



*A New Decade,  
New Opportunities...*

## What Does It Mean For Weston?

Eric M. Hersh, Mayor

The voters in the State of Florida, with their approval of Amendment 1 on January 29, 2008, have many people asking, “What does this mean for Weston?”

As we have written in the past, it is important to realize that the City of Weston’s ad-valorem tax rate is the lowest in Broward County and one of the lowest in the State. That’s the good news. However, it also means that we only represent a very small part of your overall property tax bill each year, about 7% of the total. Therefore, the added Homestead exemption to a total of \$50,000 as it affects the Weston portion of your tax bill will only result in a small savings, of about \$34 per home over previous years, assuming we maintain the same overall tax rate.

You will realize savings from the increased Homestead from Broward County, the hospital and water management

districts, and the other taxing authorities, assuming they keep the same ad valorem rate for the upcoming year. School Boards have been exempted, so no savings will be realized, with the State continuing to decrease its share of funding for education, school boards may have no choice but to increase their property taxes to maintain services. As the leadership in Tallahassee takes credit for reducing real estate taxes, they continue to shift the burden onto local property owners to properly fund education.

“Portability”, which was also passed as part of the Amendment, should help people move, either to upsize, downsize, or simply relocate, without the significant increases in property taxes that otherwise could have occurred. The cost of portability to Weston, and other agencies is really unknown, and very difficult to predict. Clearly, with people moving into the City and paying lower taxes due to their ability to bring

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their exemption, there will be a fiscal impact, but it will take a couple of years of experience to be able to accurately predict this impact. The bigger question is the impact of the current downturn of the real estate market and reduction of assessed values. This is difficult to predict, and until better known, we will treat it as being material.

We anticipate that revenue for Weston will decrease for our 2008/2009 Fiscal Year, however we believe it will be manageable. Last year, we took steps to reduce expenses, and further reductions may be needed. While we realize that people enjoy some of the “discretionary” services, this clearly is the area where decreases may need to be made. We do not anticipate that any reductions to essential services will be needed in the near future. Our police, fire, recreation, landscaping, road maintenance services and the like are what separate Weston from being just an average community. We have been very diligent over the past decade to save for a rainy day, and make sure our financial picture is very secure. That conservative approach will serve us well during these more challenging financial times.

It remains to be seen what the full impact of the passage of Amendment 1 will have on Florida’s real estate market, as our

downturn is just a part of the national downturn. As the Legislature and the Governor will no doubt continue to address Florida’s tax issues, the state’s Budget and Tax Reform Commission has the opportunity to independently place its recommended tax reform measures on the November 2008 ballot for voter consideration.

Stay informed and get involved. Write, call, or email the Governor and your legislators. Let them know how you feel about tax reform and the impact it may have on your home, your schools, and your local government essential services.

On a very positive note, we extend a warm welcome to our newest member, Commissioner Angel Gomez, joining us on the dais. Commissioner Gomez took office on February 4, 2008, after running un-opposed to fill the Seat Area One vacancy. Welcome aboard Commissioner Gomez.

On behalf of Commissioner Stermer, Commissioner Chermak, Commissioner Henriksson, and Commissioner Gomez, it is our privilege to serve you, and as always, we’re only a phone call or email away.





# Assert Your Right to Vote

## Registration Deadlines & Voting Dates

### State Primary Election

Voter Registration Deadline: Mon., July 28, 2008  
**Election Day: Tues., August 16, 2008**

### General Election

Voter Registration Deadline: Mon., October 6, 2008  
**Election Day: Tues., November 4th**

### Your ONE vote, does make a difference.

To be an eligible voter, you must be 18 years or older (you may pre-register at 17); be an American citizen; and, a permanent resident of Broward County.

### How to Register to Vote -

It's very simple and there are several ways that you can register to vote.

- 1) Online at [www.browardsoe.org](http://www.browardsoe.org)
- 2) Obtain a form at City Hall, any County Library or the Office of the Supervisor of Elections.
- 3) Call the Supervisor of Elections office at 954-357-7050 weekdays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to receive a form by mail.

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# A Note From the City Manager

John R. Flint, City Manager

“Securing Our Sustainability” is the theme for our upcoming annual Performance Report, which will be included in the next edition of the Weston Announcer. This theme is most appropriate in light of the property tax reform measures enacted by the 2007 Legislature, the passage of Amendment 1 in January 2008, and the anticipation of further property tax reform coming from the 2008 Legislative Session and the Budget and Tax Reform Commission.

Our sustainability depends on our ability to work with the revenues available as affected by these tax reform measures and to assure that we continue to deliver our essential services and maintain our infrastructure. Without doing so, we can not secure our sustainability.

Having this knowledge, we have already begun the processes to meet this challenge. Last summer we not only looked at our costs of doing business, we looked at how we were doing business. Working with our service providers, we were able restructure our management and service delivery in ways that both improved our business practices and reduced our costs of doing business. Our amended agreements with Calvin, Giordano and Associates, Inc. (for Planning, Zoning, Engineering, and Public Works services), and Municipal Technologies, LLC (for Administrative and Information Technology services),

along with our new agreements with the Sheriff of Broward County for Police Services, and for Emergency Medical, Fire Protection, and Fire Prevention Services will put us in good stead to adapt to this new environment.

Our agreement with All Service, Inc. for solid waste, recycling and bulk trash collection services was recently renegotiated and extended. The changes in the agreement, among others, provide for automated residential curbside collection beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>, and one of the lowest automated curbside collection rates in Broward County. In September, residences will be provided with a 95 gallon rolling cart in which to place their garbage. On collection day the cart will be wheeled to the curbside for automated collection by a specially equipped truck. This method will enable All Service to contain costs well into the future. We will be providing full information to residents via mail, our cable channel, web site and radio station in August prior to the delivery of the carts and implementation of the new system.

The Davie Commons project, should it be built, is one that would affect our sustainability. The City continues to oppose this project as all of the traffic impacts would occur in Weston and none in Davie. Such impacts would require us to add ten deputies to manage the traffic at a cost of \$1.35 million for the first year in today's dollars, and increasing every year thereafter. If the City in the future is limited as to the amount of revenues it can generate, the impact would go unmanaged or law enforcement resources would have to be taken from the City's residential areas. The developer's latest strategy is to sponsor charitable events in the City apparently to convince our residents that Weston should not object to the project. Instead, the developer should be using this benevolent corporate citizenship to convince the Town of Davie that it take responsibility for the traffic impacts from a project that only it will benefit from.

We've all chosen to live here, and open businesses here, in part because we have managed to sustain the high quality of our essential services and infrastructure. Over the course of the next few months we will learn what the future may hold as to further property tax reform and its impact on our City's ability to maintain our essential services and infrastructure at the levels we have come to expect. Please know that we are all wholly committed to “Securing Our Sustainability.”



# Free Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Collection Event

Clean out the garage AND preserve the environment

**SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2008**

**8 AM – 3 PM**

**at the NEW Weston Public Works Facility**

2599 South Post Road

(at the corner of SW 26<sup>th</sup> Street; north of Manatee Isles Drive)

When cleaning out closets and garages, put aside items that cannot be placed into the trash or put out for bulk pick-up, and bring it out to the Weston Public Works Facility on Sunday, May 18th.

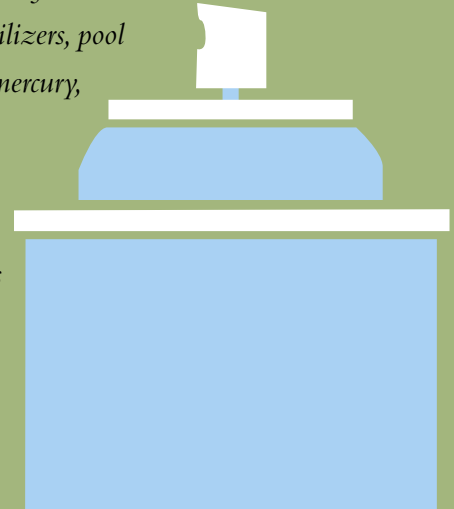
## What is Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)?

HHW refers to used or leftover contents of consumer products that contain chemicals with one of the four

characteristics: *Toxic, Ignitable, Corrosive, or Reactive* as defined by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Household Hazardous Waste includes: oil and latex paints and thinners, used motor oil, auto fluids and gasoline solvents, pesticides, fertilizers, pool chemicals, drain cleaners, tires, mercury, rechargeable & automobile batteries and electronics.

Questions? Call Public Works at 954-385-2600



L-R: Chief John Frailey, Commissioner Angel Gomez, Commissioner Daniel Stermer, Mayor Eric Hersh, Koula Achillea holding Michael Achillea, Louis Achillea, Firefighters Thomas Feeney, Henry Caballero and German Siles, Commissioner Mercedes Henriksson and Commissioner Murray Chermak.

