Journal's 2003 Business of the Year in the Engineering Category. The program was designed to honor companies in various industries based on company growth and financial performance, employee improvement and benefits programs, and for their commitment to their local community.

Additionally: CGA took third place in the Best Cartographic Design-Atlas or Map Series, which showcased the Weston Sewer Utilities Atlas Book, designed by the firm for the City, entered into the contest at the ESRI GIS Conference this year. This conference is the largest Geographic Information System (GIS) event in the world, with over 11,000 attendees from 90 countries.

AND: The City of Weston received a Finalist - Wheels in Motion Award. Weston was one of two cities honored as finalists by South Florida Commuter Services at the Transportation Leadership Awards.



October 1, 2003 Swearing In Ceremony - A Day of New Beginnings

L-R: Sheriff Ken Jenne, Weston Chief Craig Otten, Broward County Mayor Diana Wasserman-Rubin, and City Manager John R. Flint

Joining Forces to Serve You Better:

Fire Rescue Department Now a Part of the Broward Sheriff's Office

On October 1, 2003, the Broward County Fire Rescue Department, Weston's provider for fire rescue services, joined forces with the Broward Sheriff's Office to unify law enforcement and fire rescue under one umbrella organization. Weston residents will see no immediate physical differences in service, but residents and the organization itself will benefit immediately from:

- Improved emergency communications
- Improved service delivery and efficiency, and elimination of duplicative functions
- Better prepared for critical incidents
- Coordinated hurricane and other disaster responses
- Increased services in neighborhoods

While law enforcement and fire services are clearly two separate professions, and they will remain so, they are often interdependent upon each other for success and ultimately perform the same function: the protection of life and property.

September 11, 2001 showed the nation that a lack of command, control and coordination can cost lives, and this unification of departments and services is a unique step to better serve the residents of Broward County.

The Weston City Commission agreed with Sheriff Jenne's sentiment that the move was a good idea whose time had come, providing the taxpayer with better service at a lower cost and with greater accountability, by approving a resolution supporting the unity. Today, your fire services professionals are members of the Broward Sheriff's Office Department of Fire Rescue & Emergency Services.

Weston Fire Rescue Administration

Station No. 81

954-389-2015

17350 Arvida Parkway

For information, questions, tours,
CPR classes and fire prevention tips.



Vista Park

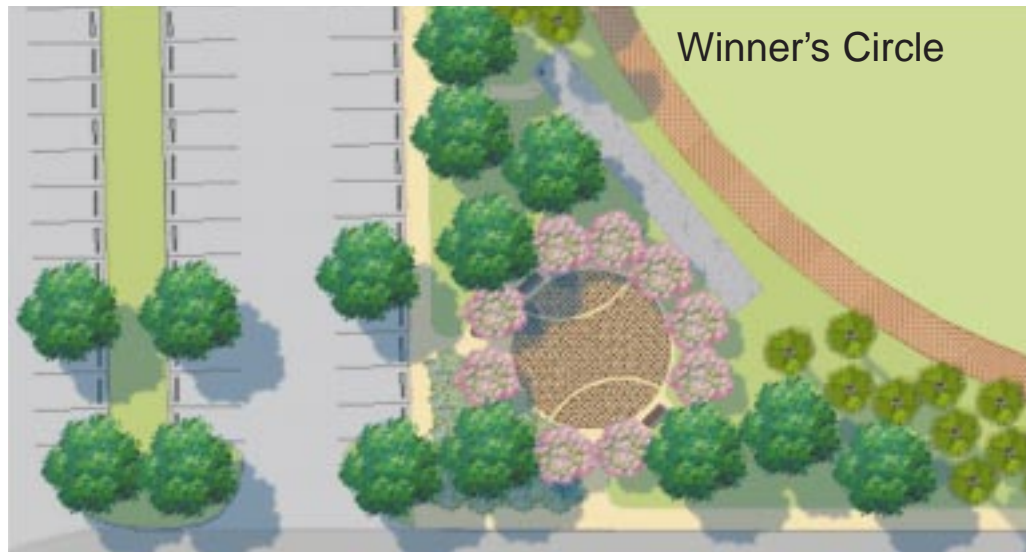
Construction Is Underway

Construction has begun on the City's last major park. Vista Park, located on 30 acres west of Cypress Bay High School, at 18800 Vista Park Boulevard, is a \$6 million project that will provide residents and leagues with 4 soccer/football fields and 4 baseball/softball fields. The park will also have a playground, two concession/restroom buildings and parking for 500 vehicles. These fields, lighted for night-time play, will provide welcome relief to Weston's ever increasing demand for sports.

A unique feature included in the design of Vista Park is the "Winners Circle" - a small gathering area where a baseball design has been created with decorative pavers. This area will be used by teams for awards ceremonies and photos. The Winners Circle courtyard will have several benches for spectators and landscaping that will serve as a backdrop for photos. It can also serve all parents well, functioning as a designated location for picking up children after a practice or game.

Residents and leagues should be able to hit the fields in the Fall of 2004. Batter Up!

The City is the award recipient of two grants for the construction of Vista Park totaling \$400,000 to assist in the funding of this great project.



State Representative Nan Rich and the City's Grant Consultant Stan Hemphill (on left) presented a \$200,000 ceremonial check to the City, accepted by Mayor Eric Hersh, from the 2003/04 Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program, which is a grant to be used toward our Vista Park facilities.

