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Proud of Our Community

By Mayor Eric M. Hersh

Recovery from Hurricane Wilma is continuing and although we have much more to do in 2006, we have made good progress.

All the parks are functional again, and major upgrades to the lighting systems are being completed. The Commission authorized expending approximately \$3 million to redo all the lighting at the Regional Park and Tequesta Park. The new lights are designed to a much higher wind standard which should help us reopen the parks much quicker after a storm event. In addition, these new lights will save a significant amount of electricity, thus reducing operating costs and at the same time, offering a much longer warranty period.

Traffic signals continue to be a challenge and we are working with Broward County to complete repairs of those signals still in need of fixing. We will be replacing some of the older signal structures with new ones, again keeping in mind the ability to stay operational during and after storms. We are also looking at having generators available and compatible with the signals in the event we need to operate without power for any length of time. Unfortunately, finding contractors and supplies to get signals installed is a challenge which also caused a delay in getting a signal completed at the new I-75 and Royal Palm Blvd. southbound exit.



Proud of our Community

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Although post storm repairs are moving along, it's likely that finding contractors and material will be difficult for some time to come.

As we move closer to completing repairs, we are now moving towards replacing and replanting landscaping. We realize that Weston doesn't look the same and likely won't for some time. We are completing a master replanting plan for the city which includes determining the best plant materials to use and in which locations, prioritizing replanting areas, and evaluating the cost and source of funds. We would certainly like to replant everything quickly but doing it right will take some time.

Certainly hurricane recovery efforts are taking a great deal of our time, as are preparations for the 2006 storm season, but your Commission is still hard at work on other issues as well. We continue to monitor the situation with the potential development of Davie Commons across I-75. The Commission has opposed this development and is committed to take the necessary steps to block any such development.

We are also very pleased that the change from the Broward County building department to the city's own building department, under a contract with CSA Southeast, has gone so smoothly. You can now track the progress of your building permit application and inspections right online, and the turnaround time for obtaining permits has dramatically improved.

We expect to start construction on our new City Hall and Public Works buildings very soon. These buildings are the last part of the infrastructure of the city and will be built to serve the needs of the city for many years.

At the same time, they are an integral part of the network we are developing to provide city services during and after any emergency.

While we are doing a lot right now to improve, we are keeping a close and watchful eye on the financial status of Weston. For the past nine years we put away funds for a rainy day, and this year we needed some of those funds. We were very fortunate to have them available. We still, however, continue to be careful in our spending.

On a further financial note, the City of Weston has been assigned an Aaa Issuer Rating by Moody's Investors Service, which puts us with only four other cities in the State of Florida who can boast an Aaa rating! Moody's wrote, "The city's strong financial operations were characterized by very high reserves and long-term planning, shown by Weston's development of a Strategic Value and Business Plan that includes financial projections for the next 10 years, demonstrating continued strength in reserves through 2015."

We are proud of what we have accomplished so far. As we approach our 10th year as a city, we know there is still much more we can do to make Weston the very best place to live, work and invest in.

On behalf of Commissioner Stermer, Commissioner Chermak, Commissioner Cheren and Commissioner Henriksson, we thank you for the confidence and support you place in us, and will continue to make you proud to be a part of our community.

Eric M. Hersh





Replanting Weston – Residents' Concerns

Concern about the removal of trees and landscaping due to the hurricane has already been expressed by residents in several communities, and is the same for many residents throughout Weston. You have a different view with different sounds, and are anxious to somehow restore what the storm took away.

In December, Weston's landscape architects, landscape managers, and landscape contractors were charged with the task of developing a comprehensive plan for the landscape restoration of the city (this does not include streets within gated communities). Part of the solution was to first identify what species did well and what did not and the reasons for the success or failure to include planting conditions, location and the like. This element is critical so that we may learn from this experience and not repeat the mistakes of the past. With more active storm seasons on the horizon we want to make as certain as possible that any new material planted will have the best chance of survival through future storms. A recommended residential property planting list is included in this Weston Announcer edition.

Another part of the task is to identify ALL of the areas throughout the city that are in need of restoration and determine how best to integrate new material with existing material to achieve a homogeneous appearance.

The last part of the task is to develop a Master Re-landscaping Plan for the entire City to determine how best to fund it so that ALL of the areas may be addressed and to prepare a timetable to get this accomplished.

City leaders and staff very much appreciate the concerns perceived as unique to each community, but common to the City. Weston has 20 square miles of land and miles of roadway buffers; it's going to take time to do this right and make sure that no one is left behind. Residents are also going to have to be aware that most new material to be planted will not be of the size that was lost; after all it took many years for the lost material to achieve its size.

Once the Master Re-landscaping Plan is completed and a time table developed, it will be published in the Weston Announcer newsletter and on the City's web site for all to see. As of this writing we do not have a date as to when all of the data and plans will be completed, but expect it to be ready in the late spring at the very earliest.

Thank you for your patience as the City works as quickly as possible to get Weston looking as good as it can be.

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A Note From The City Manager

John R. Flint

It's a new year, and while the view may have changed, we still have many good things to look forward to for an even better Weston.

The Florida Legislature begins its 2006 session in March and we have already been working with local legislators on two important issues. We have again requested that Florida law governing a municipalities' ability to restructure Occupational License categories and rates be amended so that Weston may streamline this process. We are working with Senator Nan Rich and Representative Susan Goldstein to introduce this item and move it through the Florida Senate and Florida House of Representatives.

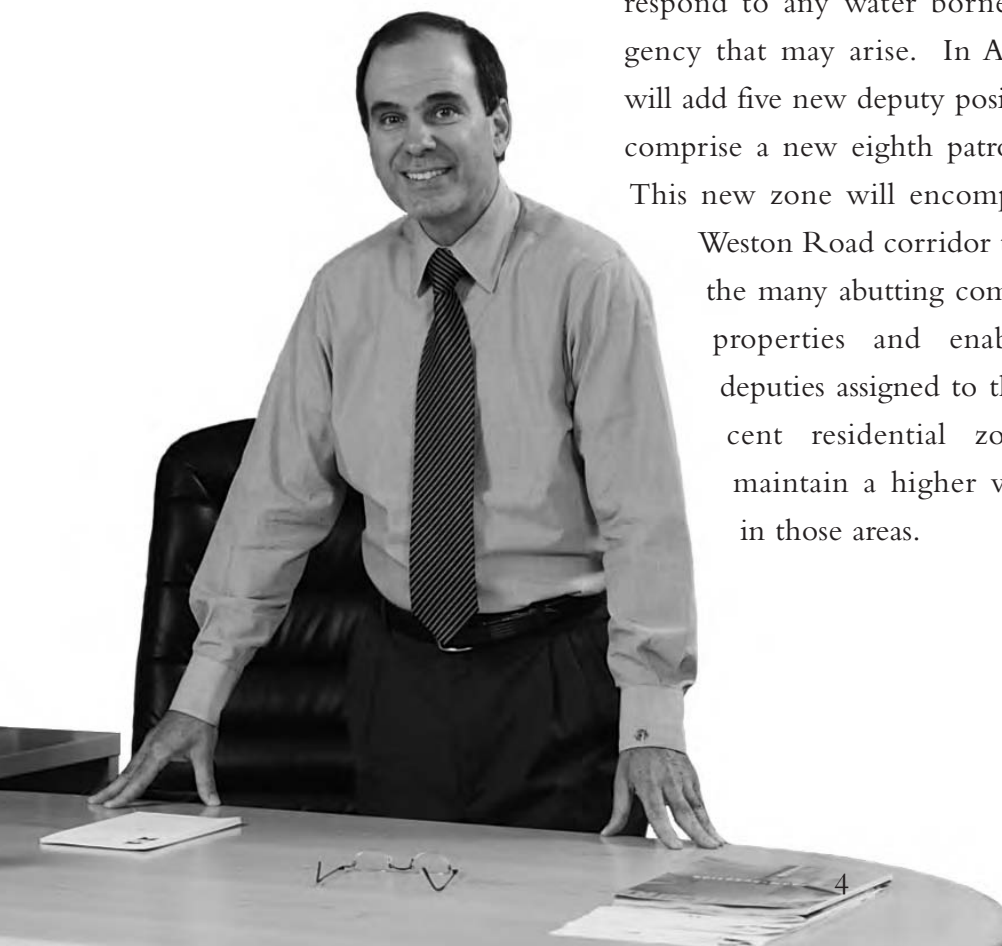
Weston's 2015 Strategic Value Plan includes the replacement of the two drainage pumps that serve the Bonaventure community. These pumps are agricultural style pumps in excess of thirty years old and do not meet current standards, while those that exist in the Indian Trace portion of the city do. We are working with Senator Nan Rich and Representative Franklin Sands to file a Community Budget Issue Request to obtain significant matching funds for this vital project.

We've expanded our services with the Broward Sheriff's Office to now include Dive Rescue; at all times at least three of the Deputies on duty in Weston will be Public Safety Diver certified and available to rapidly respond to any water borne emergency that may arise. In April we will add five new deputy positions to comprise a new eighth patrol zone. This new zone will encompass the Weston Road corridor to cover the many abutting commercial properties and enable the deputies assigned to the adjacent residential zones to maintain a higher visibility in those areas.

Our scenic view has been changed by the force of Mother Nature, something we unfortunately could do little about. Wilma's visit last October may have been detrimental to our appearance, but certainly not our outlook. We now have the opportunity in our new landscaping endeavors to learn not only from the storm event, but from the planting practices of the past. Our new landscape designs will be more storm tolerant, horticulturally sound, and aesthetically pleasing.

One view that we all can do something about, and that is equally detrimental to our appearance, is graffiti and unlawful dumping. These two unlawful acts can do as much harm to the appearance and quality of life within our community as any storm can do. The Broward Sheriff's Office will be pleased to receive your call with any tips or information on anyone who thinks they can compete with Mother Nature and change our view.

It's a new year, and working together the view will get even better!



Did you Know That...

