Protecting the Quality of Life

CITY OF WESTON

Eric M. Hersh, Mayor

Over the past few months, and for the foreseeable future, three major issues have and will consume a considerable amount of time for the City Commission, and our staff.

The first issue is securing a new high school to provide relief for Cypress Bay High School. "MMM"

as it is called by the school board, is in the planning stages, and we have been very active in trying to move this process along, locate a site, and get construction started ASAP. Without relief in the next few years, we could

be facing double sessions, year round schooling, or other measures which will be required to accommodate the large number of high school children attending Cypress Bay, and meet the required State classroom size amendment.

With Cypress Bay being the most overcrowded school in Broward County, and the largest high school in the United States, we cannot permit the School Board to continue to delay this process. Mrs. Robin Bartleman, a School Board Member, and resident of Weston has been very supportive of

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our position, and is working closely with us, as are many of the other school board members, and their staff. Unfortunately, we are not receiving much cooperation from the South Florida Water Management District, the Army Corp of Engineers, or the U.S. Department of the Interior, all of which have a stake in the areas where a school could be located. By the time this newsletter reaches your home, hopefully a site will have been selected, and we'll be moving toward working on the process of getting the site purchased and getting construction started. It has however, been an uphill battle, as each agency possesses their own goals and ambitions, which doesn't prioritize the education of our children. It's a shame, but government bureaucracy does not lend well towards creative and innovative solutions to problems.

The second major issue is somewhat tied into the school site as well. The South Florida Water Management District has purchased, through the Eminent Domain process, virtually all of the land adjacent to the Weston Regional Park and the west side of South Post Road. A planned water impoundment area will be constructed by the district, in a joint project with the Army Corp of Engineers.

While the project itself doesn't pose a problem for Weston, the devil is in the details.

First is the issue of Manatee Isle Drive, formally SW 36th Street, which the district wants us to vacate, so they can use it for their impound area. This is a perfectly good road, owned by the taxpayers of Weston. If the high school is ultimately located on the site just past the Isles of Weston, this road is vital to the traffic needs for the high school as well. Even if the high school doesn't end up on this site, surrounding neighborhoods utilize this road daily to relieve traffic.

In addition, the South Florida Water Management District wants Weston (in the name of the environment), to abandon our laws which protect our community against blasting and open burning. Further, they want us to waive all the costs of having our consultants review the project to make sure that surrounding neighborhoods don't experience flooding as a result of their project, and to make sure that the retention system works.

The South Florida Water Management District, is an agency with appointed, not elected representatives, who must understand that they can not negatively impact our

SFWMD board member is appointed by the Governor and we are prepared to take our fight to the very top.

community in the name of their project. Each

Finally, there is the issue of Davie Commons. We continue to adamantly oppose this development as it is currently planned.

It would cause absolute gridlock along I-75 and at the north and southbound exits at Royal Palm Boulevard.

In addition, it poses a significant safety concern, as this 2 million square foot mall would have only one way in, and one way out. Can you imagine an incident that required the mall to be evacuated, with only one road in and out? This is also an issue we are fighting against at the county level and the state level in Tallahassee. If need be, we will go to Washington on this one as well.

Each of these issues, as well as the day-to-day management of the City, are of significant concern to myself, Commissioner Stermer, Commissioner Chermak, Commissioner Cheren and Commissioner Henriksson, and we will continue to spend significant energy to protect the interests and the quality of life in Weston.

We will keep you posted, as your assistance in contacting other elected officials on these issues might be needed.

Eric M. Hersh Mayor



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A Note From the City Manager

John R. Flint, City Manager

Our 2006 Performance Report will be arriving at your home, soon. This report celebrates our tenth anniversary as a City, with the theme "A Decade of Living Well."

Many have contributed to our successes over the past decade, and there are two people in particular who were here for the entire time, and even before, who have recently retired.

Jim Ward started as the Assistant Manager of the Indian Trace Community Development District, the predecessor to the City. Jim was the architect of the Feasibility Study that demonstrated that if the Weston community incorporated into a City, it would not only be sustainable, it would be successful. Following the Feasibility Study, Jim prepared the first five-year Business Plan laying the ground work for today's long-term financial planning to assure the Weston lifestyle would be maintained, and enhanced. Once we became incorporated, Jim became our Assistant

City Manager where he oversaw our administrative, financial and community services. Jim's tenacity in negotiations was equally matched by his compassion for those he worked with. He leaves us with a solid financial foundation, with his crowning achievement of obtaining an AAA credit rating from Standard and Poor's, and an Aaa credit rating from Moody's. Both of these ratings are the highest ratings available.

Craig Otten has been our Fire Chief since our incorporation. He retires as Assistant Chief of the Broward Sheriff's Office Department of Fire Rescue and Emergency Services, after 34 years in the fire rescue service. When Craig arrived in the City, we had one fire station with one three-person Engine Company and one two-person Advance Life Support Rescue Company. Through the years, Craig oversaw the growth of our fire rescue services and met the needs of our growing City. We were the first department in Broward County to have thermal imaging devices on all Engine Companies stationed in the City, and continuously participated in the latest medical protocols. Today, he leaves the City with a sophisticated suburban fire rescue department comprised of three strategically located stations, four Advanced Life Support three-person Rescue Companies, three Advanced Life Support three-person Engine Companies and one Advanced Life Support four-person Aerial Company.

Jim and Craig have our sincere thanks for spending the last decade with us, and for preparing us for the decade to come. They have, truly, been friends of the City and their respective contributions have helped make us who we are today. Our wish for them is that their next decade is indeed "A Decade of Living Well."













THEATRICAL PERFORMANCES FOR CHILDREN A HIT WITH KIDS AND THEIR PARENTS

Professional theatrical performances for children, a part of Weston's annual performing arts series, have become a huge hit with Weston families. The last performance in this year's series, Cinderella, drew a crowd of over 400 to the Cypress Bay Theater where the performances are held.

For the upcoming arts program, the City will present four shows. For those who plan ahead, you can look forward to the following performances: October 6th Tom Sawyer

December 1st Santa's Holiday Revue

February 2nd Rapunzel

May 3rd The Princess and the Pea

Tickets will be available at the Weston Community Center in August and cost just \$6 per person or \$20 for all four shows.









Stories, Reads and Happenings at Weston Branch Library,

4205 Bonaventure Boulevard | 954.389.2098

Mommy and Me Story Time Monday's 10:30 & 11:30 a.m.

Stories, songs, finger plays and other activities, for children ages 2 to 3.

Afternoon Book Time

Tuesday's 4:00

An afternoon of stories and activities, for children ages 6 and up.

Family Bedtime Stories

Tuesday's 7:00 p.m.

A story and craft, for children ages 3 and up.

All by Myself Story Time Wednesday's 11:00 a.m.

A story, poem or other learning activities including a craft, for children ages 3 to 6.

English Café

Monday's 10:30 a.m. & Wednesday's 6:00 p.m.

A conversation practice class for intermediate learners of English.

El Club

Tuesday's 6:00 p.m.

Intermediate conversational Spanish, for English Speakers.

Wags & Tales

3rd Thursday of each month at 3:30 p.m.

Practice reading to pet therapy dog for ages 5 to 12. Preregister at Youth Services.

Chess Club

Sunday's, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

For all ages and levels.

Is Gas Guzzling Your Wallet?

Take a Free Ride...

Broward County Transit offers the *Western Express* community bus to downtown Fort Lauderdale with morning pickup and evening drop-off at several Weston locations.

Ride Free Monday - Friday

Tired of riding on your brakes on I-595? Then leave your car close to home and ride on a free air-conditioned minibuses. The quickest route to get you to and from southwest Broward, downtown Fort Lauderdale and Tri-Rail. Use your free time to read, prepare reports, work on your laptop or just relax! At the same time you're helping the environment, reducing traffic gridlock, eliminating single occupancy vehicles and reducing pollution.

Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday, 5:50 am - 6:50 pm

Holiday Schedule:

There is no service on Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

For a detailed schedule: log on to BCT's web site at www. broward.org/bct. (Click on Other BCT Services, then Western Express on the left side of the page).

Questions: call BCT Customer Service at 954-357-8400.





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A new decade for Weston,

A new location for City Hall COMING SOON.... September 2007

Contact us at the same number, but visit us at 17200 Royal Palm Boulevard

A new location for your - interest and participation in local government; access to public information; desire to stay connected and informed on your community.