McFatter Technical Center

More Than Just a School - Helping to Meet the Community's Workforce Training Needs

McFatter Technical Center is a well kept secret of the Broward County Public Schools - but not by design. They offer a wealth of services - such as workforce training - available not only to students but to the business community. Another bonus: Supported by the School Board of Broward County, the cost to a business or organization for training on a per hour basis is incredibly low. Many of the Center's instructors are the same individuals that are employed by private companies that offer training at much higher prices.

McFatter Technical Center has pre-designed offerings or will work with your business or organization to design a program to fit your needs - striving to provide high quality learning solutions to a wide range of industries, businesses and organizations within Broward County.

A sampling of class and training offerings include:

- English for Speakers of Other Languages
- Forklift Training (certified)
- ASE Certification Review
- Team Building
- Quality Customer Service
- Computer Training
- Computer Graphics
- Business Math
- Welding
- Violence in the Workforce
- Sexual Harassment
- Health, Safety, Industrial

Based upon your business needs, McFatter Technical Center can develop a plan to train your staff on the latest equipment, by certified instructors, during hours that are convenient for you. For more information, call 954-370-8315.

Weston Commuters Take Note

Do you commute to and from work? Then **5-1-1** is for you.

By dialing 5-1-1 you are now able to get real-time traffic and travel conditions and construction reports on virtually any major road within Broward, Miami-Dade, Palm Beach and Monroe Counties. You can also view this information via the web at www.smartraveler.com.

Another great time-saver: Receive your traffic and travel information via fax or e-mail. This service allows you to customize the way you receive information, free of charge, automatically receiving information on the routes you regularly travel by completing the Profiles section. It takes only minutes to complete. Go to www.smartraveler.com to sign up now.

Did You Know That...

The Broward County Public Schools make a **Virtual Counselor** available to parents and students? This new tool enables parents to keep up with their children's progress at school on a daily basis – without ever lifting the phone. The Virtual Counselor is accessible by logging onto the District's web site (www.browardschools.com). After a few simple clicks, parents or students can access grades, attendance records, test scores, class ranks and much more.

The new U.S. Census Bureau figures show **Weston sixth in growth nationally** among cities larger than 50,000. However, planners expect growth in the older eastern areas to take the lead with more focus on infill and redevelopment.

If you have an interesting tidbit about your Weston business, please call the Weston Communications office at 954-385-2000



State Senator Debbie Wasserman Schultz and State Representative Nan Rich meet with Weston University students at City Hall.



Weston University Program in its Second Year

Civics Program for Weston High School Students

The City's second Weston University class was introduced at the City Commission meeting of October 20, 2003. This year the class is comprised of students from both Cypress Bay High School and the Sagemont Upper School - students interested in government and law, selected to participate in a unique educational and personal experience that will expose them to the multiple disciplines of government and various career possibilities.

The program worked so well last year, that the City Commission has committed to not only continuing the 8-month yearly course, but expanded its availability to both high schools in the City. Weston University commenced once again during Florida City Government Week, a yearly event that highlights the crucial role of city government in the lives of citizens, emphasizing how important citizen participation is to the future of our communities. With that belief, and a strong focus on the youth and future of our community, Weston University was born last year and now continues to expose yet another group of students to local government.

Program Highlights

- An 8-month program that meets once a month for a daylong session.
- Sessions are held on-site at various locations where city

services are provided: City Hall, Police Station, Fire Station, Community Center, Calvin, Giordano & Associates, with field observation of operations and infrastructure via field trips.

- Through instruction, open conversations, observations, demonstrations and actual experiences, students will be exposed to and educated on the details involved in running municipal departments on a day-to-day basis.
- Students will be taught about State and local government by those elected to run it.
- Students will learn problem-solving procedures used by city government, recognizing the positions taken by city officials and the reasons behind them.
- Students will participate in a City Commission simulation after having gained the knowledge necessary to present and defend both sides of the agenda issues.
- Upon successful completion, students will graduate and be honored at the May 17, 2004 City Commission meeting.

Civic education is not someone else's job. The City of Weston recognizes the possible rewards of educating our students and encouraging them to become involved in their community. City leaders and staff look forward to facilitating an understanding of what local government is and the unique characteristics of Weston's city structure.

The City of Weston Welcomes the Class of 2004!

Captivating Memories

Pictures Tell the Story Exhibit was That and More

At 8PM on August 28th, 81 year old photo journalist Ernest C. Withers stood before a capacity crowd in the Weston Community Center and over the next hour and a half, captivated a spellbound audience hungry for a glimpse of the past.

Having developed literally millions of images, mainly of life in America's south, he captured America's struggles and often violent confrontations over integration; the glamour and crazed early years of rock 'n' roll; individuals who went on to become the Kings and Queens of jazz and soul; and the athletes of the Negro Baseball League, to name just a few. Mr. Withers closely covered the tension of the civil rights movement and hundreds of other events that have served to shape our country.

The traveling photo exhibit provided a compelling, captivating, historical and emotional perspective of our country's past. Mr. Withers' commentary brought a poignant personal insight, at times dramatic and oftentimes humorous. As frequently as he dropped the names of Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks, Sammy Cook, Aretha Franklin, Elvis Presley and Jackie Robinson, he brought up that of his wife of sixty plus years and added stories about his eight children. An unpretentious, dedicated family man and renowned photographer, Mr. Withers has managed to live the American Dream - happy and successful both personally and professionally. He provided us with a snapshot of that life and a lifetime of memories that we can forever view as we look back to learn from the past.