...Weston has a new **Building Department** contractor, CSA Southeast, with an office here in Weston. The Weston Building Department is just down the street from City Hall. Their office address is 2700 S. Commerce Parkway, Suite 103. For information, call 954-385-0500. You can also track your permit online! Residents with storm damage permit questions should call anytime, M-F 8am-5pm.

...Weston presents **FREE** Saturday Night Maroone Moonlight Movies in the Park each month in Weston's Regional Park.

...That 2006 is the City of Weston's **10th Anniversary!** Incorporated on September 3, 1996, our city has grown rapidly, becoming one of the premiere communities in Florida. The city's population expanded from 22,949 in 1996 to 61,042 today. In that time, city facilities have expanded to include 13 municipal parks, three fire stations and a police station, and ground being broke this year for a city hall and public works building.

Reminder to Residents Living in Gated Communities

In ANY type of emergency or suspicious incident, always call **911**, not your gatehouse.

While your security company may patrol the area, you should contact the Police or Fire Department in the event of an emergency for the quickest response. Calling the gatehouse first will only delay the response.

Calls to 911: Calls made to the County **911** system utilize what is termed E911 or Enhanced **911**. What this means is that even if you cannot speak or just manage to dial the number, the **911** dispatchers will have your phone number and the address from which you are calling so that an emergency responder can be dispatched to that location.

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Above: Mayor Eric Hersh, Vonzell, and Postmaster Earl Weaver at the Weston Branch Post Office.

American Idol Finalist Vonzell Solomon visits Weston

American Idol top-four competition finalist, the beautiful 21 year-old Vonzell Solomon, visited Weston Branch Post Office employees on November 17, 2005.

The popular finalist, who has been singing since she was 10 years old, was a mail carrier residing in Ft. Myers, Florida. On this day she toured a number of South Florida post offices to say thank you to employees of the postal service who had supported her throughout the Idol competition. Vonzell also met with City and Postal officials to everyone's delight.



Vonzell greets Weston's Laurie Menekou, Assistant to the City Clerk, who is a self-proclaimed HUGE fan of the American Idol show and of Vonzell.

Best in the State

Florida Government Communicators Association Awards
Weston City Newsletter and Performance Report



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In December, the Florida Government Communicators Association (FGCA) held its 2005 Crystal Awards in St. Petersburg, Florida where the City of Weston was awarded First Place in the External Publications category for our Weston Announcer newsletter, and Second Place in the Annual Report (Internal or External) category for the City's 2004 Performance Report.

This recognition is especially significant since the association does not break down population segments within categories. The Crystal Award submittals from cities of all sizes, counties, state agencies or districts are all considered equally.

This is the first year that the City's Director of Communications, Denise Barrett, has been a member of FGCA, winning awards for two out of two entries submitted.

Judges written comments:

NEWSLETTER -

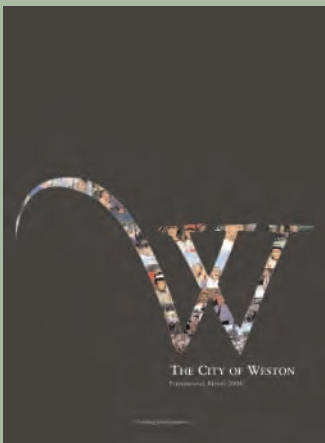


"Innovative concept for cover designs. Beautiful design! Congratulations! Your designer for layout is fabulous."

"Outstanding!! Spectacular - well-written, impressive range of material and impactful design - head and shoulders above the other entries."

"The document itself is unique - magazine quality. Very impressive! High quality makes the reader want to retain for future reference; good justification and continuity for re-design of newsletter to resemble annual report."

ANNUAL REPORT -



"Mostly done in house, highly professional and doubles as a marketing piece. Beautifully done, very impressive."

"High dollar, but much less expensive than others in category. Worth every penny. Weston sets the standard for others to follow. Beautiful piece!"

"Very attractive, easy to read and understand at a glance, letter to residents a nice touch. Definitely informs and makes residents feel good about city."



The Weston City Commission recognizes heroes Scott Proudly, Lee Swasey and Adriel Forbes of Rick Case Powerhouse for saving the life of a woman trapped underwater in her vehicle after plunging into a canal along I-75. Rick and Rita Case were proudly on hand for the presentation.



Left to Right: Commissioner Daniel Stermer, Commissioner Sharon Cheren, Rita Case, Stephanie Hersh, Mayor Eric Hersh, Rick Case, Commissioner Mercedes Henriksson and Commissioner Murray Chermak.

The City presented Rick and Rita Case with a Proclamation honoring their Bikes for Kids program held each year. The program collects new or older bikes, which are refurbished by Rick Case personnel and then distributed to needy children throughout the county. Following in the tradition of her brother Matthew, this year Stephanie Hersh donated her old bike to the program.

Still a Part of the Family

Fire Department Rescues Man's Best Friend

Monique Dabreo will be forever grateful for the prompt action of three members of the Broward County Fire Rescue and Emergency Services Department in Weston who saved the life of her family pet.

Early one morning the family dog, Gingerella, had begun to turn blue from lack of oxygen as her metal collar had locked into place and was literally choking the life out of her. One emergency phone call and minutes later the Fire Department was on the scene and used bolt cutters to release the collar from around her neck.

Monique was truly grateful for the animal rescue, taking this photo of Ginger with her "heroes," who helped her to remain a loving and loyal member of the family.



Left to Right : Firefighter P. Smith, "Gingerella," Driver/Engineer J. Harkins and Lt. J. Schneider who were each honored as BSO – Weston, Employees of the Month for January 2006

Official City Meetings

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

VIEW MEETINGS

- Meetings can be viewed live on the city's website at www.westonfl.org. Archived meetings are also available for viewing.
- City Commission meetings are telecast live over the City's government access channel for cable television subscribers, and are re-broadcast:
 - Tuesday at 9 pm
 - Wednesday & Thursday at 10 am and 9 pm

Advanced Cable subscribers tune to Channel #25
Comcast subscribers tune to Channel #78

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

City Commission
7:00 pm

Monday, March 6, 2006
Monday, March 20, 2006
Monday, April 3, 2006
Monday, April 17, 2006
Monday, May 1, 2006
Monday, May 15, 2006

Planning & Zoning Advisory Board
6:30 pm
2nd & 4th Mondays

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



Broward Community College Center Opens in Weston

Ten Classroom Center Opens in New Weston Library Building

City leaders have had the desire for a public, higher education facility within our community since Weston's incorporation. Now at the anniversary of the City's 10th year, it is a reality. Broward Community College (BCC) opened its Weston Center on January 5, 2006 on the second floor of the then, still unopened Weston Branch Library, at 4205 Bonaventure Boulevard.

The first day of classes saw some offices still in the stages of completion but BCC officials on hand to celebrate the occasion more than compensated with gushing enthusiasm and a students dream - free food!

The inspiration for a Center is to make college courses more accessible to residents, thereby enriching the community. "The Center's location above the Weston Branch Library will serve as a hub for family involvement," said Shouan Pan, Provost for the BCC South Campuses. He

advised that the Weston Center will serve all ages, providing general education courses as well as addressing specific community needs such as intensive English for the Hispanic population. Scheduling will be adjusted to meet the needs of the area, with full-time, part-time and continuing education students.

Dr. Pan and his staff are acutely aware of the fact that many BCC students must work full or part-time, juggling the demands of school, work and family. The college strives to make higher education as accommodating as possible. An interesting new phenomenon noticed at BCC is that changes in the marketplace have graduates who already possess Bachelor's, Master's and Ph.D. degrees now attending community college for professional training courses, changes in career strategy and also for personal enrichment.



Left to Right: Janice Stubbs, Interim Director, Myrna Bomser, Manager for BCC's Weston and Pembroke Pines Centers, and Shouan Pan, Ph.D., Provost, BCC South Campus

The 20,000 square foot Weston Center includes:

- 10 classrooms
- State of the art computers
- Bookstore and student lounge
- Administrative offices and computers for on-site registration
- Rotating staff for on-site access to counselors and other key staff
- The only Fast Track accelerated Associate Degree Program among the Centers. This is an 18-month program providing an Associate of Arts degree in Business Administration.

Approximately 700-1,000 students will be served each semester in Weston. Broward Community College admission is guaranteed to all high school graduates with a standard diploma, GED recipients and home education graduates. As a public college, credit hour costs are a very reasonable \$63.05 per credit hour for Florida residents.

For additional information on the Weston Center call 954-201-3708.

Single Family Residential Bulk Pick-Up Schedule for 2006

Collection is on your regularly scheduled garbage pick-up day. Items should be placed curbside by 7AM.

	WED	THUR	FRI
APRIL	12th	13th	14th
JULY	12 th	13 th	14th
OCTOBER	11 th	12 th	13 th

Multi-Family Bulk Pick-Up Schedule for 2006

	SAT
APRIL	15th
JULY	15 th
OCTOBER	14 th

Collection from multi-family condos, townhomes & apartments is on Saturdays. Items should be placed next to dumpsters by 7AM.

For residential yard waste collection

**Remember the
Weston Pic Three**

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40 - pound maximum (per can or bag)

6 - inch maximum diameter

6 - foot max. lengths, bundled or bagged



Want a Book, DVD or CD? Check it out at the Weston Branch Library!

Residents now have a beautiful new, full-service branch library in Weston, open seven days a week, providing a wealth of information, entertainment and services.

FACTS AND FIGURES

Cost: \$7.3 million – funded by the Broward County Commission (1999 Library Bond Program)

Size: 51,031 square-foot building on 5.194 acre site; 31,000 sq. ft. for the library on the first floor

Broward Community College on second floor with 10 classrooms

340 designated parking spaces

Library facility includes:

- over 100,000 book collection
- DVDs and CDs for checkout
- popular library and audio visual area
- youth services area with program room
- young adult area with teen activity room
- reference service area

March 2006 Programs and Exhibits

ADULTS:

Mar. 28 - Women and Retirement discussion with Mary Peters, 10:00-11:30 am. Sponsored by Broward County Extension Education.

Women's Health Issues discussion. Sponsored by the Cleveland Clinic Florida Weston.

TEENS:

Mar. 9 - Girls Rule! Book Club, 4:30 to 5:30pm. Share a book, movie, or soundtrack of your favorite female character or personality. Pre-register to attend.