The City of Weston | 954-385-2000 | www.westonfl.org







Memorial Plaque Dedication Honoring Deputy Ryan C. Seguin

The City of Weston held a dedication ceremony on February 15th in memory of Broward Sheriff's Office Deputy Ryan Christopher Seguin at 2:30 p.m. in the Weston Police Services Building. City and BSO officials, Ryan's parents and family members, friends and colleagues, all crowded the lobby of the Weston Public Safety Building to show their respect and to remember Ryan – a testament to how many lives this dedicated young man had touched and how very much he is missed.

The plague dedication ceremony marked the one year anniversary of Deputy Seguin's death. Deputy Seguin lost his life on February 15, 2006 during a traffic stop when he was struck and killed by a motorist. Deputy Seguin was just 23 years of age and the first Deputy assigned to Weston to lose his life in the line of duty.

Mayor Eric Hersh, City Manager John Flint and Sheriff Ken Jenne each spoke of Ryan before the plaque was tearfully unveiled by Ryan's partner Deputy Kari Pallotto. Ryan's parents, grateful for the remembrance, thanked everyone in attendance for honoring their son. The plaque will be seen each day by the men and women of the Broward Sheriff's Office who serve the City of Weston and all who enter the station.

In Deputy Seguin's memory the City desires to bring to the forefront the dangers which police, rescue and transportation personnel face each day on our roadways.

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.



Weston Graduates 2nd CERT Class

Weston's first class of 10 persons graduated in 2006. The second class tripled in size, shown here accepting Certificates of Recognition at the April 17, 2007 City Commission meeting. Now we're looking for even more folks for the third class, which Captain Jeff Andrews of the Broward Sheriff's Office Fire Rescue Division - Weston, will be instructing.

What is CERT? - CERT stands for Community Emergency Response Team. Citizens go through a training course which educates them about disaster preparedness, in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations. During times of non-emergency, CERT members can assist with projects which enhance the safety of the community such as the distribution of smoke detectors to taking part in disaster simulation exercises.

If you're interested in participating in the program, please contact the Broward Sheriff's Office Fire Rescue Department, Weston at 954–389–2015.

You can visit the City web site for additional information on CERT at www.westonfl.org. Click on Fire & EMS.





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.

We hope to have moved to our new City Hall location in September at 17200 Royal Palm Blvd., please call us in September to confirm meeting location – 954–385-2000.

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 p.m.; Wednesday & Thursday at 10 a.m. and 9 p.m.

Advanced Cable subscribers tune to Channel #25, Comcast subscribers tune to Channel #78, Direct Link subscribers tune to channel #62

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

City Commission 7:00p.m.

Monday, June 4th Monday, June 18th Monday, July 2nd Monday, August 20th Tuesday, September 10th **

September meeting dates shall be coordinated with Broward County School Board and Broward County Commission budget hearings in accordance with Florida Statute.

Planning & Zoning Advisory Board 6:30 p.m.

Monday, June 11th Monday, June 25th Monday, August 13th Monday, August 27th

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



LITTER FACTS: for kids

A piece of school notebook paper takes thirty days and thirty nights to break down into pieces small enough to become part of the earth again. A soda can takes 200 years!!!!! It costs \$15 million a year just to pick up the litter in our national parks.

Litter hurts animals. They can get their heads trapped in glass jars and metal cans when trying to lick out the contents. They can get their heads stuck in the plastic that holds six packs together. Never put these in the garbage without first cutting each ring. Don't break glass jars and bottles in the street. Broken glass can hurt animals and people too.

Don't ever throw food or litter out of a car window.
 It attracts animals to the road where they can be killed or injured by other cars.

Lots of kids and people who don't know any better litter – yet it's just as easy to toss into a trash can, than onto the ground.

Please Help to Keep Weston Clean!

PARENTS

Litter Impacts Economic Development

Litter isn't just an environmental issue. It's also an economic development issue. When prospective businesses tour a community, they're looking for a dynamic, growing community where their businesses can grow.

When communities have a lot of litter, it simply shows that the people living there don't care about their town's future. If they don't, new businesses won't, either.

This can hurt the economic development of a community. The absence of litter in a community reflects the pride that it shows and really does make a difference.





Bity Contacts

Broward Sheriff's Office- FIRE	Community Services / Servicios Comunitarios	
Administration – Administración 954-389-2015	Parks & Recreation & Public Works / Parques y	
Emergency Police/Fire/EMS911	Diversión, Obras Públicas	
Emergencia Policia/Bomberos/Auxilio Médico911	20200 Saddle Club Road 954-389-4321	
Station No. 81, 17350 Royal Palm Blvd.		
	Garbage / Desecho	
Broward Sheriff's Office- POLICE / Departamento	All Service Refuse – Customer Service 954-583-1830	
de Policia 954-765-4321		
Non-Emergency Dispatch / Despacho No Emergencia	Planning & Zoning / Planificación y Zonificación	
Emergency Police/Fire/EMS911	Calvin, Giordano & Associates, Inc 954-921-7781	
Emergencia Policia/Bomberos/Auxilio Médico 911		
	Water and Sewer / Agua y Alcantarillado	
BSO Police Administration / Policia - Administración	New connections, billing info. / Nuevas conexiones,	
	cuentas 954-746-3232	
Weston Police Services Building, 17300 Royal Palm Blvd.	Problems / Problemas	
24 Hour Information / Información las 24 horas	Bonaventure area of Weston 954-888-6087	
	After hours and weekends for Bonaventure	
Weston Traffic Unit / Weston Unidad de Tráfico	954-888-6087	
	Indian Trace area (all areas except Bonaventure)	
Crime Prevention / Prevención del Crimen		
	After hours and weekends for Indian Trace	
Code Enforcement / Aplicación de Reglamentos	954-389-4321	
	Weston Community Center	
Broward County Weston Branch Library/Biblioteca	20200 Saddle Club Road 954-389-4321	
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2500 Weston Road, Suite 101

**After Sept. 2007: 17200 Royal Palm Blvd.



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:

Tequesta Trace Park – The design for new entry gates and landscape improvements including a sports equipment storage building are underway.

Library Park – A contract has been awarded to Tenex Enterprises for the construction of Library Park. Construction will begin in early May and the project should be completed by the end of the year.

Windmill Ranch Park – An irrigation system and new sod are being installed. The project will be completed by mid-August.

Florida's Future . . . It Starts In Parks: Youth Achievement, Good Health, Sense of Community, Economic Development, Conservation, Respect for Nature, Ties to Heritage . . . It Really Does Start In Parks



Quarterly Bulk Pick Up

Wednesday, July 18 | Thursday, July 19 | Friday, July 20 For single family residences, bulk trash pick up will take place on your regularly scheduled pick up day.

Saturday, July 21*

For multi-family units (condominiums & apartment complexes), only.

Bulk trash will be picked up on your regularly scheduled collection day. Simply place bulk trash items at your curbside by 7 a.m. *For residences with dumpster service (multi-family units), place bulk trash items alongside the dumpster.

For more information, please call City Hall at 954–385–2000.

Be storm ready! Dispose of Your Residential Yard Waste

Every Saturday, May thru June - 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Broward County and partnering cities, including the City of Weston, urge residents to become storm ready by trimming their trees and disposing of yard and gardening waste before the storm season begins. During the months of May and June, pack up your tree trimmings and gardening debris and drop them off at the Broward County Trash Transfer Station.

Accepted items include residential tree trimmings, residential yard waste, any type of broken landscape pots and fencing material.

Materials that will not be accepted are garbage, furniture, rugs, appliances, vehicle parts, and commercial and business waste.

Broward County Trash Transfer Stations • 5490 Reese Road, Davie

- 2780 N. Powerline Road, Pompano Beach
- 5601 W. Hallandale Beach Blvd., West Park

For more information, please call 954-765-4999 or visit www.broward.org/waste



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City and Rotary Concert Collaboration a Huge Success

On March 3rd the City of Weston and the Rotary Club of Weston hosted the 3rd Annual Community Concert in the Park - this year with three headliner bands - POCO, Pure Prairie League and FireFall.

Thousands of residents attended this free annual concert designed as an event for the entire family. And it certainly was. Kids, seniors and all ages in between came out for a great night in the Weston Regional Park as each band took the stage and performed for three hours of non-stop entertainment.