On February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008, mom Koula Achillea, proudly poses with her sons Michael in her arms and Louis at her side, along with three of the firefighters being recognized for saving Michael's life from a near drowning incident. Arriving at the scene, Michael was not breathing. The rescue crew members performed CPR reviving the lifeless child. Today Michael is a vibrant two year old who loves the attention of a crowd.



MTV films "The Paper" at Cypress Bay

## Quietly Boosting the Local Economy

### Film Projects in Weston

Unbeknownst to most residents, Weston has quietly become a favorite filming location for print, television, video and motion pictures. This clean, quiet industry has been utilizing our city for many years, with interest increasing yearly.

The film and television industry is one that makes use of locations for short periods of time, usually with minimal disruption, while hiring local and regional talent, purchasing hotel rooms, vehicle and equipment rentals, food and more; locations utilized, such as private homes or businesses, most often receive compensation for their use.

#### A sampling of productions filmed in Weston:

**Any Given Sunday** (1999), a Warner Brothers film starring Al Pacino, Dennis Quaid, Cameron Diaz and Jamie Fox, filmed in Windmill Ranches.

**2 Fast 2 Furious** (2003) by Universal, with Paul Walker, Eva Mendes and Cole Hauser, utilizing US 27 and I-75 for car scenes.

In 2007, a new 8-part MTV reality series called "**The Paper**" was filmed at Cypress Bay High School, featuring

seven staff members of the schools award-winning newspaper, **The Circuit**; **Bart's Got A Room** starring William Macy and Cheryl Hines had minor portions of the film set in Weston at the Hyatt Hotel; a segment for the cable TV series **AT&T's Homepage** with Dionne Sanders and Jay Feely; and television commercials including **BMW**.

Filmed in January of this year, an as yet untitled **Teen Road Movie** by Summit Entertainment starring James Marsden and Amanda Crew, used Weston's SW 26<sup>th</sup> Street for filming car scenes and Amish buggy riding and U.S. 27 and the truck stop for staging a carnival scene. The City also recently assisted a highly successful Hollywood studio with location scouting for the filming of an upcoming major motion picture which would be shot this spring.

Over the past ten years, numerous movies, TV and reality shows, videos and commercials have been filmed throughout the City, taking advantage of Weston's extensively landscaped roadways, well maintained properties, and film friendly atmosphere.

# Did You Know That...

**You can place all clean paper**, including junk mail, magazines, catalogues, cereal & shoe boxes, old homework, receipts, copy paper, and tissue rolls **together with your newspaper recycling, into one bin.** For more information call Public Works at 954-385-2600.

**Illegal U-Turns** are the leading cause of intersection crashes in the City of Weston. Please obey traffic signs and stay safe!

**64% of car burglaries** in Weston occur to un-locked vehicles. Lock it up - an easy step to crime prevention.

**Sense of Community...It starts in Parks:** People who involve themselves in a variety of social contacts, i.e. friends, family, work, and community activities are four times less likely to get colds than people who lead more isolated lives.



*Pride in Service with Integrity*

## Residents

### Please lock your vehicles

Car burglaries in residential neighborhoods tend to be a crime of opportunity, due to the fact that many people leave items in their vehicle, and their vehicle unlocked. In 2007, 64% of car burglaries in Weston occurred in unlocked vehicles

### Take away the opportunity

Weston is a very safe community - but residents must still be vigilant of crime prevention. Whether in your driveway or parked on the street, always lock your car when it is unattended.

***Lock it... Don't Lose It.***

**An easy step to crime prevention 7**

# Elected Officials

## Weston City Commission

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### Mayor

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### Commissioner

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### Commissioner

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### Commissioner

Angel Gomez

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Seat No. 1

# AUTOMATIC CPR: PRESENTING THE AUTO PULSE

Weston continues its proud tradition of offering cutting edge technology. In December 2007, Rescue Unit No. 81 received AutoPulse, a new, more effective alternative to manual CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) for victims of Sudden Cardiac Arrest. This revolutionary, non-invasive device moves blood more consistently than is possible with human hands. Easy to use and battery operated, its load-distributing LifeBand squeezes the

entire chest. As a result, victims receive consistent, high-quality compressions that deliver improved blood flow. All of Weston's firefighters and paramedics have received the required training course to operate the AutoPulse. Utilized for the first time in January 2008 it proved to be 100% effective. The City is looking forward to receiving its second AutoPulse which has already been ordered.



A recent review of all Weston parks by an ADA (American with Disabilities Act) consultant revealed that the current playground surfaces comprised of sand and mulch are not ADA compliant. Signed into federal law on July 26, 1990, the ADA is wide-ranging legislation intended to make American society more accessible to people with disabilities. All city and county governments are covered by the ADA as "public entities" requiring all activities, services, and programs, including parks and recreation departments, to be ADA compliant.

In order to comply with ADA requirements, Weston's parks are being re-surfaced with SAF DEK, a poured in place rubber manufactured from 75% recycled rubber. Utilized by McDonald's and Disney World, SAF DEK is an industry leader in recreational safety surfaces. SAF DEK has already been installed at Weston's Regional Park and the City plans

## PARK PLAYGROUND SURFACES ARE BEING REPLACED—NEW SURFACES MORE ACCESSIBLE

to complete two playgrounds each fiscal year; Emerald Estates and Tequesta Trace Parks are next on the list. While meeting ADA requirements the surface is also toddler friendly in that it is softer with no abrasive qualities like mulch or asphalt.

### BENEFITS OF SAF DEK

- **Accessibility** - everyone regardless of mobility issues (wheelchairs, crutches, etc) can access the playground making it ADA compliant
- **Seamless** - the poured in place rubber results in a seamless surface limiting tripping hazards
- **Porous** - standing water is immediately eliminated after rainfall or cleaning
- **Environmentally Friendly** - the majority of the rubber used for SAF DEK surfaces is from post consumer tire rubber. 6,000,000 pounds of scrap rubber have been saved from our nations dump sites
- **Low Maintenance** - SAF DEK is virtually maintenance free as it can be cleaned by hosing with water or naturally by rainfall





## Weston Receives a Perfect Rating NPDES (National Pollution Discharge Elimination System) Permit

Each year the City of Weston is required by Interlocal Agreement to be one of the 30 co-permittees in Broward County for the NPDES (National Pollution Discharge Elimination System) Permit. To comply with the requirements of the permit the City must implement a comprehensive storm-water management program to reduce the number of pollutants that enter the water bodies within the City.

The goal of the NPDES program is to reduce the amount of pollutants entering the waters of the U.S. Based upon the review of the permit report, the City of Weston is one of the 30 co-permittees to completely satisfy the annual reporting requirements as specified by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection; less than 10 other co-permittees received a perfect rating. The City of Weston has and will continue to promote public participation to improve water quality by educating residents about proper swale and lawn maintenance.

For more information on how you can contribute to improving the City's water quality, contact the Public Works Department at 954-385-2600.

# Official City Meetings

All meetings of the City Commission and Planning & Zoning Advisory Board are held at the new Weston City Hall, located at the 17200 Royal Palm Boulevard.

### VIEW MEETINGS

- Meetings can be viewed on the City's website at [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org) live and archived.
- City Commission meetings are telecast live on the City's government access channel, for cable television subscribers, and are re-broadcast on: Tuesday at 9 p.m.; Wednesday & Thursday at 10 a.m. and 9 p.m.
- Commission meeting agendas are available in both English and Spanish on the City's website and government access cable channel.

**Advanced Cable subscribers tune to Channel #25**

**Comcast subscribers tune to Channel #78**

**Direct Path subscribers tune to Channel #62**

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 2008

**7:00 p.m.**

Monday, April 7th

Monday, April 21st

Monday, May 5th

Monday, May 19th

Monday, June 2nd

Monday, June 16th

### Planning & Zoning Advisory Board

**6:30 p.m.**

Monday, April 14th

Monday, April 28th

Monday, May 12th

Tuesday, May 27th

Monday, June 9th

Monday, June 23rd

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



## New City Commissioner Takes Office *Angel Gomez Takes Oath of Office*

Angel Gomez, Weston's newest City Commissioner was sworn into office on February 4, 2008 by his father-in-law, State Representative Franklin Sands. With his wife Stephanie, his three children, Samantha age 10, Andrew age 6, and Jacob age 1, along with his parents Miguel and Linda by his side, Gomez pledged to faithfully perform the duties of City Commissioner of the City of Weston.

Representative Sands with his wife Leslie by his side, beamed with pride as son-in-law Angel Gomez became City Commissioner of their hometown. Commissioner Gomez ran unopposed to fill the unexpired term of Seat Area 1, previously held by Sharon Cheren, who resigned when moving out of state. His current term will expire in November of 2008.