To view some of Ernest C. Withers' images you can visit

www.panopt.com/photogra/withers/galleryew.html

His photographs can be seen in these published volumes: The Memphis Blues Again: Six Decades of Memphis Music Photographs with text by Daniel Wolff and Pictures Tell The Story.

A-OK to Park on the Swale in Residential Areas of Bonaventure

To assist in easing parking difficulties within the Bonaventure area of Weston, parking on swale areas is now permitted along public streets in residential areas. The swale is considered the area within a public right-of-way that is between the right-of-way line and the edge of the pavement. It is generally considered the area between the road and the sidewalk.

Restrictions include:

- Vehicles cannot block any drive-ways, cannot park on or across sidewalks, and cannot park over drain catch basins.
- Vehicles must park in the direction of traffic.

Buckle Up Florida
You Drink & Drive.
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November 21, 2003 -
January 4, 2004



The holiday period between Thanksgiving and New Years is a time of celebration. Unfortunately, many people will act irresponsibly by driving impaired and not wearing safety belts, turning what should be a happy time of year into one of needless tragedy. From November 21st to January 4th, law enforcement will be out in force to make the holidays safe on Florida's roads, conducting special DUI enforcement and making sure that all motorists are wearing safety belts. The message is clear: If you drive impaired or don't wear a safety belt, you will lose.

For more information on Florida's safety belt laws, visit their website at www.buckle-upflorida.com.

Keep your Holidays Safe Ones



Crime Prevention Tips for the Holiday Season

With the holiday season rapidly approaching, the City of Weston and the Broward Sheriff's Office want to reinforce to residents some simple holiday safety tips that can Keep Your Holidays Safe Ones.

Be sure to go over these tips with teenagers and caregivers.

- When parking your vehicle to go shopping, remember where you parked it! Always park in a well lit and well traveled area. Do not park in a remote dark area.
- When you return to your vehicle, scan the interior of your car to be sure no one is hiding inside. Check to see if you are being followed.
- Have your keys in hand when approaching your vehicle. You will be ready to unlock the door and will not be delayed by fumbling and looking for your keys.
- When storing items purchased at the stores, place them out of sight. The best place is in a locked trunk.
- Do not leave your purse, wallet, or cellular telephone in plain view.
- Don't resist if someone tries to take any of your belongings. Don't chase someone who robs you, they may have a weapon. Instead, call 911!
- Lock your vehicle and put up your windows even while you are driving.
- If you go to an automatic teller machine for cash, check for people around and make sure it is well lit and in a safe location.
- Carry only the credit cards you need and avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- If you make a purchase with your credit card, be sure to obtain the carbons or see that they are destroyed in front of you.
- Beware of the GOOD DEAL scams. Things are not always what they appear to be.
- If you are purchasing toys for small children, be sure that they are safe. You will be surprised what a small child can swallow or what can injure them.
- Drive defensively. Traffic is heavier during the holidays. Drivers may also have indulged too heavily in holiday spirits.

THE CITY OF WESTON AND
THE BROWARD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ARE
COMMITTED TO KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE

These Safety Tips are available in Spanish from your City Hall,
Community Center and Police Department.

Copias de estas Medidas de Seguridad están disponibles
en español en la Oficina Municipal (City Hall), Centro Comunitario y
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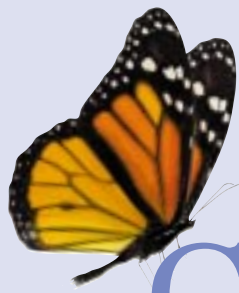
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Emergencias Policia/Incendio/Auxilio Médico	911	Weston Sports Alliance /Alianza Deportiva de Weston	
		For Sports League Information & Registration	
City Hall / Oficinas Municipales			954-389-5013
2500 Weston Road, Suite 101	954-385-2000	Weston Tennis Center / Centro de Tenis	
		16451 Racquet Club Road	954-389-8666
Broward Sheriff's Office / Departamento de Policia		Water and Sewer / Agua y Alcantarillado	
	954-765-4321	New connections and billing information /	
Non-Emergency Dispatch / Despacho No Emergencia		Nuevas conexiones	954-746-3232
Police Administration / Policia Administración		Problems / Problemas	
Weston Police Services Building, 17300 Arvida Parkway		Bonaventure area of Weston	
	954-389-2010		954-846-7400
24 hour Information / Información las 24 horas		After hours and weekends for Bonaventure	
	954-389-2010		954-846-7400
Weston Traffic Unit / Weston Unidad de Tráfico		Indian Trace area (all areas except Bonaventure)	
	954-389-2016		954-389-4321
Crime Prevention / Prevención del Crimen		After hours and weekends for Indian Trace	
	954-389-2030		954-753-0380
Code Enforcement / Aplicación de Reglamentos			
	954-389-2067	Broward County Library Weston Reading Center /Biblioteca	
Fire Department Administration /		17120 Arvida Parkway	954-389-2098
Incendio - Administración			
Station No. 81, 17350 Arvida Parkway		Cable	
	954-389-2015	Advanced Cable	
Planning & Zoning / Planeamiento y Zonificación		(Channel #25 for City Information)	954-384-3090
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		(Channel #18 for City Information)	1-800-568-1212
Building & Permitting / Construcción & Permisos		Garbage / Desecho	
Broward County Building Code Services	954-765-4927	After January 1, 2004 -All Service Refuse	
		Customer Service	954-583-1830
Community Services / Servicios Comunitarios		City of Weston website / sitio de red	
Parks & Recreation, Public Works/		Paginas Web de la Ciudad de Weston	
<i>Parques y Diversión, Obras Públicas</i>			www.westonfl.org
Weston Community Center,		Weston Community Radio	1680AM
20200 Saddle Club Road	954-389-4321		



