



WESTON ANNOUNCER

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Protecting your Investment

By Mayor Eric M. Hersh

It's hard to believe, but after spending the past months dealing with the aftermath of Hurricane Wilma, it's time to once again prepare for another hurricane season. Every resident must take responsibility for securing their home, and preparing to be without electricity, water, fuel and other services for a MINIMUM of 72 hours. Now is the time to stock up on batteries, canned food, flashlights and the like, as when a storm is approaching these basic supplies can be in short supply.

Please make sure that all loose roof tiles are removed from your roof, as they can become projectiles during a storm. Any broken screening or fencing should also be removed from your property. Now is the time to assess your home,

and determine what you need to do in the event of an oncoming storm, so your plan is in place.

Should a storm hit us, please stay in your home, and do not venture out onto the roads right after it has passed. Our crews will be out trying to clear streets, and having cars sightseeing makes that task more difficult.

You can find important information on our radio station, web site, or cable TV, whichever one you have access to. We will once again use our "CodeRED" service, where we make automated calls to provide information. If you have a "Privacy Blocker" on your home phone, it will likely block these calls, so either remove it during a storm



Protecting Your Investment

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event, or register your cell phone on the “CodeRED” service via our web site, www.westonfl.org.

On the recovery front, we have removed approximately 275,000 cubic yards of debris, and spent approximately \$16 million on cleanup and repairs, and are now turning our efforts towards restoration. We are adopting a “Master Landscaping Plan”, which will prioritize our efforts, and we will also create a plan on how to pay for the \$20 million plus job. This replanting will not begin before our new fiscal year on October 1st, and planting can not begin until after this storm season. While we understand that we have over 60 miles of roadway berms to redo, and it has changed the look, feel and privacy for many, we need to rebuild with an eye towards keeping our city financially strong, and rebuilding in a manner that will not result in everything blowing away in the next storm. Further, although everyone’s back yard is a priority, we can not start everywhere at the same time. We ask for your patience during this effort, but baring another major storm, and more damage, it’s my hope that by this time next year, we will see significant improvement in our landscaping appearance.

Bringing in more generators for lift stations, and retrofitting traffic signal controllers so that we can hook up generators at major intersections to keep the lights working should we lose power are just a couple of additional measures we are taking to be better prepared for future storms. Our future City Hall and Public Works building will be fully integrated with our Emergency Operations Center, with backup power and communications, and both buildings are underway.

With Weston’s property values over \$6.5 billion, we have grown to become a major City, and we have a lot to protect. The City Commission is hard at work making improvements to keep up with a city of this size, and working to enhance our quality of life here in Weston. Despite Wilma, the City of Weston is financially sound and strong, and we will continue striving to keep Weston as the premier community in South Florida to live, work and enjoy life.

I hope you enjoy this edition of the Weston Announcer, our award winning quarterly newsletter. Enclosed you will find a wealth of information about our city, programs, and important notices. Reading it quarterly will keep you on top of your investment in our community.

On behalf of Commissioner Stermer, Commissioner Chermak, Commissioner Cheren and Commissioner Henriksson, we thank you for your support. Please keep in touch.



City Commission Election

Two Seats Open

The Weston General Election is scheduled for:
Tuesday, November 7, 2006

City of Weston municipal elections are now held on the same date as the November general election date in even-numbered years.

All registered Weston voters may vote for a candidate in each open seat. Each Commissioner and the Mayor are elected at-large for 4-year terms. The City is divided into four areas as delineated on the Commission Residential Seat Area map and assigned numbered seats 1, 2, 3, and 4.

COMMISSION SEAT 3 AND COMMISSION SEAT 4 will be open for election.

Persons interested in running for an open City Commission seat –

To qualify to run for election for a Commission Seat, candidates must be a registered voter and must be a resident of the Residential Seat Area that he/she is running for. Candidates must have resided continuously within the Residential Seat Area for which election is being sought for at least one year preceding the date of filing.

Residential Area for Seat 3:

Emerald Isle
 Mariposa Pointe
 North Lakes
 San Messina
 San Michelle
 San Remo
 San Sebastian

Residential Area for Seat 4:

Bonaventure

Qualifying for each of the open seats begins at noon on Friday, September 1, 2006 and ends at noon on Friday, September 8, 2006. There will be no qualifying on Monday, September 4th as the City is closed for the Labor Day holiday.

Interested persons should contact the City Clerk at 954-385-2000.

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A Note From The City Manager

John R. Flint

Much of what you have been reading and hearing from us over the past months has related to Hurricane Wilma, and that's a good thing. The restoration of the damage caused by Hurricane Wilma is one of our priorities, and keeping you informed of our progress is an essential element of that priority.

But just because we had a hurricane does not mean that we have lost focus of our commitment to improvements that were planned prior to Wilma and we want to keep you informed of our progress in these areas as well.

Beginning May 13, 2006, our Broward Sheriff's Office eighth patrol zone will become operational. The deputies assigned to this new zone will be responsible for patrolling the Weston Road corri-

dor and the commercial properties adjacent to Weston Road. The addition of this eighth zone will enable the deputies in the adjacent zones who previously patrolled the Weston Road corridor to concentrate their time within the residential neighborhoods west of Weston Road. For residents and businesses this means more law enforcement visibility on Weston Road; more law enforcement visibility in residential communities, more protection for all of us.

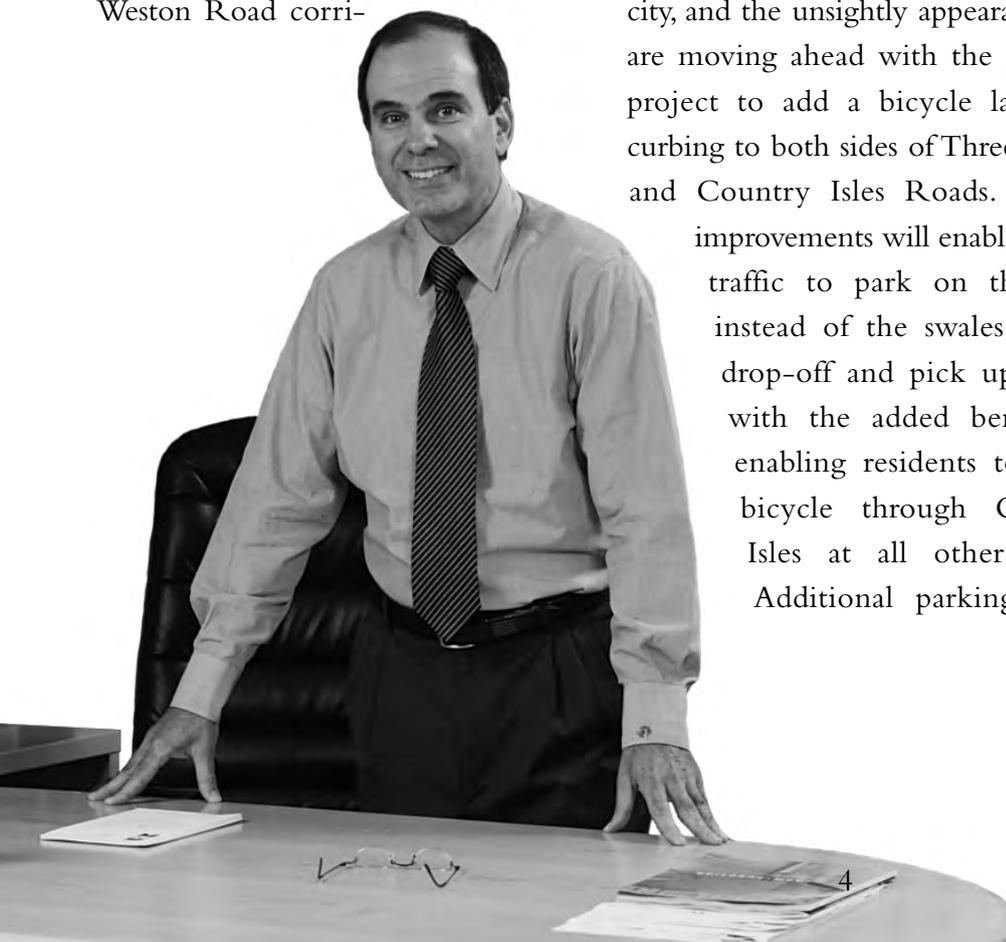
The Country Isles community has long suffered from the impact of motorists parking on the swales along the two-lane Three Village and Country Isles Roads in the vicinity of Country Isles Elementary School. To eliminate constant damage to the swales, ongoing repair costs to the city, and the unsightly appearance, we are moving ahead with the planned project to add a bicycle lane and curbing to both sides of Three Village and Country Isles Roads. These improvements will enable school traffic to park on the road instead of the swales during drop-off and pick up times, with the added benefit of enabling residents to safely bicycle through Country Isles at all other times. Additional parking along

Country Isles Road at Country Isles Park is also included in the project.

Traffic on the two-lane Manatee Isles Drive, formerly SW 36th Street, in the vicinity of Manatee Isles Elementary School is causing damage to the swales in this area as well. We will add a bicycle lane and curbing to both sides of the roadway with benefits similar to Country Isles. Curbing will also be added on Bonaventure Boulevard in the vicinity of Falcon Cove Middle School to prevent swale damage.

Our tenth anniversary of becoming a city is coming up and we'll be celebrating on July 4th; it promises to be an exceptional event. Yes, even after a hurricane, we can still make certain that we can accomplish our goals and find time to celebrate all that is Weston.

On a closing note, on February 15, 2006 we lost Deputy Ryan Seguin in the line of duty. Ryan was just 23 years old and spent all of his three years as a Broward Sheriff's Deputy assigned to Weston. It is the first time that we have had to endure this experience and hopefully it will be the last. Our condolences to Ryan's parents and to his BSO family.



Did you Know...

That a helmet can reduce the risk of brain injury by as much as 88 percent, according to data gathered by the National SAFE KIDS Campaign. The American Medical Association calls a bike helmet the single most cost-effective safety device ever made...

That you don't have to live near the water to be at risk for flooding. Consider this: 75% of all presidential declarations of disasters in the U.S. are flood related...

That Weston residents are excellent recyclers? In 2005, residents recycled **3,982 TONS** of recyclables in our city, an increase of 103 tons over the prior year. Way to Go...

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 has 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.



Remove Loose Roof Tiles

Loose roof tiles need to be removed now, before the winds and storms of the summer season. Loose roof tiles will become dangerous projectiles during a storm that will endanger life and property.

Elected Officials

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Beverly A. Gallagher, Vice Chair
Stephanie Arma Kraft, Esq.
Dr. Robert D. Parks
Marty Rubinstein*

*Board member representing Weston
**Board member at-large

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Josephus Eggelleton, Jr., Vice Mayor
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Broward County Property Appraiser
Lori Parrish 954-357-6830
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Broward Governmental Center
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Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301

Broward County Sheriff
Ken Jenne 954-831-8900
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Emergency personnel respond to a simulated car crash organized by SADD club members.

Crash Demo

Senior students at Cypress Bay High School were shocked into reality when they watched a simulated fatal car crash that was held on their football field the day before spring break.



The resulting damage on the Cypress Bay High School field.

The mock crash was organized by the SADD Club (Students Against Destructive Driving), BSO Fire Rescue and Law Enforcement units of Weston. While a few students portrayed pre-arranged accident victims in the crashed vehicles, department personnel performed the functions they do at actual auto accidents. The demo included the arrival of BSO to the scene, paramedics who had to extricate the victims out of the cars, the arrival of the BSO helicopter to transport two of the victims to a trauma unit and morgue vehicles for the victims that did not survive the crash.

The goal of the staged event was to give students an up-close enactment of an alcohol related car crash and its consequences.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol, in a summary of crash statistics for 2004 (the most recent available data) drivers in the age group of 15 to 19 years old have the highest rate of crash involvement and the highest rate in fatal crashes.

2006/2007 Dining & Shopping Guide



Elected Officials

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS (Continued)

Clerk of the Courts of Broward County

Howard C. Forman 954-831-5504
www.browardclerk.org
Broward County Main Courthouse
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Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301

Broward State Attorney

Michael J. Satz 954-357-7050
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Broward County Courthouse
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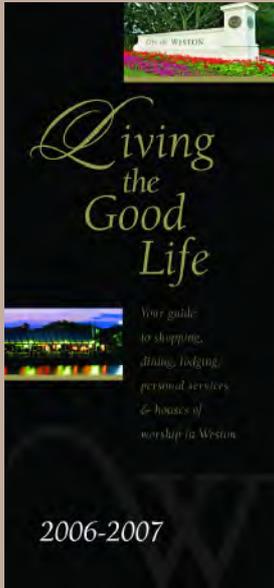
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The Capitol
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The City's 2006/07 Dining & Shopping Guide is now available.



The guide lists all Weston restaurants as well as shops, personal services, lodging and houses of worship.

