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Moving Forward with Optimism

By Mayor Eric M. Hersh



opportunity to lead our wonderful City through the year 2001. We are looking forward to many more successes in 2002 as we continually strive to make Weston the very best place to live.

With all the optimism, we must however move forward with caution. With the economic slowdown, and the financial shortfalls being experienced in the State of Florida, our City will no doubt feel some effects. We are about one year away from Arvida completing their development, and about two to three years from the complete

build out of Weston. Therefore, the increasing revenues we have experienced each year will slow. We must do all we can to preserve the property values in Weston, not only to protect us, the homeowners, but also to be assured that the City revenues generated from property taxes will remain constant. The shortfalls at the State level are also expected to temper State revenue sharing dollars that we rely on. It is with these slowed expectations that your City Commission is moving forward. Although we have much to do, and many improvements to

make, we will do so with a very conservative outlook as to revenues in order to assure our continued financial strength.

The year 2002 will mark a huge milestone for the Bonaventure community of Weston. In this year we complete the purchase of Keep Bonaventure Beautiful (KBB), and the assumption of the maintenance responsibilities by the Bonaventure Development District, a district of the city. Much like the Indian Trace District, the Bonaventure Development District provides a means for the

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residents of Bonaventure to improve their community, and have your elected officials responsible for the improvements and maintenance, rather than a private, for-profit company. We will also finish the Bonaventure Master Plan, which will significantly upgrade the community. The purchase of KBB and the improvements are being totally funded by the Bonaventure Development District.

This New Year, 2002, will also bring the opening of school “P”. This new elementary school is being built by the Broward School Board as part of a creative partnership between The City of Weston, Bergeron Development, Centex Homes and the School Board. This is another great example how local government and developers, when working together towards a common goal, can assist the School Board in accomplishing our most important task - creating more classroom space for educating our children. I want to thank all those involved, including Mr. Ron Bergeron, Mr. Paul Eichner, our representative on the School

Board, Dr. Frank Till, the Superintendent of Schools, and all of Dr. Till's staff as well as Mr. John Flint, our City Manager, and his staff for helping make this happen.

In any discussion about schools, a very special thank you is due to the parents here in Weston. Our community parents are some of the most active in Broward County, with many spending countless hours helping bring about positive change and improvements with education. I would like to especially thank three special women in Weston, who constantly spend many long hours assisting the City of Weston in our efforts to build more schools. They are Debi Levy, Amy Wall, and Patti Abdalla. These women are always available to run numbers, make phone calls, and bring people out when necessary, all in the name of education, and they played a very important role in bringing about School “P”. Of course, there are many other dedicated parents who serve on advisory boards, PTAs, and volunteer their time. My thanks to all of you! Your efforts really do make a

difference.

While we are on the subject of schools, I know I don't need to tell parents of the traffic difficulties around our schools. Weston has a low bus utilization rate, which results in much more drop-off traffic. Unfortunately, the school's traffic capabilities are strained and so we are currently working with the Broward County School Board facilities staff to improve traffic flow, and provide additional parking areas at Eagle Point, Gator Run and Everglades Elementary Schools for drop off and pick up hours. We have hired additional BSO personnel to



John R. Flint
City Manager

Looking ahead for 2002, two of the most important events that we have to look forward to will be the August openings of Weston's first public high school, Cypress Bay High School, and Weston's sixth public elementary school, so far known only as Elementary School “P”.

The construction of these two, state-of-the-art educational facilities, is the

assist us when Cypress Bay High School (new name for “HHH”) opens, and have authorized the construction of a temporary traffic light at Bonaventure and Griffin while the permanent light is being designed and built.

Lastly, we recently approved the construction of a new skate park to be located next to the roller hockey concession area in the Regional Park for our kids. While we recognize the need for more space for organized sports, we also recognize that not all kids want to participate in these

types of activities. The City Commission is committed to providing additional recreational facilities for our children, and hope to be able to announce more new projects in the near future.

On behalf of the City Commission, I would like to extend our wishes for a safe & healthy 2002.

Eric M. Hersh
Mayor

A NOTE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

John R. Flint

result of vision and partnerships with the School Board of Broward County, the development community and the City of Weston.

Overcrowded classrooms are not new to education in America today nor are they exclusive to Weston. In 1965, then President Lyndon Baines Johnson said, “I am going to use every forum and every searchlight that I can to tell people of the country and their elected representatives that we can no longer afford overcrowded classrooms and half-day sessions.”

President Johnson's words are as true today as they were thirty-six years ago when he spoke them.

While it is apparent that the forums were heard loud and clear and the searchlight has shown brightly, neither the voices nor the light can be allowed to dim. The value of a city is often judged by the quality of its educational facilities, and to maintain these facilities through active participation will both assure their quality and the value of our city.