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New Garbage Hauler as of January 1, 2004 Increased Services and Lower Costs

On January 1, 2004 All Service Refuse will be the new contracted garbage hauler for the City of Weston collecting residential and commercial garbage. The new contract, awarded by your City Commission to All Service Refuse, will provide residents with increased services and lower garbage bills!

AS OF JANUARY 1ST, YOU WILL BENEFIT FROM THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:

- **Lower Rates:** Residential curbside collection service rates will drop by 21%
 Previous BFI rate: \$22.08 New All Service Rate: \$17.44
 Residential containerized rates will drop by 18%
 Commercial rates will drop by 12%

- **New Recycling Bins:** Will be delivered to each residence between November 15 and December 15, 2003. One yellow and one blue bin will be delivered. **OLD BINS:** Residents may keep them, or may dispose of them by placing them upside down, curbside with the trash after January 1st.

- **Free Bulk Pickups:** Will be increased from 1 time per year to 4 times per year. Collection is on your regularly scheduled pickup day and items should be placed curbside by 7AM.

* BULK PICKUP SCHEDULE FOR 2004

JANUARY	WED 28	THUR 29	FRI 30
APRIL	WED 14	THUR 15	FRI 16
JULY	WED 14	THUR 15	FRI 16
OCTOBER	WED 13	THUR 14	FRI 15

WHO TO CALL: *All Service Refuse Customer Service 954-583-1830*

All collection services remain the same: twice weekly pickup; unlimited number of cans, bags or bundles; can weight cannot exceed 50lbs. each and bundles 40lbs. each; you may also have 4 unbundled vegetative (ie: plant materials) items totaling 10lbs. Recycling once weekly.

**RESIDENTS OF THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITIES WILL HAVE THEIR
COLLECTION DAYS CHANGED.**

INDIVIDUAL NOTICE WILL ALSO BE SENT AND DELIVERED TO YOUR HOME.

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| ■ Windmill Ranch Estates | ■ Country Isles Captiva Cay |
| ■ Country Isles Patio Homes Phase 1 & 2 | ■ Country Isles Executive Homes Phase 1 |
| ■ Country Isles Village Homes | ■ Waterford Landings |

Current collection days for these communities are Wednesday and Saturday.
Your collection days will change to Monday and Thursday, beginning January 1, 2004.

Free Saturday Night Movies in the Park

The City of Weston Presents MAROONE MOONLIGHT MOVIES IN THE PARK

Weston Regional Park
20200 Saddle Club Road

Feature presentation begins at 7PM. Second features begin at 9PM.*

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| Sat., Nov. 22, 2003 | SHREK |
| Sat., Dec. 20, 2003 | Holiday Doubleheader: THE GRINCH,
with second feature: HOME ALONE |
| Sat., Jan. 17, 2004* | THE LOST WORLD - JURASSIC PARK (8PM) |
| Sat., Feb. 21, 2004 | HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER'S STONE |
| Sat., Mar. 20, 2004 | Action Hero Doubleheader: SPIDERMAN,
with second feature: DAREDEVIL |
| Sat., April 17, 2004 | Adventure Doubleheader: SPY KIDS,
with second feature: TOMB RAIDER |

*Kids under 12 must be accompanied by an adult
Jan. 17th feature begins at 8PM

Free Saturday Night Movies in the Park

Bring lawn chairs or blankets for movie night in the park
Full-length feature films are projected onto a giant inflatable screen
Snacks and drinks will be available

Kick back and relax - the movies are on us

Sponsored by Maroone Auto Nation & The City of Weston



Weston's School Resource Deputies

Recognized in October for the work they do year round



A Tradition of Excellence

*City Happy to Continue Its Tradition in
Honoring Weston's A-Rated Schools and Principals*



Seven out of the eight Weston schools that were eligible to be rated in 2003 received an A Grade in the State of Florida A-Plus Grading Plan. These schools and their principals were honored by the City Commission for their exemplary efforts on the 2003 FCAT. Gator Run Elementary School received a "B" designation, and Weston's two newest schools, Manatee Bay Elementary and Cypress Bay High School, had just opened and as such are not yet rated.

Presented with engraved crystal books for the school and for each principal, were:

- Chancellor Charter School at Weston _____ Principal Susan Messing
- Country Isles Elementary School _____ Principal E.A. Murray
- Eagle Point Elementary School _____ Principal Marelise LeClerc
- Everglades Elementary School _____ Principal Eliot Tillinger
- Indian Trace Elementary School _____ Principal Wanda Ross
- Falcon Cove Middle School _____ Principal Steve Friedman
- Tequesta Trace Middle School _____ Principal Kevin Sawyer

Congratulations to each school for receiving this much deserved recognition and award. Keep up the outstanding work!