The guide is primarily developed for visitors, to keep those visiting Weston, spending in Weston! The City delivers the guide to the hospitals and all hotels and timeshare locations.

Residents desiring a copy of this handy guide can pick one up at City Hall or the Weston Community Center. It is also available on the city web site under Residents & Visitors; Dining, Shopping, Lodging.



No Signs in the Rights-of-Way

A reminder to residents and businesses: Signs are not permitted to be posted on city property, including the public rights-of-way (which include medians and areas along public roadway)

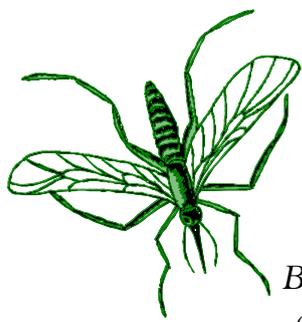
Romance Returns

Jazz Under the Stars

CITY OF WESTON



The FIU Big Jazz Band and the FIU Wind Ensemble along with vocalist Carla Mueller at the Weston band shell. A concert event in the City of Weston's Performing Arts Series.



Bugged by Mosquitoes?

Who do you call?

*Broward County Mosquito Control
at 954-765-4602 – that's who.*

Any resident bothered by the pests of summer are urged to call and request service. The Mosquito Control Section operates a countywide mosquito control program. The more calls registered from an area (such as Weston), the more land or aerial spraying the county will do in that portion of the county. Inspectors will be notified and will seek out the cause of the problem.



Emergency Notification System *Residents: Keep Us Informed*

Please visit our Weston web site at www.westonfl.org to keep the City informed of changes in telephone numbers, add unlisted and cellular phone numbers or other emergency contact information. Click on the **CODE RED** icon that is revolving on the Weston home page, this will bring you to an informational page on the high-speed emergency notification system and a link to where you will enter the required information.

If you don't have access to the web, please call the Weston Communications office at 954-385-2000. Choosing this option you will need to leave your first and last name (spell out), complete address and zip code, and phone number(s) you wish to add to the database.

Please Note: The majority of residents are already in the database, but you can resubmit information with an additional contact number(s) where you wish to receive a call.

Elected Officials

State of Florida Officials (Continued)

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United States Senate

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President of the United States

President George W. Bush
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The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Citywide Bulk Pick-Up

For single-family homes with curbside collection

July, 2006

Wednesday 12th

Thursday 13th

Friday 14th

Only on whatever day is your regular trash pick-up day

For Multi-family, Condos & Apartments
with dumpster service

July, 2006

Saturday 15th

Place items curbside or next to dumpster by 7:00am.
Hazardous waste materials not accepted.

Questions? Call City Hall at 954-385-2000



At home, and abroad... Visiting Weston City Hall

Scots Visit City Hall

Rotary International Group Study Exchange from Scotland, U.K.

On April 13th Weston City Hall was visited by a friendly group of Rotarians from Scotland along with their Weston Rotary host, meeting with City Manager John Flint and Executive Officer, Lt. Jeff Tozzie of the Broward Sheriff's Office. The five member group is visiting South Florida and Grand Bahama Island as part of Rotary's Group Study Exchange.

The Group Study Exchange (GSE) program of The Rotary Foundation is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business and professional men and women between the ages of 25 and 40 and in the early years of their professional lives. The program provides

travel grants for teams to exchange visits between paired areas in different countries. For four to six weeks, team members experience the host country's institutions and ways of life, observe their own vocations as practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

Three of the five participants of the Scottish exchange group are in police work in their home country; the fourth is a civil servant in the Department of Work and Pensions. Lt. Tozzie answered group member's questions regarding law enforcement in the U.S. and gained a unique perspective of policing activities in the United Kingdom.



Election Dates

Registration Deadlines & Voting Dates

PRIMARY ELECTION

Voter Registration Deadline: Monday, August 7, 2006

Election Day: Tuesday, September 5, 2006

GENERAL ELECTION

Voter Registration Deadline: October 9, 2006

Election Day: Tuesday, November 7, 2006

*Did you know that 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. (There is no specific time requirement to be considered a permanent resident of Broward County.)

HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE?

There are several ways that you can register to vote. You can register online at www.browardsoe.org; obtain a form at City Hall or any County Library; or, call 954-357-7050 weekdays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to receive a form by mail.

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, June 5, 2006

Monday, June 19, 2006

Monday, July 3, 2006

Monday, August 21, 2006

Planning & Zoning Advisory Board

6:30 pm

Monday, June 12, 2006

Monday, June 26, 2006

Monday, August 14, 2006

Monday, August 28, 2006

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



Top: Broward County and City officials cut a ceremonial ribbon opening the Broward County Weston Branch Library. Bottom: Residents view CD's and children's books while the Brazilian Voices sing during the opening ceremony.

Library Opening Packs the House Residents Can Now Check it Out!

Residents can now check out all sorts of materials from a library right in their own back yard. Books, books on tape, CD's, DVD's, videos and more are all available for free with the swipe of a Broward County Library card.

The Weston Branch Library Grand Opening was held on February 16, 2006 and staff was absolutely thrilled with the community's response. Hundreds of residents, along with county and city dignitaries literally packed the house as speakers thanked those involved



Hundreds turned out for the library opening, using computers and checking out materials.

in making the library a reality. Residents who had long anticipated this opening began checking out materials as soon as the doors opened. Others enjoyed the refreshments and festivities of the opening including a musical performance by the Weston group *Brazilian Voices*, while touring this striking new facility.

Funded by the 1999 Broward County Library Bond Program, the \$7.3 million dollar facility houses a 100-seat multi-purpose room, 75 public-use computers and a 24-seat computer lab. Additional features include a story room for children's programs, a young adult area, four tutoring rooms, a quiet study room, a conference room and an outside drive-up book drop. The second floor is occupied by the Broward Community College Center with ten classrooms, conference rooms, book store and student lounge.

City landscape architects are working to offer residents a relaxed outdoor setting for their learning experience. Designs for Library Park are almost finalized. This 5-acre passive park will be adjacent to the library and just a short walk across Vista Park Boulevard for the students at Falcon Cove Middle or Cypress Bay High School.

Broward County Weston Branch Library

4205 Bonaventure Boulevard, Weston
(SW corner of Bonaventure Boulevard and Orchard Drive)
(954) 389-2098

Hours of Operation

Monday – Thursday: 10am – 8:30pm
Friday – Saturday: 10am – 6pm
Sunday: 1pm – 5pm

Librarian - Mary Ellen Eubank



Mayor Eric Hersh “drops the puck” when the Florida Panther’s took on the New Jersey Devils on January 27th. Weston Community Night at the Panthers was a great success, with 205 tickets sold. Proceeds of the special ticket pricing benefited the West BrowardYMCA. The Panthers won that evening against the Devils 4-0 (must have been that first puck drop!)



The recipients of the City’s Excellence & Pride Awards for this quarter were honored by the City Commission in March. Each recipient was thanked for their exceptional efforts after Hurricane Wilma.

L-R: Commissioner Daniel Stermer, Commissioner Sharon Cheren, honorees Phil Mastrosimone, Assistant Building Official, Steven Murray, Information Technology Director, Mayor Eric Hersh, honoree Sabrina Baglieri, Assistant Director of Construction Services, Commissioner Mercedes Henriksson and Commissioner Murray Chermak.

Business Owners

Annual Fire Inspections / Occupational License Renewals

Beginning in August 2006, when notices are sent out to you regarding Occupational License renewals, the City will now also include the annual Fire Inspection fee. Businesses will no longer be required to submit two different checks at two separate times of the year. This is being instituted for the Fiscal Year 2006/2007 licenses which are due for renewal by October 1, 2006.

One check, once a year.

Or, you can renew and pay for your occupational license (and newly included fire inspection fee) on-line! When you receive your invoice in August, go to the City of Weston web site at www.westonfl.org; click on BUSINESSES, then Operating a Business in Weston. It's that simple.



Detering Bike Theft- Bicycle Registration

Summer is almost here and kids will be out and about on their bikes. The majority of bicycle thefts are simply crimes of convenience. Someone will see an unsecured bike, hop on and ride off to where they want to go. The bike is oftentimes then just left there. Locking a bike to a secure object or placing inside a closed garage is ultimately the best safeguard against theft.

In case a theft occurs, having your bike registered greatly increases the chance of having it returned.

REGISTER on-line with the Broward Sheriff's Office BikeTrack, which can be accessed through the Sheriff's Office website at www.sheriff.org or you can call our Weston Police Services Office at 954-389-2010.

One more reminder:

Be Head Smart – wear a helmet.



TRACK YOUR BUILDING PERMIT ON-LINE

With the increase in building permits being issued for repairs due to the hurricane, we want to remind residents that they can track the life-cycle of their permits on-line. What this means is that you can see all approvals or denials from the building review disciplines (if applicable), when inspections are requested by your contractor, when they are completed, any deficiencies noted or additional requirements of your contractor, and when the final inspection is complete.

How To Track Your Permit

Once your contractor has been issued a permit for the job, go to www.westonfl.org.

Click on Weston Government, and then Building Code Services.

You will see: Click here to: Check on a Permit. *Click it.* Now click on the ICON labeled **Sign up as a Resident** Put in your address. You will then be prompted to create a User Name & Password, and fill out some contact information.

That's It. With your User Name and Password you can track your permit any time, from any computer.



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Weston Community Happenings...

1. BSO fire employees of the month
2. Royal Bunny at Weston Regional Park
3. RPM Concert jams
4. Leading the Pledge at Commission Meeting
5. Commissioners meet with Broward County Sheriff, Ken Jenne
6. Learning their cheers!
7. A great evening of b-ball



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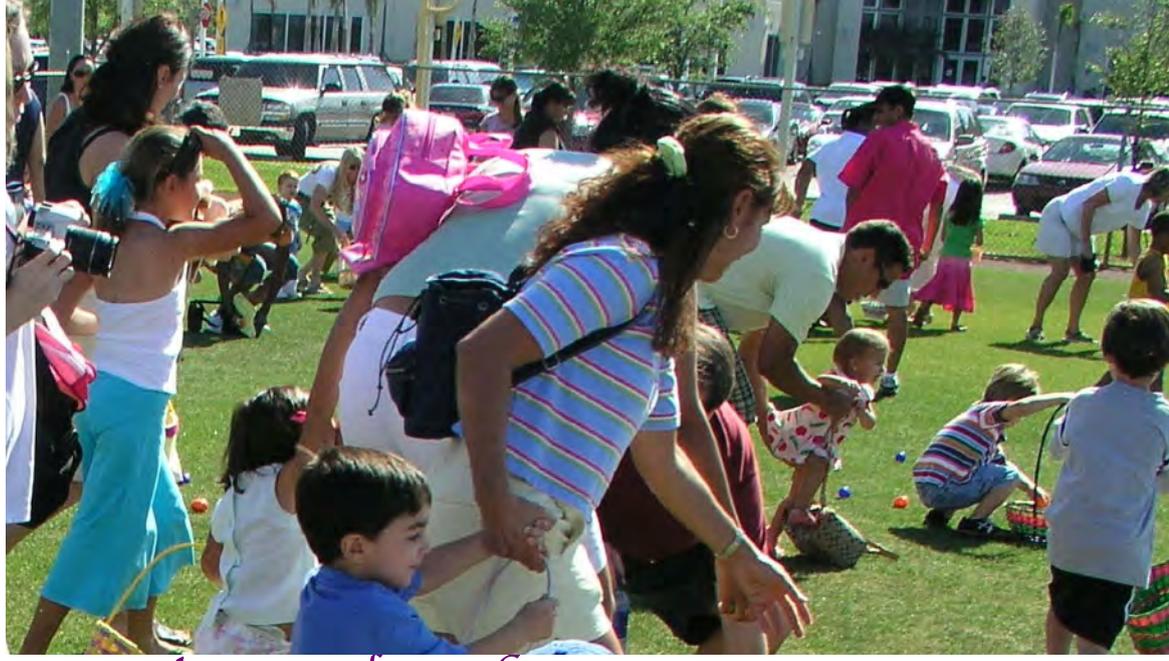


City Contacts

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

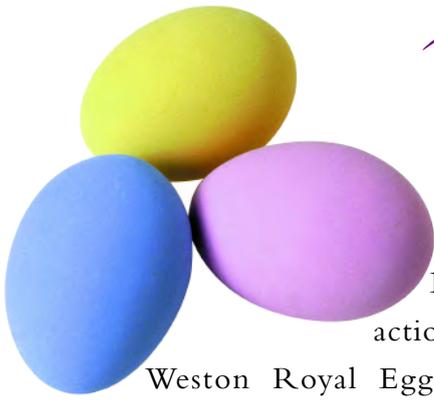
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The Fun of the Hunt...