Mar. 18 - Teen Advisory Board Meeting, 11 to 12 am. Pre-register to attend.

CHILDREN:

Mondays - Mommy And Me Story Time, ages 2 to 3, 11 to 11:20 am.

Wednesdays - All By Myself Story Time, ages 3 to 6, 11:00 to 11:30 am.

Mar. 1st: Dr. Seuss's Birthday.

Mar. 8th: Elephants.

Mar. 15th: Shamrock Sharing.

Mar. 22nd: All about You.

Mar. 29th: Lamb Stories.

COMPUTERS:

March 1 - Basic Computer Literacy, 6 to 7:30 pm. Pre-register

March 3 - Microsoft Word, 10:30-12 pm. Pre-register

March 6 - Free E-mail Services on the Internet, 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Pre-register

March 8 - Basic Computer Literacy, Part II, 6 to 7:30 pm. Pre-register

March 10 - Microsoft Word II, 10:30 to 12 pm, Pre-register

March 13 - Free E-mail Services on the Internet, Part II, 6 to 7:30 pm. Pre-register

March 15 - Introduction to the World Wide Web, 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Pre-register

March 17 - Microsoft Word III, 10:30 to 12 pm. Pre-register

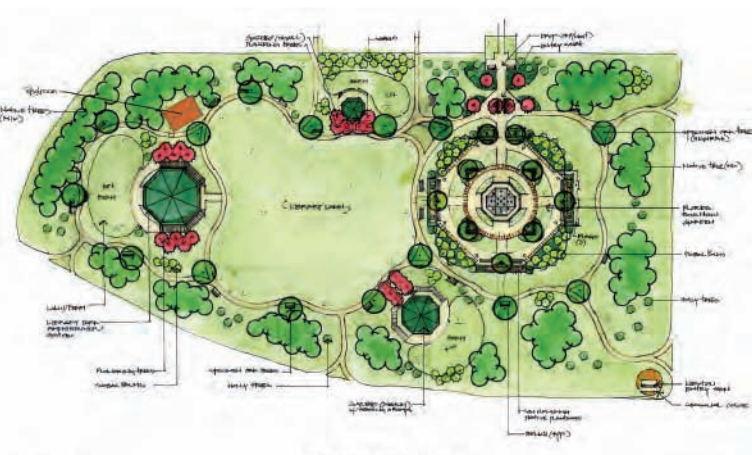
March 21 - Microsoft Access, 6 to 7:30 pm. Pre-register

March 23 - Create Your Own Website, 1:30 to 3 pm. Pre-register

March 25 - File Management, 10:30 to 12 pm. Pre-register

March 28 - Microsoft PowerPoint, 6 to 7:30 pm. Pre-register

March 30 - Creating a Web Site with Microsoft Word, 1:30 to 3 pm.



Weston Library Park
Weston, Florida



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

The library is located on the southwest corner of Bonaventure Boulevard and Orchard Drive. This site is conveniently located adjacent to the educational complex which includes Falcon Cove Middle and Cypress Bay High School. Rounding out this educational experience, the City's landscape architects are cur-

rently in the final design phase for Library Park which will abut the Weston Library site and be a short walk across Vista Park Boulevard for the students, providing a campus-like setting and relaxing retreat for library patrons and students alike.

Broward County Weston Branch Library

4205 Bonaventure Boulevard, Weston

(954) 389-2098

Hours of Operation

Monday - Thursday: 10am - 8:30pm

Friday - Saturday: 10am - 6pm

Sunday - 1pm - 5pm

Librarian - *Mary Ellen Eubank*



The massive ficus tree behind the main entrance sign on Weston Road and Royal Palm Boulevard (old Arvida Parkway) had been toppled in the storm and split apart. Crews removed damaged sections, straightened the tree, and were able to save and restore this beautiful entryway.

Hurricane Wilma Cleanup

Costly Consequences

Fortunately a Cost for which the City was Well Prepared

When Hurricane Wilma blew through South Florida, Weston incurred the brunt force of her substantial winds: Toppled signage, downed traffic lights, roof damage, destroyed fencing and screen enclosures, extensive lighting damage and a severe impact to our lush landscape.

Fortunately, the City had long prepared for such a storm event. Contracts with outside debris removal companies were already in place and the mass cleanup began the day of the storm. Main roadways were cleared immediately and city crews began damage assessment and cleanup coordination. Due to the expanse of landscape destruction this was a process

that would take months of time and millions of dollars. Weston is fortunate to be in an excellent financial position. The City has reserves sufficient to pay for the cleanup and repairs to City facilities and rights of way. City leaders and managers have each year put aside reserve funds to enable the City to address such challenges without adding an additional burden on our taxpayers.

A summary of the major landscape damage is shown at left. The City's landscape contractor **saved 3,617 trees** by replanting and/or straightening them. The majority of these trees were mature canopy trees that could not have been replaced with

Cleanup as of December 31, 2005	
3,781	Trees removed
6,562	Leaner's and hangers* *Leaner's are trees that can be saved by righting or staking. Hangers are branches that have broken and need to be cut off.
131	Stumps removed
241,653	Cubic yards of debris collected and disposed of

Cleanup still to be completed:	
1,000	Trees still to be removed
1,000	Leaner's and hangers
<i>All work should be completed by the time of this Announcer printing</i>	



any species of a comparable size. Palms were aggressively nourished and treated immediately following the storm and the mature Royal Palm success rate has been exceptional. In most cases these palms would have died due to bent crowns and spikes.

Trees saved by up-righting and staking them are not eligible for FEMA reimbursement, even though there is a substantial cost involved to do so. Stump removal is also not reimbursable. The City of Weston chose to save as many trees as possible, at the City's own expense, rather than lose this precious resource by simply cutting them down and being reimbursed.

The lighting on Weston's athletic fields was hit hard by the storm. Our newest park, Vista Park, had only minimal damage as the lighting is new and represents the highest standards for wind load. Tequesta Trace, Weston's oldest park, lost all lighting fixtures and poles and will receive all new poles and fixtures. The Regional Park suffered extensive damage to its fixtures, which will be replaced. The City Commission has opted to make these replacements in lieu of repairs with equipment that will bear the highest wind loads available, preventing damage and costs from future storms.

Additional damage to our parks affected fences, bleachers, roofs and other miscellaneous items. The repairs are being addressed but it was not the only burden borne by residents. Thousands of children and adults play league sports and the closure of the parks and inability for night time play severely impacted the leagues. The decision to upgrade the lighting will hopefully prevent such an impact in the future.

Reimbursement of Expenses:

FEMA will reimburse the City 75% of total eligible costs submitted.

The State of Florida will reimburse the City for 12.5% of total eligible costs submitted to FEMA.

The Federal Highway Administration will reimburse 100% of costs submitted for cleanup and sign replacement involving FHWA designated roadways (Royal Palm Boulevard/Glades Parkway, Saddle Club Road, Indian Trace, South Post Road, Bonaventure Boulevard, Manatee Isles Drive and Weston Road).

The City's insurance carrier will cover eligible costs, after deductibles, for repair of damage to City structures. Landscaping is **not** a covered expense.



Weston Community Happenings...

1. Broward Sheriff's Office Employees of the Month Honored in December: Deputy's Kari Pallotto and Ryan Seguin 2. Weston University student gets a lesson in self defense techniques. 3. Weston's Holiday Choral & Musical Concert in the Park 4. Kids enjoying the Holiday Concert 5. Weston HealthPark celebrates 5 years 6. Weston honored at the Cleveland Clinic Campus luncheon 7. Weston HealthPark 8. The Weston Tennis Center recognizes junior champs