For the past three years, the collaboration between the City of Weston and the Weston Rotary has created exciting concert events for the community. The Rotary Club, through the depth of its membership and volunteers has enabled the city to produce events of this size. The City recognized an excellent partnership when it saw one.

If you're one of the few who have not come out for this annual concert event, you won't want to miss next year's. Keep an eye out in your quarterly Announcer for news of the 2008 concert - it keeps getting better every year!

Did You Know That...

That **Cypress Bay High School** was one of 12 Florida high schools recognized by the College Board for having a large number of minority students who performed well in rigorous Advanced Placement (AP) courses. Cypress Bay and Stranahan High led the nation in fostering minority students to achieve an exam grade of three or higher on AP tests. Cypress Bay was recognized for having the largest number of Hispanic students scoring a three or higher (5 is the highest score) on Calculus, French Language and Government & Politics: Comparative, Macroeconomics and Psychology AP exams.

Weston residents **recycled** over 3,700 TONS of recyclable materials in 2006. Keep up the good efforts and try to recycle even more!

Postal rates increased on May 14th. The price of a stamp increased to .41 cents, from .39 cents, for one once letters.



For those with an inventory of .39 cent stamps you can purchase .2 cent stamps. For others, the .41 cent stamp went on sale beginning April 12th.

NEW - for the first time ever, the US Postal Service is offering a "Forever Stamp". Purchased now at .41 cents, this stamp can be used for mailing one-once First Class letters anytime in the future -- regardless of price increases.

Good health...It starts in Parks: Citizens who had better access to parks, visited parks more frequently, and engaged in physically-active park behaviors also made fewer visits to their doctor (for reasons other than a regular check-up). Weston has 13 great municipal parks to choose from!



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Don Decker, Weston Parks & Recreation Manager



Benvenuti a casa,

Welcome Home

"The people of Italy have leisure down to a science," commented Don Decker, Parks and Recreation Manager for the City of Weston, upon one of his many experiences of a month long visit to Italy. Along with one Rotarian who served as the Team Leader and three non-Rotarians, Don was chosen to participate in an exchange program with Rotary District 2050 of Milan Italy. City Manager John Flint recommended Don apply for this unique opportunity to gain a once in a lifetime educational experience as well as some insight into the parks programs abroad.

"Well, vacation is plentiful and the people are expected to use it," replied Decker, when asked what the difference was between the parks in America and the parks in Italy. "As a result, there appears to be less of a need for structured recreation. The smaller cities and communities rely on passive parks. Instead of seeing parents on the sidelines rooting on their child's team, we observed families sitting in parks enjoying long hours of passive time and riding bikes together."

Having never visited Italy or been across the pond before, it

was a tough decision as to which city was his favorite. "Near the City of Brescia, there were incredible sights, like the nearby lakes of Iseo and Garda, but the people really made us feel at home." And, yes, he would visit Italy again. "Absolutely! I owe my wife a trip though it would be impossible to duplicate this experience. I think I would arrange a vacation by train, as they have superior transit to anything we have here in the States."

The people of Italy have a great deal of pride for their history, Don learned, as well as a great affinity for family life. "Family in Italy is vitally important," explained Decker. "It isn't uncommon for adult children to live with their parents well into their 30's. Even when they leave home, they come back regularly and often settle in the towns they were born in."

Although there were many aspects of his trip that he will remember for a lifetime, there is one in particular that stands out the most. "We visited a small town called Odolo, in the mountains above Brescia. The mayor and photographers from the local paper greeted us and gave us a tour of an old,





working mill," elaborated Don. "I asked the mayor how many American tourists visited her city, on an average. She thought about it for a moment and then said 'none.' It was the unique experiences like this one that I will remember the most."

When he was preparing for the month long trip, Don was looking forward to representing the people of Weston, where he has resided for 8 years. So, what was the most valuable experience, professionally, "It was an honor to be chosen to represent Rotary, South Florida, and the City of Weston. Being given this opportunity and being supported by my community and my employer was a pretty incredible feeling."

As for things he didn't get to see or do, "I guess being that close to the Alps . . . close enough to see them, yet not close enough to go up into them was unfortunate." But, hey, that's something to look forward to next time! "Oh, and I didn't get to see a soccer match, which would be the equivalent of going to the Super Bowl!" Next time.

Welcome home Don, Weston missed you.





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Weston University - A Showcase Hit

On January 31st, the School Board of Broward County hosted its first annual Best Practices Showcase, highlighting seven cities within the county that serve as role models in their efforts to enhance education resources in schools that serve their young citizens.

Weston was asked to present its Weston University Program and quickly became a hit with visitors and other cities viewing the presentations. In the months since the Showcase, we have provided numerous cities with our PowerPoint presentation on CD, which supplies an overview of the Weston University Program so that they can look into initiating a program of their own.





Don Decker, Weston's Parks & Recreation Manager was honored with the City's Excellence and Pride Award in February 2007. This award is given to individuals who demonstrate outstanding contributions, efforts, leadership and ideas; going beyond the boundaries of their profession, and further enhancing and benefiting the residents of our community.

L-R: Commissioner Daniel Stermer, Commissioner Sharon Cheren, Mayor Eric Hersh, Don Decker, Commissioner Mercedes Henriksson and Commissioner Murray Chermak.



If mosquitoes are bothering you, call Broward County Mosquito Control at **954-765-4062**.

Requests will be channeled to an inspector who will seek out the cause of the problem. The Mosquito Control Section operates a countywide control program.

You can assist in controlling mosquitoes: do not leave any standing water around in which mosquitoes can breed, such as the saucers for potted plants and non-circulating bird baths.



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The City of Weston 2007 Hurricane Preparedness Guide



Remove and save the following pages for reference in the event of a hurricane

HURRICANE SEASON SAFETY STRATEGY

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

Preparedness is a top priority for City Officials Make it YOUR priority -- before it's needed 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

"Preparation through education is less costly than learning through tragedy."

- Max Mayfield, Former Director, National Hurricane Center

The only real defense is PREPAREDNESS.

The next time disaster strikes, you may not have much time to act. Prepare now for a sudden emergency and hurricane season. Learn how to protect yourself and cope with disaster by planning ahead. Discuss these ideas with your family, then prepare an emergency plan. Post the plan where everyone will see it – on the refrigerator or bulletin board. Have a Disaster Survival Kit on hand and ready to take with you should you need to evacuate.

We would also like residents to ensure that they are registered with the City's CodeRED Emergency Notification System.

CodeRED -



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.

START NOW – well in advance of a hurricane

- 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. ** See Emergency Plan
- Make a plan for what to do with your pets (they cannot be taken to shelters).
- Check your 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.

CREATE AN EMERGENCY PLAN

- Meet with household members. Discuss with children the dangers of fire, severe weather and other emergencies.
- Discuss how to respond to each disaster that could occur.
- Discuss what to do about power outages and personal injuries.
- Draw a floor plan of your home. Mark two (2) escape routes to each room.
- Learn how to turn off the water, gas and electricity at main switches.
- Post emergency telephone numbers near phones.
- Teach children how and when to call 911, police and fire.
- Instruct household members to turn on the radio for emergency information.
- Pick one out-of-state and one local friend or relative for family members to call if separated by disaster (it is often easier to call out-of-state than within the effected area).
- Teach children how to make long distance calls.
- Pick two (2) meeting places:
 - 1) A place near your home in case of fire.
 - 2) A place outside your neighborhood in case you cannot return after a disaster.
- Learn about emergency plans for your children's school or day care center.
- Take a basic first aid and CPR course.
- Keep family records in a water and fire-proof container.

HURRICANES & PREPARATION

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: 1/2 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, school records

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 **Kevs**



PROTECT PETS

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



PROTECT YOUR POOL

- Keep water in the pool. You can lower the level, but no more than 2 feet.
- Add extra chlorine to prevent contamination.
- Do not put pool furniture into the pool it will damage the pool.
- Turn off the power to the pool equipment.
- Remove the pool pump and store indoors OR wrap the motor in a plastic material and secure with tape or rope.

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.