16,000 EGGS – Gone in a Flash



The Spring Royal Bunny sprang into action again this year at the Weston Royal Egg Hunt at the Weston Regional Park. Always a jam packed event with SO many adorable kids in their spring finest, carrying baskets to scoop up as many candy-filled eggs as their hands can grab.

The Royal Bunny pleased admiring fans by posing for photos and officiated over the start of four egg hunts. Thousands of kids and parents enjoyed the thrill in finding over 16,000 candy-filled eggs, along with bonus prizes given to those children finding the specially marked eggs. Literally within minutes, the eggs were a thing of the past! After the hunt was over, the fun continued, as kids enjoyed bounce houses and inflatables suited for varying age groups.





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 – Repairs to the lighting fixtures and shade covers for the ball fields are ongoing and should be completed by late June or early July. All of the fields and courts at the Regional Park are open for day and night time use. The skate park is now open and there is no fee.

Tequesta Trace Park – All of the repairs to ball field lighting fixtures, fencing, bleachers and shade covers will be completed by May. Plans are being designed for upgrades that will include new entry gates, additional parking and landscape improvements.

Vista Park – Repairs to shade covers are ongoing and should be completed by late June or early July. Vista Park is open for day and night time activities.

Other Parks – Repairs to the shade covers at Country Isles, Emerald Estates, Gator Run, Heron, Indian Trace and Windmill Ranch parks should be completed by late June or early July.

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 – Repairs to shade covers are ongoing and should be completed by late June or early July. A new parking area is being constructed by the School Board adjacent to the playground and should be completed by August. 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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Weston Rocks the Night Away

RPM (Rock & Pop Masters) rocked the stage this past March, at the 2nd annual Rotary Club of Weston concert. Rock fans enjoyed an evening at Weston Regional Park listening to some classic favorites from the 70's and 80's. Under the stars and a full moon, the crowd enjoyed listening to Edgar Winter, Larry Hoppen, Lane Hoppen, John Cafferty, Michael Tunes, Joe Lynn Turner, Charlie Morgan, Robbie Dupree and Jimi Jamison perform "On the Dark Side," "Smoke on the Water," "Search is Over," "Still the

One," and more. Opening for RPM was Weston's very own up-and-coming teen band 'Because of Dee.' Featuring talented musicians from Cypress Bay and Western High School, 'Because of Dee' performed some of their own original songs while energizing the crowd for RPM.

The free concert was organized by the Rotary Club of Weston and the City of Weston, with Cleveland Clinic Campus as the title sponsor.



Rock & Pop Masters



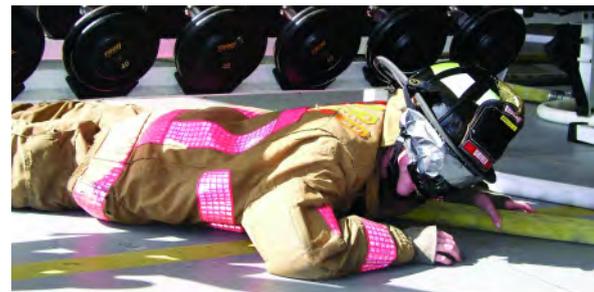
Pictorial Update

It's hard to believe but the program for the Weston University Class of 2006 is shortly coming to a close. After seven months, students graduate in May. But we've enjoyed some great fun and exceptional learning experiences along the way.

In January, students visited Fire Rescue operations. They donned fire gear and helmets and attempted to crawl along a life line while unable to see – much like fire-

fighting within a smoke-filled room. They were briefed on the costs and staffing issues of running a 24-hour/7day a week department, along with demonstrations and use of equipment and apparatus, and a trip to the 9-1-1 call center for the Broward Sheriff's Department.

In February, the City's contract agent for Planning, Zoning and Engineering services, Calvin, Giordano and Associates, hosted the class at their Port Everglades office. Students toured the facility and were exposed to the numerous components which go into planning and development such as landscape architecture, surveying, GIS mapping, civil engineering and traffic engineering for a start. Students participated in a simulation exercise where they reviewed a site plan request, which was great practice for their City Commission Simulation in April.



In March they were back at City Hall for the Finance portion of our program for half the day, and then role assignments were selected for the Simulation and students reviewed their upcoming agenda.

On April 4th Weston University students were treated to a fabulous experience. The class was Tallahassee bound – a first for Weston University. The President’s Fest Committee and trip underwriter, SunTrust Bank, provided students with a flight to Tallahassee during Broward Days, when all local officials meet with representatives in the State Capital. Weston resident Joel Fass, also Chair of the Presidents Fest Committee felt that our students would be deserving recipients of this educational and memorable experience. Mr. Fass, a Fort Lauderdale attorney with an office in Tallahassee, utilized his excellent connections to provide students with an amazing day.

Depicted in some of the photos here, students were introduced and photographed with Governor Jeb Bush, Attorney General Charlie Crist, Senate President Tom Lee, State Representative Franklin Sands and numerous other dignitaries. Commissioner of Agriculture, Charles Bronson hosted the students in his conference room for an enlightening description of the responsibilities of this vast department. Our students were thrilled as the Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court, Barbara Pariente recognized them while in her court and were then enthralled listening to the oral arguments presented before the Court. Students literally sat in the seats of the Florida Senate, debated and voted on a “bill”, and then dined at the Governor’s Club where half of the heads of Broward County government were meeting with legislative leaders. Students even ran into their Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Frank Till! It was a civics education of a lifetime, all between 6am and 9pm.

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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 3/21 to 4/25, 5/2 to 6/6, 6/13 to 7/25 and then 8/1 to 9/12.**

Cheerleading/Hip-Hop/Tumbling *Wed (Ages 4-6) 5:30-6:15 and (Ages 7-11) 6:15-7:00.* Call Miss Joy for more info at 954-971-9917. Please register at Center before June 6th. Must be a minimum of 6 children to hold class. Wear: sneakers and comfortable attire.
Session 1 6/7-6/28 (Cost is \$40 for 4 weeks.)
Session 2 7/5-8/9 (Cost is \$60 for 6 weeks.)

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 4/18 to 6/6 and then returns in August. 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 Schopp, 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 7/5/06. Limited Space Available.**

Kindermusik Village with Miss Alyson *Wed, 9:30-10:15 (newborn -18 mos).* Nurture your baby's cognitive, emotional, social and physical development through music and movement. Give your child a great musical beginning. **Cost \$100/8 weeks. At home kit: \$32. (Fee for at home kit must be paid by check or cash only.) 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 7/26 classes begin 8/2. New students must attend orientation.**

Kindermusik Village Camp – "Busy Days" *Wed, 9:30-10:15 (newborn – 18 mos).* Nurture your baby's cognitive, emotional, social and physical development through music and movement. Give your child a great musical beginning. **Cost \$64/5 weeks. At home kit:**

\$32. (Fee for at home kit must be paid by check or cash only.) Call Miss Alyson for more information at 954-389-8840. Orientation 5/24 classes begin 5/31.

Kindermusik "Family time" *Mon, 10:30am-11:30 am. (Age 18 mo-3 yrs)* In this one room schoolhouse approach to learning, families with multiple children and ages develop both musical and social skills while bonding closer together as a family. Single parents welcome. **Cost \$125/child for 10 weeks plus \$64 at home kit fee. (Fee for at home kit must be paid by check or cash only.) Orientation 7/10 classes begin 7/17. 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. Class returns on August 17th.**

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.

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.

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Mini Maestros *Tues 10:00-10:45am (3-5 years)* The experts say that music increases your child's cognitive thinking, spatial relations and math skills. *Mini Maestros* is a high-energy music class specifically designed to do just that. This class offers creative lessons, intended to teach the essential musical skills your budding musician will need.

Cost is \$65/5 weeks plus \$10 material fee. Class runs May 30th to June 27th. Please call Ms Shorey @ 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 4/24, 6/12 y 8/14.**

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. **Class resumes in the fall.**

Drama & Stage Dance *Wed 7:00-7:45 pm (ages 6-11).* Learn dialogue, drama, games, stage directions and stage dance and movements. Attire: Sneakers and comfortable clothes. For more information call Joy at 954-971-9917. Please register at Center before June 6th. Must be a minimum of 6 children to hold class.

Session 1 6/7-6/28 (Cost is \$40 for 4 weeks.)

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Kidokinetics *Sat 9:45-10:30am (Ages 2-4 years).* 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 the Community Center.

Summer 6/10-8/5. Cost is \$80 for 8 weeks, no class on 7/1. 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 resume in the fall.

Daddy and Me Sports *Sat 9:00-9:45am (Ages 2-4).*

We all know that Dads 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. 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.**

Summer 6/10-8/5. Cost is \$80 for 8 weeks, no class on 7/1. Class can be prorated if you join late.

Dramantics! *Fri 4:15-5:15 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. **Class resumes in the fall. Inside Out Theatre Company: 954-385-3060.**

Musical Theatre Production Class *Sun 4:00-7:00 pm (4th-6th grade students).* This class focuses on training in acting, voice & movement with a rehearsal period that lead to a performance of one of our original musicals. Instruction includes traditional Stanislavski tech-

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niques, improvisation, and character development. **Class resumes in the fall. Inside Out Theatre Company: 954-385-3060.**

Teen Performance Workshop *Sun 6:30-9:00 pm (7th-9th grade students).* Using improvisation techniques, Broadway songs and scene work, students will help write and perform a show based on a social issue relevant to their lives. After an initial brainstorming session where students choose a theme for the show, they will engage in the process of creating ideas, characters, play structure, and choosing appropriate musical pieces that will tie their show together. **Class resumes in the fall. Inside Out Theatre Company: 954-385-3060.**

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. **Cost is \$112.00 (8 weeks) and includes all materials.** For more information call Sandra at 305-252-1531. Class resumes in the fall.

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 \$475 for 8 week, 20 hour course (including text and materials). Next session starts 7/23 (Sun) or 7/25 (Tues) or 7/27 (Thurs) for October 14th test. There will be no classes the week of Labor Day.**

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 through non-competitive sport since 1982. Playball is a

safe, fun, creative and structured atmosphere where coaches build our students' confidence through positive reinforcement. All students have been screened by Broward County Schools or Social Services of Broward County. Class meets at Tequesta Trace Park. Contact Adrian Cardenas @ 954-612-8595. **Cost is \$120 for 10 weeks. Call Coach Adrian for schedule. Classes resume 9/11 or 9/13.**

Portugese Language Classes *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. **Classes will resume in August. Cost is \$395, material is \$40. For more information call Virginia Gomes at 954-540-0972.**

Computer Gaming Camp *Mon-Fri (Ages 9 & Up)* This popular summer program is back! Kids spend a full week with other game fans playing state-of-the-art, mind-demanding strategy games. More than just fun, they will learn strategy skills, resource management, fast-action-taking, careful planning and implementation, reaction, cooperation & diplomacy. **Full Day 9-5 including lunch costs \$369. Half Day morning w/lunch is \$259. Half day afternoon w/no lunch is \$239. Gaming Camp I runs 6/26-6/30. Gaming Camp II runs 7/3-7/8 (Sat make-up for July 4th). Gaming Camp III runs 7/10-7/14. Gaming Camp IV runs 7/10-7/14.** For more info call Edson at Future Kids: 954-217-9985.

Build Your Own Computer Camp *7/24 to 7/26 (Ages 10 & Up)* Need a computer at home for your kids? In this course they will build their own computer, becoming experts in hardware. Never again take your computer for service at the store! This course will give them a look at what's inside the "box", and make them experts in troubleshooting. A powerful Athlon XP 2GHz system with 256 MB RAM, DVD-ROM, 60GB HD, 56K Modem or Network Card, Sound, 64 MB nVidia video, Windows XP Home, Mouse, Keyboard and Speakers! (No Monitor included). **Registration Fee is \$370. Materials Fee to Future Kids is \$385.** Upgrades and options may increase the cost. For more info call Edson at Future Kids: 954-217-9985.

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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 4/4 to 5/9, 5/16 to 6/20, 6/27 to 8/8 and then 8/15 to 9/26.**

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 7/5/06.**

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 \$175/6 weeks. Next sessions run from 3/31-5/5, 5/12 to 6/16, 6/30 to 8/4 and then 8/11 to 9/15.**

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 4/15, 6/3, 9/16 and 11/4. Susan Claire – 954-349-5969.

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

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.**

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. 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. Park locations CLOSED during summer. Check website for indoor locations.

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 4/7 and 5/5 and then class resumes in the fall.**

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. Class resumes in the fall.**

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Weston's Big Day...

Over time the City's 4th of July event has grown to become the biggest bonding event for the community of Weston. This year's celebration will take on a double meaning for the City; not only is it the celebration of our nation's independence but it will be the celebration of Weston's 10th anniversary.

The actual incorporation date for Weston is September 3rd, but September tends to be a windy and rainy month. With that in mind, our city officials felt it was appropriate that our celebration for Weston be combined with the celebration of our nation.