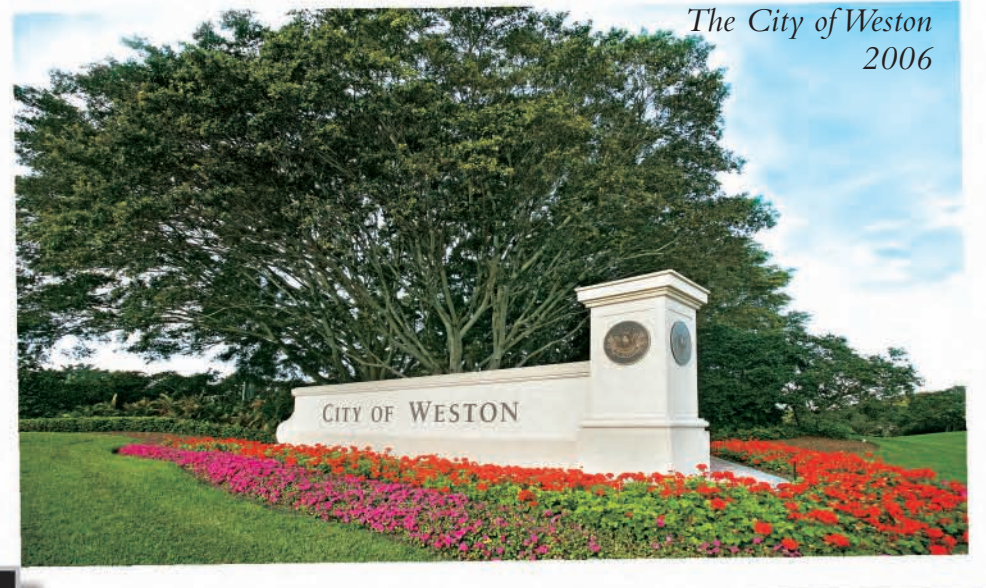
City Contacts

Emergency Police/Fire/EMS	911	Weston Sports Alliance / <i>Alianza Deportiva de Weston</i>	
<i>Emergencia</i> Policia/Bomberos/Auxilio Médico	911	Sports League Information & Registration	954-389-4321
		See City website www.westonfl.org for individual phone numbers for each league.	
City Hall / <i>Oficinas Municipales</i>		Weston Tennis Center	
2500 Weston Road, Suite 101	954-385-2000	16451 Racquet Club Road	954-389-8666
Broward Sheriff's Office / <i>Departamentos. de Policia</i>		Water and Sewer / <i>Agua y Alcantarillado</i>	
Non-Emergency Dispatch / <i>Despacho No Emergencia</i>	954-765-4321	New connections, billing info. / <i>Nuevas conexiones, cuentas</i>	954-746-3232
Police Administration / <i>Policia Administración</i>		Problems / <i>Problemas</i>	
Weston Police Services Building, 17300 Royal Palm Blvd.	954-389-2010	Bonaventure area of Weston	954-846-7400
24 Hour Information / <i>Información las 24 horas</i>	954-389-2010	After hours and weekends for Bonaventure	954-846-7400
Weston Traffic Unit / <i>Weston Unidad de Tráfico</i>	954-389-2016	Indian Trace area (all areas except Bonaventure)	954-389-4321
Crime Prevention / <i>Prevención del Crimen</i>	954-389-2030	After hours and weekends for Indian Trace	954-753-0380
Code Enforcement / <i>Aplicación de Reglamentos</i>	954-389-2067	Garbage / <i>Desecho</i>	
Fire Department Administration / <i>Bomberos - Administración</i>		All Service Refuse-Customer Service	954-583-1830
Station No. 81, 17350 Royal Palm Blvd.	954-389-2015	Cable	
Planning & Zoning / <i>Planeamiento y Zonificación</i>		Advanced Cable	
Calvin Giordano & Associates, Inc.	954-921-7781	(Channel #25 for City Information)	954-753-0100
Building & Permitting / <i>Construcción & Permisos</i>		Comcast Cable	
CSA Southeast, Inc.		(Channel #78 for City Information)	800-568-1212
2700 S. Commerce Pkwy., Suite 101	954-385-0500	City of Weston Website / <i>Página de Web</i>	www.westonfl.org
Community Services / <i>Servicios a la Comunidad</i>		Weston Community Radio	
Parks & Recreation, Public Works / <i>Parques Diversión, Obras Públicas</i>		/ <i>Estación de Radio Comunitaria</i>	1680AM
Weston Community Center,		Broward County Environmental Hotline	
20200 Saddle Club Road	954-389-4321	/ <i>Línea sobre Asuntos Ambientales</i>	954-519-1400
		Broward County Branch Library Weston	
		/ <i>Biblioteca</i>	
		4205 Bonaventure Blvd.	954-389-2098



10th WESTON

1996 ~ 2006



Happy Anniversary to us!

It seems impossible but ten years have quickly passed since Weston incorporated and took control of its own destiny. Residential and commercial growth, along with a pesky hurricane or two, has certainly changed the Weston landscape since 1996.

The City will celebrate its 10th Anniversary not on its incorporation date of September 3rd but will “incorporate” the observance with the City’s annual July 4th Independence Day celebration and activities. September tends to be quite the windy and rainy month so city officials felt it appropriate that a celebration of Weston’s independence be combined with that of our country. Weston is not waiting until July, however, to begin its recognition. This spring the City will hand out special anniversary pins at all city events and functions, so come and get in the spirit!

and development of a year-round events and performing arts program

City website, radio and government TV channel; award winning newsletters and annual reports
Expansion of both Police and Fire Departments including personnel, Community Strategies Team and Dive Rescue
Completion of Bonaventure Master Plan
Weston Road Improvement Project, paver intersections, traffic signals throughout the city, and extensive landscaping programs
2006 will see the groundbreaking for a City Hall

Expansion of commercial properties including Waterway Shoppes, Weston Town Center, Millennium Plaze, Weston Commercial Center and Weston Commons



Just a few of the many accomplishments that have taken place over the last ten years:

- Population growth from 22,949 to over 61,000
- Taxable value of properties grew from \$2.1 billion to \$6.6 billion
- City millage (tax) rate unchanged at 1.5235
- Construction of Police Station and three Fire Stations
- Construction of Weston Regional Park and Community Center, Weston Tennis Center, Town Center Park, Eagle Point Park, Gator Run Park and Vista Park
- Upgrades to all city park facilities
- Community Center class schedule of activities

- A five Publix city!
- Construction of four new hotels and the expansion of timeshare units
- Initiation of construction on the Palace at Weston for those 55 and over
- Quality healthcare that includes the Weston HealthPark and Cleveland Clinic/Tenant Hospital
- Quality public and private schools. Public school expansion totaling seven elementary, two middle and one high school – all A-Rated schools
- 2006 will see the opening of the Weston Branch Library and Broward Community College Weston Center

This year’s July 4th and City Anniversary Hometown Celebration will be one to remember!

A Celebration of Community

will be the appropriate theme for the annual parade and throughout this 10th year of Weston’s success.



Stoller Strides



Gator Run Park

The Parks Report

With 12 municipal parks and the Weston Tennis Center, the Community Services Department is constantly assessing the equipment and fields at every facility. Maintenance, improvements and upgrades are provided to preserve and enhance the superb quality of our Weston parks system. Recent and upcoming improvements include:

Weston Regional Park – The damaged lighting on the soccer and baseball fields, basketball courts and hockey rinks has been temporarily repaired and all these facilities are now open for evening use. New lighting fixtures for all of the sports facilities (designed to meet the latest building codes) has been ordered and should be installed by the end of March. The new cover for the outdoor stage has been installed. Damaged shade covers throughout the park are being repaired as quickly as possible and should be 100% complete by April.

Tequesta Trace Park – New sports field lighting poles and fixtures have been ordered and should be installed by the end of February. Until that work is done, Tequesta Trace Park is open for daytime use only. New fencing and backstops are being installed and should be complete by mid-February. Damaged bleachers have been ordered and should be installed by April. Damaged shade covers are being repaired as quickly as possible and should be 100% complete by April.

Plans are being designed for upgrades that will include new entry gates, additional parking and landscape improvements.

Vista Park – The only damage yet to be repaired at this location are the shade covers, which should be completed by April.

Other Parks – Damaged shade covers at Country Isles, Emerald Estates, Gator Run, Heron, Indian Trace and Windmill Ranch parks should be repaired by the end of April.

Library Park – The City is in the final design phase on plans for Library Park, which will bring the total number of Weston’s municipal parks to 13. This 5-acre passive park will be located at the corner of Vista Park and Bonaventure Boulevards, adjacent to the new Broward County Weston Branch Library. Incorporated into its design are walkways, shelters, a fountain and informational signage about Florida authors.

Weston is working in coordination with the School Board of Broward County on two projects:

Windmill Ranch Park – Additional parking will be constructed for this 5-acre park located adjacent to Everglades Elementary School.

Cypress Bay High School Football Stadium – The City is assisting in the funding and construction of additional bleachers for the expansion of the high school stadium seating.

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Friday, April 7, 2006 | 8pm-10pm

Weston Town Center Park Amphitheater

No rain dates

Bring lawn chairs or blankets for
an evening of music under the stars!

ORCHESTRA PERFORMANCES

Sponsored by The City of Weston &
The Weston Philharmonic Society

SYMPHONY OF THE AMERICAS with VOVKA ASHKENAZY on piano

Saturday, March 25, 2006 | 8pm-10pm performance

Maestro James Brooks-Bruzzese, Artistic Director

Performing the Grieg Piano Concerto and
other works by Verdi and Bizet.

The Cypress Bay Theater

Tickets: \$20 adults / \$5 students

Tickets for orchestra performances can be purchased at
The Weston Community Center, 20200 Saddle Club Road,
The Community Bank of Broward 1504 Weston Road; and the
Music Education Center, 90 Indian Trace.

CHILDREN'S THEATER

Sponsored by The City of Weston

SNOW WHITE

Sunday, April 23, 2006 | 1:30pm performance

A theatrical and musical presentation by Stages Productions
offering plenty of singing, dancing and laughs galore through-
out the enticing journey of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.