Weston Meeting Schedule

Tues., Feb. 19	City Commission
Mon., Mar. 4	City Commission
Mon., Mar. 18	City Commission
Mon. Apr. 1	City Commission
Mon., Apr. 15	City Commission
Mon., May 6	City Commission
Mon., May 20	City Commission



All meetings are held in the Weston Community Center, Located within the Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Rd.

City Commission Meetings begin at 7:30PM

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

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

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WWW.WESTONFL.ORG

SAME ADDRESS - WHOLE NEW LOOK

Log on to our newly designed site for a new look at Weston on-line. The contemporary new look reflects the image of Weston's 2000 Performance report along with the look of this newsletter.

Visitors will find improved site maneuverability and the addition of new sections on Weston's History, Geography, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ), and a Site Map. Our newly designed site has not changed everything. You will still find excellent and useful information covering the City Commission, every City department, Commission meeting agendas and minutes, the Code of Ordinances, demographics, notices & events, the Annual Performance Report, Budget, newsletters, video's and an image library.

The Florida Monarch butterfly and soothing outdoor sounds will greet visitors to Weston's homepage together with a rotating pictorial of scenes from throughout the City. As different sections within the website are accessed, the revolving pictorial continues for a constantly changing view. The City's new design also reflects an evolving process, which will bring new information, updates and pictorials as the year progresses.

Weston believes that providing access to information and knowledge is a central component in serving our residents as well as the world.

SPOTLIGHT ON: WESTON Community Center Activities

There is always something new being offered at your Community Center. This edition of Spotlight highlights activities for the young, and those of us that want to stay that way.



PLAYBALL



The very popular Playball classes you may heard about in Plantation and Coral Springs are now offered here! This enriching program, taught by Coach Jeff Spera, is offered to children 3 to 10 years old. Using positive teaching methods and specialized sporting equipment and exercises, children gain the opportunity to participate competently in all popular ball sports for the rest of their lives. Coach Jeff is a professional educator and trained



MIDDLE DISTANCE RUNNING

Playball coach. Please call him at 693-9537 for a FREE introductory class!

Robert Lazarou enjoys running. Robert has made his home in the runner-friendly confines of Weston for the past 4 years. Drawing on his 30+ year history of running, Robert has developed a course that will help people improve their 5K distance running times. Even those of you saying, "I will start running soon" will benefit from Robert's training. Classes are forming now. You can reach Robert at 385-9089.

At the Community Center we continue to try and provide classes for everyone. For

information about these and other courses, please find the pull out class insert or log on to the City of Weston website at www.westonfl.org.

-Don Decker, Program Specialist

Did You Know?



- The Weston Community Center has hosted over 60 private events including birthday parties, christenings, quinceaneras, and more since the grand opening in April.
- 30 courses for children and adults call the Community Center home.
- The City Commission and Planning & Zoning Board hold their regular meetings at the Community Center.

Outpouring of Artistic Expression

Several Weston artists and residents have donated original artwork to the Weston Fire Department in the months following the September 11th disasters. In times of grief, artistic expression provides an outlet for not only the artist, but also those privileged to view their unique and original representations.



Artist Marvin Murphy and Mayor Eric Hersh

Weston artist Marvin Murphy, Mayor Eric Hersh and Fire Chief Craig Otten. Mr. Murphy donated fifty signed lithographs to the fire department to be auctioned, with all proceeds going to the FDNY charity fund.



A beloved original oil by Peter O'Neill entitled "Two Minutes of Silence" now hangs in Station #81 after being generously donated by Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Keuthan.



Weston artist Paula Seixas donates original watercolor to Fire Department at October 15th Commission meeting, which now hangs in Station #67.

CAR SEATS –

Properly installed, may save your child's life

According to the National Highway Transportation Administration, studies have shown that 95 percent of all car safety seats in Florida are improperly installed. This is a staggering statistic given that automobile crashes are a leading cause of injuries and death in young children in Florida and that safety seats, used and installed properly, can reduce fatalities by 71 percent for infants and 54 percent for toddlers. Properly maintained safety seats keep 69 percent of children from receiving any injury or hospitalization at all.

There are several reasons that your car seat installation may fail inspection, including:

- The car seat is not installed properly or tight enough

- The child is not belted in properly or tight enough
- The car seat has been recalled
- Props such as pillows or other objects may have been used to tighten straps or fill gaps.

Child Car Safety Seat inspections are done every Saturday at the Weston Police Services Building between 10am and 2pm. Deputy Schupp of the Crime Prevention office is a certified technician for car seat safety checks and encourages all parents to bring their vehicle and seat over for a free inspection. It's time well spent. For additional information, please contact Deputy Schupp at 954-389-2030.

Traffic Signal

Installation Status



INDIAN TRACE AT TEQUESTA TRACE

Mast-arm assemblies installed.

BONAVENTURE BOULEVARD AT

SOUTH POST ROAD

Mast-arm assemblies installed.