Before considering public office, Commissioner Gomez was involved in many affiliations and volunteer activities, as a member of the School Board Facility Committee, the Kiwanis Club of Weston, the Weston Business Chamber of Commerce, the Country Isles Elementary School PTA, a Board Member of Future Point, a not-for-profit teen leadership empowerment organization; a member of the

National Association of School Administrators and the Broward Principals and Assistant Principals Association. He was a former Board Member of the C.O.P.E. - T.I.G.E.R.S., the political arm of the Broward Teachers Union, formerly involved as a staff member of the School Board of Broward County South Florida, Leadership Training Camp at Nova Southeastern University and former Member of the City of Weston Planning and Zoning Advisory Board.

Originally born in Puerto Rico and raised in Venezuela, Commissioner Gomez is no newcomer to the area. A long-time resident, he moved here in 1984, graduating from Western High School. He holds a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Central Florida and a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University. He has spent his career as an educator, currently a Broward County High School Administrator. A family of educators, his wife Stephanie also works in the Broward school system as an elementary school teacher here in Weston. Juggling a busy career, public service and three young children, he and his wife still manage to find time to relax, enjoying golf, tennis, wave running and water skiing - the epitome of the perfect South Florida lifestyle.

# City Contacts

**Broward Sheriff's Office- POLICE** / Departamento de Policia . . . . . 954-765-4321  
Non-Emergency Dispatch / Despacho No Emergencia  
Emergency Police/Fire/EMS . . . . . **911**  
Emergencia Policia/Bomberos/Auxilio Médico. . . . . **911**

BSO Police Administration / Policia - Administración  
. . . . . 954-389-2010  
Weston Police Services Building, 17300 Royal Palm Blvd.  
24 Hour Information / Información las 24 horas  
. . . . . 954-389-2010  
Weston Traffic Unit / Weston Unidad de Tráfico  
. . . . . 954-389-2016  
Crime Prevention / Prevención del Crimen  
. . . . . 954-389-2030  
Code Enforcement / Aplicación de Reglamentos  
. . . . . 954-389-2067

**Broward Sheriff's Office- FIRE** . . . . .  
Administration – Administración . . . . . 954-389-2015  
Emergency Police/Fire/EMS . . . . . **911**  
Emergencia Policia/Bomberos/Auxilio Médico. . . . . **911**  
  
Station No. 81, 17350 Royal Palm Blvd.

**Building & Permitting** / Construcción & Permisos  
C.A.P. Government, Inc. . . . . 954-385-0500  
2700 S. Commerce Parkway, Suite 101

**Broward County Weston Branch Library**/Biblioteca  
4205 Bonaventure Blvd.. . . . . 954-389-2098

**Cable**  
Advanced Cable (Channel #25 for City Information)  
. . . . . 954- 753-0100  
Comcast Cable (Channel #78 for City Information)  
. . . . . 800-568-1212  
Direct Path (Channel #62) . . . . . 888-686-6110

**City Hall** / Oficinas Municipales. . . . . 954-385-2000  
City Manager / Asst. City Mgr./CFO / City Clerk / Finance / Communications / Business License Tax (Occupational Licenses) 17200 Royal Palm Blvd.

**Community Services** / Servicios Comunitarios  
**Parks & Recreation**/ Parques y Diversión  
20200 Saddle Club Road.. . . . 954-389-4321  
www.westonfl.org - Parks & Recreation: info on parks, events & recreation class schedules

**Arts Council of Greater Weston**.. . . . 954-389-4321  
www.westonfl.org - Parks & Recreation/Arts Council Arts & Events Calendar: <http://www.communityartscalender.org/>  
Email: [ArtsCouncil@westonfl.org](mailto:ArtsCouncil@westonfl.org)  
**55+ Club** . . . . . 954-389-4321  
www.westonfl.org - Parks & Recreation/55+ Club  
email: [Dot41@aol.com](mailto:Dot41@aol.com)

**Public Works Center** - water & sewer/ **Obras Públicas** - Agua y Alcantarillado  
2599 South Post Road . . . . . 954-385-2600  
New connections, billing info. / Nuevas conexiones, cuentas.. . . . 954-746-3232  
Problems / Problemas  
Bonaventure area of Weston . . . . . 954-888-6087  
After hours and weekends for Bonaventure. .. 954-888-6087  
Indian Trace area (all areas except Bonaventure)954-385-2600  
After hours and weekends for Indian Trace 954-385-2600

**Garbage** / Desecho  
All Service Refuse – Customer Service . . . 954-583-1830

**Planning & Zoning** / Planificación y Zonificación  
Calvin, Giordano & Associates, Inc. . . . . 954-921-7781

**Weston Community Center**  
20200 Saddle Club Road.. . . . 954-389-4321

**Weston Sports Alliance** / Alianza Deportiva de Weston  
Sports League Information & Registration  
. . . . . 954-389-4321  
www.westonfl.org for listing of individual phone numbers for each league

**Weston Tennis Center** / Centro de Tenis  
16451 Racquet Club Road.. . . . 954-389-8666  
[www.westontennis.com](http://www.westontennis.com)

**Weston Web Site** / Página de web [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org)  
**Weston Community Radio** / Estación de Radio Comunitaria . . . . . 1680AM



## Happenings on, and off, the Court At the Weston Tennis Center 16451 Racquet Club Road, 954-389-8666

### **MARGARITA MIXER**

**Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> 6pm-9:30pm**

Round Robin Tournament, clinic for children, catered dinner from Azteca, live Mexican music, fantastic margaritas. Free for members/ \$20 non-members; \$12 kids clinic for non-members.

### **FRENCH OPEN ROUND ROBIN**

**Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> 9:30am-12:00 noon**

Round Robin Tournament on the clay courts followed by a breakfast, complete with croissants. Pros will play into the Round Robin to make games competitive, and there will be a junior clinic to coincide with the Round Robin. All levels welcome. \$15 for members/\$20 non-members; \$12 junior clinic.

### **SUMMER CAMP 2008**

An experience enjoyed by all! The mornings are filled with tennis, basketball and street hockey; the afternoons

are for cooling off with some swimming pool games. For a break from the sun and some air conditioning, our Tennis Center is the place to enjoy arts and crafts for all ages! Participant to Counselor Ratio = 5:1

### **Program Includes:**

Tennis instruction, Soccer, Basketball, Street Hockey, Water Sports Activities, Team Competition and more!

### **Drop Off and Pick Up:**

For full day: drop off 9am, pick up 3:00pm

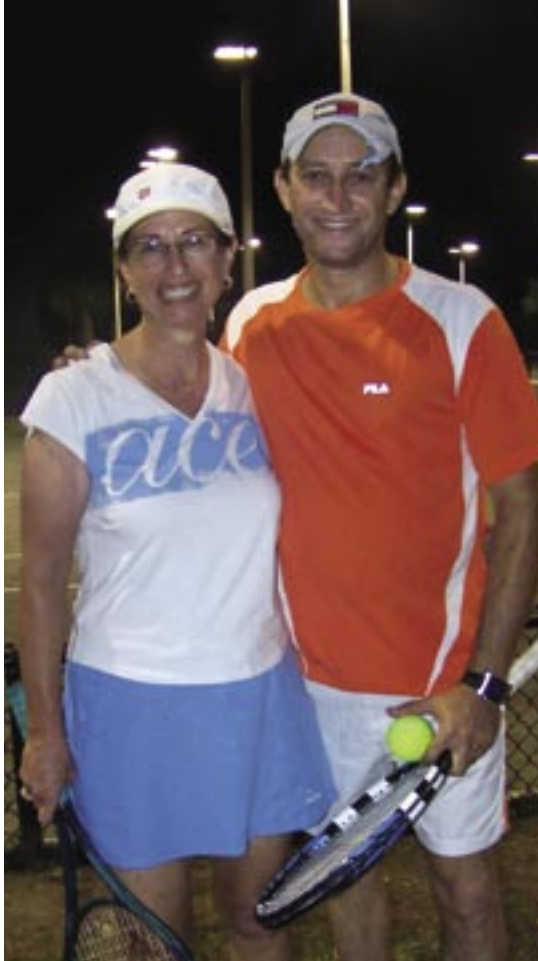
For half-day: drop off 9:00am, pick up 12:00pm

### **For Training Center:**

drop off 10:30am, pick up 4:00pm

### **Equipment/Clothing:**

Please bring tennis shoes, tennis racquet, swimsuit, towel, sunscreen, water bottle and a hat. Please label all articles of



Holiday camp with some of the campers at the pool, Former WTC Tennis Professional Luiz Rino now residing in Brazil pays a surprise visit as a model in the fashion show, Aussie Mixer winners, WTC USTA Rookie Cup Girls 12 & under winners, Group photo of Ladies Round robin and fashion show

clothing and tennis racquets. Meals, drinks and a healthy snack will be provided. Participants will be responsible for their own lunch Monday through Thursday. Friday is Pizza Day, provided by Weston Tennis Center.