LESSONS LEARNED - NEW RECOMMENDATIONS

- Have a copy of all student school records PRIOR to hurricane season. To accomplish this, go to the Broward County Schools web site at https://www.browardschools.com/virtualcounselor/here you can register as a parent to view and print your child's school records from kindergarten through high school. Keep one copy in a secure location and another copy with you if you evacuate. For private schools, contact the school for record copies.
- Should you have to evacuate your home or business: Take all essential records and paperwork, such as insurance and medical policies, with you. In the event of a catastrophic event, you may not be allowed back into your home or business for some time.
- Have a 3 month supply of all necessary medications on hand. Call your insurance company or pharmacy as many have provisions to allow for the purchase of a 3-month supply if you live in a hurricane prone area.

- Special Needs Patients (ie: dialysis patients) ensure that you have and carry with you, a copy of your prescription for any type of needed treatments.
- Homes with generators: You still need to prepare thoroughly. You will still need to stock all supplies. If the power is out, stores will be closed. Also, generators run for only as long as you have a fuel supply. Be prepared for no access to or delivery of that fuel.
- Electricity Underground utility lines do not guarantee power will not fail. Do not become overly confident that electricity within areas of the City of Weston will remain operational. Underground utility lines are supplied power from an above ground sub-station. If the sub-station fails, areas supplied by the station will not have power.



DURING A STORM

- Stay indoors, away from windows and exterior doors.
- Place towels along window sills and exterior doors, to keep out driving rain.
- Elevate valuables to table tops if flooding occurs.
- Do NOT go outside as the calm eye of the hurricane passes over. The worst damage can happen once the eye passes and the winds blow from the opposite direction.
- Be aware that tornadoes can occur at any time during a hurricane.
- Use flashlights or battery powered lights Do NOT use candles or any other open flame.
- Use the telephone for emergencies only.
- Keep the refrigerator and freezer doors closed. Open as little as possible to conserve cold.

FOR CITY INFORMATION AFTER A STORM:

WE WILL CALL YOU

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

Calls received from the CodeRED system usually 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.

AFTER A STORM

- DO NOT drive unless it is an emergency. There is no other reason to be on the roads.
- Outside walk cautiously and avoid standing water
 which may hide downed power lines or hazardous objects. Do not go out in the dark.
- Treat all downed power lines as if they were live. If you see one with sparks – move away and call 911.
- You don't need to call in a power outage only downed power lines.
- Watch for spoiled foods... "when in doubt, throw it out".
- Remember that anything flood waters have reached must be considered contaminated, including food, canned goods, cosmetics and medicines.
- Immediately following a hurricane, don't drink or use tap water until you know that it is safe.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL OUTAGES

While the City of Weston has purchased generators for all traffic signal locations, there may be a time period prior to their being operational. Areas outside of the city may not be as well equipped.

- When signals are out TREAT INTERSECTIONS AS A 4-WAY STOP.
- Teach young drivers how a 4-way stop is handled: The first vehicle to reach the intersection and stop should be allowed to move forward first. When two cars reach the intersection at the same time, the driver on the left must yield to the driver on the right.
- Please wait your turn. It is essential for safety and to avoid chaos.
- It is not necessary to report signal outages.

PUT DEBRIS IN ITS PLACE

Residents can expedite the clean-up process by properly separating debris. Due to sheer volume it may not all be picked up for sometime, but if properly piled, it will eventually be removed. If trash collection is suspended, regular household waste will be collected first, prior to yard debris.

- Treat household waste (regular garbage and trash) normally place into a garbage can curbside on collection days.
- Vegetative Debris (yard waste): stack curbside in a separate pile, including limbs, branches and other vegetative materials.
- Structural Debris: from damage to items or structures. Place in a separate pile curbside.

*** If there has been a Hurricane where the City declares Disaster Debris Collection - please see the Disaster Debris Removal Guidelines***, on our web site and available in a brochure which was mailed to homes.

SAVING TREES

Immediately cover any exposed tree roots or root balls with soil, mulch or burlap to protect it and keep it moist.

For detailed information on tree first aid after a storm, visit our web site, under Hurricane Information, click on and download: Helping Trees Survive Storm Season & Beyond

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Broward County public school information is posted on their web site at www.browardschools.com before and after a hurricane. If your child's school does not answer, call the districts rumor control hotline at 754–321–0321. Listen to television and radio news reports for school closure and opening updates.

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

ESTRATÉGIAS 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, Former Director, Centro Nacional de Huracán

La única defensa es la PREPARACIÓN.

La próxima vez que ocurra un desastre, puede ser que no tengas mucho tiempo de actuar. Prepárese ahora para una emergencia y para la temporada de huracanes. Aprenda como protegerse y manejar un desastre planeando por adelantado. Comunice sus ideas con su familia, y prepare un plan de emergencia. Coloque el plan donde todos lo puedan ver por ejemplo en el refrigerador o tablón de anuncios. Mantenga un botiquín de supervivencia del desastre a la mano y listo para tomar con usted en caso de que tenga que evacuar.

Todo residente debe ser registrarse con el Sistema de Notificación de Emergencia CodeRED de la Ciudad. CodeRED – Sistema de Notificación de Emergencia de la Ciudad de Weston

Regístrese ahora en la pagina web 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 el tiempo de asegurarnos de que las informaciones obtenidas en nuestro sistema de datos están debidamente actualizadas.

COMIENZE AHORA -antes de que llegue un huracán

- Haga un plan de comunicacion de emergencia para los miembros de la familia. En caso 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 viva fuera del estado de la Florida para servir como su "contacto familiar," porque muchas veces es más fácil comunicarse con alguien a larga distancia después de un huracán.
- Formalice un plan para sus mascotas (no se permiten en los refugios).
- 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.

CREAR UN PLAN DE EMERGENCIA

- Reunirse con los miembros de la casa. Conversar con los niños acerca de los peligros del fuego, del tiempo severo y de otras emergencias.
- Conversar como responder a cada desastre que pueda ocurrir
- Planear qué hacer sobre interrupciones de la energía eléctrica y heridas personales.
- Dibujar un plan de piso de su hogar. Marque dos (2) rutas de escape para cada cuarto.
- Aprenda a apagar el agua, el gas, y la electricidad en los interruptores principales.
- Coloque una lista de los números de teléfono de emergencia cerca de los teléfonos.
- Enseñe a los niños como y cuando llamar al 911 para la policía y los bomberos.
- Tener un radio de pilas para información de emergencia.
- Elija un amigo o pariente fuera del estado y uno local para que los miembros de la familia llamen en caso de que sean separados por el desastre. (Usualmente es más fácil llamar fuera del estado que dentro del área afectada.)
- Enseñe a los niños como hacer llamadas de larga distancia.
- Escoja dos (2) lugares para Reunirse:
 - 1) Uno cerca de la casa en caso de un incendio.
 - 2) Uno fuera de su vecindad en caso de que no pueda regresar al área después de un desastre.
- Aprenda sobre los planes de emergencia de la escuela o guardería de sus niños.
- Tome un curso básico de primeros auxilios.
- Mantenga los archivos importantes en envases a prueba de agua y fuego.

HURACANES Y PREPARACION AVISOS & ADVERTENCIAS

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 con vientos de un mínimo de 74 millas por hora.

CUANDO UNA TORMENTA SE ACERCA -

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, etc.
- Quite cualquier ruina de tormentas anteriores tales como tejas flojas- que se puedan convertir en proyectiles.
- Proteja las ventanas. Las contraventanas permanentes ofrecen la mayor protección. Se puede usar también las tablas de madera. Las tablas de 1/2 pulgada de grueso 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. Compre o haga hielo adicional.
- 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.

BOTIQUIN DE SUPERVIVIENCIA

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, por 10 días.

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

Enfriador - Por lo menos dos para hielo y comida. **Ropa/Sábanas** - Cambio de ropa/ropa para aguaceros/ zapatos/sábanas o sacos de dormir

Medicinas/Primeros Auxilios - Recetas medicas/ equipos de primer auxilio/lentes

Para Cocinar - Parrilla de carbon 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

Teléfonos - Celulares/cargadores de auto/ lista de teléfonos/teléfono residencial

Documentos - Identificaciones personales/ tarjetas de seguro médico/título de automóvil y 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 bombillos adicionales

Combustible - Llene los tanques de gasolina de vehículos y generadores.