Awaiting final approval for operation pending inspection and traffic warrant study.

warrant study.

WESTON ROAD AT SOUTH

COMMERCE PARKWAY

(Near City Hall/Pollo Tropical)

Approval for a signal has been received. Installation anticipated for April 2002.

INDIAN TRACE AT TOWN CENTER

BOULEVARD/CATALINA DRIVE

Approval for a signal has been received. Being installed at this time.

WESTON ROAD AND

EMERALD PARK CIRCLE

Approval received with the stipulation that additional warrant studies may be required before construction may begin. Installation anticipated for late March, 2002

POSTAL SERVICE QUESTIONS?

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These questions and many more can be answered quickly just by call 1-800-275-8777
This service is available 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Save time and energy

TAX TIME COMETH...

April 15th is right around the corner. For forms and information:

- www.irs.gov - Go to Frequently Asked Questions, you will find Forms and Publications to download, along with answers to many common questions.
- **800-829-3676** To order forms and publications and for tax questions.
- **Weston branch Post Office** - Will have certain forms available. Located at:

1870 N. Corporate Lakes Blvd.

City of Weston and Cleveland Clinic

Join to produce public service tape: Weston Community Preparedness

With events unfolding nationwide the City felt it important to address the community directly - in their living rooms through the use of cable television, regarding just how prepared the City of Weston is to respond to a crisis.

A panel of experts from within the City was assembled at the Weston Community Center for the taping. Participants were Mayor Eric Hersh, City Manager John Flint, Police Chief Greg Page, Fire Chief Craig Otten, Doctor Robert Weber, Cleveland Clinic Hospital, Chair for Emergency Medicine and Doctor Margaret Gorenssek, Cleveland Clinic Florida, Chair for Infectious Disease, and moderator Gerard Ferri.



Organizations wishing to view a copy of the tape should call City Hall at 385-2000- Communications office.

The Public Service tape focused on recent events and how the City's law enforcement and emergency personnel are fully prepared for responses to hazardous material incidents as well as informing the public as to what to do should they come across any suspicious packages or mail. Mayor Hersh and City Manager Flint outlined the City's Emergency Preparedness Plan and discussed our contract services with Broward County

Fire Rescue and the Broward Sheriff's Office, which provide Weston with resources such as the bomb squad, HAZMAT, SWAT and Air Transport. The Broward Sheriff's Office also has members on the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force, which disseminates information directly to the Sheriff's Office. Doctors Weber and Gorenssek discussed the hospitals assured ability to diagnose and treat victims of Anthrax, and to handle large numbers of chemical or biological illnesses. They also strongly advised residents against taking antibiotics as any type of precautionary measure of protection, discussed when to seek emergency room treatment and also talked about the status of small pox and available vaccines.

The outcome of the public service tape was to reassure residents that Weston is fully prepared to respond to and handle emergency situations and that there are comprehensive plans in place for crises of various types, sizes and magnitudes. While it is hoped that these plans never need to be put into action, residents can be comforted with the knowledge that Weston is secure and prepared.

CLEVELAND CLINIC FLORIDA
Clinic: 2950 Cleveland Clinic Blvd. 954-659-5000
Hospital: 3100 Weston Road 954-689-5000
Both addresses are on the same campus
www.clevelandclinic.org/florida

Cleveland Clinic Purchases LifeNet Receiving Station Weston Rescue Unit No. 81 begins transmissions

The Cleveland Clinic Hospital has purchased the LifeNet Receiving Station, produced by Medtronic, which enables the transmission of a patient's various vital signs by the paramedics on scene direct to the Emergency Room at the Cleveland Clinic Hospital. Cleveland Clinic is the first hospital in South Florida to install this new system. Transmitted via a phone line at the site of an emergency response or via the medics cellular phone, vital signs including EKG, blood pressure and heart rates are instantly available for review by hospi-

tal staff, replacing a verbal relay of this information. Future capabilities of the system include searching the hospital's data base for any prior EKG's of the patient being attended too, for comparison and patient history purposes. It will also calculate trends of the patient's vital signs during the average 20-40 minute period that a patient is monitored by paramedics prior to release or being transported to the hospital.

Another first for Weston, and greater patient care for residents.

Cleveland Clinic Florida and Tenet South Florida HealthSystem Weston Campus Dedication

A formal dedication ceremony celebrating the grand opening of the remarkable Weston campus of the Cleveland Clinic Florida was held on November 2nd, 2001 in the hospital's recently opened David G. Jagelamn, M.D. Conference Center. Guests were welcomed by Patrick Brilliant, President of Cleveland Clinic Hospital who introduced speakers Melinda Estes, M.D. and CEO of Cleveland Clinic Florida,



Cleveland Clinic Florida

DID YOU KNOW THAT... ???????

Weston residents **recycled 2,206 tons** of newspaper and **922 tons** of co-mingled recyclables in the 2000/2001 fiscal year. Great effort!