For more information, or to enroll your child into our Summer Camp, please call the Weston Tennis Center Pro Shop at 954-389-8666.

For information regarding any of the tennis programs at the Weston Tennis Center, please contact Tennis Director Dan DeBruyne at 954-389-8666 or [d.debruyne@cliffdrysdale.com](mailto:d.debruyne@cliffdrysdale.com).

# Elected Officials

## School Board of Broward County

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[www.browardschools.com](http://www.browardschools.com)

James F. Notter, Superintendent of Schools

Robin Bartleman, Chair\*\*

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Jennifer Leonard Gottlieb\*\*

Phyllis C. Hope\*

Stephanie Arma Kraft, Esq.

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Eleanor Sobel

Benjamin J. Williams

\*Board member representing Weston

\*\*Board member at-large

## Board of County Commissioners of Broward County

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[www.broward.org](http://www.broward.org)

Lois Wexler, Mayor\*

Stacy Ritter, Vice Mayor

Josephus Eggelletion, Jr.,

Sue Gunzburger

Kristin D. Jacobs

Ken Keechl

Ilene Lieberman

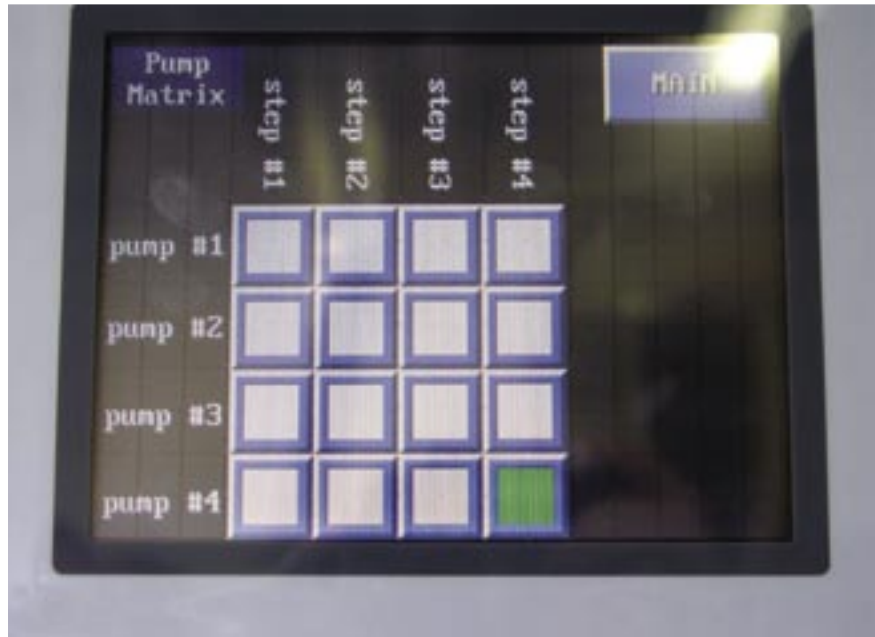
John E. Rodstrom, Jr.

Diana Wasserman-Rubin\*

\* Commissioners representing Weston



Old Bonaventure Pump stations above, Versus



Newer Indian Trace Development District (ITDD) Pump stations and controls

## New Bonaventure Stormwater Pump Stations

### State and Federal Grants Saving Residents From Impact of Projected \$4 million Cost

The two stormwater pump stations that currently service the Bonaventure Development District (BDD), the area encompassing the Bonaventure section of Weston, are over 30-years old, perform well below capacity, and are obsolete. The purpose of the stations is to transfer water from Bonaventure's lake and canal system to the North New River Canal. The pumps provide essential flood control for the residents and businesses located in the Bonaventure basin.

The City had replacement pump stations designed incorporating new features to help alleviate flooding and to also prevent pollutants from entering the North New River, as a part of the City's ongoing plan to address flood protection, and environmental issues associated with stormwater.

The City's original cost projection for the project was \$4.3 million, which would have been assessed to the property

With the installation of the new system, the Bonaventure Development District stations will work with the efficiency of the newer ITDD system, providing greatly enhanced protection from stormwater flooding.

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owners in the BDD. Bids for the two stations came in at \$3.3 million. Fortunately, through the efforts of city staff and our elected Legislative officials, State Representative Franklin Sands, Senator Nan Rich and Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, the City has been notified of three grant/funding allocations to date:

**Two, \$1 million grants from the South Florida Water Management District; and a \$492,000 federal appropriation from Congress, totaling \$2,492,000.00**

**The City is also currently pursuing \$1.35 million in funding from FEMA**

Replacement of the two pumps stations includes demolition of existing structures, site work, purchase and installation of 6 new pumps, 2 generators and new buildings to protect the stations during hurricanes. Project construction is expected to take one year.

The additional funding above the \$3.3 million bid price will allow the city to upgrade the culverts in the area, which are the underground passageways that connect to the lakes and the outfalls. This work, originally to be completed over the next five years along with other drainage projects, will further enhance public health, safety and environmental benefits, with residents receiving a first rate drainage system to protect the homes and businesses they have invested in.

# Elected Officials

## BROWARD COUNTY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

### **Broward County Property Appraiser**

Lori Parrish 954-357-6830

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Broward Governmental Center  
115 S. Andrews Avenue, Room 111  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301

### **Broward County Sheriff**

Al Lamberti 954-831-8900

[www.sheriff.org](http://www.sheriff.org)

2601 W. Broward Blvd.  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

### **Broward County Supervisor of Elections**

Dr. Brenda C. Snipes 954-357-7050

[www.browardsoe.org](http://www.browardsoe.org)

Broward County Governmental Center  
115 S. Andrews Avenue, Room 102  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301

### **Clerk of the Courts of Broward County**

Howard C. Forman 954-831-5504

[www.browardclerk.org](http://www.browardclerk.org)

Broward County Main Courthouse  
201 S.E. 6th Street, Room 136  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301

### **Broward State Attorney**

Michael J. Satz 954-357-7050

<http://sao17.state.fl.us/>

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201 S.E. 6th Street, Room 665  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301

### **Public Defender of Broward County**

Howard Finkelstein 954-831-8650

[www.browarddefender.com](http://www.browarddefender.com)

Broward County Courthouse  
201 S.E. 6th Street, Room 3872  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301



## SPECIAL DELIVERY

BABY GIRL DELIVERED AT FIRE STATION NO. 67

The City of Weston contracts with the Broward Sheriff's Office for Fire Rescue and Emergency Services, and is extremely proud of the job these men and women do each day. The firefighters at Fire Station No. 67 recently illustrated their level of skill when they were called to quick action by an unexpected visitor.

On November 19, 2007 Savanna residents Mr. Roberto Rivera Jr. and Mrs. Dorcas Rivera, who was in labor, were in route to Memorial West hospital. When Mrs. Rivera realized that she couldn't make it to the hospital, her husband stopped at Station No. 67. Within minutes Lieutenant Kevin Donnelly and Captain Guy Lindauer along with their crews, successfully delivered her baby girl in a rescue unit in the station's parking lot. After the birth of Alanis Carolina Rivera, 7 lbs, 13 oz, mother and daughter were safely transported to Memorial West hospital by Rescue Unit 67.

On Saturday, December 22, 2007, Mr. and Mrs. Rivera along with their two children Roberto Alejandro 5 years old and Sophia Naomi 4 years old and their new sister Alanis Carolina paid a visit to Fire Station No. 67 to thank the firefighters and have them sign a family picture as a

memento of their extraordinary efforts.

The BSO Fire Rescue Department provides services to the City's residents from three strategically located, City-owned stations, operated 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Additional services are provided to residents and groups such as:

- Public tours of fire stations
- Walk-in blood pressure checks
- Residential Fire Escape Plans
- Child Safety Seat Inspections
- Community Education Programs and demonstrations on fire prevention and safety
- Automatic External Defibrillator inspections and placement assistance for businesses
- C.E.R.T. (Citizens Emergency Response Team)
- All stations are a "Safe Haven for Newborns" per Florida Legislation; a mother may leave her unharmed newborn, up to 3 days old, at a hospital emergency room or fire/EMS station, anonymously, and free from the fear of prosecution.

For more information regarding these services call  
954-389-2015





# Weston Winter Wonder-World

Snow ball fights in Weston? It's true. Several thousand people attended the Weston Winter Wonder-World event at Town Center Park where over 850 kids played on the snow mountain. One hundred flags from countries around the world were displayed along the linear park and entertainment with an international flair delighted the crowds.