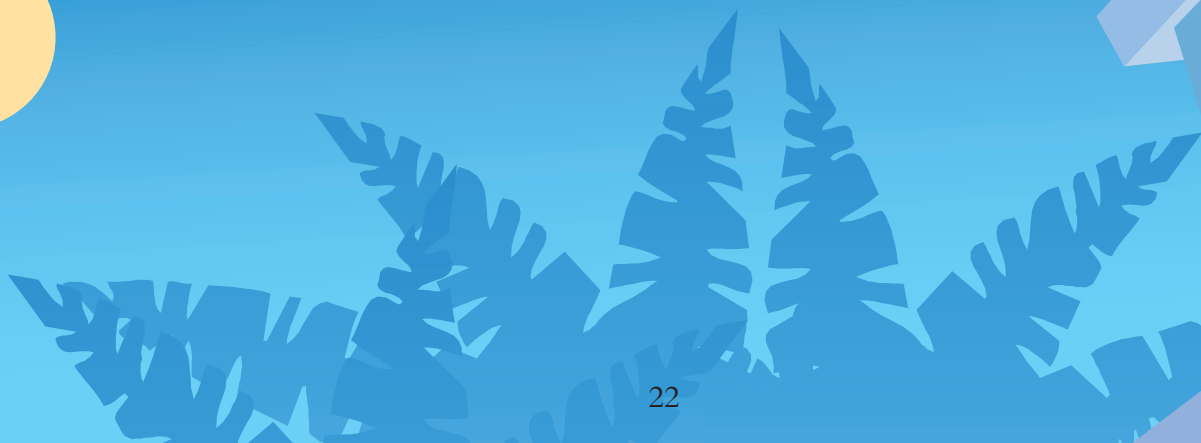
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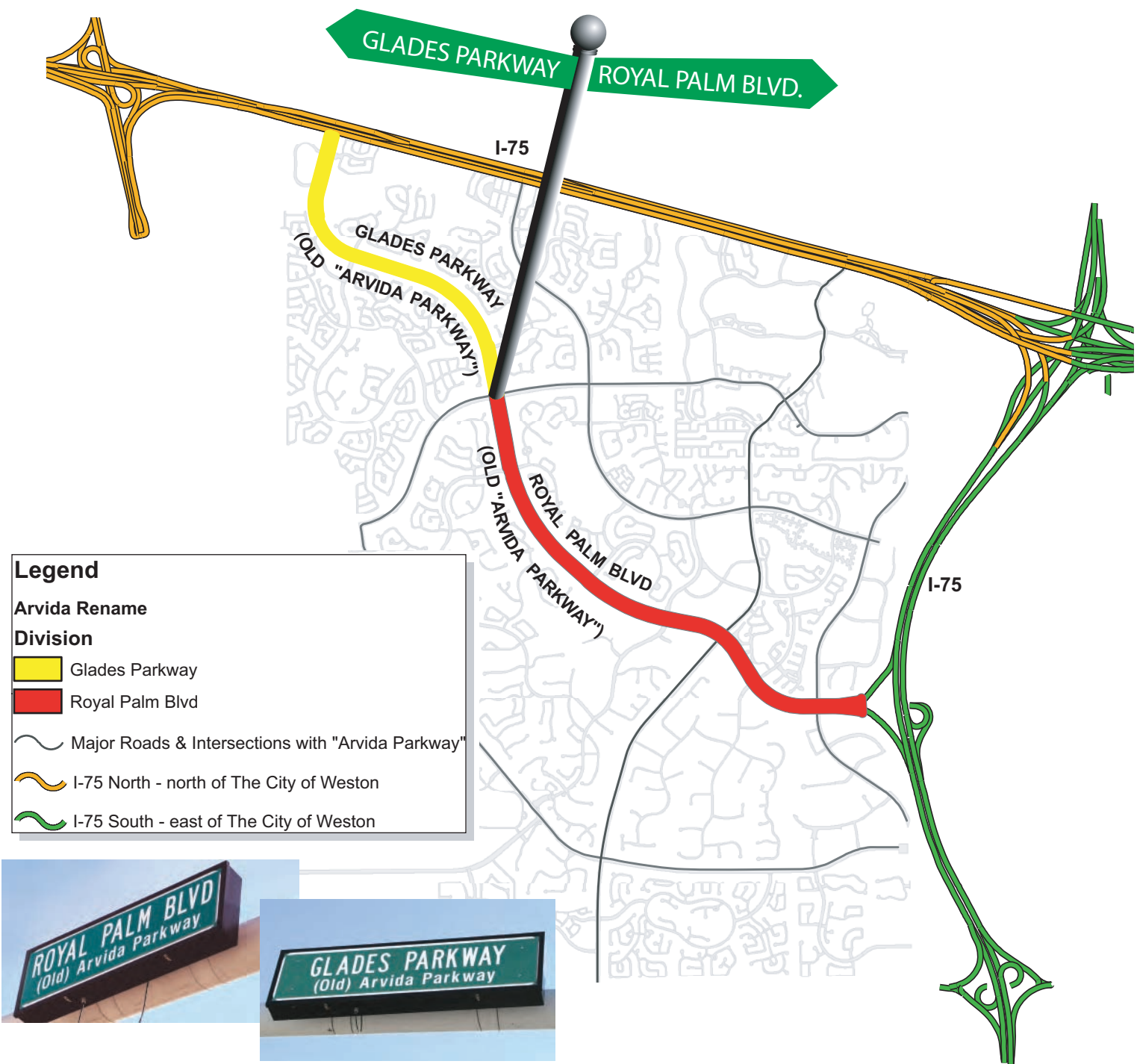
Tickets: \$5

Tickets for the Children's Theater are available at the
Weston Community Center, 954-389-4321

We also offer free monthly outdoor movies...
Maroone Moonlight Movies in the Park.
Please contact the Weston Community Center
at 954-389-4321 for additional information

Bringing the Performances to you,
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Royal Palm Boulevard & Glades Parkway

Arvida Parkway Name Change Complete

On January 1, 2006 all street signs inside of Weston were changed to reflect the name change in effect for Arvida Parkway. While the names on the signs have changed, many people will likely still call the roadway Arvida Parkway for some time, but this too shall pass.

Two new names for separate stretches of (old) Arvida Parkway.

ROYAL PALM BOULEVARD – from I-75 South exit, between Weston Road and Saddle Club Road

GLADES PARKWAY – from Saddle Club Road north to I-75 North

The change has an immediate, positive impact on emergency response units within the city and hopefully will save lives in the future. The roadway stretches to both I-75 North and I-75 South. Left as one name, there would always be confusion as to which I-75 interchange an emergency call came in from. It will now be clear whether a response is needed at Glades Parkway and I-75, or at Royal Palm Boulevard and I-75, keeping additional rescue units in the city and available for other incidents.

MANATEE ISLES DRIVE is the new name for SW 36th Street, which also changed at the start of the new year. Manatee Isles Drive runs west off of South Post Road past Manatee Bay Elementary School out to U.S. 27.

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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 \$115/6 weeks. Next sessions run from 1/24 to 3/14 and then 3/21 to 4/25 and then 5/2-6/6.**

Dancercize (ages 3-5 years) Thurs from 11:15-12. Ballet, jazz, creative movement, fun props. ATTIRE: pink leotard, pink skirt, ballet shoes. Cost is \$35 per month. **Call Miss Joy for more information at 954-971-9917.**

Cheerleading and Hip Hop Wed (Ages 4-6) 3:30-4:15 and a 2nd class for (Ages 7-12) at same time. Cost is \$35 per month. **Call Miss Joy for more info at 954-971-9917.**

New Hip Hop for 8 year olds and up coming soon. **Call for details**

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 the imagination and curiosity of children in the sciences. This program includes the mysteries of light, biology, gravity and much more! **Cost \$150/8 weeks. Next session runs 2/14 to 4/4 and then 4/18 to 6/6. For more information call 954-755-2900.**

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 Schupp, 3rd degree Black Belt in Goju Karate, will teach your children the basic principles of self-defense, fighting, weaponry and forms. **Cost \$100/3 months. Sessions begin 4/1/06. Limited Space Available.**

Kindermusik Village with Miss Alyson Wed, 9:30-10:15(newborn -18 mo). Nurture your baby's cognitive, emotional, social and physical development

through music and movement. Give your child a great musical beginning. **Cost \$100/8 weeks. At home kit: \$32. Call Miss Alyson for more information at 954-389-8840.** Check to confirm date prior to orientation if you have not registered for class yet. **“Zoom Buggy”:** Orientation 3/24 classes begin 3/31. **“Dream Pillow”:** Orientation 7/26 classes begin 8/2. New students must attend orientation.

Kindermusik “Our Time” Mon, 10:30am-11:30 am. (Age 18 mo-3 yrs) Songs & activities promote interaction between parent and child gently empowering the parent to act as teacher in a friendly environment. **Cost \$190/10 weeks plus \$54 at home kit fee. Orientation 3/22 classes begin 3/29. Call Miss Alyson at 954-389-8840 for registration information and dates.** New students must attend orientation.

Superstars Dance and Baton Thurs 4:00-5:00 (beg ages 5-7), 5:00-6:00 (beg ages 8-12), 6:00-7:00 (Shooting Star). 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 \$40/month. (Plus \$25 registration fee and \$20 baton required.) Monthly fee includes unlimited classes at locations around Broward County.**

Beginner's Guitarmania Thurs 4:00-4:45pm (2nd-5th grade) Class is designed to teach children the basics of playing the guitar. Students will learn basic strumming and picking techniques, as well as how to read music. The class is taught in a creative way, so the students will have fun while they are learning. This is a good way to find out if the guitar is the instrument for your child. This class requires the student to have his/her own guitar. **Cost is \$60/month plus one annual material fee of \$25. Payment is due the first of each month. Please call Ms Shorey @ 754-422-8668.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE CLASSES PLEASE CALL 954-389-4321.
Class Offerings and Times are Subject to Change.**

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Guitarmania for Middle School Students Thurs 4:45-5:30pm (5th-8th grade) Your middle school child can learn to play the guitar the Guitarmania way! These fun, creative lessons are the best way to introduce your child to basic chords, strumming & picking techniques and basic music theory. Students will learn to read music and to play in a variety of different styles, including pop, rock 'n roll, classical, jazz, country, Latin, and folk music. **Cost is \$60/month plus one annual material fee of \$25. Payment is due the first of each month. Please contact Ms Shorey before signing up for this class at (754) 422-8668.**

Moms-and-Tots Mon 9:30-11am & Wed 9:30-11:00 am (Años 2-4) Vengan y conozcan a otras mamás y sus niños en este programa de 90 minutos lleno de diversion y aprendizaje. Diseñado específicamente para los más pequeños (2-4 años). Disfrutarán mucho! \$10 cada clase/día. **Para mayor informacion y horas y disponibilidad llama a Maru Arnott a 954-385-3804 ó 954-240-2303. Las proximas sesiones 3/6, 4/24 y 6/12.**

Baby Signs – “Sing, Say and Play” Tue 10:00-11:00am (ages 6 months to 2 years). During this six week course, parents and children will learn a variety of Baby Signs. The curriculum highlights signs that are most important to everyday life and teaches signing through fun games, songs and activities. The Sign, Say and Play class also reinforces important language, cognitive, and social/emotional skills as well as bringing families together. **Cost is \$90 for 6 weeks plus \$55 at home kit. Please call Miss Dawn at 954-272-6070 for more details. Next session begins March 14th.**

Tumblebears Thu 10:15-11:00 am (ages 2-4). Moms and tots will do fun movement songs, prop activities (such as scarves, ribbons, and parachutes) and learn how to tumble along with an obstacle course. Attire: Sneakers and comfortable clothes.

Cost is \$35/month. For more information call Joy at 954-971-9917.

Kidokinetics Tue 4:45-5:30pm (ages 3-5) & Tue 5:30-6:30pm (ages 5-10) & Sat 9:45-10:30am. Kidokinetics is an exciting and unique program developed to improve and enhance boys' and girls' sports and fitness. Our fun-filled 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 when playing different sports. Activities include soccer, hockey, tennis, basketball, volleyball, polo, golf, t-ball, football, hula-hoops and lots more. Led by experienced coaches, our classes take place in a safe and fun environment.

Classes meet at Shelter #1.

Session II 1/17-5/23 (**Cost is \$180 for 18 weeks, no class on 4/11**). (Class can be prorated if you join late.)