There were 10,950 sport registrants in the **Weston Sports Alliance** leagues for the year!

Broward County schools serve more than **34,994,687 meals** each year, with the top favorites being chicken nuggets, pizza and tacos. Broward's kids drank more than **25 million** cartons of milk along with those meals. That's a lot of cooking.

and Harry Moon, M.D., President and Chairman of the Cleveland Clinic Florida Foundation. Weston Mayor Eric Hersh proudly presented individual plaques to the Clinic and the Hospital welcoming them as members of Weston's corporate community and celebrating the world-class healthcare, research and education brought to the residents of Weston.

55+

A new club for active adults

Weston has a new club, 55+ is in its beginning stages and you are invited to join us on our next adventure. You haven't missed much; this club has only just begun. Please call Wendy Krostich at The Weston Community Center at 389-4321 to be added to the mailing list. We hope to hear from you.



MOMS Club gives a big hug...

The MOMS Club of Weston had a great time touring Station #81 on November 13th during one of their monthly field trips. Firefighters show off their equipment while teaching fire safety. At the end of the tour all of the kids watched the video Be Cool About Safety, reinforcing fire safety and prevention.

"A big hug of thanks for a firefighter"



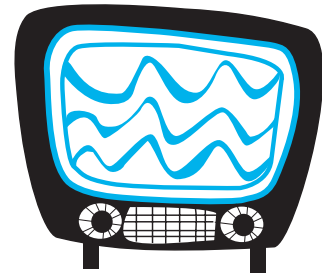
The Search for the GOLDEN EGGS... Kids Needed!

Fun and excitement are right around the corner - The City of Weston Egg Hunt will be held on March 30th at Windmill Ranch Park and any kids interested in receiving candy and possibly winning prizes should not miss this spring event.

The City of Weston, the District VIII Community Council and the Broward Sheriff's Office invite all kids, ages 12 and under, to come out in search of the golden eggs that will be hidden within Windmill Ranch Park. Prizes will be given to the children who discover these prized golden eggs.

Keep this under your bonnet: It's rumored that Peter Cottontail himself will make a cameo appearance right here in Weston during the Egg Hunt!

Saturday, March 30th
Windmill Ranch Park,
2900 Bonaventure Boulevard
10:00AM - 1:00PM



Weston Cable Television Subscribers' Bill of Rights

The City Commission has amended the Customer Service Requirements of the City's Cable Television Ordinance to guarantee that customers of the city's current cable companies, AT&T and Advance Cable Communications, can receive a refund when service standards are not met. Since many customers of both cable suppliers do not pay the cable company directly, but make their payments to a homeowner association, the amendment makes the cable company responsible for providing information to the proper association to ensure that you, the customer, receive a credit on dues paid. It also requires the cable providers to notify service users, at least annually, of their right to receive credits for certain problems experienced and how to obtain them.

Some of the main points in the amendment include:

- Subscriber has the right to receive a \$20.00 credit if a service or installation appointment is missed, due to the fault of the franchisee.
- Service credits for service interruption - *under normal operating conditions

- 24 hours or more: a rebate or credit of a min. of 10% of the subscriber's monthly bill.

- 3 to 24 hours: a rebate or credit of a min. of 1/30th of subscribers monthly bill.

*normal operation conditions: are those conditions within the control of the cable operator. Those conditions not within their control include natural disasters, civil disturbances, power outages, telephone networks outages, and severe or unusual weather conditions.

Credits may not exceed a subscriber's monthly bill and are upon verbal or written request. Service interruptions also include cable modem Internet service.

While the original ordinance provided for some credits or rebates, this new amendment decreases the number of missed appointments before a credit is due; gives the city the teeth to ensure that the resident actually receives the credit; and ensures that customers are provided information regarding their rights.

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Weston Bonaventure area residents Permit Required to Paint Houses

New Property Standards Set for Non-Homeowner Association areas

Although most of Weston is governed under the maintenance standards set forth by one's individual homeowner's association, there are a few neighborhoods within the community that are not under the umbrella of an association. These residences will now need to abide by amended property maintenance standards that were recently passed by the City Commission, in an effort to maintain the aesthetics of the City.

The new standards require a homeowner to apply for a **NO-FEE** permit and comply with an approved color palette when repainting one's house a different color. No permit is required if repainting your home the same color.

- **Structure paint colors** are limited to three (3): consisting of one primary color for the main body of the house and not more than two trim colors. Trim includes: fascia boards, doors, door casings, window casings and shutters.

- **The color palette** can be picked up at City Hall and/or the offices of Calvin, Giordano & Associates (City Planning

/Zoning/Engineering)

HOW TO OBTAIN THE NO-FEE PERMIT:

- The Form/palette is available at City Hall and/or Calvin, Giordano & Assoc. This is one sheet that contains both the colors and the application/permit.
- Once completed and signed it is to be returned to Calvin, Giordano & Assoc.