# Elected Officials

## STATE OF FLORIDA OFFICIALS

### Florida House of Representatives, District 97

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### Florida Senate, District 34

Senator Nan Rich  
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### Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Charles H. Bronson 850-488-3022  
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Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0810

### Chief Financial Officer

Alex Sink 850-413-3100  
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### Attorney General

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### Florida Governor

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## The West Broward YMCA Family Center Is Building a Strong Community

If you have had the opportunity to visit the West Broward YMCA Family Center, then you know – It's a Great Place To Be! Thousands of people throughout West Broward have taken advantage of this terrific opportunity by joining in on the fun and participating in an assortment of health related programs – to build strong kids, strong families and strong communities.

There's something for everyone including sports leagues, wellness programs, exercise classes and a variety of aquatic related instruction and activities. Whatever activities you choose, you will join millions across the country who have experienced the YMCA's exceptional programming, which has improved the physical, social and emotional health of members.

Physical fitness plays a vital role in terms of managing stress and succeeding in school as well as in the workplace. From toddlers and teens to parents and active and older adults, individuals and their families are more challenged and under increased stress to balance their work, family and health. By having a fun place to go in the community that offers a wide range of activities, there's something for everyone!

The West Broward YMCA is comprised of a 42,500 square foot state-of-art facility in the Weston Regional Park. This beautiful location features an Olympic swimming pool and patio area, a full-court gymnasium, a wellness floor and so much more.

### **Volunteering Changes Lives – Join us! Be a Y Partner.**

There's an old saying that when you give, you get back much more. Three West Broward residents, Mary Moreno, Jeanna Guitierrez and Elena Dolinski are volunteers at the YMCA. They are busy familiarizing more people about the YMCA and the benefits enjoyed by the entire community. They are also taking a lead in the Annual Y partners Campaign, which raises scholarships for children and families. Each finds a different reason for their involvement with the Family Center, but they all have at least one thing in common – they genuinely enjoy being a part of this healthy journey.

### **Building Strong Kids (and Teens)**

Children and teenagers are the future of a fit community. Overweight children and adolescents have nearly tripled in the past 20 years. A YMCA goal is to provide more physical activity among our youth and simultaneously offer the entire



# Elected Officials

## Federal Officials

### United States Senate

Senator Mel Martinez

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[mel\\_martinez@martinez.senate.gov](mailto:mel_martinez@martinez.senate.gov)

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317 Hart Senate Office Building,

Washington, DC 20510

### United States Senate

Senator Bill Nelson

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3416 S. University Drive, Davie, FL 33328

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Washington, DC 20510

### United States House of Representatives, District 20

Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz

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10100 Pines Blvd., Pembroke Pines, FL 33026

118 Cannon HOB, Washington, DC 20510

### President of the United States

President George W. Bush 202-456-1111

[president@whitehouse.gov](mailto:president@whitehouse.gov)

The White House

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

Washington, DC 20500

family the ability to participate in the road to success. The new program, Fit Family Challenge, allows parents and kids to work together to increase daily activity and set achievable eating and exercise goals. This program is designed with busy families in mind and parents learn positive ways to coach children to make better choices to live a healthier lifestyle.

Teens are also extremely important at the West Broward YMCA. There is a strong commitment to support positive youth-oriented activities, reduce teen violence and keep teens safe. Caring, dedicated adults are there to listen to them and help them navigate the stresses, changes and choices that come with the teenage years. Building relationships with these responsible adults and with other young people from different backgrounds helps give preteens and teens the inner strength to avoid negative behavior. Young people have more fun and learn more when they can take the lead in planning and directing their own path.

### It's Easy To Get Started

For residents in the West Broward area who are not currently members, we urge you to take this opportunity to tour the West Broward YMCA Family Center and find out what they have that's right for you!

For more information about membership and volunteering at the West Broward YMCA Family Center, call 954-424-YMCA (9622): Their trained staff will be glad to show you around.



# Weston City Hall

## A permanent home unveiled

On December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007, City Commissioners unveiled to the community Weston's new, permanent city hall. Hundreds were in attendance for the Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening Celebration of the City's newest facility, ten years to the date of the grand opening of Weston's first city hall office suite, a leased space now replaced with a permanent home.

Residents, guests and elected officials enjoyed refreshments and listened to live jazz outside the new \$6 million facility.

The evening's formal presentations began with the raising of an American flag, which had been given to the City by former Commissioner Edwin Jacobson. The flag had been flown over our nation's capital in honor of his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday, and today flies over city hall. After recognitions of those involved in the buildings design and construction, the City Commission had the honor of cutting the ribbon and welcoming guests to tours of the facility.

**Weston's New City Hall:** The initial ground breaking



Ribbon Cutting L-R: Commissioner Murray Chermak, Mayor Eric Hersh and Commissioner Mercedes Henriksson. Absent - Commissioner Daniel Stermer who was flying in from Tallahassee at the time of the Ribbon Cutting. He participated in the balance of the celebration.

was held on July 4, 1996 and city staff moved into the facility in late September of 2007. City Hall is a 14,000 square foot structure on 3.5 acres located at 17200 Royal Palm Boulevard, adjacent to the Weston Police and Fire Stations. It includes: eleven offices, two conference rooms, copy/production room, reception desk, food & beverage area, voice/data server room, and an expansive lobby area which includes two public computer stations to access city codes; areas have energy conserving lighting sensors which turn lights on or off dependent upon motion in the room.

The Commission Chamber has 154 theater style seats and 61” plasma screens for the audience and commission and a control room for camera, sound and lighting equipment. Sound attenuating materials are utilized on the walls. The entire building has hurricane glass windows and an integrated backup power supply so that city operations can continue during power failures. The lobby was designed so if needed, additional temporary offices could be set up in an emergency, with power and data lines available for multiple stations.



## On the Road with Weston University Police, Community Services and Fire/EMS

It's been a busy couple of months for Weston University's Class of '08' as they progress through the city's major departments.

Students spent the day with the Broward Sheriff's Office in November, learning what it takes to staff a 24/7 operation, along with the multitude of career opportunities that are available in such a large organization. They participated in a self-defense class, visited the BSO Aviation department, were shown a display by SWAT members and toured the mounted patrol horse barn.

In December, students tried their hand at designing a park, which as they found out, was not just fun and games... They also toured a Weston mitigation area, several parks, and were provided insight into how and why specific trees are removed or planted to maintain and enhance the city's tree canopy.

Students also viewed and were educated on the stormwater pump system which keeps Weston from flooding, and the annual flushing of the hydrant system.

Suiting up with oxygen and masks, students got a small taste of what firefighters must deal with when gearing up to fight a fire. They also climbed an aerial ladder and had hands-on EMS demonstrations. Prior to getting to the "fun" stuff, students learned about the economic costs and staffing difficulties associated with a fire rescue department. The Fire Marshal explained how the fire department is involved in every commercial building that is built in the city, from the ground up, ensuring all life safety issues are met. Students then toured the 9-1-1 communications department in Fort Lauderdale where all calls, emergency and non-emergency, are dispatched for both fire and police.



## Library Park Construction

# The Parks Report

With 13 municipal parks and the Weston Tennis Center, Weston residents have the chance to enjoy an array of amenities for every age and lifestyle. 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.

### ***Improvements include:***

**Tequesta Trace Park and Emerald Estates Park** – The playgrounds at these two parks will be closed temporarily in the coming months as the ground cover is replaced with new, poured-in-place rubberized surfacing. The surface was introduced at the Weston Regional Park in the late fall. Poured-in-place rubber provides for a safe, consistent surface that will limit injuries due to falls while providing for greater accessibility.

**Weston Regional Park** – The skatepark is open to the public for skateboarding and inline skating. Participants must wear helmet, elbow pads and knee pads. Participants under the age 17 must have a parent sign a waiver form available at the Community Center or online at the City website: [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org)

**Library Park** – Construction continues and many of the structures are now visible to passersby. Located next to the Weston Branch Library the park is expected to be completed by summer.

**Reminders:** Children should have adult supervision while on the City's playgrounds. Please help prevent injury:

- Don't wear clothes with drawstrings or other strings at the playground. Drawstrings, purses, and necklaces could get caught on play equipment;
- Don't wear bicycle helmets while on the playground;
- Shoes should remain on while playing.

While most of the Weston playgrounds are covered with shade structures and the new play surfacing is designed to resist heat retention, we are in South Florida and adults should check the temperatures on the equipment, particularly on hot summer days. Even with the shade structures, sunscreen should be worn.

*Conservation of our Natural Treasures...It Starts in Parks:* Conservation is more than an environmental issue - it can boost local economies, help guide growth and development, reduce crime, protect water quality, and provide a safe haven for family recreation.