Kidokinetics Jr. Tue 4:00-4:45 pm (ages 2-3). Kidokinetics Jr. provides a high energy, active class for your little ones. Introducing them to sports and making fitness fun while setting the pace for them in years to come. Kidokinetics Jr. will help develop your child's coordination, concentration, and motor skills, while having fun in a safe, non-competitive environment. Activities include soccer, hockey, basketball, hula hoops, bean bag skills, football, tennis, t-ball, obstacle courses, golf, and much more. **For more information call Terri at 954-385-8511 or go to www.Kidokinetics.com.**

Classes meet at Shelter #1.

Session II 1/17-5/23 (**Cost is \$180 for 18 weeks, no class on 4/11**). (Class can be prorated if you join late.)

****New** from Kidokinetics: Daddy and Me Sports** Sat 9:00-9:45am. We all know that Dads love to play sports and workout with their kids.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE CLASSES PLEASE CALL 954-389-4321.
Class Offerings and Times are Subject to Change.**

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This class is a high energy, active class with your little ones. Introducing them to sports and making fitness fun while setting the pace for them in years to come. Daddy and Me will help develop your child's coordination, concentration, and motor skills, while having fun in a safe, non competitive environment. Every week focuses on a different sport. **To register for all Kidokinetics classes, please call Terri at 954-385-8511.** Class meets at the Community Center.

Session II 1/21-5/27 (Cost is \$170 for 17 weeks, no class on 2/18 and 4/15). (Class can be prorated if you join late.)

Model's Workshop Thurs 5:45-7:00pm (ages 9 and 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, communication, social awareness, nutrition, manners, table etiquette and runway modeling. **Cost is \$200/6 weeks. Call Ms Jeanette @ 954-217-6978.**

Young Rembrandts Fri 4:30-6:00pm (ages 3 _-6 and 7-13) Young Rembrandts step by step techniques stimulate certain parts of the brain that develop and strengthen you child's skills. We give children information and they add their own creativity. Children explore a variety of mediums such as drawing, pastel, cartooning, art history, famous illustrators and color techniques. **Session runs 3/3-4/28. \$112.00 (8 weeks)** and includes all materials. For more information call **Sandra at 305-252-1531.**

SAT Preparation (Age 15-20) Tues (7:00-9:30pm) or Thurs (7:15-9:45) or Sun (1:30-4:00pm) This comprehensive course prepares students for all facets of

the College Board exam. Class not only thoroughly reviews content of what is tested but also exposes students to numerous insightful strategies for scoring well on the SAT. Jeff Steinberg, the instructor, has specialized in developing and instructing SAT preparation courses since 1990 (including for the University of Miami). Students are assured of receiving expert instruction (the average increase in scores is 200 points), while paying less than half of what some commercial courses charge. **To enroll in this course, please contact Mr. Steinberg directly at (954) 478-0792. Cost is \$395 for 8 week, 20 hour course (including text and materials).** Next session starts 1/29 (Sun) or 1/31 (Tues) or 2/2 (Thurs) for April 1st test.

Playball Mon & Wed 4:00-5:00 (3 years) and 5:00-6:00 (4-5 years). Playball is an international child development company that has taught character education and instilled self-esteem through non-competitive sport since 1982. Playball is a safe, fun, creative and structured atmosphere where coaches build our students' confidence through positive reinforcement. **Class meets at Tequesta Trace Park. Contact Adrian Cardenas @ 954-612-8595. Cost is \$140 for 10 weeks.** Call Coach Adrian for schedule.

Portuguese Language Tue 7:30-9:00pm (ages 8-11) and Thu 7:30-9:00 (ages 12 and up). Students will master the written Portuguese language and enjoy Brazilian Culture through music, theater, visual art, geography, history, cuisine and cartoons. Come enjoy this fun course taught by a passionate, experienced, Brazilian teacher. **Sessions run continuously. Cost is \$395, material is \$40. For more information call Virginia Gomes at 954-540-0972.**

The Community Center at the Weston Regional Park Adult Programs

Art/Multi-Media Tues 6-9pm Acclaimed artist Rolande Moorhead teaches all skill levels in the mediums of their choosing including oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, painting and charcoal drawing. With individual attention, students explore their creative potential. **Cost \$175/6 weeks. Class runs from 2/14-3/28 and then 4/4-5/9.**

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. **Cost \$100/3 months. Session begins 4/1/06.**

Weston 55+ Club The Weston 55+ Club was founded in 2001 by a group of eager men and women. We have grown into a large group who enjoys each others company at club activities and outings as well as social gatherings outside the

The Community Center at the Weston Regional Park

Adult Programs

Weston 55+ Club. **For more information call Dottie at 349-6029. Cost \$30/person for a year long membership.**

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

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

Boot Camp “Boxing” Tues & Thurs 10-11am Coach Victor Sanchez, trainer to current USBA Welterweight Champ David Estrada, has developed this personal training program. Participants will burn fat, improve cardiovascular health, increase strength and flexibility, and relieve stress and much more. **Classes consist of 4-8 people. Cost is \$15/class.** Classes now forming. **For more details contact Coach Victor at 954-548-5419.** Ask about his _ hour free trial class.

Watercolor Painting Fri 10am-1pm Award winning watercolorist Rolande Moorhead teaches the vocabulary of colors, shapes, composition and preliminary drawing. All skill levels. **Cost \$175/6 weeks.** Next session runs from 2/17-3/24 and then 3/31-5/5.

Dog Obedience Sat 4-5pm Back to the basics. Teach your dog to walk on a leash without dragging you down the road, and to behave nicely around other dogs. Train your dog to greet people by sitting – not jumping, and to sit, stay, come, stand and wait. The class is held at Tequesta Trace Park. **Cost is \$95/6 weeks.** Classes start 2/25, 4/15. **Susan Claire – 954-349-5969.**

Canine Good Citizen Class also available at 3:00pm.

Stroller Strides Stroller Strides is a stroller fitness class where mom can workout with her baby. It’s a great way to get in shape, be with your baby and meet other moms! The classes consist of a 50 minute Power Walk combined with body sculpting exercises using exercise tubing, the stroller and the environment. The classes will accommodate all levels of exerciser. Classes held at Regional Park (M/W/F 9:30-10:30), Tequesta Trace Park (T/TH 9:30-10:30),

and Vista Park (M/W 6:15-7:15 and Sat 9:00-10:00). **Costs start at \$15/class (multiple class packages available; ie \$2.40/class with a monthly membership).** **For more info call 888-868-4763 or go to www.strollerstrides.net/Weston.**

International Moms Fri 5:00-7:00pm International Moms aims to bring together young mothers of different backgrounds, cultures, nationalities, religion and history. We get to know each other, learn from each other, and exchange ideas and experiences. We promote Unity in Diversity and teach our children by example. Children are welcome as they will have time to play and receive lessons on tolerance, respect, politeness, kindness, etc. **Cost is \$10 per mom which includes snacks and drinks.** **For questions call Sherry Eshraghi at 954-384-7993.** Sessions held 2/3, 3/3, 4/7 and 5/5.

AARP’s 55 Alive/Mature Driving Program an 8 hour course is a 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 Sonny at 954-385-9920.** Class will be held at the Weston Community Center. Next class will be on 3/14 & 3/15 from 9:00-1:00pm and then 4/29 from 9:00-4:00.

StrollerFit Mon 6:00 pm, Thur 6:00 pm, Sat 9:00 am. StrollerFit is a complete fitness program for parents. The stroller is used as a portable fitness machine allowing parents to exercise with their baby. Classes are 50 minutes in length and include a complete cardio and strength training workout. StrollerFit Certified Instructors lead participants through an aerobic warm-up and cardio training segment which includes power walking, power skipping, running and more! Exercise bands and tube are used for resistance while strength training and then safely stored in the stroller when parents are on the move. Class is held at Gator Run Park. **Cost is \$15/class or \$50/month plus a one time registration fee of \$55.** **For more information call Laura at 954-224-4614 or go to www.strollerfit.com. Call for details on free class!**



Weston Credit Rating is Tops

The City of Weston has been issued the highest quality issuer credit rating assigned by Moody's Investors Service (Aaa) and by Standard & Poor (AAA) – which is defined as the strongest creditworthiness relative to other U.S. municipal or tax-exempt issues of issuers.

Just what is Moody's or Standard & Poor? They are rating agencies. These are companies that provide ratings which indicate the relative credit quality or liquidity characteristics of municipal securities as well as other debt securities. Moody's Investors Service (Moody's) and Standard and Poor's (S&P) are the largest agencies in terms of municipal securities rated.

Both companies ratings are based upon the analysis of four primary factors relating to municipal finance: economy, debt, finance, and administrative/management strategies. Weston was specifically sighted as having very strong financial operations and management, strong tax base growth and modest debt position.

The City of Weston's issuer credit rating reflects the City's:

Affluent, primarily residential nature with direct access to the Ft. Lauderdale and Miami employment centers, as well as a sizable and rapidly growing property tax base (currently \$6.4 billion);

Strong financial performance and position, which is evidenced by three years of consecutive operating surpluses and general fund reserves that exceed one year of operations;

Strong management practices and policies that include monthly financial reporting, 10-year financial and capital needs forecasting and a strong financial reserve policy; and

Limited capital improvement needs because it is nearly built out.

The City of Weston is in very exclusive company Standard & Poor: only two other municipalities in the State of Florida have been issued the S&P AAA credit rating – Coral Springs and Boca Raton.

Moody's: only four other municipalities in the state have achieved an Aaa credit rating – Coral Springs, Naples, Marco Island and Boca Raton.



Pictorial Update



Following The Class of 2006

Twenty-one students from Cypress Bay and Sagemont High Schools began monthly classes in late 2005 as participants in this year's Weston University Program.

In October, students were introduced to local government by Weston's Mayor, City Manager and City Attorney. In November, the Sheriff's Office hosted the class for discussions on law enforcement, code enforcement, a self-defense demonstration and tours of the BSO aviation department, mounted patrol and SWAT unit. Right before

the school holiday break, students learned that there's more to running a parks department than just fun and games. Insight into Weston's public works division included tours of one of the City's wetland preserves, a water pumping station and the city's extensive rights-of-way areas where hurricane cleanup was underway.