Dinero en Efectivo - Puede ser que no abran los bancos y ATMs por un tiempo

Herramientas/Provisiones - Herramientas/bolsas de basura/cloro/jabón/carpa/soga/escoba/ bolígrafo y papel/ llaves



PROTEGA SUS MASCOTAS

No deje sus mascotas desatendidas. Asegurase que sus mascotas tengan identificación. Tener alimento, medicación y productos sanitarios para sus mascotas. Las bombas del tanque de los pescados deben ser equipadas adaptador de pilas. Las mascotas deben ser llevadas por



adelantado, a una perrera veterinaria, hogar del anfitrión o a un hotel que acepte mascotas.

PROTEGA SU ALBERCA

- Mantenga agua en la alberca. No baje el nivel del agua más de 2 pies de la orilla de la alberca.
- Agregue bastante cloro para prevenir contaminación.
- No ponga los muebles del patio en la alberca.
- Apague el motor de la piscina o cualquier equipo que este conectado a la electricidad.
- Remueva la bomba de la piscina y empáquela dentro de un contenedor de plástico y asegúrelo con esparadrapo.

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 estén 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 fábrica de su generador.
- Si 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 combustible de 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.

LECCIONES APRENDIDAS – NUEVAS RECOMENDACIONES

- Tener una copia de todos los documentos escolar antes de la temporada de huracanes. Para obtener estos documentos puede ir a la pagina web Escolar del Condado de Broward, https://www.browardschools.com/virtualcounselor/, aquí puede registrarse como pariente y revisar e imprimir los archivos escolar de sus niños desde kindergarten hasta la secundaria. Mantenga una copia en un lugar seguro y otra copia consigo en el caso que tenga que evacuar. Para las escuelas privadas entrar en contacto con la escuela para obtener los registros.
- Si necesita evacuar su hogar o negocio: Llévese todos los expedientes y papeles esenciales como pólizas de seguro. En caso de un evento catastrófico puede que no sea permitido en su hogar o negocio por un buen tiempo.
- Tenga una fuente de 3 meses de todas las medicaciones necesarias a la mano. Llamar a su compañía de seguro medico o farmacia porque muchas tienen provisiones para permitir la compra de una fuente de 3 meses si vives en una área propensa a los huracanes.
- Pacientes con Necesidades Especiales (ie: pacientes de diálisis) asegurarse que tenga con usted a todo momento copia de su receta medica para cualquier tratamiento especial que pueda necesitar.
- Hogares con Generadores: Todavía necesita prepararse

- a fondo. Todavía va a necesitar almacenar todos los artículos necesarios. También, los generadores funcionan solamente mientras tengan una fuente de combustible. Estar preparado para ningún acceso o entrega de combustible.
- Energía Eléctrica Las líneas subterráneas no garantizan que la energía no fallará. No este excesivamente confiado que la electricidad dentro de la Ciudad de Weston no será afectada. Las líneas subterráneas son proveída con energía de una subestación sobre la tierra. Si la subestación falla todas las áreas proveídas por la estación serán afectadas.



DURANTE LA TORMENTA

- Quédese dentro de su casa y manténgase apartado de las ventanas y puertas.
- Coloque toallas debajo de las ventanas y puertas para prevenir que entre agua a su casa.
- Ponga todos los artículos de valor en lugar elevado en caso que haya inundación.
- No salga para fuera hasta que pase el ojo y la cola del huracán, pues los vientos opuestos pueden causar mas daño.
- Los tornados pueden ocurrir a cualquier hora.

 Monitoree las estaciones locales del radio. Si se emite una advertencia de un tornado, abríguese en el corredor de su casa o en la parte mas baja del edificio adonde usted se encuentra. Manténgase apartado de las ventanas y puertas
- Deje la caja de electricidad prendida. Si hay un corte de electricidad, apague el aire condicionado, los televisores, y las computadoras para prevenir. Utilice linternas y no velas o cualquier tipo de fuego expuesto.
- Utilice el teléfono solamente en caso de emergencia.
- Trate de abrir la nevera lo menos posible para conservarla fría.

INFORMACIÓN DE LA CIUDAD DESPUÉS DE UNA TORMENTA:

NOSOTROS TE LLAMAREMOS

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.

DESPUES DE UNA TORMENTA

- No manejes a menos que sea un caso de emergencia.
- Cuando afuera, camine con cuidado y evite cualquier agua parada pues puede contener objetos peligrosos. No salga en la oscuridad.
- No se acerque a ningún alambre o cable de electricidad. Si por causalidad usted encuentra un cable con vislumbre, llame al 9-1-1.
- Solamente hay necesidad de hacer reportes de cables de electricidad sueltos y no de corte de electricidad.
- Cuidado con los alimentos perecederos. Si usted tiene alguna duda sobre la validaz de un alimento, bótelo.
- Acuérdese que todo lo que tiene contacto con el agua proveniente de una inundación es considerado contaminado. Eso incluye alimentos, productos en latas, cosméticos y medicamentos.
- Luego después del huracán, no tome agua de la llave hasta que se haya informado que es seguro hacerlo.

CORTE DE ELECTRICIDAD EN LAS SEÑALES DEL TRÁFICO

Aunque la Ciudad de Weston ha comprado los generadores para todas las localizaciones de señal de tráfico, puede haber un período antes de que sean operacionales. Además las áreas fuera de la Ciudad pueden que no estén tan bien equipadas.

- Cuando las señales del tráfico estén apagadas maneje como si estuviera en una intersección de 4 vías.
- Enseñe a los conductores jóvenes como manejar una intersección de 4 vías: El primer automóvil que llegue a la intersección debe ser permitido el paso. Cuando dos automóviles lleguen a la intersección a la misma vez, el conductor a la izquierda debe de ceder el paso al conductor de la derecha.
- Por favor espere su turno. Es esencial para la seguridad y evitar el caos.
- No es necesario reportar el corte de electricidad en las señales de tráfico.

PONGA LOS DESPOJOS EN SU LUGAR APROPRIADO

Los residentes pueden acelerar el proceso de colecta de

despojos separándolos adecuadamente. Debido el volumen de desechos en la ciudad, es posible que tome tiempo antes que vengan a recogerlos. Sin embargo, si los mismos se encuentran debidamente separados, se hace más fácil de recogerlos.

- Basura Doméstica (basura diaria) coloque la basura doméstica en su contenedor de basura como de costumbre.
- Despojo Vegetativo (basura del patio): coloque el despojo vegetativo como ramas, madera, plantas y otros materiales vegetativos al lado del contenedor de basura doméstica.
- Despojo Estructural: partes de estructuras de construcción deben ser colocadas en una pila separada a la del despojo vegetativo.

Si ha habido un huracán donde la Ciudad declara la Colección de la Ruina del Desastre - por favor mirar los Reglamentos del Retiro de la Ruina del Desastre, en nuestra pagina web y disponible en un folleto que fue enviado a su dirección.

SALVEMOS LOS ARBOLES

Cubra inmediatamente cualquier raíz del árbol expuesta con tierra, pajote o arpillera para proteger la raíz y mantenerla húmeda.

Para información detallada de primer auxilio para árboles después de una tormenta visite nuestra página web y haga clic en "Hurricane Information": Ayudando a los Árboles Sobrevivir la Temporada de Tormenta

INFORMACIÓN ESCOLAR

Informaciones sobre las escuelas públicas en el Condado de Broward serán divulgadas en la página web: www. browardschools.com, antes y después del huracán. Si la escuela de su hijo (a) no contesta, llame al distrito de control de rumores al 754-321-0321. Escuche las noticias en la televisión y los informes del radio sobre el cierre de las escuelas antes de la tormenta y la fecha de abertura después de la tormenta

Informaciones Adicionales en el Internet

- Administración de Emergencias del Condado de Broward, www.broward.org/disaster
- Centro Nacional de Huracán, www.noaa.gov
- División de Administración de Emergencias de la Florida, www.floridadisaster.org
- Agencia Federal de Administración de Emergencias, www.fema.gov
- Programa Nacional de Seguro de Inundación, www. fema.gov/nfip
- Cruz Roja Americana Local www.arc.bcc.org













An EGG-cellent time had by all... Weston's Annual Royal Egg Hunt

Under a crisp, clear, and sunny sky, thousands of kids waited anxiously for one elusive word: **GO!**

After hours spent spreading 17,000 candy-filled eggs throughout four baseball fields at the Regional Park, literally 2 minutes after the word go – gone was the end result. Gone into baskets of smiling, happy faces were the eggs that were plucked on the run by the thousands who came

out for the hunt. Kids and parents then searched through their baskets to see if by chance they had scooped up one of the many specially marked eggs that would win them a prize.