Actually, the celebration of Weston's 10 years is already in full gear with the distribution of the special anniversary pins at all of the city events and functions as well as City Hall and the Weston Community Center.

The 4th of July will, once again, entail a day full of celebration. Activities will begin with a running start, with the annual 5K run/walk taking place at Weston

Town Center. After the run, the fun will continue at Town Center with the annual Hometown Parade winding its way down Main Street featuring local businesses, civic groups, schools, organizations and your elected officials serving our community. In the evening, the celebration kicks into high gear at the Weston Regional Park with an array of activities for the entire family – music, entertainment, dancing, bounce houses, rock climbing walls, face painting, food and much more. At 9:00 p.m. the culmination of the celebration of the 4th of July and Weston's 10 years will feature a spectacular fireworks display by Zambelli Fireworks International – a show that is not to be missed.

But, as we celebrate our nation's birthday and our community's anniversary our thoughts will not be far from those who are serving in the armed forces to keep our country safe. It is this safety that we appreciate, that enables us to enjoy and celebrate special days such as this one.

Celebrating The City of Weston's 10th Anniversary

The Weston Hometown

Fourth Of July

5K Run Parade

Attractions for Kids Music Variety of Food Vendors

Spectacular Fireworks display by Zambelli International



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

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

- * Advance Entry Fee is \$16; Race day registration is \$20, available from 5:30am - 6:45 am.
- * Age Groups: 14 & under, with 5 year age groups to 80 and over.
- * Race Route: will begin at the Town Center and go east on Three Village Road to Indian Trace. The parade then heads west on Indian Trace to Town Center Blvd., then south, returning to Three Village Road and ending back at the Town Center.



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

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

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



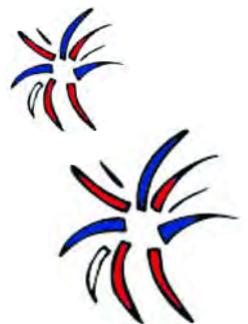
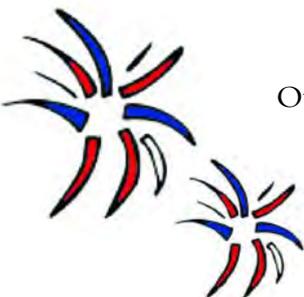
5-9:00PM HOMETOWN CELEBRATION Our celebration changes venues, moving to the Weston Regional Park for an evening of fun and entertainment for all ages.

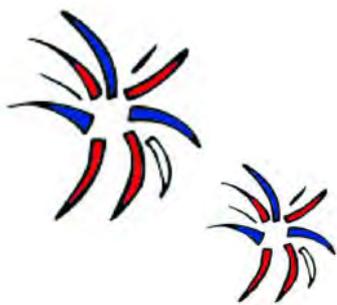
- * **Continuous music and dancing** featuring **Jimmy Jam Productions**. Jimmy Jam will keep us entertained with their party music, culminating in a finale countdown to our spectacular fireworks display.
- * **Amusements:** Bounce houses, rock climbing wall, face painters, jugglers, and MUCH more will be on-hand to entertain the young and the young at heart.
- * **Food:** A wide variety of food concessions will be available.

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

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

For more information, please call the
Weston Community Services Department at 954-389-4321





2006 Fourth Of July Hometown Parade
Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the City!

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

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

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

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

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

Additional Information:

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

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

Parade Application

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

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

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Group contact: Name _____ Phone Day _____ Eve. _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

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

-OR-

Fax 954-389-5430

ATTN: PARADE

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 954-389-4321.



Calendar of Events

UPCOMING EVENTS IN WESTON

May | June | July | August

MAY

Mon., May 29
7:00 a.m. - 12
noon

17th Annual Memorial Day Classic at Weston 5K Run/Walk

Annual run and walk, coordinated by the Rotary Club of Weston Sunset. For more information or to register to run, please call Split Second Timing at 954-384-7521.

Weston Town Center,
"Main Street" Corner of Royal Palm Blvd. &
Bonaventure Blvd. 954-384-7521

Mon., May 29
9:00 a.m. - 3:00
p.m.

"Summer Camp" at Weston Tennis Center

Weston Tennis Center presents a summer camp program for kids ages 5 to 17. Fun games, swimming, basketball, street hockey, arts & crafts, trophies and more! (Half days and academy programs.)

For more information or to register, please call
954-389-8666.

Weston Tennis Center
16451 Racquet Club Road

JUNE

Sat., June 10
3:00pm

"Little Red Ridding Hood" A Puppet Show, presented by the Puppet Guild of South Florida.

After the performance there will be a puppet making activity for children. The event and activity are free for children and their parents. For more information, please call the Weston Community Center at 954-389-4321.

Weston Community Center,
inside Weston Regional Park,
Corner of Saddle Club Road &
South Post Road

Sat., June 10,
9:00 a.m. -
6:00 p.m.

Drysdale Open- Boys & Girls

A U.S.T.A. tournament featuring boys and girls in the following categories: 10 and under, 12 and under, and 14 and under. Come out and watch up and coming young players from South Florida. For more information or to register, please call 954-389-8666.

and
Sun., June 11,
9:00 a.m. -
6:00 pm

Weston Tennis Center 16451 Racquet
Club Road

JULY

Sat., July 1
9:30 a.m. -
12noon

Breakfast at Wimbledon Wooden Racquet Tournament

Come on out in your tennis whites and take a trip down memory lane and get the feeling of how the tennis greats of yesterday played the game. Featuring a round robin tournament where you can use a wooden racquet. (Wooden racquets will be provided.) Following the tournament, enjoy strawberries and cream and watch the Wimbledon Tournament.

\$15.00 members/ \$20.00 non-members.
For more information or to make a reservation,
please call 954-389-8666.

Weston Tennis Center
16451 Racquet Club Road



Calendar of Events

JULY *cont.*

Tue., July 4

13th Annual Weston Hometown 4th of July Celebration & City of Weston 10th Anniversary Celebration!

7 a.m.

5K Run/Walk – Annual run and walk, organized by Weston Regional Park. Run begins and ends at Weston Town Center. For more information or to register for the run, please call Split Second Timing at 954-384-7521.

10:30 a.m.

Parade After the run, enjoy the celebration of July 4th and our community with a parade down Main Street. All local businesses, civic groups, schools, organizations and residents are invited to march in Weston's biggest and most exciting event. Parade information and entry forms are available by calling the Weston Community Center at 954-389-4321.

5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

4th of July Activities An evening of celebrating for everyone. Featuring music, entertainment, food, activities for kids such as bounce houses, climbing wall, face painters and much more! And, the spectacular grand finale of Fireworks by Zambelli International.

Activities and Fireworks at the Weston Regional Park (Corner of Saddle Club Road & South Post Road)



Jul. 12, 13, 14 (single-family)
Jul. 15 (Condo & apartment dumpsters.)

Bulk Trash Pick Up

Simply place bulk items curbside by 7:00 a.m. on your regular collection day. Hazardous materials such as paint, pesticides & motor oil cannot be picked up.

AUGUST

Tue., Aug. 1
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

National Night Out Against Crime

An evening filled with safety information, demonstrations & activities. Featuring the BSO Mounted Patrol, Motorcycle Units, S.W.A.T. Team, sessions on safety issues, vendor displays, surprise guests & more! Refreshments will be served. For more information, please call BSO at 954-389-2030.

Weston Public Safety Building
17300 Royal Palm Boulevard





Carlos Valderrama was in Weston to film a soccer training segment with the Weston Fury soccer team.

Soccer Great Films with Weston Fury

International soccer star Carlos Valderrama was in Weston to film a soccer training segment with the Weston Fury soccer. Filmed in the Weston Regional Park, passer-bys easily recognized Valderrama by his enormous dyed blondish-orange bush of hair.

Known throughout the soccer world as a colorful and talented midfielder, known for his skillful passing and shield-

ing, Valderrama captained Columbia during the 1990, 1994, and 1998 World Cups before announcing his international retirement after the 1998 competition. He came to the US in 1996 to play for the Tampa Bay Mutiny, Miami Fusion, and Colorado Rapids before retiring in 2004. He was named to the Major League Soccer All-Time Best list in 2005.

Summer Safety in the Sun!

ENSURE SUMMER MEMORIES ARE SAFE ONES

Your kids love summer! They don't have to go to school, they can stay up late and best of all – they have all day to play. Follow the safety tips below to make sure their summer memories are safe ones.

Travel Safe!

Make sure your kids are secured in the appropriate child safety seat or safety belt for their age and size.

Kids should always be secured safely in the back seat.



Weston has a pamphlet entitled *Be Seat Smart* – providing information on car seat requirements (it is also on our website under Police, Fire & Communications). Our police and fire departments will properly install safety seats for you.

Walk Safe!

Never let your child under age 10 cross the street alone. Teach children to obey traffic rules.

Make sure your kids wear reflective materials, and don't let them walk alone at night. If they must walk at dawn or at dusk, make sure they carry a flashlight.

Play Safe!

Always supervise your children at playgrounds or in the backyard. Ensure that they are on age appropriate equipment.

Make sure your kids wear the correct, properly fitted protective gear when they practice and play team sports!

Store Safe!

Make your house kid-friendly! Summer greatly increases the amount of time your kids spend at home.

Properly contain and store all medicines, cleaning solutions and poisons where children cannot get to them.

IN CASE OF POISONING

CALL 9-1-1 IMMEDIATELY

THEN CALL THE POISON CENTER HOTLINE:

800-222-1222

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

A reminder to residents: Due to Hurricane Wilma many swimming pools in Weston and throughout the county are exposed. Keep an extra close watch on small children and those who cannot swim. They could easily wander into a yard with an unprotected pool.

Swim Safe!

Always supervise young children near water, including pools, spas, toilets, bathtubs and buckets.

Insist your children wear personal flotation devices when out on boats, near open bodies of water or participating in water sports.

Remove toys from the pool when not in use.

Toys can tempt kids to return to the water when you're not present.

Consistently practice sun protection! Kids receive an average of three times more sun exposure than adults.

Be Head Safe!

Make sure your kids wear properly fitted helmets and other protective gear **every** time they ride their bikes, scooters, inline skates or skateboards.

Be sure kids wear light colored clothing or reflective material.

Teach your children the rules of the road and practice obeying traffic laws with them.



Check out our *Be Head Smart* brochure on the city website at www.westonfl.org for statistics and information on head injuries from wheeled sports.



Summer Camp at Weston Tennis Center

Summer Camp at the Weston Tennis Center is an experience enjoyed by all. The morning is filled with exciting activities such as tennis, basketball, and street hockey. The afternoon is to cool off in the swimming pool with fun games.

A break from the sun and some air conditioning helps to make arts and crafts an activity enjoyed by all ages.

Summer Camp at The Weston Tennis Center offers more than just fun, campers also learn what it is like to be part of a team. Team Alpha and Team Omega will battle it out in team competitions like watermelon eating contest, pie throwing and tug-o-war, for a chance to win the ultimate prize "The Team Trophy".

5 to 1 ratio of camper to counselor

Program includes:

- Tennis instruction
- Soccer, basketball, street hockey, etc.
- Water sports activities
- One camp t-shirt per session
- Awards and Video Show
- Snacks
- Team Tennis

Equipment/Clothing

Players should wear sun protective clothing, i.e. hat and sunscreen. Please label all articles of clothing and tennis racquets with your child's name.

Extra t-shirts will cost an additional \$10.00

- Tennis Racquet
- Sunscreen
- Bathing Suit, and towel
- Tennis Shoes
- Hat
- Water Bottle

Meals

Campers will be responsible for their own lunch Monday thru Thursday. We provide Gatorade and a nutritious snack during the day. Friday is Pizza day!!!

Arrivals/Pickups

- Camp Hours: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
- Half-day: 9:00am – 12:00pm
- Academy Hours: 10:30 am – 4:00 pm
- Monday registration: Starts at 8:30 am

Please See Registration Form on Reverse Side.



Summer Camp at Weston Tennis Center

Session Dates:

Session 1	May 29 – June 9
Session 2	June 12 – June 23
Session 3	June 26 – July 7
Session 4	July 10 – July 21
Session 5	July 24 – August 4

Price of Camp

Members

2 week session	\$300
1 week session	\$160
Daily	\$50
Half day	\$30

Non-Members

2 week session	\$380
1 week session	\$200
Daily	\$60
Half day	\$40

Price of Academy

Members

2 week session	\$420
1 week session	\$225
Daily	\$60
Half day	\$40

Non-Members

2 week session	\$520
1 week session	\$280
Daily	\$75
Half day	\$50

There will be a one time \$20.00 registration fee.

Refund/Exchanges

No refunds, full or partial will be issued after registration is accepted. Once you have been accepted into a session you may not switch or exchange your session dates. NO Exceptions!! Camp takes place rain or shine!!