This year's Class of 2006 will continue to meet monthly through April when they culminate their experience in a simulated City Commission meeting.



Left to Right: City Manager John R. Flint accepts award presented by Don Steigman. Howard Graman, MD – Exec. Dir. for Cleveland Clinic Florida thanks city and community leaders. Commissioners Daniel Stermer and Mercedes Henriksson accept award on behalf of Mayor Hersh from Don Steigman, Senior Vice President, Regional Operations for Tenet South Florida

Cleveland Clinic hosts post Hurricane Wilma

“Community Leaders Appreciation Celebration”

On Veteran’s Day, Friday, November 11, 2005, the day our country honors those who have, and who are serving in our armed forces, the Cleveland Clinic Campus Administration also took time to honor their staff as well as community leaders who assisted the hospital and clinic through the effects of Hurricane Wilma. A barbecue lunch and music was enjoyed by all on the front lawn of the hospital campus.

Among those honored were our own Mayor Eric Hersh, City Manager John Flint, and the Broward

Sheriff’s Office Department of Fire Rescue and Emergency Services, in Weston. The administration presented a special recognition to Mr. Rick Case who provided gasoline to critical medical staff to keep the emergency and operating rooms open to the community. Mr. Case also provided access to his company’s gas pumps to essential city employees, police and firefighters so that city staff could provide uninterrupted service after the storm for which he deserves our appreciation.

Calendar of Events

UPCOMING EVENTS IN WESTON

February | March | April

FEBRUARY

Fri., Feb. 24
8-10 pm

FIU Concert
The FIU Symphony Band and the FIU Percussion Ensemble with guest artist Michale Launius.

Weston Regional Park
20200 Saddle Club Road
The Event Stage
954-389-4321
FREE EVENT

Sat. Feb. 25
2pm/3:30pm
Performances

Weston Philharmonic Society Education Program for Children
Hosted by the Weston Philharmonic Society, the Symphony of the Americas Orchestra with Maestro James Brooks-Bruzzese will present a program entitled "Around the World at the Speed of Sound".
2:00 pm performance: designed for K-3rd graders
3:30 pm performance: designed for 4th grade and up.
Cypress Bay Theater
18600 Vista Park Blvd.
FREE PARKING

Tickets: \$7 and includes a "Buy 1 get 1 free" waffle cone certificate from Kilwins in Town Center. Available at The Community Bank of Broward 1504 Weston Road

MARCH

Sat., Mar. 11
7:30pm

The City of Weston Presents
Maroone Moonlight Movies in the Park
"Dr. Seuss' Cat in the Hat" Bring lawn chairs & blankets and enjoy a free movie under the stars projected onto a giant inflatable screen. Snacks & drinks available for purchase. Kids under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
Weston Regional Park
20200 Saddle Club Road
The Event Stage
954-389-4321
FREE EVENT

Sat., Mar. 11
9am - 3pm

Water Matters Day 2006
Broward County presents this 4th annual event filled with activity and education, highlighting the role of homeowners in water resource protection and the creation of urban wildlife habitats. Exhibits, games and entertainment for kids, prizes, workshops and more.
Tree Tops Park
3900 Nob Hill Road, Davie
954-519-1222

Sat., Mar. 18
7pm

RPM! – Rock and Pop Masters – Live
The original lead singers, the original arrangements... the performance of a lifetime! A Classic Rock Dance Party, Rock & Pop Masters brings all hit music from the 70's and 80's sung by original lead singers. Featuring Edgar Winter, Larry Hoppen, Lane Hoppen, Joe Lynn Turner, Charlie Morgan, Robbie Dupress, Jimi Jamison, John Cafferty, and Michael "Tunes" Antunes. Bring the family, bring a date! Bring lawn chairs and blankets.
Weston Regional Park
20200 Saddle Club Road
The Event Stage
954-389-4321
FREE EVENT

Presented by:
The Rotary Club of Weston with
The City of Weston and title sponsor:
Cleveland Clinic Campus

Sun., Mar. 19
1pm-4pm

SunTrust Sunday Jazz Festival
Live jazz fills the air every third Sunday of the month. Featuring 3 stages of live jazz: the Bell Tower, along Main Street, & at the corner of Main & Market.
Weston Town Center
Main Street
954-349-8123
FREE EVENT

Mar. 11

Moonlight Movies
in the Park



Calendar of Events

MARCH

Sat., 25
8-10pm

Symphony of the Americas with Vovka Ashkenazy on Piano

Performing the Grieg Piano Concerto and other works by Verdi and Bizet. Maestro James Brooks-Buzzese, Artistic Director

Tickets may be purchased from the Weston Community Center at 20200 Saddle Club Road – 954-389-4321; the Community Bank of Broward, 1504 Weston Road; and the Music Education Center, 90 Indian Trace.

Cypress Bay Theater
18600 Vista Park Blvd.
954-389-4321
FREE PARKING

Tickets: \$20 adults / \$5 students

APRIL

Fri., April 7
8-10pm

**New
EVENT**
Rescheduled
from concert
canceled Oct.
21st.

The FIU BIG JAZZ BAND with vocalist CARLA VANESSA MUELLER

Nationally and internationally acclaimed, the FIU Jazz Band performs a full range of jazz music from the traditional to the contemporary, partnering with an exciting vocal performer for a fantastic night under the stars.

Weston Town Center Park
at the Amphitheater stage
1900 Bell Tower Lane
954-389-4321

FREE EVENT

Wed., Apr. 12
Thurs., Apr. 13
OR
Fri., Apr. 14
Multifamily:
Sat., Apr. 15

Bulk Trash Pick-Up Collection for April 2006

Bulk trash must be placed curbside by 7am on your regularly scheduled collection day. Multifamily residences should place items by dumpsters for Sat., April 15th pick-up.
Citywide Bulk Trash Pick-Up
All Service Refuse
954-583-1830

Weston City Hall
954-385-2000

Sat., April 15
10am SHARP

Weston Egg Hunt

The Royal Bunny hosts this egg hunt FOR KIDS 10 AND UNDER filled with candy and prizes. Groups will be separated according to age on different fields. Bounce houses and other children's activities after the hunt.

Weston Regional Park
20200 Saddle Club Road
954-389-4321

FREE EVENT

Sat., April 15
7:30pm

The City of Weston Presents Maroone Moonlight Movies in the Park

"Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events" Bring lawn chairs & blankets and enjoy a free movie under the stars projected onto a giant inflatable screen. Snacks & drinks available for purchase. Kids under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Weston Regional Park
20200 Saddle Club Road
The Event Stage
954-389-4321

FREE EVENT

Sun., April 16
1-4pm

SunTrust Sunday Jazz Festival

Live jazz fills the air every third Sunday of the month. Featuring 3 stages of live jazz: the Bell Tower, along Main Street, & at the corner of Main & Market.

Weston Town Center
Main Street
954-349-8123

FREE EVENT

Sun., April 23
1:30pm

Snow White

A theatrical presentation by Stages Productions. Come along on an enticing journey with the beautiful heroine, the handsome prince, and the sprightly dwarves as they battle the jealous queen. This lively musical offers singing, dancing and laughs galore.

Tickets available at the Weston Community Center, 20200 Saddle Club Road

Cypress Bay Theater
18600 Vista Park Blvd.
954-389-4321

FREE PARKING
Tickets \$5

ONGOING

Every Sat.
10am -2pm

Child Car Safety Seat Inspection

Have your child's car seat inspected to ensure it is installed properly.



Rock & Pop Masters

The original lead singers,
the original arrangements... the performance of a lifetime!

Free Concert

Saturday, March 18, 2006
7:00pm



Weston Regional Park Event Stage
Presented by
The Rotary Club of Weston & the City of Weston
Title Sponsor: The Cleveland Clinic Campus

This is a classic Rock Dance Party
Rock & Pop Masters brings all hit music from the
70's and 80's sung by original lead singers!

Edgar Winter - "Free Ride,"
Rock and Roll Hoochie Koo"

Larry Hoppen - Orleans

Lane Hoppen - Orleans on keyboard

Joe Lynn Turner - formerly of
Deep Purple and Rainbow

Charlie Morgan - former drummer for
Elton John's band

Robbie Dupree - Grammy nominated.
"Steal Away"

Jimi Jamison - Survivor

John Cafferty - original singer for all
"Eddie & The Cruisers" songs and
lead singer for The Beaver Brown Band

Michael "Tunes" Antunes - saxophone player,
"Eddie & The Cruisers" songs

Bring the Family * Bring your Date
Bring Lawn Chairs or Blankets

Weston Regional Park • 20200 Saddle Club Road, Weston • 954-389-4321

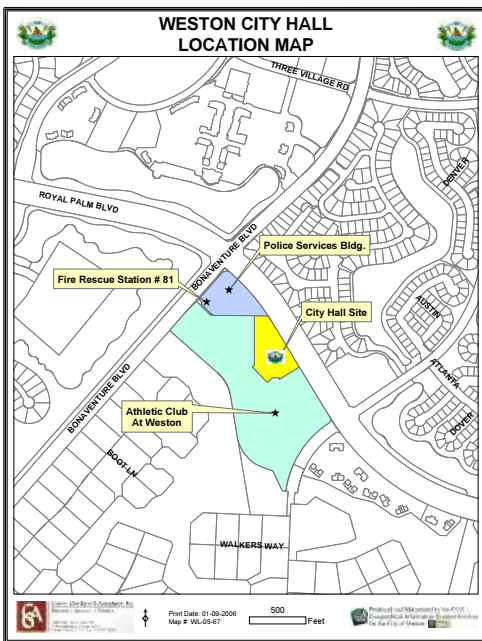




EAST ELEVATION

We're Coming Home! City Hall Site Plan Approved

*A Permanent Facility
to be Built*



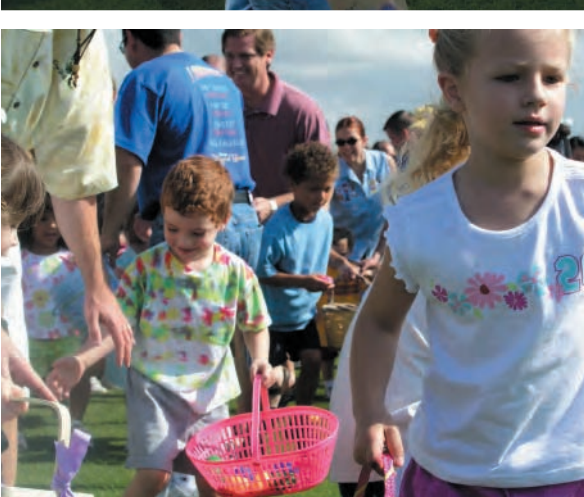
After leasing office space since 1997, Weston City Hall will get a permanent home at 17200 Royal Palm Boulevard on 3.5 acres of City owned land that adjoins the Police and Fire Departments.