Since the eggs disappear so quickly, the fun was continued for a few hours with bounce houses available for the kids who needed to burn off the sugar from all that candy!









Following the class of 2007

It's hard to believe but the program for the **Weston University Class of 2007** is almost over. After seven months, students graduate in May. We've enjoyed some great fun and exceptional learning experiences along the way.

In February, our class visited the offices of Calvin, Giordano and Associates, the city's contract agent for planning, engineering and landscape architecture. The day passed quickly, touring the offices and learning about the multitude of careers available as well as the intricacies of planning and engineering. From here students visited the SunGuide office but that's another article for you to read in this edition...

On March 20th our students were treated to a whirlwind tour, beginning at 5:15am, flying off to our state capital for the day. The class was Tallahassee bound, to experience Broward Days, when local officials meet with state













representatives in the Capital. Students were greeted by Weston's Senator Nan Rich who took them to the Senate floor where they participated in a mock argument, voting from the seats of our state senators. They then met Weston's State Representatives Franklin Sands and Martin Kier, both of whom were happy to provide students with their time on this very busy day.

In the afternoon our group dined at the Governor's Club, where the heads of Broward County government were meeting with legislative leaders. We had tours of the House, the Senate and the Capital building and during a break, some students even ran down to Florida State University for a quick look at the school campus and possibly their future home for four years... The students have the President's Fest Committee to thank for this unique civics education.

A very tired group arrived back in Weston around 9:30pm with memories that will last a lifetime.

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 that your 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.

Swim Safe!

- Always supervise young children near water, including pools, canals, 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.

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.

MAKE YOUR SUMMER A SAFE ONE.







Weston Community Happenings...

Clockwise from top left:

Concert in the Park; Autographed guitars; Stroller Strides for mom & baby; tennis champions at the Weston

Tennis Center; Another winning team honored; Don Decker, Parks and

Rrecreation Manager in Italy









The Community Center at the Weston Regional Park

KIDS PROGRAMS

Cheer, Chant and Pom Pom Dance Wed (Ages 5-9) 5:00-5:45. Call Miss Joy for more info at 954-971-9917. Learn cheers, motions, jumps, stunts and pom dance routines. Must be a minimum of 6 children to hold class. Wear: sneakers and comfortable attire. Cost is \$50 for 5 week session. Sessions run June 6th-July 11th and July 18th-August 15th.

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 7/11. Limited Space Available.

Kindermusik Village with Miss Alyson Wed, 9:30–10:15 (newborn -18 mos). More than just a curious story, Mother Goose games like peek-a-boo help baby understand language. So, in this special camp, uncover more ways to say I love you using American Sign Language, soap bubbles, blue-star sponges and parent-baby dances. Plus,

you can meet with other newborns and families in your community and learn how music improves the child development process. Cost \$75/5 weeks. At home kit: \$34. (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. "Peek-A-Boo, I Love You!": Orientation 6/20/07 classes begin 6/27/07. No class 7/4. New students must attend orientation.

Kindermusik "Our Time" Thurs, 10:30am-11:30 am. (1 _ to 3 years.) Your toddler and the train make a natural match – always on the move. Use your own stuffed animals for the petting zoo, and wear long white socks on your hands for the polar bear paws. Sing songs for clapping time, and learn to use music with toddlers to help regulate emotions. Cost \$102 for 5 weeks plus \$37 at home kit fee. (Fee for at home kit must be paid by check or cash only.) "Zoo Train" Orientation 6/21/07 classes begin 6/28/07. 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. High enery combination classes include dance, cheerleading and baton twirling. Develop grace, poise and self confidence. Members will be invited to perform in Disney World, University of Miami half time show, local events and much more. Wendy Russell is an award winning, professional choreographer. For more information visit www. floridasuperstars.com or call 954-438-2075Cost \$40/month. (Plus \$25 registration fee and \$20 baton required.) Monthly fee includes unlimited classes at locations around Broward County. Class returns one week after the start of public school.

Guitarmania for Middle School Students Tues 5:00-5:45pm (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 \$210 for 12 week session plus one annual material fee of \$25. Class will resume in the fall. Please contact Ms Shorey before signing up for this class at (754) 422-8668. Must have 5 children to run class. No students admitted after the 2nd class without approval from the instructor.

Teen Performance Workshop Sunday, 7:15pm-9:15pm (ages 15–18 years) This class is for students interested in helping write and produce a performance piece based on relevant issues in their lives. Through the use of improvisation and scene work, students will hone their acting and performance skills as they present the play in a café-style setting at the end of the season. For more information call Robin at 954–385–3060. Class will return in the fall.

Tumblebears and Creative Dance Wed. 4:15-5:00 Basic tumble skills like special rolls, cartwheels and balancing plus creative dance routines and fun props like parachute and scarves. Boys wear comfortable clothes and girls leotards and shorts with sneakers. Cost is \$50 per five

week session. Sessions run June 6th-July 11th and July 18th-August 15th. Go to www.joydecoenterprises.com for more information.

Stage Dance/Drama & Improv Wed 5:45-6:30(ages 7-11). Perform Broadway Musical dances from Grease, High School Musical, Annie, Wizard of Oz and games to promote creativity, self confidence and overcome shyness. Attire: Sneakers and comfortable clothes. For more information call Joy at 954-971-9917. Must be a minimum of 6 children to hold class. Cost is \$50 per 5-week session. Sessions run June 6th-July 11th and July 18th-August 15th.

Kidokinetics Kidokinetics is the fun way to fitness that's inspiring kids to get up, get moving and get in shape! We are an all around sports fitness program for children ages 18 mos to 10 years old. Your children will develop important building blocks for life: discipline, confidence, coordination, fine and grow motor skills, and fitness. 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. For more information call 954-385-8511 or go to www.Kidokinetics.com. Classes meet INDOORS at the Community Center.

	Tuesdays:	Thursdays:
Ages 2-3 years	4:00-4:45	
Ages 3-5 years	4:45-5:30	4:00-4:45
Ages 5-7		4:45-5:30
Ages 8-12		4:45-5:30

Summer Session: Week of 6/12 to week of 8/21 (\$120 for 10 weeks)

T-shirts can be purchased for an additional \$10. Class can be prorated if you join late.

Parent and Child Sports Sat 9:00-9:45am (Ages 2-4 years) We all know that parents love to play sports and workout with their kids. This class is a high energy, active class with your little ones. Introducing them to sports and making fitness fun while setting the pace for them in years to come. Parent and Child will help develop your child's coordination, concentration, and motor skills, while







having fun in a safe, non competitive environment. Every week focuses on a different sport. For more information, please call 954-385-8511 or go to www.Kidokinetics.com. Class meets INDOORS at the Community Center. Class can be prorated if you join late

Summer Session: June 16 to August 25 [10 weeks for \$120].

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

Young Rembrandts Fri 4:15-5:30pm (ages 3 _-6 and 7-13) Young Rembrandts drawing art program provides a strong educational foundation for young learners. In additiona to expanding students young image vocabularies, our curriculum helps develop fine motor skills and learning skills that are essential to future classroom success. Price includes supplies. For more information call Sandra

at 305-252-1531. Five week session 5/11 to 6/15 costs \$80. 8 week session 8/10 to 9/28 costs \$128.

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 benefits boys and girls equally and is targeted to children of all abilities, not just future sports stars. The program covers a wide array of sports skills and uses a building block, progressive approach to attaining proficiency. Class meets at Tequesta Trace Park. Contact Adrian Cardenas @ 954-612-8595. Cost is \$120 for 10 weeks. Call Coach Adrian for schedule. We offer a free trial class at Tequesta Trace Park.

Bright & Smart Robotics Fri 5:30-7:00pm (7-12 years). Kid oriented program that develops engineering skills based on robot assembling, computer programming and teamwork. A six-week class full of fun, exciting and rewarding experiences that help children to discover and learn new skills in an interactive approach to science. Cost is \$150 for 6 weeks. Free demo class on 8/17. Class resumes on 8/24. Call 954-816-3346 for more information or go to www.brightandsmart.com. Ask about the free demo class!

A D U L T P R O G R A M S

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 5/1-6/5, 6/12-7/17, 7/24-8/28.