In addition to the house color palette, fences must be maintained and conform to a specific style and color, IF they abut the public right-of-way.

- **Fences** abutting public rights-of-way shall be:

- Shadow box style, 6 foot in height
- Natural wood or white in color
- A ficus hedge shall be adjacent to the fence

All existing fences that abut public right-of-way that are in need of repairs in excess of 50% of the value of the fence or are being replaced, must be replaced with one that conforms to the new code. Existing fences may remain until the above applies.

Please contact City Hall for additional information at 385-2000.



There were thousands of wonderful costumes, including this cat and princess



Fun and games galore!



A knight and his trusty steed help a little princess

A Howling Good Time
Is had by all

Thousands of ghouls, goblins, princesses, bunnies and every other character imaginable, enjoyed the Halloween Safety Fair held at Tequesta Trace Park. Once again, the District VIII Community Council and BSO, in conjunction with the City, held a safe, fun-filled and educational event. Kids were able to tour fire engines and rescue units, climb into a US Customs Blackhawk or BSO helicopter and sit on a BSO motorcycle, along with many other demonstrations and booths, a DJ and fabulous costume contest and prizes.



There's a new deputy in town!



Touring a U.S. Customs Blackhawk Helicopter

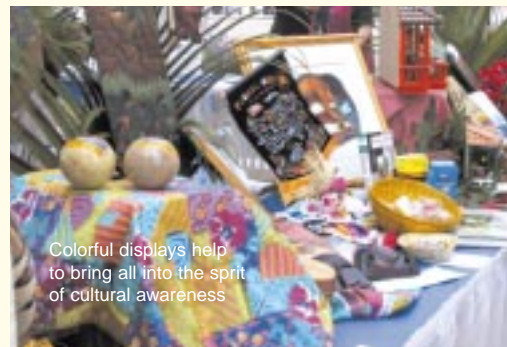


A flag parade leads the way for the festive atmosphere

Around The World in Weston
Bigger and Better than Ever

This annual event, with attendance at over 5,000 this past October, has grown bigger and better with each passing year. This year the event was moved from its

Around the World in Weston, Inc., supported by numerous community sponsors and the City of Weston, brings this event



Colorful displays help to bring all into the spirit of cultural awareness



The colorful parade of musicians, dressed in the elaborate costumes of their native countries, provided a festive atmosphere

to the Weston community with the mission of promoting education and understanding of all cultures and the oneness of humanity. The festival celebrates the common unity in values, food, music, dance and song. Attendees were greeted to entertainment from two stages, art and cultural exhibits of many Nations, a children's creative art corner, International food booths, and children's art exhibit along with music, dance and daylong activities.



NOT YOUR FATHER'S BOARDROOM

Skateboarders, Rollerbladers and City Reps meet

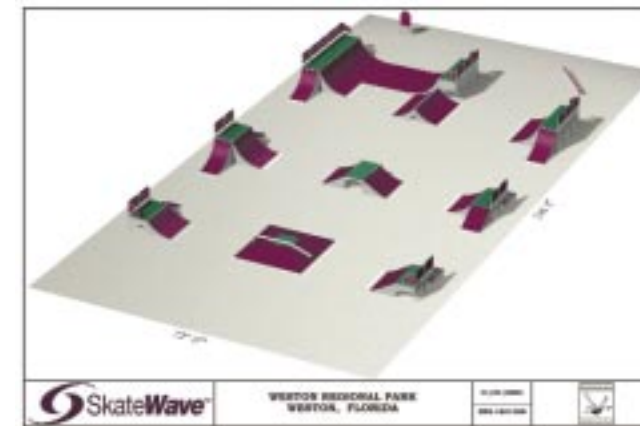
On October 19th the City brought together nine skaters from Weston, Davie and Sunrise, ranging in age from nine to fifteen to meet with Jeff Skidmore, the City's Community Services Director, Peter Reisfeld owner of SuperSkates, Allen Cooke, a manufacturers representative for modular skate park equipment, and representatives from Hometown Concessions. It certainly did not resemble the boardroom meetings of old.

transfers, ramp heights, curves and distances between each for speed and force to transfer or travel. The conversation took on a dialogue of its own, going over pyramids, surface coverings, coping, quarter pipe and "spine on a half-pipe", but these kids knew exactly what they were talking about, which was exactly why they were there.

designed their dream park. They were then asked to defend their design to the "elders" so that an understanding of the placement could be gained. The skaters wanted to be able to "transfer" to every section of the rink. One end was designed more for skateboarders and the other for in-liners and after further discussion, it was unanimous that the grind rail was not to go in the flow. The

City was glad it went to the professionals!