The City Hall will be a one-story, 14,000 square-foot structure, projected to cost approximately \$4 million. The City currently rents approximately 3,700 square feet of space at a cost of \$100,000 per year and must hold Commission meetings at the Weston Community Center.

The building will have a state-of-the-art Commission chamber and will house the departments of the City Manager, City Clerk, and Communications. There will be conference rooms for the City Commission and staff, along with much needed expanded office and storage areas. The lobby will provide residents and visitors with city information in a comfortable setting.

Construction is anticipated to begin in late spring.





CITY OF WESTON 10th ANNUAL

Royal Egg Hunt

CHILDREN'S EGG HUNT FOR AGES 10 & UNDER,
FEATURING SPECIAL MASTER OF CEREMONIES.....

The Royal Bunny

TENS OF THOUSANDS OF CANDY-FILLED EGGS –
MANY SPECIALLY MARKED TO SHOW A PRIZE INSIDE –
WILL COVER THE REGIONAL PARK'S FIELDS 1, 2, 3 & 4,
DIVIDED INTO SEPARATE EGG HUNTS
ACCORDING TO AGE GROUP.

★★All Egg Hunts will go off at the same time★★

With a little bit of egg scrambling skills and a bit of luck, you might just snatch up one of the specially marked eggs entitling you to a great prize!

Be sure to bring a basket for your egg collecting!

Saturday, April 15th

10:00am SHARP

The Weston Regional Park

20200 Saddle Club Road

tel. 954 389 4321

DON'T BE LATE!

The hunts go off quickly and the eggs disappear even faster!

After the egg hunt, bounce houses &
other children's activities will be available
to continue the morning's spring celebration!



Weston Tennis Center Recovers After Wilma

After several weeks of being shut down by Hurricane Wilma, the Weston Tennis Center reopened in early December after undergoing repairs that included:

- repair of the fencing around all tennis courts
- repair of the lighting on all tennis courts
- renovation of the surfacing on each tennis court
- replacement of the ceiling fans on the rear patio of the Tennis Center
- removal of fallen trees

Spring 2006 at the Weston Tennis Center

Date	Time	Event
Friday, March 3- Saturday, March 4	7:00-9:00pm 9:30am-3:00pm	Cliff Drysdale Invitation Pro-Am Tournament
Friday, March 17	6:30-9:00pm	St. Patrick's Day Round Robin Tournament & BBQ
Friday, March 24	5:00pm	Club Trip to NASDAQ 100
Saturday, April 1	9:30am-12:30pm	April Fools Day Round Robin & Barbecue
Saturday, April 8- Monday, April 10	6:00pm	Weston Tennis Center Youth Cup BG (16-18)
Monday, April 10- Friday, April 14	9:00am-3:00pm	Junior Spring Break Camp

For more information and registration, contact the
Weston Tennis Center
 16451 Racquet Club Road
 954-389-8666

*Free and Plentiful
Parking!*



THE CITY OF WESTON

Presents

A Stage Productions Presentation of

Snow White

Sunday April 23, 2006

1:30pm

at the Cypress Bay Theater, Weston

Tickets are only \$5

for Tickets call or visit

The Weston Community Center

954-389-4321

20200 Saddle Club Road

Located inside the Weston Regional Park

Cypress Bay Theater

18600 Vista Park Drive, Weston

Looking for a Few Good Volunteers

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program trains people to be better prepared to respond to emergency situations in their communities. In the event of an emergency, CERT members can provide immediate assistance to victims, and organize spontaneous volunteers. CERT members can also help with non-emergency projects to improve community safety.

The CERT training program involves:

A 20-hour course, typically delivered over a seven-week period

Training sessions cover disaster preparedness, disaster fire suppression, basic disaster medical operations, light search and rescue, and team operations.

The training also includes a disaster simulation in which participants practice skills that they learned throughout the course.

The CERT course is taught by a trained team of first responders who have completed a CERT Train-the-Trainer course.

If enough residents are interested in participating a CERT training course will be scheduled here in Weston. There will be a small fee to cover costs. For more information, please contact Arlene at Fire Station No. 81 in Weston at 954-389-2015.

History of the program

The CERT concept was developed and implemented by the Los Angeles City Fire Department in 1985. FEMA made this training available nationally in 1993. Since this time, CERT programs have been established in more than 340 communities in 45 states.

CERT teams remain active in the community before a disaster strikes, sponsoring events such as drills, neighborhood clean up, and disaster education fairs. Trainers offer periodic refresher sessions to CERT members to reinforce the basic training and to keep participants involved and practiced in their skills.

CERT is a vital component of Citizen Corps, President Bush's community-based initiative to engage citizens in homeland security and community and family preparedness through public education and outreach, training opportunities, and volunteer service.



YMCA Partners Page

WEST BROWARD FAMILY YMCA | NEW AQUATICS CENTER | TO OPEN APRIL 2006

YMCA Aquatics is about water safety and fun for everyone. We have an aquatic program for every skill level but our programs are about more than just the techniques and skills. They are about building friendships and self-esteem and creating positive experiences that will last a lifetime.

The West Broward Family YMCA Aquatic Center is scheduled to open in April 2006! Our new outdoor aquatic center features three pools for your enjoyment; an Olympic-Size Competition Pool, Teaching Pool and Family Activity Pool. In addition, we will have multiple programs for youth and adults to enjoy the aquatic area all year long! It's a great place for you and your family to enjoy each other and have fun in the sun!

The YMCA is committed to providing programs that build a healthy spirit, mind, and body for all. We provide financial assistance for YMCA programs and membership. Employment opportunities are available for: Lifeguards, Swim Instructors, Assistant Swim Team Coaches and Water Fitness Instructors.

YMCA Swim Lessons

And if you're looking for a fun and rewarding way for your children to learn water safety and swimming skills, then come and join us for group or private swim lessons. We will have lessons for infants' age six months to advanced adults. Our instructors are nationally certified and will be ready to help your child learn our five YMCA Swim Lessons objectives: personal safety, personal growth, stroke development, water sports & games, and rescue skills. Work better in an individual setting? We will be offering Private Lessons for youth (ages 3 and up) or adults with certified swim instructors on a one-to-one basis working on those goals you want to reach

Parent/Child (6-36 months)

Shrimps 6-8 months; Kippers 9-12 months; Inias 13-18 months; Perch 19-36 months Parent and child work together to provide infants with a positive experience in the water. Class works on water adjustment, parent education of safe water practices, and fundamental and purposeful water skills.

Pike, Eel, Ray, Starfish (Preschool Program: 3-5 yrs)

Beginner I, Beginner II, Intermediate, Advanced respectively. The Preschool Program is skills-based within that 3-5 year old age range. Teaches toddlers fundamentals of swimming building blocks, stroke development and body/breathing mechanics.

Progressive Program- Polliwog, Guppy, Minnow, Fish, Flying Fish, Shark, Porpoise Club (skills-based; ages 6 and up)

These classes are designed to meet each child's individual need. They are skills-based and as the student attains each skill level they move up. Skills range from beginning levels covering basic breathing and paddle strokes to advanced levels covering all strokes and swimming mechanics depending on skill level.

Adult- Levels 1 & 2: Beginner, Intermediate

For those ages 13-99! Beginner class helps swimmers overcome their discomfort, gain skills, confidence and endurance. This course will help these students continue to improve their strokes and help them reach their aquatic goals.

YMCA Lifeguard Classes

Are you 16 years of age and looking for a fun and rewarding job? We will be offering YMCA Lifeguard Classes. YMCA Life guarding is a national certification that may be used anywhere and even includes waterfront life guarding skills! Our class will include American Heart Association CPR, First Aid, and AED Training. You'll have everything you need to begin a great new job! We will have year-round classes; so even if you're in high school, check out our evening or weekend classes!

YMCA Swim Team

We will be starting our youth swim team this spring. Our team will be competitive but still recreational and keep our YMCA philosophy of competitive aquatics, "Everybody Swims, Everybody Wins!" Look for upcoming information on dates and practice times. Swim team is a great way to learn specific skills, gain confidence, grow personally, get in great shape, and teach kids responsibility, work ethic, and how to be a team player.

Masters Swim Team

For participants ages 18 and up. A great way to stay in shape, meet new friends, and/ or train for a triathlon. Workouts are designed to meet all abilities and designed by a certified coach. Participants also have the opportunity to compete in the *United States Masters Swimming Association* and meets.

Please look forward to these other great programs that will be starting in Spring 2006:

- Water Fitness Classes (for all intensity levels)
- Water Polo (instructional classes & club team)
- CPR & First Aid
- Scuba (for youth & adults)

Come join us at the new West Broward Family YMCA! For additional information, please contact us at (954) 424-9622.

WESTON BULK TRASH PICKUP

Single Family Collection

APRIL

Wed., 12th, Thur., 13th,

OR Fri., 14th

The one day that corresponds with
your regular garbage collection

Multi-Family Collection

Saturday, April 15th



Reminder to Residents

Temporary barriers are required around pools until permanent enclosures or fences are repaired or replaced.

Contact the Weston Building Department at 954-385-0500 for information or permits that may be required for replacement installations.

2500 WESTON ROAD ■ SUITE 101 ■ WESTON, FL 33331 ■ www.westonfl.org



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