Emergency Notification System

Residents: Keep Us Informed!

Please visit our Weston website at www.westonfl.org to keep the City informed of changes in your telephone number, add unlisted and cellular phone numbers or other emergency contact information. Click on the **EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM** button on the Weston home page, this will bring you to an informational page on the high-speed emergency notification system and a link where you will enter the required information. If you don't have access to the web, please call the Weston

Communications office at 954-385-2000. Choosing this option you will need to leave your first and last name (spell out), complete address and zip code, and phone number you wish to add to the database.

Note: The majority of residents are already in the database, but you can also add an additional contact number where you can be reached.



A Donation from the Heart

BSO Weston District Lieutenant Jeff Tozzie, gratefully accepts the generous and heartfelt donation of an Automatic External

Defibrillator (AED) from resident Joseph Akselrod, in memory of his late wife Blanche, to whom he was married for sixty-two years. Mr. Akselrod felt that the cost of the AED was inconsequential in comparison to its lifesaving capabilities, graciously choosing our Weston Police Department as the recipient of this gift.

Mr. Akselrod purchased the \$2,100 ZOLL AED Plus Defibrillator for donation, where it will be installed in the physical fitness training room. An AED 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.

Currently there is one City installed AED located in the police services lobby, and in every City building, with personnel trained in its use

This article has been reprinted after a misspelling of Mr. Akselrod's name in the original printing

In keeping with the theme "When Fire Strikes: Get out and Stay Out" for National Fire Prevention Week in October, firefighters from BSO Department of Fire Rescue demonstrated the importance of lifesaving fire safety skills to children throughout Weston.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

Weston residents in single-family homes with curbside collection may place their Christmas trees curbside for collection along with their regular garbage collection. Dates: December 26, 2003 through January 17, 2004.



CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Want to assist the environment while also providing mulch for the County parks department? Take your tree to Markham Park where it will be chipped into mulch and used in the parks system.

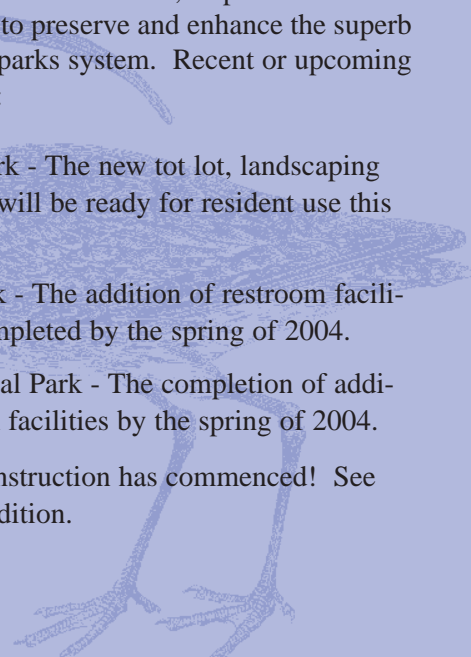
You must remove all decorations and lights.
Dates: December 26, 2003 through January 17, 2004.

*Location: 16001 West State Road 84
(Weston Road and State Road 84)*

The Parks Report

With twelve municipal parks, 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 or upcoming improvements include:

- Eagle Point Park - The new tot lot, landscaping and walkways will be ready for resident use this coming spring.
- Gator Run Park - The addition of restroom facilities will be completed by the spring of 2004.
- Weston Regional Park - The completion of additional restroom facilities by the spring of 2004.
- Vista Park -Construction has commenced! See article in this edition.





Halloween Safety Expo 2003

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Calendar of Events

Sat., Nov. 15 8PM	The Weston 2003-2004 Signature Series: Symphony of the Americas presents, "Noche Cubana" Concert with Cuban pianist Thomas Tirino and narrated by special guest Jaime Suchlicki. Celebrating the music of Ernesto Lecuona, Marta Perez and Desi Arnaz. Tickets available from Ticketmaster 954-523-3309 ticketmaster.com	Cypress Bay Theater 18600 Vista Park Blvd. 954-389-4321 for more information
Sun., Nov. 16 11AM-2PM	SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch Listen to music while listening to live music. Concert-goers are encouraged to bring blankets, chairs, food and beverages.	Weston Amphitheater at Weston's Town Center Park 1900 Bell Tower Lane 954-349-8123
Wed., Nov. 19 7PM	Hispanic Lecture Series Spanish language only, seminar: "My Hands Shake - Can I Have Parkinson's Disease?"	Cleveland Clinic Florida, Jagelman Conference Center 2950 Cleveland Clinic Blvd. 800-691-6555 RSVP
Sat., Nov. 22 7PM	Moonlight Movies in the Park Feature presentation: SHREK Free admission, bring blankets or chairs.	Weston Regional Park 20200 Saddle Club Road 954-389-4321
Wed., Dec. 3 7PM	Hispanic Lecture Series Spanish language only, seminar. "Traveling Abroad? What You Need to Know Before You Go"	Cleveland Clinic Florida, Jagelman Conference Center 2950 Cleveland Clinic Blvd. 800-691-6555 RSVP
Wed., Dec. 10 7PM	Hispanic Lecture Series Spanish language only, seminar. "Hereditary Colon Cancer: Who's at Risk?"	Cleveland Clinic Florida, Jagelman Conference Center 2950 Cleveland Clinic Blvd. 800-691-6555 RSVP
Sun., Dec. 14 7AM	Annual Weston Rotary Half Marathon & 5K Holiday Run All ages. Benefit runs, with free pancake breakfast and jazz concert for participants. Extra breakfast/concert tickets for \$5.50	Weston Regional Park 20200 Saddle Club Road 954-384-7521 www.splitsecondtiming.com
Sat. Dec. 20 7PM & 9PM	Moonlight Movies in the Park Two feature presentations: How the Grinch Stole Christmas at 7PM and Home Alone at 9PM. Free admission, bring blankets or chairs.	Weston Regional Park 20200 Saddle Club Road 954-389-4321
Sun. Dec. 21 11AM-2PM	SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch Listen to music while enjoying a picnic in the park. Concert-goers are encouraged to bring blankets, chairs, food and beverages.	Weston Amphitheater at Weston's Town Center Park 1900 Bell Tower Lane 954-349-8123
January Date T/B/A	Weston Tennis Center Grand Re-Opening Celebration Watch your City cable channel, listen to 1680AM or give us a call for the date and time of this grand reopening. Meet the new management team and see our new renovations. Free clinics and reception.	Weston Tennis Center 16451 Racquet Club Road 954-389-8666