The group was gathered prior to the presentation of an Agreement before the City Commission, whereby the City would turn one Junior Hockey rink (rink no. seven) at the Weston Regional Park into a skate park, filled with ramps, jumps, inclines, rails and more. Hometown Concessions will be the operator and rent all of the necessary equipment to skaters (that don't have their own), such as helmets and pads.



Skate park approved by commission

The meeting got down to business when the skaters were given the opportunity to re-design the rink model. Given the same rink parameters, which is 72 feet wide by 144 feet long, and identical modular pieces, they were tasked to put it together to suit skater's desires, with the caveat that this park needed to retain an area for beginners and smaller kids with the balance for intermediate/advanced. With cooperation, idea swapping and compromise, the skaters

Mr. Cooke took the skaters design and built in the necessary distance between structures, balancing the desires for fun, excitement and thrills with the need for safety and came up with the final layout. The \$80,000 in park equipment needed to outfit the rink is made of steel modular construction by Skatewave, that can be reconfigured if a new rink layout is desired in the future. On December 3rd the City Commission gave its approval on the purchase, delighted to provide an exciting venue for the increasing demand for diverse activities for Weston's teens.

The city hopes to welcome skaters sometime in February. Hours of operation will be:

- M-F. 2pm - 10pm
- S/Sun 8am - 10pm
- Summer**
- M-Sun. 8am - 10pm

Saturday, April 6th 3pm-8pm
Town Center Park & Amphitheater

Continuous entertainment as Jimmy Stowe and the Stowaways head into port to party in paradise with the most authentic "Jimmy Buffett" tropical pop band in the western hemisphere! A D.J. starts off the event and fills intermissions with Surfing simulator - Bounce houses - Space Ball - Sumo wrestling Laser tag - Dancing and more!



THE CITY OF WESTON WELCOMES THE WHOLE FAMILY FOR AN EVENING OF FUN

New Park Development and Improvements

City to construct new parks and add resident requested improvements to others

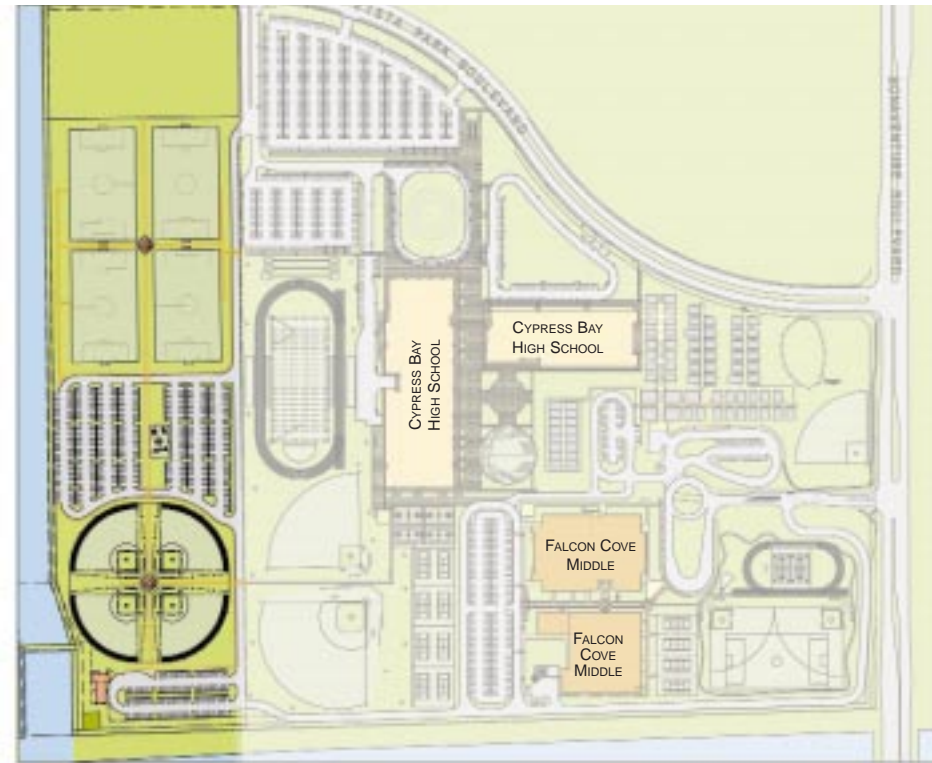


Keeping pace with growth and the demand for recreational facilities, the City has established a Capital Projects Fund, set up to finance primarily park development and improvements. The City's borrowing of \$8.1 million, which will be repaid by electric franchise fees and utility taxes over the next seven years, will enable Weston to design and build two new parks and numerous improvements at existing park locations for residents to enjoy and gain the maximum utilization from each of the City's facilities. This comes with no increase in the City's ad valorem millage rate.

Three of the projects highlighted in this edition of the Announcer, are included in the Project funding: Gator Run Park, Vista Park and Sports Field Lighting at Tequesta Trace Park.