# The Community Center at the Weston Regional Park

## K I D S P R O G R A M S

**Karate** Wed 6-7pm (Ages 6-8) and 7-8pm (Ages 9+). Provide your child with the ability to defend him/herself and react with confidence. David Schopp, 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Black Belt in Goju Karate, will teach your children the basic principles of self-defense, fighting, weaponry and forms. **Cost \$100/3 months. Continuous.** Limited Space Available.

**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 (intermediate), 7:00-8:00 (advanced). One hour classes separated by age and ability. High energy combination classes include dance, cheerleading and baton twirling. Develop grace, poise and self confidence. Members will be invited to perform in Disney World, University of Miami half time show, local events and much more. Wendy Russell is an award winning, professional choreographer. For more information visit [www.floridasuperstars.com](http://www.floridasuperstars.com) or call 954-438-2075. **Cost \$45/month. (Plus \$25 registration fee and \$20 baton required.)** Monthly fee includes unlimited classes at locations around Broward County.

**Teen Performance Workshop** Sunday, 7:15pm-9:15pm (ages 15-18 years) This class is for students interested in helping write and produce a performance piece based on relevant issues in their lives. Through the use of improvisation and scene work, students will hone their acting and performance skills as they present the play in a café-style setting at the end of the season. Limit 12 kids/class. **Class runs 2/3/08 to 5/11/08.** For more information call Robin at 954-385-3060. **Cost is \$375.**

**Young Rembrandts** Fri 4:15-5:30pm (ages 3 ½ to 13 years) Young Rembrandts prepares children for goals set forth by the National Standard for Art Education. Our exclusive program dispels the myth that art is a talent a child has or doesn't have. We view art not merely as a talent, but as a skill that can, and should, be learned by all children. Price includes all materials. For more information call 954-647-6403 or visit [www.youngrembrandts.com](http://www.youngrembrandts.com). **8 week session 1/11/08 to 2/29/08 and then 3/7/08 to 5/2/08 costs \$112.**



**The Play's the Thing!** Fri 4:00-5:00 pm (ages 7-8). Students engage in the theatrical process through acting exercises designed to increase concentration, free the imagination and increase confidence. Movement for the stage, character development and improvisation techniques are used to help students develop a script based on a value laden folktale. A class presentation will be held the last day of class. Limit 12 kids/class. **Class runs 1/25/08 to 5/2/08. Cost is \$210. Robin Braun and the Inside Out Theatre Company: 954-385-3060.**

**Bright & Smart Robotics** Mon 4:30-6:00 or Fri 6:00-7:30pm (7-12 years). Kid oriented program that develops engineering skills based on robot assembling, computer programming and teamwork. A six-week class full of fun, exciting and rewarding experiences that help children to discover and learn new skills in an interactive approach to science. **Cost is \$150 for 6 weeks. Mondays: Free demo class on 1/14. Class starts on 1/21. Spring Class demo on 3/10. Class starts on 3/17. Fridays: Free demo class on 1/11. Class starts on 1/25. Spring class demo class is 3/14 and class starts on 4/11.** Call 954-816-3346 for more information or go to [www.brightandsmart.com](http://www.brightandsmart.com). Ask about the free demo class!

**Musical Theatre Production** Class Sun 4:00-7:00pm (9-12 years). This class focuses on training in acting and movement with a rehearsal period that leads to a performance of one of our original musicals. Instruction includes traditional Stanislavski techniques, improvisation, and character development. No experience is necessary; this class leads to a performance in a professional theatre setting and students are expected to be committed and work at the highest level of professionalism. Limit 12 kids/class. **Class runs 2/3/08 to 5/10/08. Cost is \$395.** Call Robin Braun of the Inside Out Theatre Company for more details: 954-385-3060.

**Kidokinetics** Kidokinetics is the fun way to fitness that's inspiring kids to get up, get moving and get in shape! We are an all around sports fitness program for children ages eighteen months to 12 years old. Your children will develop important building blocks for life: discipline, confidence, coordination, fine and gross motor skills, and fitness. Activities include: soccer, hockey, tennis, basketball, football,volleyball, golf, t-ball, jump rope, polo, lacrosse, frisbee, hula-hoops, obstacle courses, relays, hurdles and more. For more information call 954-385-8511 or go to [www.Kidokinetics.com](http://www.Kidokinetics.com). All classes are led by experienced coaches who will provide a fun and safe environment. **INDOORS at the Community Center.**

**Tuesdays:      Thursdays:**

Ages 3-5 years	4:00-4:45	
Ages 2-3 years	4:45-5:30	
Ages 5-10		4:00-4:45
Ages 3-5		4:45-5:30

March 4-April 29 (no class April 1<sup>st</sup>) 8 weeks \$65  
 May 6-June 24 - 8 weeks \$65  
 T-shirts can be purchased for an additional \$8. Class can be prorated if you join late.

**Kidokinetics Jr.** - Parent and Child Sports Sat 9:00-9:45am (Ages 2-4 years). We all know that parents love to play sports and workout with their kids. 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. Parent and child 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. Activities include soccer, hockey, basketball, hula hoops, bean bag skills, football, tennis, t-ball, obstacle courses, golf and much more. For more information, please call 954-385-8511 or go to [www.Kidokinetics.com](http://www.Kidokinetics.com). **Class meets INDOORS at the Community Center.**



**Ages 18 mos-3 years (Mondays 9:30-10:15)**  
**Winter II Session: 3/3 to 4/28 (No class March 31)**

**Ages 18 mos-4 years (Saturdays 9:00-9:45)**  
**Winter II Session: 3/8 to 5/3 (No class April 5)**

Cost is \$65 for 8 week session. T-shirts can be purchased for an additional \$10. Class can be prorated if you join late.

**Playball** Mon & Wed 4:00-4:45 (3 to 5 years). Playball is an international child development company that has taught character education and instilled self-esteem thorough non-competitive sport since 1982. Playball benefits boys and girls equally. The program covers a wide array of sports skills and uses a building block, progressive approach to attaining proficiency. Class meets at Tequesta Trace Park. **Cost \$120/10 weeks. Call Coach Adrian at 954-612-8595 for schedule.** We offer a free trial class at Tequesta Trace Park.

**Junior Jazzercise** Wed 3:30-4:30 (5-7 years) & 4:30-5:30 (8-12 years). Fitness is fun with this exercise program designed especially for children...learn about nutrition, the body and the importance of physical fitness. Learn cool

dance moves to your favorite music! **Cost is \$36/per month (One time \$25 registration fee made payable to Fit First, Inc.) Continuous**

**Fun In Spanish** Thurs & Fri 9:30am-11:00am (ages 2-3 years) Don't forget your Spanish. The only way to hang on to your roots is to practice. Learn and practice Spanish with Latin kids and others that wish to learn in a playful, musical and artistic environment. For information, please call 954-822-7528 or 754-214-4723. **Cost is \$10/session or 5 classes for \$40. Continuous.**

**Chess Club** Mon. 4:30-6:00 or Fri. 6:00-7:30 (ages 5-18 years) Chess Club builds a connected community and motivates our youth to achieve their personal best. The club is looking for beginners or advanced players. Chess gives students the opportunity to gain wisdom, logic, memory, and knowledge. **Cost is \$130 for 8 sessions.** For more information contact Chess Grand Master Garcia at [gilgarchess@gmail.com](mailto:gilgarchess@gmail.com) or (813) 375-2179. Continuous

**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 \$195/6 weeks. Continuous**

**Karate** Wed 8-9:30pm Come get in shape and learn to defend yourself at the same time. David Schopp, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. Continuous**

**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.

**Watercolor Painting** Fri 10am-1pm Award winning watercolorist Rolande Moorhead teaches the vocabulary of colors, shapes, composition and preliminary drawing. All skill levels. **Cost \$195/6 weeks. Continuous**

**Stroller Strides** Mon through Fri 9:00 to 10:00 am. Friday playgroup 10:00-10:30 am. This 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. Other activities include Moms Night Out and Community Service events. **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](http://www.strollerstrides.net/Weston).