Karate Wed 8-9:30pm Come get in shape and learn to defend yourself at the same time. David Schopp, 3rd de-

gree 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 7/11.

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 water-colorist Rolande Moorhead teaches the vocabulary of colors, shapes, composition and preliminary drawing. All skill levels. Cost \$175/6 weeks. Class runs 5/11 to 6/15, 6/22-7/27 and 8/3-9/7.

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 \$125/6 weeks. Classes start 9/8 and 11/3. Susan Claire – 954-349-5969.

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

Stroller Strides Tue through Sat 9:00 to 10:00 am. Friday playgroup 10:00–10:30 am. This is a stroller fitness class where mom can workout with her baby. It's a great way to get in shape, be with your baby and meet other moms! The classes consist of a 50 minute Power Walk combined with body sculpting exercises using exercise tubing, the stroller and the environment. Other activities include Moms Night Out and Community Service events. Costs start at \$15/class (multiple class packages available; ie \$2.40/class with a monthly membership). For more info call 888–868–4763 or go to www.strollerstrides.net/Weston.

Country Line Dance Lessons Tue or Thu 9:30-10:30am. If you like to dance, you'll love this fun and creative way to exercise. No experience necessary! You'll leave every class with a handout of the steps to each dance so you can practice at home, or go show off what you've learned at a local Country hot spot. Gail Haimes (954) 648-8530 has been line dancing for over 13 years. You may remember her from her class at the old Arvida Community Center. Gail is also a certified teacher and has taught elementary PE and dance for over 15 years. Come join in the fun, and get in shape while you are at it! Cost is \$60 for six weeks and starts 6/19 or 6/22.

Rev It Up Fitness Mon 10:00–11:30. This 9-week program helps you learn to "listen" to your body. Understand why it works the way it does and how to help it work more

efficiently. Adjust your exercise routines to maximize your body's performance. Contact Fabienne Grossman at 954-349-3274. Costs \$225/9 weeks, including materials. Class resumes in September.

ODLI Italian Language Class Tue 10-12 or Wed 10-12. The Center for Italian Studies of Coral Gables is proud to offer Italian language classes in a friendly, professional environment. Small classes allow students to participate and interact with each other and with the instructor. Cost is \$350 for 10 classes including materials. Contact ODLI directly for registration information. For more information call 305-529-2800. Or, email odli@bellsouth.net.

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. Session on 5/4 and 6/1. Then, returns in the fall.

SAT Preparation (Age 15-20) Tues (7:00-9:30pm) or Sun (1:30-4:00pm). This course prepares students for all facets of the College Board exam. Class not only thoroughly reviews content of what is tested but also exposes students to numerous insightful strategies for scoring well on the SAT. Jeff Steinberg, the instructor, has specialized in developing and instructing SAT preparation courses since 1990 (including for the University of Miami). Students are assured of receiving expert instruction (the average increase in scores is 200 points), while paying less than half of what some commercial courses charge. To enroll in this course, please contact Mr. Steinberg directly at (954) 478-0792. Cost is \$475 for 8 week, 20 hour course (including text and materials). Next session starts 7/22 (Sun), 7/24 (Tues), or 7/26 (Thur) for 10/6 test. There will be no classes on 9/2, 9/4, or 9/6.

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.







Happenings on, and off, the Court

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

Saturday, May 26, 9:30 a.m. French Open Tennis Tournament

A round robin tennis tournament on clay courts, followed by a French breakfast with croissants. Pros will play into a round robin to make the games competitive; junior clinic to coincide with the round robin. \$15.00 members/\$20.00 non-members/\$12.00 children

Monday, June 4 - Friday, August 17 SUMMER CAMP

For children ages 8 - 15, providing 6 two-week sessions, full and half days are available. Camp includes tennis instruction, team tennis, water sports activities, soccer, basketball, street hockey, camp t-shirt, snacks, awards and video show. Call the Tennis Center for registration forms and fees.

Friday, June 8 thru Sunday, June 10, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Drysdale Open: Boys & Girls 10, 12 & 14

A U.S.T.A. singles tournament featuring boys and girls in the following categories: 10 and under, 12 and under, and 14 and under. The tournament is open to all U.S.T.A. members. Come out and watch up and coming players from South Florida.

Saturday, June 30, 9:00 a.m. – 12noon Breakfast at Wimbledon Wooden Racquet Tournament

Come 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, with wooden tennis racquets. (Wooden





racquets will be provided.) Following the tournament, enjoy strawberries and cream and watch the Wimbledon Tournament. \$15.00 members/\$20.00 non-members. Please call to reserve you spot in this fun event.

Saturday, July 21, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Michelob Ultra Doubles Tennis Tournament & Social

A round robin tennis tournament, followed by a barbecue with Michelob Ultra beer. Pros will play in to a round robin to make all games competitive. A junior clinic will coincide, so the entire family can enjoy a day of tennis. \$15.00 members/\$20.00 non-members/\$12.00 children's clinic.











Weston Commuters Take Note

SMARTSunGuide - Saves you time AND aggravation

SunGuide is the statewide name for Florida Department of Transportation's Intelligent Transportation Systems or ITS.

The City's Weston University Program students visited the downtown Ft. Lauderdale office during a class outing in February and learned some great information to impart to residents:

SunGuide ITS integrates technology into the transportation system's infrastructure to help relieve congestion, increase safety, and make traveling on South Florida highways more reliable. SMART stands for Systems Management for Advanced Roadway Technologies.

SMARTSunGuide.com has a real-time map which shows traffic impacting events, providing travelers the information needed to make informed decisions on what route to take.

SMART Alerts: Receive traffic and travel information via e-mail or text message alerts, with real-time lane blockage

information. This service allows you to customize the way you receive information, free of charge, automatically receiving information on the routes you regularly travel by completing the Profiles section. It takes only minutes to complete. Go to www.SMARTSunGuide.com to sign up now.

Do you commute to and from work?

Then **5-1-1** is for you.

By dialing 5-1-1 you are now able to get real-time traffic and travel conditions and construction reports on virtually any major road within Broward, Miami-Dade, Palm Beach and Monroe Counties. The same information that is provided on the SMART website.

• One last tidbit: The **Road Ranger** service patrol is a free service provided by FDOT. In Broward County the Road Rangers patrol I-95, I-595, and I-75 providing free assistance to motorists in need. Call *FHP then option 2, on your cell phone to call for Road Ranger assistance.







Weston Community Happenings...

Clockwise from top left:

Deputies of the Month honored by the
City Commission; Lounging on the
lawn for the Weston Moonlight
Movies in the Park; Weston Christian
Academy leads the pledge; Students
thanked for leading the pledge;
Cinderella!.









REPLANTING HAS BEGUN

Priority I of Master Re-Landscaping Plan Replanting began in April

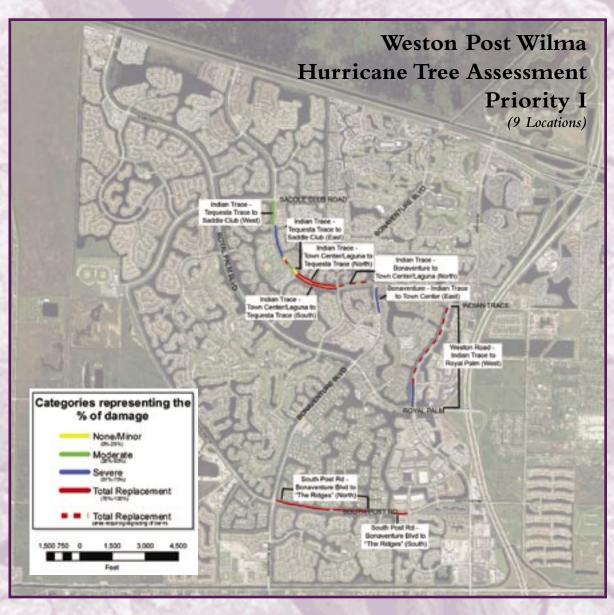
In June of 2006, the City Commission approved a Master Re-Landscaping Plan to address all areas of the City's landscaping damaged by Hurricane Wilma. Due to the magnitude of the project, it was segmented into three phases to be implemented over a three year period. The priority areas: I, II and III were ranked based upon severity of damage, exposure, damage to the berm, proximity and feasibility of project development and estimated cost. The areas indicated in Priority area I consist of areas most severely damaged.