Future projects will include:

- Regional Park** - shade covers, play equipment, restroom, parking, and a loop road extension
- Tequesta Trace Park** - concession / restroom building
- Tennis Center** - stadium court seating and landscaping
- Passive Parks** - equipment upgrades and replacements
- Town Center Park** - restroom/ storage/ kiosk



Vista Park

The development of Vista Park will soon provide a new supply source on the increasing demand side of the equation for athletic field space. As depicted in the site plan, Vista Park will provide eight full-size, sports system lighted athletic fields among its amenities:

- 4 - soccer / football fields
- 4 - baseball / softball fields
- 2 - concession / restroom buildings
- 1 - Tot Lot
- Small maintenance compound
- Parking lot for 500 vehicles

An anticipated \$6 million project, Vista Park is located at the west end of the Educational Complex which now holds Falcon Cove Middle School and the soon to be Cypress Bay High School, currently under construction. The Middle and High Schools will have their own athletic fields on the school campus. The presently vacant Vista Park property is found at the west end of Vista Park Boulevard, which is accessed from Bonaventure Boulevard. Residents and sports leagues can look forward to playing on Vista Parks fields in late fall.



Gator Run Park

Gator Run Park located at Arvida Parkway and Park Boulevard, adjacent to Gator Run Elementary, will soon host construction that will completely transform the currently sodded landscape into an inviting and eagerly awaited recreational area. Neighborhood residents have patiently awaited the funding for the design and construction of the seven-acre Gator Run Park and will now see their desires turned into reality. This one-half million-dollar project is included as a part of the \$8.1 million Capital Projects Fund.

The completed park will provide residents with:

- Extensive landscaping, paths
- Lighted walkways and exercise
- A tot lot
- Three picnic shelters
- A restroom building and designated parking area

The park will have a large open play area that doubles as a multi-purpose sports field. Construction should begin this spring.

Tequesta Trace Park

To receive new sports field lighting

The field lighting at Tequesta Trace Park is getting an overhaul. A complete sports field lighting system, utilizing the latest technology in sports field illumination, is being installed and replacing the old lights. The new lighting will provide better lighting for the players on the field, consequently enhancing safety, and will provide a significant reduction in light spill and glare onto nearby residential properties. Installation of this \$400,000 system will begin this spring.



Everglade Elementary students share a fun afternoon with McGruff the Crime Dog while touring the Weston Police Station



Students can look forward to a school campus, with a capacity for 1,115 students, which includes a one and two-story main building with classrooms, offices and specialty rooms. Separate buildings will house physical education and equipment. School campus highlights include outfitting the school with a media center, closed circuit television studio, a cafeteria with a performance stage, a music lab and an art lab.

NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BREAKS GROUND

opening for the 2002 school year

On the eve of the Nation's day of Thanksgiving, dozens of members of the Weston community, the Weston City Commission, the School Board and Bergeron Properties, gathered at the site of Weston's newest elementary school - School "P", to celebrate and give thanks for this new facility, as elected officials formally broke ground. School "P", located at 19200 SW 36th Street, will open within 10 months, bringing much needed relief to overcrowding at Weston's Everglades and Gator Run Elementary Schools.

Master of Ceremonies, Thomas Calhoun, Deputy Superintendent of Facilities and Construction Management introduced the morning's special guests, Dr. Frank Till,

Superintendent of Schools, Paul Eichner, Esq., District 5 School Board Member, Weston Mayor Eric Hersh and Ron Bergeron, President of Bergeron Properties and Investments. Each speaker praised the unique partnership and pace that has made the construction of this school possible.

In an agreement with the City, Mr. Bergeron donated to Weston, twelve acres

of land, prior to the development of homes on the property north of Griffin Road and southwest of South Post Road. The City in turn, transferred seven of those acres to the School Board for the construction of the school. The City will develop the remaining five acres into a park to be used by both the school and the public. The park, when complete, will provide separate recreational areas for kindergarten, primary and intermediate grades, a covered play area, a multipurpose field, a softball field, and basketball courts. Three additional acres were donated and will be used to connect Southwest 36th Street to Vista Park Boulevard which borders the school sites west side. Much to give thanks for.



Shovels in hand, ground is broken and construction began on Weston's newest Elementary School, School "P".

Schools Honored for their A's

Four out of six Weston schools and their principals were honored by the City Commission for their exemplary efforts on the 2001 FCAT and in receiving an A Grade in the State of Florida A-Plus Grading Plan.

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

Everglades Elementary School and Principal Eliot Tillinger
 Gator Run Elementary School and Principal Susan Walton
 Eagle Point Elementary School and Principal Marelise LeClerc
 Tequesta Trace Middle School and then Principal, Scott Neely

School Board Chair, Paul Eichner was on hand to join the City Commission in congratulating and presenting this much deserved recognition and award.

Keep up the outstanding work!