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

REGISTRATION

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

2nd Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cellular: _____

Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Contact's Phone: _____

Payment by: Check _____ Credit Card _____ Cash _____

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Session Attending (Circle One) 1 2 3 4 5

Camp: _____ Academy: _____

Are there any medical issues we should be aware of?

Yes: _____ No: _____

If yes, please describe: _____

Make checks payable to: Weston Tennis Center
Mail checks to: Weston Tennis Center
16451 Racquet Club Road
Weston, FL 33326
Attn: Dan DeBruyne

Liability Disclaimer: In consideration, of The Tennis Camp at Weston Tennis Center allowing my child's/children participation in the camp. I for myself and my child/children release The Weston Tennis Center and its partners and affiliated officers, directors, agents and employees from and waive all claims, damages and liabilities whatsoever for property damage or loss personal injury or death arising from or in connection with my child's/children's participation in the camp.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

A Loss of One of Our Own

In Memory of

Deputy Ryan Christopher Seguin

May 17, 1982 – February 15, 2006



Ryan Seguin, just 23 years of age, was a three year veteran of the Broward Sheriff's Office in Weston. On the evening of February 15th Deputy Seguin was struck and killed by a motorist during a traffic stop on Interstate 595 near 136th Avenue. Ryan and his partner Kari Pallotto were on their way to Weston in an unmarked vehicle when they initiated a traffic stop – their vehicle had its flashing lights on. While Deputy Seguin stood at the driver's side of the stopped vehicle, an oncoming motorist left his lane, striking and instantly killing Deputy Seguin. His partner, standing on the passenger side of the car received minor injuries from flying debris.

Deputy Seguin, assigned to the Weston District had just recently been honored by the City Commission as Employee of the Month, the fourth such honor he had earned in just three years. An outstanding Deputy, and a kind and exceptional individual, Ryan was mourned by his fiancé, his parents, his friends and his family at the Broward Sheriff's Office and the City of Weston.

A memorial service was held for Deputy Seguin at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts. Over 1,000 people

paid their respects. A 21-gun salute, a white, riderless horse and the resonance of bagpipes commemorated Ryan Seguin's last ride.

As Ryan had always helped people during his lifetime, he continued to help even in death – Ryan's eyes were donated so that two blind people could see.

A young life cut short due to a tragic accident in the performance of his duties. Ryan Seguin will be missed by all who knew him and by a city of residents grateful for his protection, dedication and compassionate community spirit.

Ryan's death brings to the forefront the dangers which police and rescue personnel face each day when responding to accidents or traffic stops.

Many motorists are unaware that the law requires drivers to either move over one lane or slow down to 20 miles per hour under the posted speed limit, when an emergency vehicle with flashing lights is stopped on the side of the road. This includes police cars, ambulances, fire trucks, road maintenance vehicles, tow trucks, road rangers and wreckers with rotating or flashing emergency lights.



Adult Games & Excursions

Now that we have your attention...

The 55-Plus Club of Weston offers activities, educational speakers and trips to locals throughout South Florida. The club has been offering activities for active seniors for five years now. Based out of the Weston Community Center the group meets every Wednesday; members can opt to participate weekly or on whatever basis best suits their social schedule.

Annual membership is \$30 for an individual or \$50 for a couple. For more information or to join this fun bunch call or email Dottie Mazine at 954-349-6029 or Dot41@aol.com



YMCA Partners Page

WEST BROWARD FAMILY YMCA | Summer Camp

Children leave YMCA Day Camp with more than just fond memories. They take with them leadership skills that prove to be useful well into adulthood. Camp counselors take time to listen and make them feel special. These skilled workers help build confidence and self-esteem. They teach children to respect each other and the environment. So what you end up with is a remarkable finished product.

The West Broward Family YMCA is offering several summer camp options: Camp Mania, Sports Camp and Travel Teen Camp. All options provide parents with the peace of mind that their children are involved in healthy and safe activities during the summer. **Camps are open to everyone.**

Financial Assistance is available for families that qualify. You must provide a copy of your 2005 1040 Tax Return and 2 most recent pay stubs. All registrations are held at the West Broward Family YMCA, 20201 Saddle Club Road, Weston or call 954/424-9622 for more information.

YMCA SUMMER CAMPS

Camp Mania

Location: Western High School, Davie
 Ages: 5 to 13 years (As of June 1, 2006)
 Activities: Academic enrichment, weekly themes, field trips, swimming, and fitness & nutrition
 Registration Fee: \$25 Per Participant
 Weekly Tuition: YMCA Member: \$125.00/General Participant: \$140.00

Sports Camp

Location: YMCA Family Center
 Ages: 6 to 12 years (As of June 1, 2006)
 Activities: Campers will enjoy a variety of activities that will include: assemblies, songs, themed days: Wacky Wednesday and Fear Factor Friday, camper recognition, skill learning, competitions, games, swimming daily, weekly field trips. Sports will include basketball,



Session Dates

11 - One-week sessions beginning Tuesday, May 30th
(No camp Tuesday July 4th)

Drop-off 7:30 am – 9:00 am /

Pick-up 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Week 1	Tuesday, May 30
Week 2	Monday, June 5
Week 3	Monday, June 12
Week 4	Monday, June 19
Week 5	Monday, June 26
Week 6*	Monday, July 3
Week 7	Monday, July 10
Week 8	Monday, July 17
Week 9	Monday, July 24
Week 10	Monday, July 31
Week 11*	Monday, August 7

WEST BROWARD FAMILY YMCA NEW AQUATICS CENTER TO OPEN SPRING 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 Spring 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 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.

soccer, flag football, baseball, volleyball and more. Family nights and sleepovers will also be offered.

Registration Fee: \$25 Per Participant
Weekly Tuition: YMCA Member: \$175.00/General Participant: \$225.00

Teen Travel Camp

Location: YMCA Family Center
Ages: 12 to 16 years (As of June 1, 2006)
Activities: Teens will enjoy a variety of activities that will include: assemblies, songs, themed days: Wacky Wednesday and Fear Factor Friday, and camper recognition. Daily field trips may include bowling, roller-skating, canoeing, Parrot Jungle, museums, ice-skating, Kabooms, paintball, laser tag and miniature golfing. Family nights and sleepovers will also be offered.

Registration Fee: \$25 Per Participant
Weekly Tuition: YMCA Member: \$225.00/General Participant: \$275.00

School Start Date

The Broward County School Board has set the dates for the 2006 – 2007 school year.

First Day of school:
Monday, August 14, 2006.

Last day of school:
Thursday, May 31, 2007



High School Fields Closed on Sunday

A reminder that the athletic fields at Cypress Bay High School are closed on Sunday. No one is permitted on the property.

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



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HURRICANE SEASON SAFETY STRATEGY

City of Weston Emergency Management

954-385-2000

Broward County Hurricane Hotline 954-385-4800

Hours: 8am-5pm until a hurricane warning is issued;
then 24 hour operation. www.broward.org/disaster

Hurricane season begins June 1st and runs through
November 30th.

“Preparation through education is less costly than learning through tragedy.”

- Max Mayfield, Director, National Hurricane Center

HURRICANE SAFETY

The only real defense is PREPAREDNESS. Please review this checklist of important steps to take and items to have on hand in a Disaster Survival Kit. We would also like residents to ensure that they are registered with the City's **CodeRED** Emergency Notification System.



CodeRED – Weston's Emergency
Notification System

Register now at www.westonfl.org; click on Police, Fire or Hurricane Information. Click on [CodeRED Sign Up](#). Many people change cell phone numbers or move during the year and now is the time to ensure that our data system has your current contact information.

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

HAVE A PLAN – *well in advance of a hurricane*

- **Determine** escape routes from your home and places to meet and also an out of area person to call, so all family members have a point of contact.
- **Make** a plan for what to do with your pets (they cannot be taken to shelters).
- **Make** an emergency communication plan for family members. It is very possible that you become separated (due to work or other issues); have a plan for getting back together. Have an out-of-state relative or friend serve as the “family contact”, as it is often easier to reach someone long distance after a hurricane hits an area.
- **Post** emergency telephone numbers by phones/Do children know when & how to call 911?
- **Check** insurance policy now for hurricane and flood damage coverage. Once a Hurricane Watch is issued, insurance companies will not write any new policies or make adjustments to current policies.

- **Document** your valuables by photographing/ videotaping them. Keep records secure in a safety deposit box or waterproof unit.

WATCHES & WARNINGS

A hurricane watch is issued when there is a threat of hurricane conditions within 24-36 hours. A hurricane warning is issued when hurricane conditions are expected in 24 hours or less. Hurricane conditions equal winds of 74 miles per hour or greater.

WHEN A STORM IS APPROACHING

Hurricane Watch is issued

- Secure all outside objects. Bring loose objects such as patio furniture, garden tools and planters, inside.
- Remove any debris from prior storms such as loose roof tiles – they will become projectiles.
- Protect your windows. Permanent shutters are the best protection. Plywood panels can be used: ½ inch plywood is best, cut to fit each window; mark which board fits which window; Pre-drill holes every 18 inches for screws.
- Fill vehicle fuel tanks and generators.
- Turn refrigerator & freezer to the coldest setting. Purchase or make additional ice.
- Fill bathtubs and any large containers with water for washing, cleaning and flushing toilets, since electric power may go out of service.

DISASTER SURVIVAL KIT

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

Water 2 gallons per person/per day, 10 day supply

Food Canned or packaged, pre-cooked foods for 10 days
/ Non-electric can opener

Coolers At least 2 coolers for ice and food

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

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

Cooking Grill, charcoal or propane, lighter

Toiletries paper towels & plates, feminine products

Baby Infant/baby food, supplies and medicines

Pet food and supplies

Phone Cell phone (fully charged), car charger, list of phone numbers, land line phone

Important Papers Personal identification, medical cards, property/vehicle insurance

Fire Extinguisher Dry chemical, type ABC

Radio/TV Battery operated with backup batteries. Reading materials, non-electric games.

Flashlights And extra batteries and bulbs. Glow sticks also work well.

Fuel Fill all vehicle and generator tanks with gasoline

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

Safety/Tools/ Misc. Set of tools /trash bags/chlorine/ soap/tarp/rope/ broom/pen & paper

Keys

PROTECT PETS

Do not leave pets unattended. Pets should be taken, in advance, to a veterinarian kennel, host home or pet friendly hotel. Ensure pets are wearing I.D. Have food, medication and sanitary supplies. Fish tank pumps should be equipped with an adaptor for battery power.

GENERATOR SAFETY

Portable generators are useful when temporary or remote electric power is needed, but they also can be hazardous. Carbon monoxide poisoning, electric shock and fire are primary causes of injury and death stemming from electrical generator use each year. This storm season, use generators safely by following these simple tips:

- Never use a generator in enclosed spaces; it emits deadly carbon monoxide fumes.
- Use only heavy-duty, outdoor extension cords to plug appliances directly into generator.
- Never plug a generator into a wall outlet; this can cause fatal electrocution to utility workers trying to repair lines.
- Keep generator dry by setting it on a covered, elevated surface (i.e., canopy-like structures).
- Never store fuel for your generator in your home; invisible vapors may catch fire.
- Read all operating instructions and manufacturer warnings before using the equipment.
- If connecting a generator to your home electrical system, a qualified electrician is required to install an emergency power transfer system.
- Before refueling the generator, turn it off and allow it to cool to avoid fire.

- If you feel sick, dizzy or weak while one is running, seek fresh air and call 9-1-1 immediately.

Install carbon monoxide alarms in your home to warn you of any harmful fumes which may have seeped in from outside.

For City Information After a Storm:



We will call you.

CodeRED Emergency Notification System: This high-speed telephone notification system will be employed by the City when necessary to notify residents of essential information.

Calls received from the **CodeRED** system come up on caller I.D. as 999-999-9999. If you see this number, please do not disconnect. If you have "privacy blocker" you may not get these calls, so please disable during any emergency.

For City emergency information, boil water orders and other important notifications such as debris pickup, if operational go to:

- www.westonfl.org – see Latest News, on the Weston Home page
- Tune your TV to channel 25 (Advanced Cable) or channel 78 (Comcast), for up-to-date City information on boil water orders, debris pickup and other related information.
- Tune your car radio to 1680AM. The 1680AM Emergency Information Radio will be operational even with a power outage for approximately four (4) days. 1680 AM broadcasts within the City of Weston.

LINKS TO INFORMATION

- Broward County Emergency Management, www.broward.org/disaster
- National Hurricane Center, www.noaa.gov
- Florida Division of Emergency Management, www.floridadisaster.org
- Federal Emergency Management Agency, www.fema.gov
- National Flood Insurance Program, www.fema.gov/nfip
- Local American Red Cross, www.arc.bcc.org



ESTRATEGIAS PARA SU PROTECCIÓN DURANTE LA TEMPORADA DE HURACÁN

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

- Línea de Manejo de Emergencia –
Información Sobre Huracanes
Ciudad de Weston (954) 385-2000
Condado de Broward (954) 831-4000

Horario de operación: 8:00 a.m.-5 p.m. antes que se emita una advertencia; 24 horas al día después de una advertencia emitida.