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Sat., Jan. 10 8PM	The Weston 2003-2004 Signature Series: The Florida Grand Opera & Symphony of the Americas presents An Opera Evening. A full orchestra performance plus three Opera Studio vocalist performances for an extraordinary evening event, produced exclusively for Weston. Tickets available from Ticketmaster 954-523-3309 ticketmaster.com	Cypress Bay Theater 18600 Vista Park Blvd. 954-389-4321 for more information
Sat., Jan. 17 8PM	Moonlight Movies in the Park Feature presentation: The Lost World-Jurassic Park (note 8PM movie time for this date only) Free admission, bring blankets or chairs.	Weston Regional Park 20200 Saddle Club Road 954-389-4321
Sun., Jan. 18 TBA	Jazz Festival at Weston Town Center Stroll amidst the shops and restaurants while live jazz music fills the air.	Weston Amphitheater at Weston's Town Center Park 1900 Bell Tower Lane 954-349-8123
Fri., Jan. 23 8-10PM	The Weston 2003-2004 Signature Series: The FIU Jazz Band Full range of jazz music from traditional to contemporary. Free concert under the stars - bring blankets or chairs for a relaxing musical treat.	Weston Amphitheater at Weston's Town Center Park 1900 Bell Tower Lane 954-389-4321
Sat. & Sun., Jan. 24 & 25	Weston Town Center Arts & Crafts Show Spectacular arts and crafts featuring drawings, jewelry, paintings, pottery, ceramics, photography, sculpture, wood designs and more.	Town Center Main Street and Town Center Park 954-349-8123
Thur., Fri., & Sat. - Jan. 28, 29 & 30	Bulk Pickup Collection for January 2004 Bulk trash must be placed curbside by 7am on your regularly scheduled collection day of Thur., Fri., or Sat.	Citywide Bulk Pickup 954-583-1830 - All Service Refuse 954-385-2000 - City Hall Sun., Feb. 15
Sun., Feb. 15	Jazz Festival at Weston Town Center Stroll amidst the shops and restaurants while live jazz music fills the air.	Weston Amphitheater at Weston's Town Center Park 1900 Bell Tower Lane 954-349-8123
Sat., Feb. 21 8pm	The Weston 2003-2004 Signature Series: The Gold Coast Jazz Society Band presents A Benny Goodman Tribute Eight fabulous musicians and one vocalist presenting a lively evening of jazz, highlighting the best of "The King of Swing." Tickets available from Ticketmaster 954-523-3309 ticketmaster.com	Cypress Bay Theater 18600 Vista Park Blvd. 954-389-4321 for more information
Sat., Feb. 21 7PM	Moonlight Movies in the Park Feature presentation: Harry Potter & the Sorcerer's Stone. Free admission, bring blankets or chairs.	Weston Regional Park 20200 Saddle Club Road 954-389-4321
Sat., Feb. 28 8PM	The Weston 2003-2004 Signature Series: The Gold Coast Jazz Society Band presents An Evening of Swing Take a step back in time to when the music was hot and swing was king. People were dancing to the Lindy Hop, the Shag and the Boogie Woogie. Hear tunes from the "Hit Parade of the 40's," a tribute to the Louis Jordan Jump Blues style and more. Musicians & vocalist. Tickets available from Ticketmaster 954-523-3309 ticketmaster.com	Cypress Bay Theater 18600 Vista Park Blvd. 954-389-4321 for more information
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 17300 Arvida Parkway 954-389-2030 / 954-389-2010

The Community Center at the Weston Regional Park

Children/Youth Programs

1. SAT Preparation (Ages 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 students 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 2/1 for 3/27 test.**

2. High Touch-High Tech Science Program (Ages K-5) Tues 3:30-4:30pm. High Touch-High Tech provides totally hands-on, totally participatory science experiences for each and every child. These unique programs are designed to stimulate children's imagination and their curiosity in the sciences. Includes the mysteries of light, biology, gravity and much more! **Cost \$150/8 weeks. Next session runs from 12/16-2/17.**