Principal Scott Neely is congratulated by the Weston City Commission

DO THE WRITE THING

Winning 4th grade essay read at school "P" Groundbreaking

Little did Indian Trace Elementary School student Eric Gomez know that when he wrote the winning essay about the character trait of Citizenship, for the Do The Write Thing writing contest, that Mayor Hersh would read his poem during his speech later that morning at the groundbreaking for the new School "P". The Mayor had just come from an early morning visit to Indian Trace Elementary and was so impressed by the winning poem and its significance to that day's groundbreaking ceremony, that he included it in his speech.

Citizenship

By Eric Gomez

Citizenship is the key
 The key to life,
 The key to destiny.
 Be smart, do the right thing.....
 Be a citizen..be part of a community.

A citizen is right not wrong.
 A citizen has rights not wrongs.
 A citizen is the best he can be.
 He is strong.
 He is smart.
 He is free.

The new School "P", along with all of Weston's great schools, will educate and help to mold our citizens of tomorrow.

Calendar of Events

Sat., Mar. 9 12-4p	Family Fun Day Amusements & games for the family	Main Street Clock Tower Courtyard 349-8123
Sun., Mar. 17 2-5p	SunTrust Sunday on the Town Concert Series	Town Center Park & Amphitheater 389-4321
Sat., Mar. 30 10a-1p	City of Weston Egg Hunt - Children's Egg Hunt, ages 12 & under. Prizes for finding the golden eggs! Peter Cottontail and photos too.	Windmill Ranch Park 389-2030
Sat., Apr. 6 3p-8p	Spring Break - Weston Style... Live band - Jimmy Stowe & The Stowaways & a DJ for continuous entertainment. Surfing simulator, bounce houses, sumo-wrestling, The Limbo! and much more. Something for all ages.	Town Center Park & Amphitheater 389-4321
Sat. Apr. 13 11a-3p	YMCA Healthy Kids Day Family Health & Safety Exhibit Children's Entertainment	Town Center Park & Amphitheater 389-4321
Sat. April 13 12-4p	Family Fun Day Amusements and games for the family	Main Street Clock Tower Courtyard 349-8123
Sun., Apr. 21 2p-5p	SunTrust Sunday on the Town Concert Series	Town Center Park 349-8123
Apr. 21-27	National Volunteer Week 2002 A huge Thank You to the hundreds of volunteers in our community who do so much for the benefit of others.	Town Center - Main Street 349-8123
Fri., May 3 6p-8p	Friday Night Frolic Music, performances	Town Center - Main Street 349-8123
Sat., May 11 12-4p	Family Fun Day Amusements & games for the family	Main Street Clock Tower Courtyard 349-8123
Sun., May 19 2p-5p	SunTrust Sunday on the Town Concert Series	Town Center Park 349-8123
Every Wed. 10:30a	Storytime Ages 3-5	Weston Reading Center 389-2098
Every Sat. 10a-2p	Child Car Safety Seat Inspection Have your child's car seat inspected to ensure it is installed properly.	Weston Police Services Building 389-2030 / 389-2010

Community Weston Westop Progress Events

City Contacts

Emergency Police/Fire/EMS	911	Planning & Zoning / <i>Planeamiento y Zonificacion</i> . . .	921-7781
<i>Emergencias Policia/Bonberos/Auxilio Medico</i>	911	Building & Permitting / <i>Construccion & Permisos</i> . . .	765-8967
City Hall / <i>Oficinas Municipales</i>	385-2000	Community Services / <i>Servicios a la Comunidad.</i> . . .	389-4321
2500 Weston Road, Suite 101, Weston FL 33331		Parks & Recreation, Public Works /	389-4321
		<i>Parques Y Diversion, Obras Publicas</i>	
Broward Sheriff's Office/ <i>Departamento. De Policia.</i> . .	765-4321	Weston Sports Alliance/	389-5013
Non-Emergency Dispatch/ <i>Despacho No Emergencia</i>		<i>Alianza Deportiva de Weston</i>	
Weston Administration/ <i>Weston Administracion</i>	389-2010	Water, Sewer, Storm Drainage	389-4321
24 hours Information/ <i>Informacion las 24 horas.</i>	389-2010	After Hours & Weekends	753-0380
Weston Traffic Unit/ <i>Weston Unidad de Trafico</i>	389-2016	<i>Aqua, Drenaje, y Alcantarilla de la Cd. Weston</i>	389-4321
Crime Prevention/ <i>Prevencion del Crimen.</i>	389-2030	<i>Emergencias y Fines de Semana y Noche</i>	753-0380
Code Enforcement/ <i>Aplicacion de Reglamentos.</i>	389-2067	City of Weston website	www.westonfl.org
		<i>Paginas Web de la Cd. De Weston</i>	
Fire Department Administration	389-2015		
<i>Bomberos - Administracion.</i>	389-2015		

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