**SAT Preparation** (Age 15-20) Tues (7:00-9:30pm), Thurs (7:15-9:45) or Sun (1:30-4:00pm). This 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 \$475 for 8 week, 20 hour course (including text and materials). Spring session starts 4/6 (Sun) and 4/8 (Tues) for 6/7 test (no class 5/11 or 5/13).**

**Weston 55+ Club** This club was founded in 2001 by a group of men and women who enjoy each others company at outings and other social gatherings. For more information call Dottie at 954-349-6029. **Membership: \$30/person/year.**

**Country Line Dance Lessons** Tue 9:30-10:30am or Thurs 7:30-8:30 pm. If you like to dance, you'll love this fun and creative way to exercise. No experience necessary! You'll leave every class with a handout of the steps to each dance so you can practice at home, or go show off what you've learned at a local Country hot spot. **Gail Haimes (954) 648-8530** has been line dancing for over 13 years. You may remember her from her class at the old Arvida Community Center. Gail is also a certified teacher and has taught elementary PE and dance for over 15 years. Come join in the fun, and get in shape while you are at it! **Call for schedule. Cost is \$60/6 weeks.**

**Chess Club** Mon. 4:30-6:00 or Fri. 6:00-7:30 (ages 15-18 years) Chess Club builds a connected community and motivates our youth to achieve their personal best. The club is looking for beginners or advanced players. Chess gives students the opportunity to gain wisdom, logic, memory, and knowledge. **Cost is \$130 for 8 sessions.** For more information contact Chess Grand Master Garcia at [gilgarchess@gmail.com](mailto:gilgarchess@gmail.com) or (813) 375-2179. **Continuous**



Laurie Menekou



Rotary Exchange Group from Argentina

## City Communications Staff Member Selected For Rotary International Group Study Exchange Program *Heading to Argentina*

For the second year, a City of Weston staff member has had the great fortune to be selected by Rotary District 6990, which includes the Weston Rotary Club, to participate in their international exchange program. Laurie Menekou, the City's new Assistant Director of Communications will be going to Buenos Aires, Argentina from mid-March to mid-April.

The program is designed for young business and professional men and women between the ages of 25 and 40 who are in the early years of their professional lives. The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits between paired areas in different countries, this year Argentina. Team members (usually a group of five) experience the host country's institutions and ways of life, and are given the opportunity to observe their own vocations practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

The exchange group from Argentina visited South Florida, including Weston City Hall in November of 2007, meeting with the Mayor and City Manager to gain insight into the

city's governmental structure and organization. Laurie was able to meet her Argentinean counterparts and a glimpse into what her four weeks abroad will be like.

Laurie has worked for Weston since 2004, originally in the office of the City Clerk. She recently completed her Masters Degree in Communications from FIU (also honored as Graduate Student of the Year) and was offered a position in the City's Communications Department. Laurie is a high-energy, single, young professional who also volunteers her time as Public Relations Director for Emerge Broward, a program of the Leadership Broward Foundation, promoting leadership and personal development among young professionals.

Laurie's background and enthusiasm made her the perfect candidate for the Group Study Exchange and the City is honored she has been selected. Laurie will be an excellent ambassador for Weston, while eagerly absorbing this educational experience of a lifetime.

Tenga un viaje maravilloso!! (Have a great trip!!)

# Water Conservation

*It all Starts with you*

**South Florida is under a declared extreme water shortage and the South Florida Water Management District has instituted a one-day-a-week watering schedule for residential landscape irrigation to conserve our water supplies.**

## **WHY IS THIS NECESSARY?**

- South Florida has had two years of below-average rainfall, which would normally recharge (or refill) our drinking water well fields.
- Lake Okeechobee water levels are at a record low, which is the primary source of water for communities, regional farms and a backup supply source for South Florida.
- Both surface and ground water levels are unseasonably low and showing a decline.
- A threat of saltwater intrusion exists when freshwater levels are low as this allows heavier saltwater to move inland. If they become contaminated, these freshwater sources that are tapped by wells may become unusable for years.

**\*\*The restrictions are needed to help protect our drinking water sources by maintaining the necessary levels of freshwater in the system\*\***

Outdoor irrigation limits generate the largest water savings because it accounts for half of all household water use, but voluntary conservation practices both indoors and out are encouraged.

*It all starts with you.*

**The City of Weston provides *Weekly Water Tips* on our AM radio station 1680AM and government cable channel - so tune in... saving water not only helps save our environment but will save you money as well.**

## **SOME SIMPLE STEPS TO SAVING WATER:**

- If you have a swimming pool, consider a new water-saving pool filter. A single backflushing with a traditional filter uses 180 to 250 gallons of water.
- Avoid purchasing recreational water toys which require a constant stream of water.
- Don't pour half empty glasses or pots of water down the drain - use it to water indoor plants. You can do the same by collecting water used to wash produce in the sink.
- Repair dripping faucets by replacing washers. One drop per second wastes 2,700 gallons of water a year! Check outdoor faucets as well.
- Operate dishwashers and clothes washers only when they are full - you can save 1,000 gallons a month.
- Don't let the water run - turn it off while shaving.

## **Current Residential Landscape Watering Restrictions:**

### **ONE DAY PER WEEK LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION**

**Odd numbered street addresses:**  
Mondays from 4am-8am OR 4pm-8pm

**Even numbered street addresses:**  
Thursdays from 4am-8am OR 4pm-8pm.

- Hand watering allowed for 10 minutes per day
  - Low-volume irrigation, including the use of drip and microjet systems are not restricted
- Additional watering days and times will be allocated for the establishment of new lawns and landscapes
- **No restrictions apply** to other outside water uses, such as car washing, pressure cleaning, fountains and pools or water slides.



## Eagle Point Elementary Welcomes Miami Dolphin's Star Jason Taylor

### Helping Broward Schools to promote Wellness Strategic Plan

Miami Dolphins defensive end, Weston resident, and the architect of numerous foundations and programs benefiting children, Jason Taylor again put his celebrity weight behind a worthy cause - Health and Wellness in our schools.

The Broward County School Board began implementation of a Wellness Strategic Plan which involves all grade levels and includes health, wellness, nutrition and physical conditioning initiatives into the regular curriculum at all schools. And who better to embody the spirit of each initiative than Jason Taylor. Taylor visited Weston's Eagle Point Elementary School on January 30<sup>th</sup>. One student was

randomly chosen from each grade level to meet with Taylor and accompany him into the school's cafeteria. After a thunderous welcome of screams and cheering, both students and Taylor had a fantastic time. Meeting with the school's 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in the cafeteria he endorsed the benefits of eating healthy, exercising and general wellness.

One of the main goals behind the plan is to improve the health and wellness of children and remove barriers that impact teaching and learning.

# A Blue Day is a Great Day...

## At Eagle Point Elementary

**EAGLE POINT ELEMENTARY SELECTED AS A  
2007 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE  
BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Eagle Point Elementary School received the unprecedented distinction of being honored as a National Blue Ribbon School, one of only 16 public and private schools in the State of Florida selected for this prestigious honor in 2007 and the only school in Broward County to receive the award in the past five years.

The Blue Ribbon School Award is considered the highest honor an American school can achieve. Established in 1982, the program cites only 300 schools per year out of 133,000 that are either academically superior or that demonstrate dramatic gains in student achievement to high levels. Eagle Point was also the top performing school in the state the previous year and has been an "A" rated school for each of the past seven years.

Principal Marelise LeClerc and Science Resource Teacher Dr. Lisa Milenkovic, who completed the extensive Blue Ribbon application, traveled to Washington, D.C. where they accepted a plaque and a flag signifying the schools status.

In December, Eagle Point celebrated their accomplishment with an all-out BLUE fest, everything from clothes and t-shirts, to snow cones and rubber bracelets given to all the students wore blue, a glorious blue. Principal LeClerc, modest as always, credits the teachers, students and parents with the success that Eagle Point has enjoyed.









## The 4th Annual Free Concert in the Park

Held in the Weston Regional Park  
on March 1, 2008

ROCK & POP MASTERS  
Another fantastic evening...

*Presented by*

The City of Weston  
and the Rotary Club of Weston



# UPCOMING CITY EVENTS

April | May | June | July

## April

**Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 p.m.**

### **Weston Moonlight Movies in the Park:**

#### **“Over the Hedge”**

Traveling raccoon con artist, RJ, arrives in the woods outside a human city only to find that the animals living there are deathly afraid of people. With encouragement from RJ the local animals slowly venture over the hedge into the buffet that is the suburbs in this fast paced animated comedy. Bring lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy a free movie under the stars projected onto a giant inflatable screen. Kids under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. **Weston Regional Park, at the Event Stage, corner of Saddle Club Road and South Post Road.** **For more information, please call 954-389-4321**

**Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> 6pm-9:30pm**

### **Margarita Mixer**

Round Robin Tournament, clinic for children, catered dinner from Azteca, live Mexican music, fantastic margaritas. Free for members/ \$20 non-members; \$12 kids clinic for non-members.

**Weston Tennis Center, 16451 Racquet Club Road, 954-389-8666**

**Wednesday, April 16; Thursday, April 17;**

**Friday, April 18 and \*Saturday, April 19**

### **Bulk Pickup**

Bulk trash will be picked up on your regularly scheduled collection day. Bulk trash must be placed curbside by 7 a.m. For residences with dumpster service, place items



alongside dumpster by 7am Saturday morning. \*Indicates pick-up for multi-family units with dumpster service (condominiums & apartment complexes.)