3. 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.**

4. 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 1/2 hour per student). Material fees \$30. For more information please call Maria at 954-217-0480.**

5. Creative Dance & Baton Twirling Thurs 3-4pm (age 5yrs) 4-5pm (Ages 6-7yrs) One hour classes separated by age and ability. A combination of hip-hop, baton twirling, cheerleading and pom poms. Children develop balance, grace and flexibility. Wendy Russell is an award winning, professional choreographer. **Cost is \$35/month. (Plus \$20 registration fee). Go to www.floridasuperstars.com for more information.**

6. Chess Knight Fri 6-8:30pm (Open Chess Club, Ages 4-Adult) Chess sets are provided; chess clocks are available for rent. No formal chess instruction provided. **Cost \$22/month (in advance) or \$29 for parent and child. Continuous.**

7. Weston Scholastic Chess Club for All Ages Chess is part of the school math curriculum in countries like Japan, Canada, Germany and Russia. Chess develops life skills such as logical thinking, intense concentration, tolerance and better prob-

lem solving skills. Furthermore, it promotes imagination and creativity; develops the ability to predict consequences of actions; inspires self motivation; shows that success rewards hard work; tests your patience, nerves and will power; develops character and the scientific way of thinking. 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. Chess is not just a game, it is a method of mind training. Come join the WSCC chess programs which are open to all boys and girls ages 4-17. *Kindergarten Chess, Tues 3:00-3:45pm begins 1/6*
Advanced Beginner Chess, Tues 4-5pm begins 1/6
Advanced Beginner Chess, Wed 4:30-5:30pm 1/7
Intermediate/Advanced, Wed 5:30-7pm begins 1/7
Beginners Chess, Fri 4:30-5:30pm begins 1/9
Cost: 8 class package-\$97, 1-7 classes \$15 per class. For more information call Coach Su Lee at 954-389-9089 or 954-822-9434

8. Little League Chess Tournament Fri 6-7:30pm (Ages 4-adult) Mind Challenging Chess Tournaments. Medals and Certificates of Participation Awards given during each tournament. To participate in the tournaments please contact Coach Alex to add your name to the roster. **YOUR NAME MUST BE ON THE LIST BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF THE TOURNAMENT. Cost is \$22/month for WSCC members and \$30 for non-members. Winter Tournament: 1/16-2/13. Plus yearly USCF membership dues.**

9. Kindermusik Village "Feathers" Wed, 10:30-11:15am (newborn-18 mos) 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 12/10 and class begins 1/7 with Miss Alyson.**

10. Kindermusik Our Time "Away We Go!" This 15 week Mommy and Me program guides parent and child to explore the exciting world of things that go! Singing, dancing, and developmentally appropriate activities lead this transportation adventure to the discovery of trains, cars, horses, wagons, airplanes and boats. **Cost \$200/15 weeks plus \$60 at home kit fee. Begins week of 1/5.**

Tues 9:30am and 10:45am (Ages 18 mo-3) w/ Miss Lori
Mon 9:45am and 10:45am (Ages 18mo-3) w/ Miss Pam
Fri 9:30-10:30 (Ages 18 mo-3yrs) w/ Miss Lori

11. Kindermusik Imagine That! "See What I Saw" This 15 week adventure combines a remarkable blend of music, singing, movement, literature and pretend play to create an inspiring classroom experience. Your child will play an active and expressive role during every class, by reflecting, making choices, comparing, expressing opinions, solving problems, singing, acting and creatively moving. **Cost \$200/15 weeks plus \$70 at home kit. Begins 1/5.**
Fri 10:45am-11:45am (Ages 3-5yrs) w/ Miss Lori

Class offerings and times are subject to change

The Community Center at the Weston Regional Park

Children/Youth Programs

12. Outdoor Yoga for Kids *Mon-Thurs 4-5pm and Sat 9-10am (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.**

13. 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. Call for schedule.**

14. Inside Out Theatre *Sun 4-7pm* This class focuses on training in acting, singing and dance with rehearsal period that leads to performances of an original musical. Instruction includes traditional Stanislavski techniques, improvisation, character development and additional voice and movement curriculum. **For registration information, please call 954-385-3060. Next session begins 2/8. Cost is \$375.**

15. Dram'antics' *Wed 5-6pm (Ages 6-7)* This class, specifically designed for 6-7 year olds will focus on helping young students experience the creative outlet of theatre. Classes will consist of improvisation, role-playing, and acting exercises designed for self-expression, improving concentration skills and building confidence. Students will rehearse and perform folk tales from around the world that emphasize values of honesty, respect, responsibility, courage and compassion. A presentation will be held on the last night of class for parents and family members. **Cost \$135/8 weeks. Beginning 1/7.**

16. Play Pretend *Thurs 12:45-1:30pm (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 \$125/8 weeks plus \$10 material fee. For more information call Jeanette Shorey 754-422-8668.**

17. Playball *Wed 4-5pm (age 4-5), Wed 5-6pm (age 3), Thurs 4-5pm (age 4-5), Thurs 5-6pm (age 3), Fri 4-5pm (age 3), Fri 5-6pm (age 4-5)* Playball is a sports program and an educational program designed to prepare children for an appreciation of all sports. **Cost for 1/2 hour 2 year old class: \$80/10 weeks. Cost for one hour 3, 4 and 5 year old classes \$140/10 weeks. Next session runs from the week of 11/19 to the week of 2/4. Call Jeff Spera for more information at 954-693-9537 or go to www.usaplayball.com.**