“La preparación por medio de la educación es menos costosa que el aprendizaje por medio de la tragedia.”

- Max Mayfield, Director, Centro Nacional de Huracán

SU PROTECCIÓN CONTRA LOS HURACANES

La única defensa es la PREPARACIÓN. A continuación encontrará una lista de los pasos importantes a tomar, y los artículos que deben de tener disponibles para formar su propio Equipo de Emergencia. Además, queremos asegurarnos de que todos los residentes se registren en el Sistema de Notificación de Emergencias **CodeRED** de la Ciudad de Weston.



CodeRED – Sistema de Notificación de Emergencia de la Ciudad de Weston

Regístrese ahora al www.westonfl.org; Haga un “clic” en Police, Fire o Hurricane Info. Haga un “clic” en CodeRED Sign Up. Este sistema le facilitará con informaciones de la ciudad después de una tormenta.

Muchos residentes cambian sus números de teléfonos móviles o cambian de dirección al curso del año; por esta razón, ahora es tiempo de asegurarnos de que las informaciones contenidas en nuestro sistema de datos están debidamente actualizadas. Para Actualizar su Información de Contacto, visite a: www.westonfl.org. Haga “clic” en Police, Fire, o Hurricane Info y encontrará el enlace al **CodeRED**.

Necesidades Especiales para Registro - Si usted es de edad avanzada, indispuerto o incapacitado y no tiene ningún modo de transporte a los refugios durante un huracán, hay asistencia disponible para usted. Sin embargo, solamente los que se hayan registrado en anticipación serán elegibles para el transporte especial. No espere hasta el último momento. Si usted califica o si desea más información, por favor llame a la División de Servicios para Ancianos y Veteranos del Condado de Broward al (954) 537-2888.

ESTABLEZCA UN PLAN DE EMERGENCIA CON ANTECIPACIÓN

- **Determine** las rutas de escape de su casa y en donde los miembros de la familia piensan encontrarse después. Además, es importante tener a una persona fuera del área a quien llamar, para así tener un punto de contacto.
- **Formalice** un plan para sus mascotas (no se permiten en los refugios).
- **Haga un plan** de comunicaciones de emergencia para los miembros de la familia. Es muy posible que

se separaren (debido al trabajo u otras situaciones); formalice un plan para reunirse. Nombre a un miembro de la familia o a un amigo que vive fuera del estado de Florida para servir como su “contacto familiar,” como muchas veces es más fácil comunicarse con alguien a larga distancia después de un huracán.

- **Coloque los números** de teléfono de emergencia al lado de los teléfonos. Asegúrese de que sus niños sepan llamar al 911.
- **Revise su póliza** de seguro ahora para su cobertura para daños de huracán e inundación. Cuando se anuncie un huracán, las compañías de seguro no escribirán pólizas nuevas ni harán ajustes a las pólizas actuales.
- **Haga una lista** de sus artículos de valor por fotografía o video. Mantenga sus documentos seguros en una caja fuerte o aparato que sea resistente al agua.

AVISOS & ADVERTENCIA

Un aviso (“watch”) de huracán se anuncia con la amenaza de condiciones huracanadas durante 24 a 36 horas. Una advertencia (“warning”) de huracán se anuncia cuando las condiciones huracanadas se esperan dentro de 24 horas. Las condiciones huracanadas se manifiestan por vientos de un mínimo de 74 millas por hora.

CUANDO UNA TORMENTA SE ACERQUE – Se Emite un Aviso de Huracán

- Asegure todos los objetos que se encuentren afuera de su casa. Recoja todos los objetos sueltos como muebles de patio, herramientas de jardinería y tiestos.
- Proteja las ventanas. Las contraventanas permanentes ofrecen la mayor protección. Se puede usar también las tablas de madera. Las tablas de media pulgada de grosor son mejor, cortadas al tamaño exacto de cada ventana; especifique cual tabla haga juego con cada ventana. Haga perforaciones en cada tabla a cada 18 pulgadas para los tornillos.
- Llene los tanques de gasolina de vehículos y generadores.
- Ponga la nevera y congelador a las temperaturas más frías.
- Llene las bañeras y cualquier recipiente grande con agua para lavarse y enjuagar los sanitarios en el caso de que la electricidad este fuera de servicio.

EQUIPO DE EMERGENCIA

Un Equipo de Emergencia debe ser adecuado para durar

por un mínimo de 3 días. Sin embargo, recomendamos que se haga disponible provisiones de agua, comida y medicina por 10 días.

Agua Por lo menos dos galones de agua por persona por día.

Comida Enlatada, empacada, o cocinada para 10 días/
Abridor manual de latas

Ropa/Sábanas Cambio de ropa/Ropa para aguaceros/
Zapatos/Sábanas o sacos de dormir

Medicinas/Primeros Auxilios Prescripciones/Equipos de
Primer Auxilio/Lentes

Para Cocinar Parrilla/Carbón o propano/Encendedor

Artículos Personales Artículos de tocador/Papel Higienico/
Artículos Femininos

Artículos para infantes Toallitas húmedas/Comida Enlatada
para Bebes/Medicinas/Pañales

Artículos para las mascotas Comida empacada o enlatada
y otros

Teléfonos Celulares cargados/Cargadores/ Lista de
Teléfonos/Teléfono Residencial

Documentos Identificaciones Personales/ Tarjetas para
seguro médico/Título de automóvil (si se
aplica) y de su propiedad/Tarjeta de seguro de
automóviles o de su propiedad/Documentos
legales

Extintor de Fuego Química seca, tipo ABC

Radio/TV Radio o TV de pilas/Pilas adicionales

Linternas Linternas de pilas/Pilas y bombas adicionales

Combustible Llene los tanques de gasolina
de vehículos y generadores.

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

Herramientas/Provisiones Herramientas/Bolsas de basura/
Cloro/Jabón/Carpa/Soga/Escoba/ Bolígrafo y papel
Llaves

SEGURIDAD AL UTILIZAR UN GENERADOR

Los generadores portátiles son utilizados cuando no hay electricidad y se hace necesario una fuente de energía temporaria o remota, sin embargo, este aparato puede ser peligroso. El envenenamiento de monóxido de carbono, la descarga eléctrica y el fuego son las causas más comunes de lesiones y de muertes provenientes del uso de un generador. Durante esta temporada de huracán, utilice su generador con mucha cautela, tomando las siguientes medidas de precaución:

- Nunca utilice un generador en lugares cerrados; pues el mismo emite humos mortales de monóxido de carbono. Utilice solamente extensiones resistentes para uso exterior donde se pueda conectar directamente con sus aparatos domésticos. Nunca conecte un generador directamente a una pared, pues eso puede causar una electrocución fatal a los trabajadores o electricistas que estuvieren reparando las líneas.
- Mantenga su generador seco, fijándolo en una superficie cubierta y elevada.
- Nunca almacene combustible para su generador en su casa; los vapores invisibles podrán causar un incendio.

- Lea las instrucciones y las advertencias de la fábrica al operar su generador.
- Si se conecta un generador al sistema eléctrico central de su casa es necesario que un electricista lo haga instalando también un sistema de emergencia para transferencia eléctrica.
- Antes de abastecer de combustible su generador, apáguelo y deje que se enfríe para evitar un incendio.
- Si usted se siente mal, enfermo, mareado o débil mientras esta operando un generador, busque aire libre y llame al 911 de inmediato.

Instale alarmas de alerta contra monóxido de carbono en su casa para advertirle de cualquier humo peligroso que pueda haberse filtrado desde afuera.

INFORMACIÓN DE LA CIUDAD



DESPUÉS DE UNA TORMENTA:

CodeRED Sistema de Aviso de Emergencia. Este sistema de emergencia de ultra velocidad se utilizará para compartir información esencial con nuestros residentes. Las llamadas que el sistema CodeRED hacen a los residentes aparecen como 999-999-9999 en la ID de llamada. Si usted ve este número, por favor no cuelgue.

Para informaciones de manejo de emergencia en la Ciudad de Weston

- Visite al www.westonfl.org – tenga acceso a las noticias más recientes de la Ciudad de Weston
- Sintonice la televisión al canal 25 (Advanced Cable) o al Canal 18 (Comcast) para estar pendiente de noticieros de la ciudad sobre órdenes de hervir agua, recogimiento de despojos y de basura.
- Sintonice la radio de su vehículo a la estación 1680AM para información de emergencia de la Ciudad sobre la necesidad de hervir agua y otra información al respecto. El sistema de notificación de emergencia de la Estación 1680 AM seguirá funcionando hasta con un corte de electricidad por aproximadamente cuatro (4) días.

Informaciones Adicionales en el Internet

- Administración de Emergencias de Broward County, www.broward.org/disaster
- Centro Nacional de Huracán, www.noaa.gov
- División de Administración de Emergencias de Florida, www.floridadisaster.org
- Agencia Federal de Administración de Emergencias, www.fema.gov
- National Flood Insurance Program, www.fema.gov/nfip
- Cruz Roja Americana Local www.arc.bcc.org

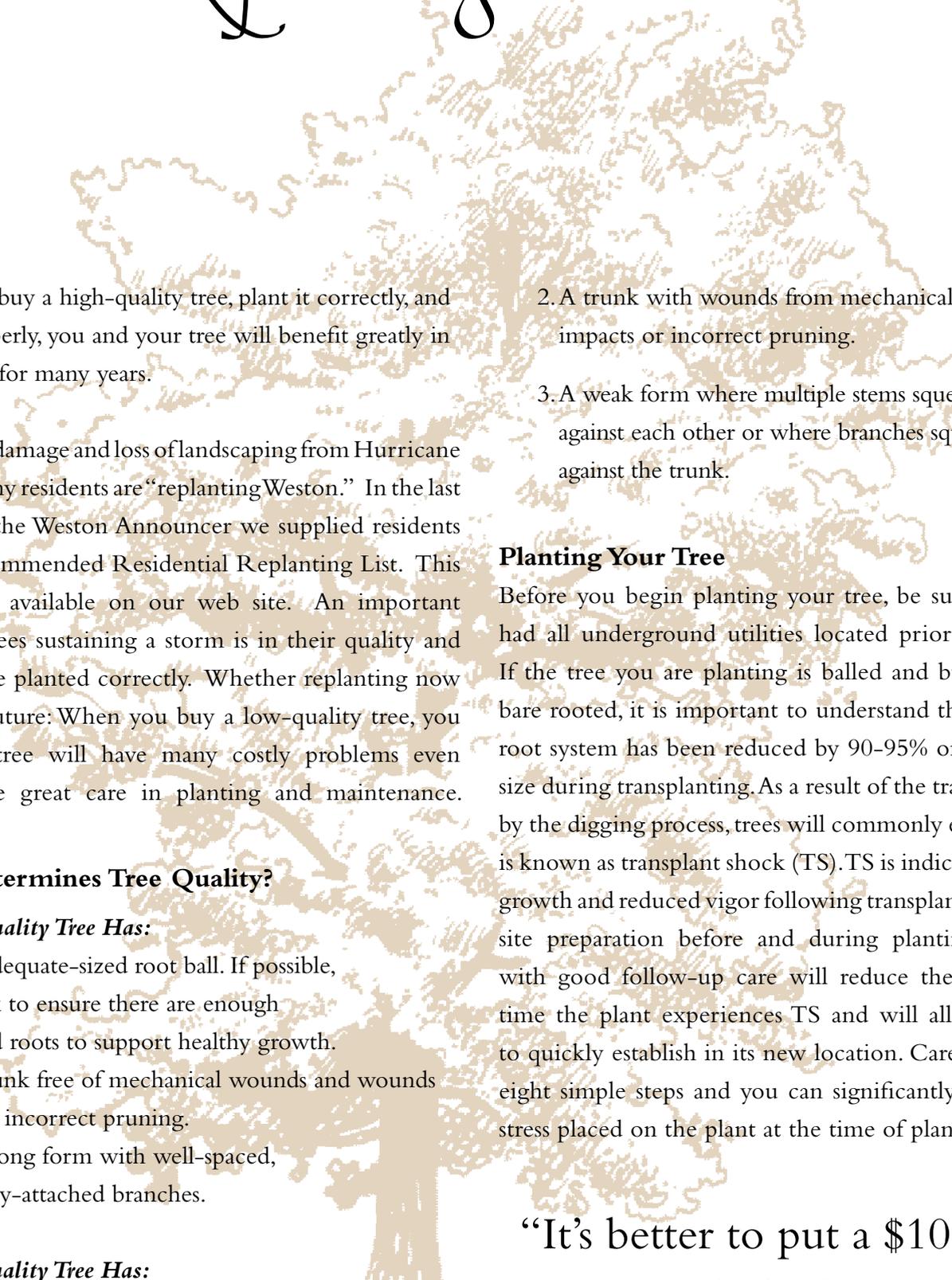
No dejen las mascotas sin supervisión. Los animales domésticos deben ser llevados por adelantado a una perrera o a un hotel donde se aceptan animales domésticos. Asegúrese que los animales tengan sus identificaciones. Tenga disponible comida, medicinas, y artículos sanitarios para las mascotas. Las bombas del tanque de los pescados deben estar equipadas



Replanting Weston

HELPING TREES SURVIVE STORM SEASON & BEYOND

Replanting Weston



When you buy a high-quality tree, plant it correctly, and treat it properly, you and your tree will benefit greatly in many ways for many years.