**For more information, please call Public Works at 954-385-2600.**

## May

**Saturday, May 3, 1:30 p.m.**

### **“Princess and the Pea”**

*A Stages Productions theatrical presentation.*

Join the Queen, the Prince and the entire royal court as they learn the meaning of true love. This new musical adventure is filled with all the charm of the original Hans Christian Andersen classic along with enough humor and toe-tapping songs to keep any princess awake!

Tickets are \$10.00 per person (infants free) and can be purchased at Weston Community Center.

**Cypress Bay Theater, 18600 Vista Park Drive.**

**For more information, please call 954-389-4321.**

**Sunday, May 18, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

### **Weston Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collection**

The safest way to dispose of hazardous home chemicals is to carefully pack them up and bring them to this collection event. These are items many of us have in our homes but cannot place in the trash, items such as: paint,

paint thinners and strippers, motor oil, automobile fluids, pesticides, fertilizers, pool chemicals, drain cleaners, tires, batteries and electronics. For additional information call 954-385-2600.

**Weston Public Works Facility, 2599 South Post Road**

**Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> 9:30am-12:00 noon**

### **French Open Round Robin**

Round Robin Tournament on the clay courts followed by a breakfast, complete with croissants. Pros will play into the Round Robin to make games competitive, and there will be a junior clinic to coincide with the Round Robin. All levels welcome. \$15 for members/\$20 non-members; \$12 junior clinic.

**Weston Tennis Center, 16451 Racquet Club Road, 954-389-8666**

**Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**

### **Memorial Day**

*City offices will be closed. All city parks will be open.*

In remembrance of those who have paid the ultimate price for our freedom, and for those who have sacrificed their lives for the cause of liberty, independence and the security of our Nation.

# July

**Friday, July 4 Independence Day**

In honor of Independence Day, the City of Weston's

offices will be closed: City Hall, Building Department and Community Center. All of the parks will be open.

**Friday, July 4**

### **Annual Weston Hometown 4<sup>th</sup> of July**

**5K Run/Walk 7:00 a.m.**

Annual run and walk, organized by Weston Regional HealthPark. Run begins and ends at Weston Town Center. For more information including an application and race route map, log on to [www.splitsecondtiming.com](http://www.splitsecondtiming.com) or call Split Second Timing 954-384-7521, or the Weston Community Center at 954-389-4321. **Weston Town Center: Main Street**

### **Annual Weston Hometown 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade**

**10:30 a.m.**

After the run, enjoy the celebration of our Community with the annual parade with this year's theme "Generation's of Freedom." Featuring local businesses, civic groups, schools, organizations, residents and more! Parade information and entry forms are available at the Weston Community Center, 954-389-4321. **Weston Town Center: Main Street**

*\*There are no evening events in the Regional Park and  
No fireworks display*

**Wednesday, July 16; Thursday, July 17; Friday, July 18 and \*Saturday, July 19**

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**For more information, please call Public Works at 954-385-2600.**





# Stories, Reads and Happenings at the Weston Branch Library

4205 Bonaventure Boulevard 954-389-2098

## For Adults

### English Café

*Mondays 10:30 a.m. & Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.  
A conversation practice class for intermediate learners of English.*

### Chess Club

*Sundays 1:30p.m. - For all ages and levels.*

### El Club

*Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. -Intermediate conversational Spanish.*

### Book Club

*Last Thursday of each month, 7:00pm - Book discussion in English. Call for book title.*

## For Children

### My Toddler and Me Story Time

*Tuesdays, 10:30a.m. and 11:30a.m. - Pre-register*

### All by Myself Preschool Story Time

*Wednesdays 11:00 a.m. - A story, poem or other learning activities including a craft, for children ages 3 to 5. Pre-register*

### Wags & Tales

*3rd Thursday of each month at 3:30 p.m. - Practice reading to pet therapy dog for ages 5 to 12. Pre-register at Youth Services.*

## For Teens

### Chess Club

*Sundays 1:30p.m. - For all ages and levels.*

### Teen Tech Hour in Computer Center

*Wednesdays, 4:30*

### ARTrageous

*Once monthly, art & craft at 4pm for ages 10-12; 4:30pm for ages 12 and up. Call for date.*

### Teen Expression

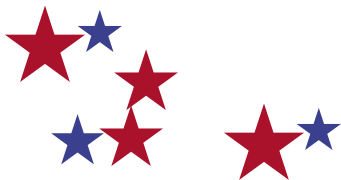
*Once monthly, 3pm. Books, games and more. Ages 12 and up. Call for date*

### Anime Club

*Monlthly at 5pm for ages 13 and up. Call for date.*

Each month the Weston Branch Library provides an extensive array of classes, programs and presentations for adults, teens and children. Please call or visit the library for a complete list and you can visit the Weston website events calendar at [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org) for many of the programs.

The library offers over a dozen computer classes, including Computer Literacy, MS Word, PowerPoint, Excel and Publisher. For Computer Classes at the library, call 954-389-2098 X234



## Planning a Parade!



Weston's Hometown July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade will be here before you know it and our Community Center staff is hard at work planning for this year's event.

that they have to not only inspire the people they help but to inspire others to serve.

### **Interested Parade Participants:**

All groups, organizations, businesses and bands are welcome! Join us for a Fourth of July tradition, and walk (or ride), in Weston's biggest and most exciting event of the year. **Registration is FREE.**

Start thinking about it now - put a group together and give us a call. Large, small, elaborate or simple - your entry will be special. Everyone loves a parade, so plan on being a part of the celebration.

Call the Weston Community Center at 954-389-4321 to answer any questions you may have. A parade application is available in this Announcer so don't wait - **start planning now!**

"Celebrating the Spirit of Volunteerism" is the theme of this year's 2008 parade, honoring the thousands of individuals who make a difference in our community each day.

Volunteers give of their time and expertise without expecting monetary compensation. Approximately half of the U.S. population who volunteer, make our many educational, health, cultural, and human service programs work. Volunteers are a true inspiration and reflect the power



**THE CITY OF WESTON**  
**2008 FOURTH OF JULY HOMETOWN PARADE**

**“CELEBRATING THE SPIRIT OF VOLUNTEERISM”**

Honoring the individuals who make a difference in our community each day

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

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

WHERE: Town Center Blvd. and Three Village Road. Parade route concludes on Main Street.

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

1. All entries must be decorated according to the spirit of July 4<sup>th</sup> and should reflect this year's theme: Celebrating the Spirit of Volunteerism. Parade officials will review each entry prior to the beginning of the parade.
2. Entries must be received by the parade committee no later than June 16, 2008.
3. Throwing of candy, novelties or any other item from your float is strictly prohibited. We wish to ensure the safety of our spectators, especially young children.
4. Consumption of alcohol is strictly prohibited anywhere along the parade route and in the lineup area. Please help us maintain the family atmosphere of the event.
5. Parade route streets used for lineup area will be closed at 10:00 A.M. Lineup begins at 9:30 AM. Surrounding streets will close at 9:30 AM.

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

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

**Parade Application**

**Parade categories (circle one):** Float Band Marching Unit Commercial Other (specify below)

Give a brief description of your entry. Will you be participating in a group activity; singing, dancing, playing music? How much space (in feet) will your entry require?

\_\_\_\_\_

**AGREEMENT:** The rules of the parade are understood and our group agrees to comply with them. It is understood that our entry will be removed from the parade at any time if the rules are not adhered to.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Group contact: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Eve: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form by mail to City of Weston, 20200 Saddle Club Rd., Weston, FL 33327  
-OR- Fax 954-389-5430

**ATTN: PARADE**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 954-389-4321**



# Weston Community Happenings...

Clockwise from top left:  
Hundreds enjoy Weston's free Moonlight Movies in the Park; AYSO youth soccer in kicking form; Weston Fury soccer champs honored; More AYSO out in the Regional Park; A season of championships, Falcon Cove Middle School Girls and Boys teams - Broward Middle School Athletic Association Soccer Champions; Mayor Ron Nachman of Ariel, Israel (left) visits Weston Mayor Eric Hersh.



# Balance of 2008 Residential Bulk Trash Pick-up Schedule

The free Quarterly Bulk Trash pickups for 2008 will occur on your regularly scheduled garbage collection day as follows:

**April 2008** : Wed. 16th, Thur. 17th OR Fri. 18th /

Multi-family with dumpster: Sat. 19th

**July 2008** : Wed. 16th, Thur. 17th OR Fri. 18th /

Multi-family with dumpster: Sat. 19th

**October 2008** : Wed. 15<sup>th</sup>, Thur. 16th OR Fri. 17th /

Multi-family with dumpster: Sat. 18th

**Residential Curbside Collection units:**

All bulk trash must be out on your curbside by 7:00 AM.

**Townhouses & multi-family units with dumpsters:**

You should place items by the dumpster.

Items not picked up on your collection day, will be picked up the following day.

Hazardous Waste Materials are not accepted in bulk collections

**Questions:** Please call Public Works at 954-385-2600



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