18. Kidokinetics *Mon 9:30am-10:15am Mommy and Me Ages Walking (Age 2) Mon 4:15pm-5pm (ages 3-5), Mon 5pm-5:45pm (ages 5-10), Tues 4pm-4:30pm (ages 2-3), Wed 4:15pm-5pm (ages 3-5), Wednesday 5pm-5:45pm (ages 5-10) Thurs 11:30am-12pm (Ages 2-3) Sat 9am-9:45am (Daddy and Me)* Kidokinetics is an exciting and unique program developed to improve and enhance boys' and girls' sports and fitness. Our classes include activities that enhance and develop motor skills, physical fitness and improve self-confidence. Kidokinetics teaches the basics of every sport and other important physical exercises, enabling children to feel competent. Activities include soccer, hockey, tennis, basketball, volleyball, polo, golf, hula-hoops and lots more. Led by experienced coaches, our classes take place in a safe and fun environment. Kidokinetics focuses on individual achievement in a noncompetitive way. **For more information call Terri @954-385-8511. Cost \$130/12 week sessions (45 minute classes) and \$95/12 week sessions (30 minute classes). Next session runs from 1/12-3/29.**

19. Models Workshop *Wed 4-5:15pm (Beginners ages 9-15), Thurs 6-7:15pm (Beginners ages 16 & up)* 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. Call for schedule.**

20. 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 específicamente para los más pequeños (2-4 años).* Merienda ligera incluida. Arte y manualidades para manos pequeñas, 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/día. Para mayor informacion y horas y disponibilidad llama a Maru Arnott a 954-385-3804 ó 954-240-2303. Próxima sesión empieza 12/8.**

21. Jammin' Juniors *(Ages 4-6) Thurs 3:30-4:10pm* Music motivation classes are a fun way to introduce music and piano to your youngster. Many aspects of music making are explored. Fun with percussion, music games with the giant floor keyboard, and pitch awareness are just some of the things your child will experience. For more information please visit www.jamminkids.com or call 954-389-5899. **Cost \$100/8 weeks. Begins 1/8.**

22. Jump Start *(Ages 6-8) Thurs 4:20-5:00pm* This introduction to keyboard is taught by Jammin' Kids' professional musicians. Students must bring their own keyboard. **Cost \$100/8 weeks. Begins 1/8.**

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Adult Programs

1. Art/Medium of Your Choice *Tues 6-9pm* Acclaimed artist Rolande Moorhead teaches all skill levels in the media 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 11/25.**

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 other's 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 12/12.**

6. Yoga *Fri 5:30-7pm* Susan Rufrano is a certified yoga instructor who teaches all ages and skill levels. Yoga strengthens the body, soothing the heart and relaxing the body, thereby encompassing a total state of well-being. **Cost \$30/month. Continuous.**

7. Tango *Thurs 7:45-8:45pm* Learn to step the Argentinean style of TANGO. In weekly classes, you can start learning the basic steps of one of the most exciting dances with Gustavo Firpo. **Cost is \$40 per session (\$10 per person per class). Couples receive a \$10 discount for the series. Each new series begins the first Tuesday of each month.**

8. Dog Obedience *Sat 3-4pm* 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 11/8 and then 1/10.**

9. Canine Good Citizen Course *Sat 4-5pm* 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 program 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 11/8 and then 1/10.**

10. Energy in Balance *Thurs 8:30-9:45am* Working as a dancer and choreographer for many years, Gustavo Firpo developed his own program in order to achieve a healthy body called "Energy in Balance." Ideal for all people starting at age 17, this weekly program allows you to get healthy physical habits for all your life. Comfortable clothes, socks, and a towel or mat are preferable for initial class. **Cost \$60/month.**

11. AARP's 55 Alive/Mature Driving Program a two (2) day, four (4) hours each session, (8 hours total) classroom refresher course in safe driving. The course is designed especially for older motorists dealing with age related physical changes. The course is available to anyone 50 and over. **The fee for the course is \$10.00.** A reduction in automobile insurance premium is allowed to each person 55 and over, by all insurance companies when the course is completed and the driver has a safe driving record. Advance registration is required. Call Sonnie at 954-385-9920. **Class will be held on Nov 13th and 20th and then Jan 15th and 22nd from 9am-1pm at the Weston Community Center, 20200 Saddle Club Road.**

12. Adult Basic Chess *Wed 7:30-8:30pm* Adult Basic Chess is a class designed to teach adults ages 18 and over the principles and fundamentals of chess. This class will teach you the basic move, value and capture of the chessmen. You'll also learn castling, the four checkmates, how to do an en-passant and how to read and write chess using algebraic notation. Release stress by stimulating and strengthening your mind. **Cost \$97/8 weeks. Begins 1/9.**

13. Gentle Yoga *Tues & Thurs 1:00-2:00pm* A yoga class for those individuals seeking increased balance, strength, and flexibility. 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.**

14. Yoga in the Park *Mon-Thurs 8:00-9:00am and Sat 8:00-9:00am* A one hour class incorporating breath work (pranayama), sun salutations, yoga poses and guided meditation. **Cost \$50/month or \$10/class. Continuous. Bring yoga mat, towel and water to the amphitheater at the Linear Park at the Town Center.**

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