Due to the damage and loss of landscaping from Hurricane Wilma, many residents are “replanting Weston.” In the last edition of the Weston Announcer we supplied residents with a recommended Residential Replanting List. This list is now available on our web site. An important factor in trees sustaining a storm is in their quality and if they were planted correctly. Whether replanting now or in the future: When you buy a low-quality tree, you and your tree will have many costly problems even if you take great care in planting and maintenance.

What Determines Tree Quality?

A High-Quality Tree Has:

1. An adequate-sized root ball. If possible, check to ensure there are enough sound roots to support healthy growth.
2. A trunk free of mechanical wounds and wounds from incorrect pruning.
3. A strong form with well-spaced, firmly-attached branches.

A Low-Quality Tree Has:

1. Crushed or circling roots in a small root ball or small container.

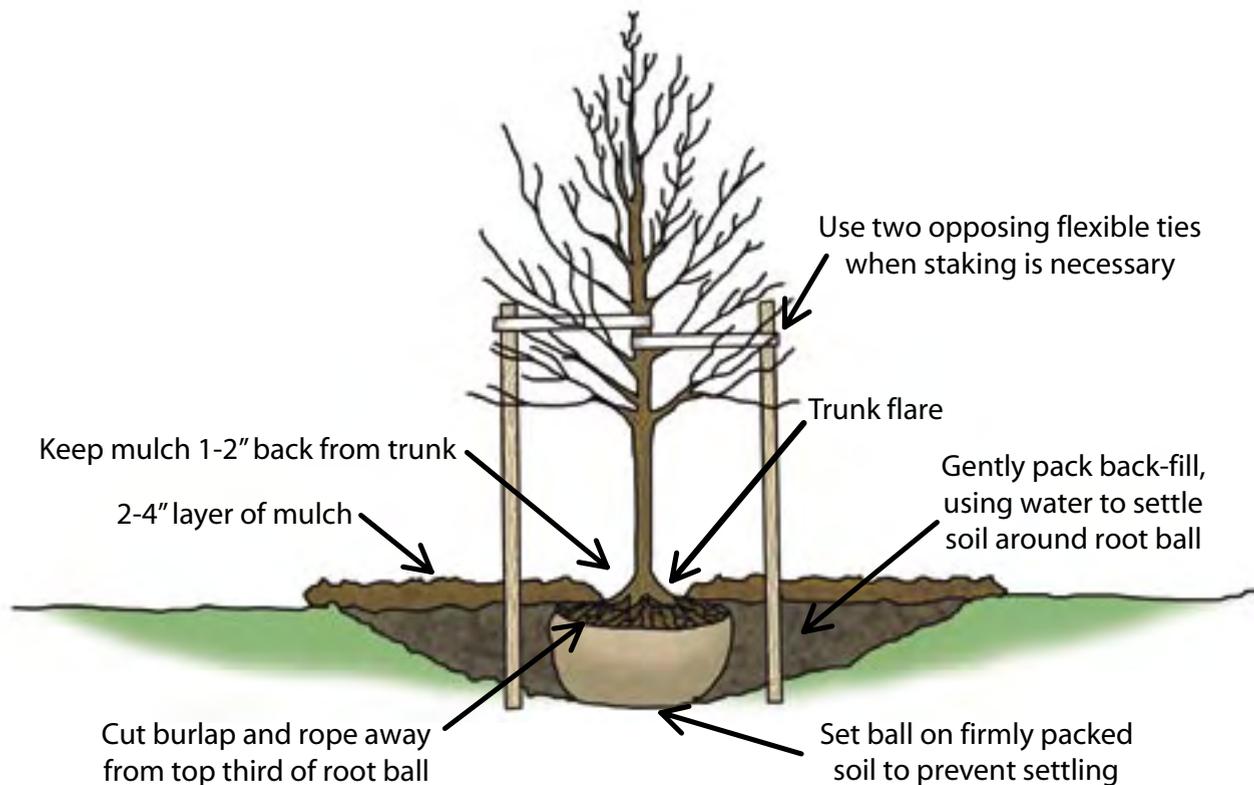
2. A trunk with wounds from mechanical impacts or incorrect pruning.

3. A weak form where multiple stems squeeze against each other or where branches squeeze against the trunk.

Planting Your Tree

Before you begin planting your tree, be sure you have had all underground utilities located prior to digging. If the tree you are planting is balled and burlapped, or bare rooted, it is important to understand that the tree's root system has been reduced by 90-95% of its original size during transplanting. As a result of the trauma caused by the digging process, trees will commonly exhibit what is known as transplant shock (TS). TS is indicated by slow growth and reduced vigor following transplanting. Proper site preparation before and during planting, coupled with good follow-up care will reduce the amount of time the plant experiences TS and will allow the tree to quickly establish in its new location. Carefully follow eight simple steps and you can significantly reduce the stress placed on the plant at the time of planting.

“It’s better to put a \$100 tree in a \$200 hole than to put a \$200 tree in a \$100 hole.”



1. **Dig a shallow, broad planting hole.** Make the hole wide, as much as three times the diameter of the root ball, but only as deep as the root ball. It is important to make the hole wide because the tree roots on the newly establishing tree must push through surrounding soil to establish. Breaking up the soil in a large area around the tree provides the newly emerging roots room to expand into loose soil to accelerate establishment.
2. **Identify the trunk flare.** The trunk flare is where the roots spread at the base of the tree. This point should be partially visible after the tree has been planted. If the trunk flare is not partially visible, you may have to remove some soil from the top of the root ball. Find it so you can determine how deep the hole needs to be for proper planting.
3. **Place the tree at the proper height.** Before placing the tree in the hole, check to see that the hole has been dug to the proper depth, and no more. The majority of the roots on the newly planted tree will develop in the top 12" of soil. If the tree is planted too deep, new roots will have difficulty developing due to a lack of oxygen. It is better to plant the tree a little high, 1-2" above the

base of the trunk flare, than to plant it at or below the original growing level. This will allow for some settling. To avoid damage when setting the tree in the hole, always lift the tree by the root ball, and never by the trunk.

- **Straighten the tree in the hole.** Before you begin backfilling have someone view the tree from several directions to confirm the tree is straight. Once you begin backfilling it is difficult to reposition.
- **Fill the hole, gently but firmly.** Fill the hole about 1/3 full and gently but firmly pack the soil around the base of the root ball. Then, if the tree is balled and burlapped, cut and remove the string and wire from around the trunk and top 1/3 of the root ball (see diagram). Be careful not to damage the trunk or roots in the process.

Fill the remainder of the hole, taking care to firmly pack soil to eliminate air pockets that may cause roots to dry out. To avoid this problem, add the soil a few inches at a time and settle with water. Continue this process until the hole is filled and the tree is firmly planted. It is not recommended to apply fertilizer at the time of planting.

Weston's Master Re-landscaping Plan is in Design

City staff has completed the hurricane cleanup and assessment portions of this major undertaking.

The Buffer Restoration – Tree Assessment – Major components of the assessment can be viewed by residents in an informational PowerPoint presentation on the City's web site at www.westonfl.org.

Go to any of the following departments: Parks & Recreation, Development Services, Communications or Building. Here you will find everything under "Replanting Weston – Master Re-Landscaping Plan".

We are placing all informational pieces on our website to keep you updated and informed on the City's progress. The massive scale of replanting and the costs associated with it (detailed in the assessment presentation) will require a multi-year approach for completion.

QUICK STATS:

7,844 Trees Removed (FEMA)

4,044 Large Trees

3,800 Small Trees

4,000 Trees Braced (Saved)

202,723 LF (61%) of None/Minor Damage-
"Plug-ins" (0%-25% damage)

57,148 LF (17%) of Moderate Damage (26%-50%
damage)

39,626 LF (12%) of Severe Damage (51%-75%
damage)

32,078 LF (10%) of Total Damage (76%-100%
damage) = 6 MILES

331,575 Total LF (100%) of Roadway = 63
MILES

(LF=lineal feet)

- **Stake the tree, if necessary.** If the tree is grown and dug properly at the nursery, staking for support is not necessary in most home landscape situations. Staking may be required on sites where lawn mower damage, vandalism or windy conditions are concerns. If staking is necessary for support, two stakes used in conjunction with a wide flexible tie material will hold the tree upright, provide flexibility, and minimize injury to the trunk. Remove support staking and ties after the first year of growth. Leave protective staking in place as long as necessary.
- **Mulch the base of the tree.** Mulch is simply organic matter applied to the area at the base of the tree. It acts as a blanket to hold moisture, protect against harsh soil temperatures, both hot and cold, and reduces competition from grass and weeds. A two to four inch layer is ideal. When placing mulch, care should be taken so that the actual trunk of the tree is not covered. This may cause decay of the living bark at the base of the tree. A mulch-free area, one to two inches wide at the base of the tree, is sufficient.
- **Follow-up care.** Keep the soil moist but not soaked. Water trees at least once a week, barring rain, and more frequently during hot weather. When the soil is dry below the surface of the mulch, it is time to water.

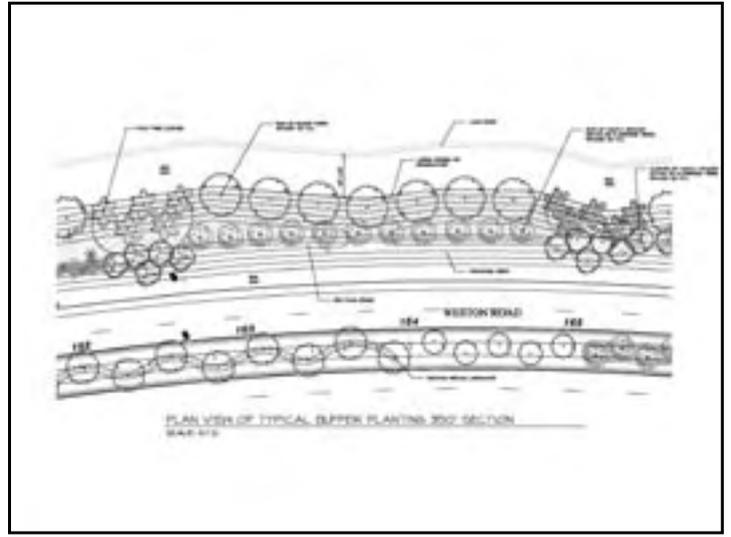
After you've completed these eight simple steps, further routine care and favorable weather conditions will ensure that your new tree or shrub will grow and thrive.



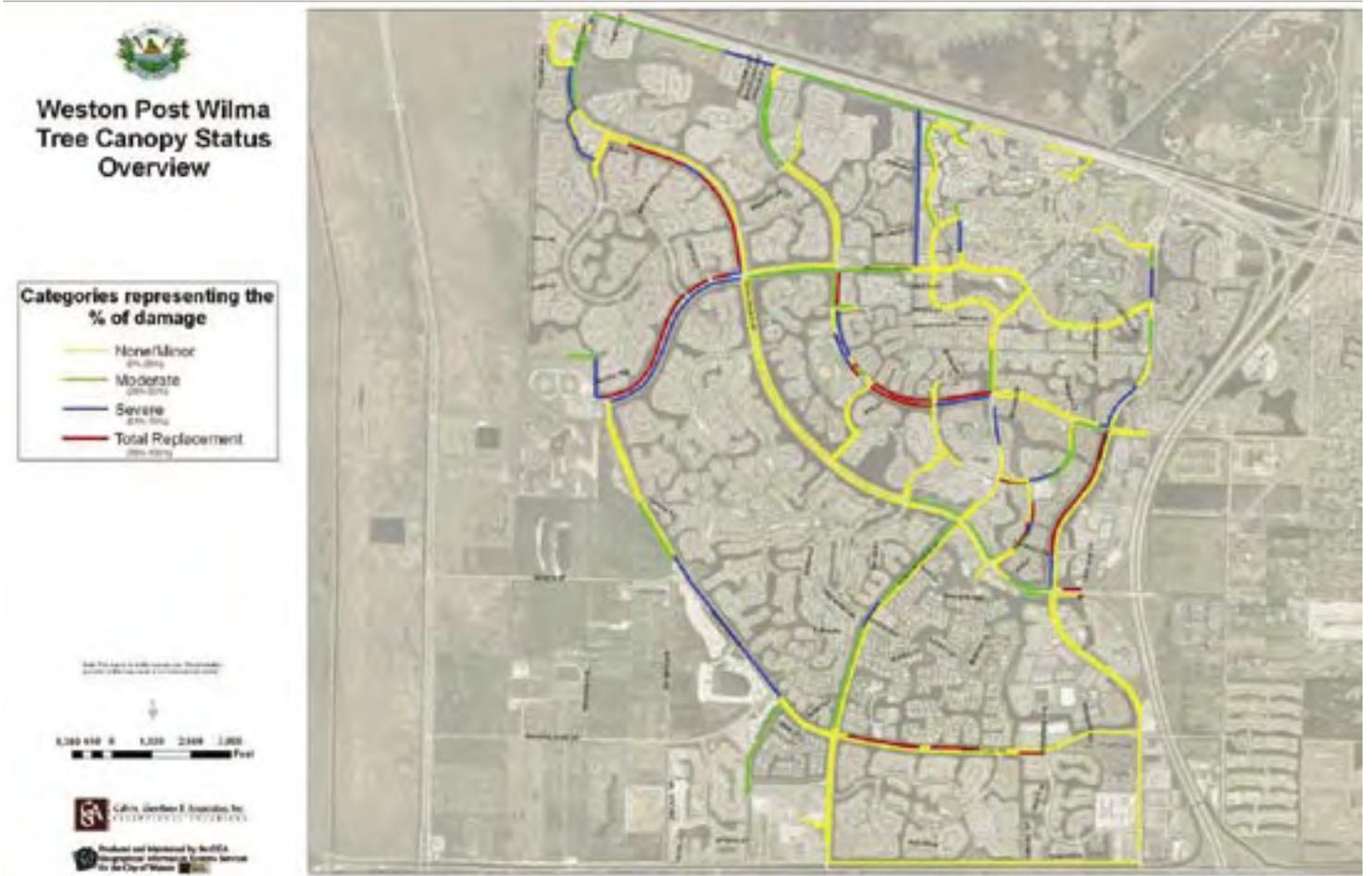
An example of the destruction suffered by many of the berm/buffer areas within Weston.



Sample of buffer requiring total restoration (Weston Road)



Typical View of Buffer Planting design



Total Cost Estimate

\$7,000,000 Total Damage (76%-100%)
 \$185,000/1,000 LF

\$6,000,000 Severe Damage (51%-75%)
 \$125,000/1,000 LF

\$6,000,000 Moderate Damage (26%-50%)
 \$85,000/1,000 LF

\$1,000,000 None/Minor Damage (0%-25%)
 \$5,000/1,000 LF

\$20,000,000 GRAND TOTAL

Helping Trees Survive Storm Season & Beyond

Pruning

Specific types of pruning may be necessary to maintain a mature tree in a healthy, safe and attractive condition.

Crown cleaning

is the removal of dead, dying, diseased, crowded, weakly attached and low-vigor branches from the crown of a tree.

Crown thinning

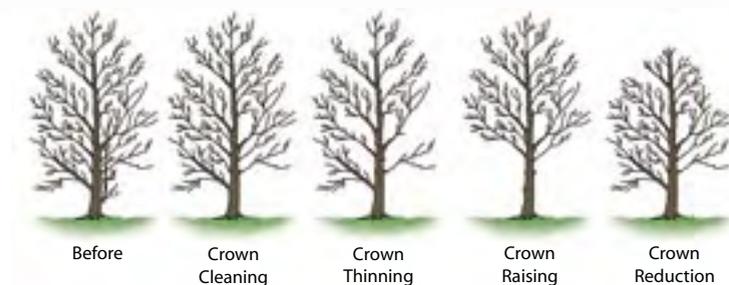
suggested prior to hurricane season is the selective removal of branches to increase light penetration and air movement through the crown. Thinning opens the foliage of a tree, reduces weight on heavy limbs, and helps retain the tree's natural shape.

Crown raising

removes the lower branches from a tree in order to provide clearance for buildings, vehicles, pedestrians and vistas.

Crown reduction

reduces the size of a tree, often for clearance for utility lines. Reducing the height or spread of a tree is best accomplished by pruning back the leaders and branch terminals to lateral branches that are large enough to assume the terminal roles (at least one-third the diameter of the cut stem). Compared to topping, this helps maintain the form and structural integrity of the tree.



Big tree – big trouble: This nice rounded canopy hides the fact that the huge limb on the lower right is poorly attached and could fall at any time

Hiring an Arborist

Pruning large trees can be dangerous. If pruning involves working above the ground, or using power equipment, it is best to hire a professional arborist. An arborist can determine what type of pruning is necessary to improve the health, appearance and safety of your trees. A professional arborist can provide the services of a trained crew, with all of the required safety equipment and liability insurance.

DO NOT “Hat Rack” Trees, often called “Topping”

What is topping?

Topping is the indiscriminate cutting back of tree branches to stubs or lateral branches that are not large enough to assume the terminal role. Other names for topping include “heading,” “tipping,” “hat-racking,” and “rounding over.” The most common reason given for topping is to reduce the size of a tree. Often homeowners feel that their trees have become too large for their property. People fear that tall trees may pose a hazard. Topping, however, is not a viable method of height reduction, and certainly does not reduce the hazard. **In fact, topping will make a tree more hazardous in the long term.**

Topping is cutting branches back to stubs, or lateral branches.



Topping Stresses Trees

Topping often removes 50-100% of the leaf-bearing crown of a tree. Since the leaves are the “food factories” of a tree, this can temporarily “starve” a tree. The severity of the pruning triggers a sort of survival mechanism. The tree activates latent buds, forcing the rapid growth of multiple shoots below each cut. The tree needs to put out a new crop of leaves as soon as possible. If a tree does not have the stored energy reserves to do this, it will be seriously weakened and may die.

Topping Can Lead to Sunburn

Branches within a tree's crown produce thousands of leaves to absorb sunlight. When the leaves are removed, the remaining branches and trunk are suddenly exposed to high levels of light and heat. The result may be sunburn of the tissues beneath the bark. This can lead to cankers, bark splitting and death of some branches.

Topping Creates Hazards **

The survival mechanism that causes a tree to produce multiple shoots below each topping cut comes at great expense to the tree. These shoots develop from buds near the surface of the old branches. Unlike normal branches that develop in a "socket" of overlapping wood tissues, these new shoots are only anchored in the outermost layers of the parent branches.

The new shoots grow very quickly, as much as 20 feet in one year, in some species. Unfortunately, the shoots are very prone to breaking, especially during windy conditions. The irony is that while the goal was to reduce the tree's height to make it safer, it has been made more hazardous than before.

Many trees in the Weston rights-of-way were still viable after the storm but still needed to be removed by city crews as the hurricane damage and subsequent removal of broken branches, resulted in topping. These trees, while recovering, would become a hazard if allowed to remain.

Topping Makes Trees Ugly

The natural branching structure of a tree is a biological wonder. Trees form a variety of shapes and growth habits, all with the same goal of presenting their leaves to the sun. Topping removes the ends of the branches, often leaving ugly stubs. Topping destroys the natural form of a tree.

Without the leaves a topped tree appears disfigured and mutilated. With the leaves, it is a dense ball of foliage, lacking its simple grace. A tree that has been topped can never fully regain its natural form.

Topping is Expensive

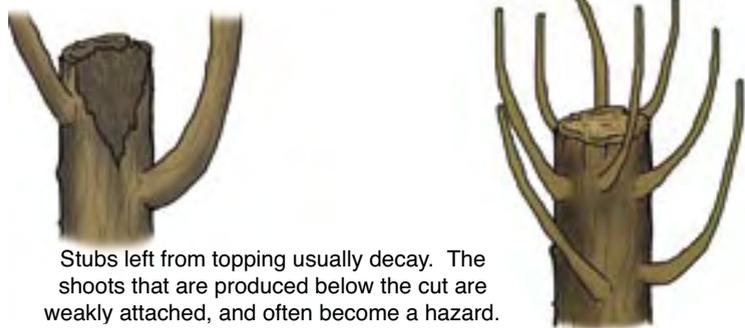
The cost of topping a tree is not limited to what the perpetrator is paid. If the tree survives, it will require pruning again within a few years. It will either need to be reduced again, or storm damage will have to be cleaned up.



Begin a cut at the edge of the branch collar
The collar is left intact after a proper cut

A stressed tree is more vulnerable to insect and disease infestations. Large, open pruning wounds expose the sapwood and heartwood to attack. The tree may lack sufficient energy to chemically "defend" the wounds against invasion. Some insects are actually attracted to stressed trees by chemical signals.

New shoots develop profusely below a topping cut.



Stubs left from topping usually decay. The shoots that are produced below the cut are weakly attached, and often become a hazard.

Topping Causes Decay



The preferred location to make a pruning cut is just beyond the branch collar at the branch's point of attachment. The tree is biologically equipped to close such a wound provided the tree is healthy enough and the wound

is not too large. Cuts made along a limb, between lateral branches, create stubs with wounds that the tree may not be able to close. The exposed wood tissues begin to decay. Normally a tree will "wall off" or compartmentalize the decaying tissues. But few trees can defend the multiple severe wounds caused by topping. The decay organisms are given a free path to move down through the branches.





If the tree dies it will have to be removed. Topping is a high maintenance pruning practice. There are some hidden costs of topping. One is the

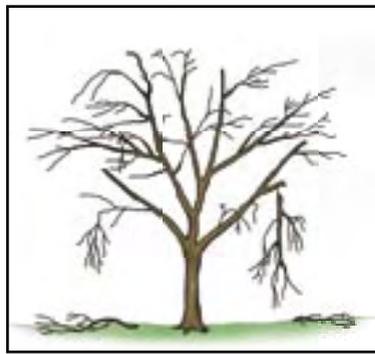
reduction in property value. Healthy, well maintained trees can add 10-20% to the value of a property. Disfigured, topped trees are considered an impending expense.

Another potential cost of topped trees is the potential liability. Topped trees are prone to breaking and can be hazardous. Since topping is considered to be an unacceptable pruning practice, any damage caused by branch failure of a topped tree may lead to a finding of negligence in a court of law.

Tree First Aid After a Storm

Remove hanging and broken limbs first

Reduce broken branches back to a living lateral branch that is about ½ the size of the broken branch if possible



In the aftermath of a major storm, the initial impulse of property owners is generally along the lines of “let’s get this mess cleaned up.” But hasty decisions can often result in removing trees that could have been saved.

Doing the right things after trees have been damaged can make the difference between giving your trees a good chance of survival and losing them unnecessarily. The National Arbor Day Foundation urges home and property owners to follow a few simple rules in administering tree first aid after a storm:

1. Don’t try to do it all yourself. If large limbs are broken or hanging, or if high climbing or overhead chainsaw work is needed, it’s a job for a professional arborist. They have the necessary equipment and knowledge needed, and are generally listed in the telephone directory under “Tree Service.”
2. Take safety precautions. Look up and look down. Be on the alert for downed power lines and

dangerous hanging branches that look like they’re ready to fall. Stay away from any downed utility lines, low-voltage telephone, or cable lines and even fence wires can become electrically charged when there are fallen or broken electrical lines nearby. Don’t get under broken limbs that are hanging or caught in other branches overhead. And, unless you really know how to use one, leave chainsaw work to the professionals.

3. Remove any broken branches still attached to the tree. Removing the jagged remains of smaller sized broken limbs is one common repair that property owners can make after a storm. If done properly, it will minimize the risk of decay agents entering the wound. Smaller branches should be pruned at the point where they join larger ones. Large branches that are broken should be cut back to the trunk or a main limb by an arborist. For smaller branches, follow the pruning guidelines provided so that you make clean cuts in the right places, helping the tree to recover faster.
4. Repair torn bark. To improve the tree’s appearance and eliminate hiding places for insects, carefully use a chisel or sharp knife to smooth the ragged edges of wounds where bark has been torn away. Try not to expose any more of the cambium (greenish inner bark) than is necessary, as these fragile layers contain the tree’s food and water lifelines between roots and leaves.
5. Resist the urge to overprune. Don’t worry if the tree’s appearance isn’t perfect. With branches gone, your trees may look unbalanced or naked. You’ll be surprised at how fast they will heal, grow new foliage, and return to their natural beauty.
6. Don’t top your trees. While storm damage may not always allow for ideal pruning cuts, “topping,” cutting main branches back to stubs, is one of the worst things you can do for your trees. Stubs will tend to grow back a lot of weakly-attached branches that are even more likely to break when a storm strikes. Also, the tree will need all its resources to recover from the stress of storm damage. Topping the tree will reduce the amount of foliage, on which the tree depends for the food and nourishment needed for re-growth.

Much of the information for this article was garnered from International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), a non-profit organization supporting tree care research around the world and dedicated to the care and preservation of shade and ornamental trees.