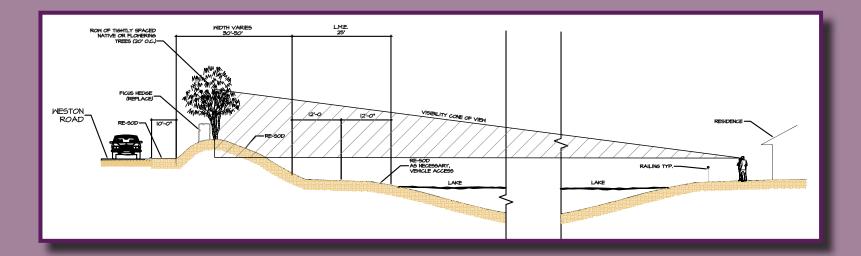
PRIORITY I

The first priority will target 22,100 linear feet (4.2 miles) in four areas:

- Weston Road between Royal Palm Boulevard and Indian Trace, west side;
- Indian Trace between Bonaventure Blvd. and Saddle Club Road, north then east sides;
- Bonaventure Blvd. between Indian Trace and Town Center (east side); and
- South Post Road between Bonaventure Blvd. to
 "The Ridges" along the north side, and a section on the
 south side from Emerald Estates Drive west toward
 "The Ridges".

Implementation of
Priority I began in April
for the Fiscal Year 2007
budget (Oct. 1, 2006
thru Sept. 30, 2007).
The cost estimated for
this phase, inclusive of
construction, design,
demolition, and
contingency totals
\$2,224,988.





Example of a TYPICAL MID-STORY REPLACEMENT BUFFER SECTION which is the approved level of replacement.

Once completed, the City will move to Priorities II and III, during Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009, respectively. The locations within those Priority areas are listed below. Full aerial maps outlining the areas in Priority II & III are available on the City's web site at www.westonfl.org. Under Public Works & Utilities or Parks and Recreation: click on <u>Post Hurricane Wilma 2006 Master Re-Landscaping Plan</u>

PRIORITY II

The second priority would target 30,650 lf (5.8 miles) in five areas:

- Glades Parkway between Saddle Club Road and Savannah, west side.
- Glades Parkway from Glades Circle to Gator Run, west side;
- Saddle Club Road between Royal Palm Boulevard and South Post Road, north and south sides;
- Those portions of Country Isles and Three Village with moderate or greater damage, within the area bordered by Indian Trace, Weston Road, Royal Palm Blvd., and Bonaventure Blvd.; and
- SR84 from Indian Trace west to Canal.

The second priority is recommended for implementation in the Fiscal Year 2008 budget (beginning Oct. 1, 2007). The cost estimated for the Priority II Project, inclusive of construction, design, demolition, and contingency totals \$1,778,416.

PRIORITY III

The third priority would complete the remainder of the City:

- Approximately 63,000 lf (13 miles) of areas designated as moderate to total damage;
- Approximately 196,500 lf (37 miles) of areas designated as minor damage.

The third priority is recommended for implementation in the Fiscal Year 2009 budget (beginning Oct. 1, 2008). The cost estimated for the Priority III Project, inclusive of construction, design, demolition, and contingency totals \$3,892,458. This would be the final phase and completed in year three of the re-landscaping plan.

As we implement the Master Re-Landscaping Plan, we will take this opportunity to utilize native species and drought tolerant materials that will better withstand South Florida's elements. The design will buffer residential areas from the view and sounds of traffic, and serve as a visually aesthetic landscape and we thank you for your patience as we *Plant seeds for the future...*

Rainy Season Ahead:

Stormwater, Waterways and You How Residents Can Help

Weston's water bodies and canals were designed to hold and move stormwater. Stormwater is excess rain runoff, that flows over lawns and golf courses, and over streets and parking lots, taking with it pollutants from those areas. Grease, oil, gasoline and fertilizers all make their way into our waterways through stormwater runoff, but there are steps that you can do to help minimize this pollution.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP -

- Don't park vehicles on the swale areas if it can be helped and don't park over catch basins.
- Keep catch basins free of trash, debris or other obstructions. NEVER discard paint, oil or other hazardous waste into the storm drains (this is illegal).
- Maintain swale areas in good condition. Don't
 change the shape of swales or obstruct the path of
 stormwater flow. **the swales along the roadways in
 front of your home are designed so that water col lects and filters in swale areas**
- Do not be alarmed if swales hold water for 24-36 hours. They are designed to hold water. Mosquitoes do not breed until water ponds for over 72 hours.
- Schedule your irrigation system timer to prevent constant accumulation of water in your swale.
- Don't deposit yard waste, grass clippings or debris in waterways.
- Prune tree branches and shrubs that hang out over any waterways.

 Avoid fertilizing your lawn before a storm. You lose twice: the fertilizer is washed away, and it washes into the waterbodies.

The City of Weston follows standards set by the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, which is a stormwater permitting program administered by the Environmental Protection Agency. Some of the prevention measures taken by the City on public property include:

- o Regular cleaning of the storm drainage system to reduce the amount of debris that can flow in our waters.
- o Using street sweepers to reduce the sediments reaching our waterways.
- o Side swales on all major collect streets graded so that storm water runoff can flow into the swale area and filter into the ground before entering the drainage system.
- o Vegetation along the banks of waterbodies to assist in filtering pollutants; to help maintain good water quality and provide a habitat for many types of fish and other forms of aquatic life.

For Questions or Additional Information
Call the Weston Public Works Department
954-389-4321



5K Run ★ Parade ★ Attractions for Kids & Adults ★ Music & Dancers ★ Food Vendors

Spectacular Fireworks display by Zambelli International

Wednesday, July 4, 2007

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

Annual Weston Hometown Fourth of July

Celebrating our Nation's Independence.

7:00AM 5K RUN A day of festivities kicks off with the Annual 4th of July Celebration 5K Run, sponsored by the Weston Regional HealthPark and the City of Weston, beginning at 7:00AM 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 −6:45am.
- ★ Age Groups: 8 & under, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, with 5 year age groups to 70 and over.
- ★ Race Route: will begin at the Town Center and go east on Three Village Road to Indian Trace. The race 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, online registration and **downloadable application** with a route map is available online at www.splitsecondtiming.com, go to events, or call the Weston Community Services Department.

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**.

- ★ <u>Categories</u>: Floats, Bands, Marching Units and Commercial entries.
- ★ Theme: "Generations of Freedom"
- ★ <u>Parade Route</u>: Begins at the corner of Three Village Road and Town Center Boulevard, continuing east on Three Village Road to Bonaventure, south to Bell Tower Lane, and through Town Center to wind up on 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 walls, face painters, 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.

2007 FOURTH OF JULY HOMETOWN PARADE

"GENERATIONS OF FREEDOM"

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

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- 1. All entries must be decorated according to the spirit of July 4th and should reflect this year's theme: Generations of Freedom. 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 15, 2007.
- 3. Throwing of candy, novelties or any other item from your float is strictly prohibited. We wish to ensure the safety of our spectators, especially young children.
- 4. Consumption of alcohol is strictly prohibited anywhere along the parade route and in the lineup area. Please help us maintain the family atmosphere of the event.
- 5. Parade route streets used for lineup area will be closed at 10:00 A.M. Lineup begins at 9:30 AM. Surrounding streets will close at 9:30 AM.

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

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

Parade Application Parade categories (circle one): Float Band Marching Unit Commercial Other (specify below) Give a brief description of your entry. Will you be participating in a group activity; singing, dancing, playing music? How much space (in feet) will your entry require? AGREEMENT: The rules of the parade are understood and our group agrees to comply with them. It is understood that our entry will be removed from the parade at any time if the rules are not adhered to. Name: Signature: Group contact: Name Phone Day: Eve: Address: City: Zip Code: Email:

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

ATTN: PARADE

UPCOMING CITY EVENTS

July



Wednesday, July 4 14th Annual Weston Hometown 4th of July Celebration: "Generation's of Freedom"

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

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





Weston Community Center, 954-389-4321. Weston Town Center: Main Street

5:00 - 9:00 p.m. Hometown Celebration

An evening of celebrating for the entire family! Enjoy the 4th of July festivities with music, entertainment, food, bounce houses, a climbing wall, face painters and much more! Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Road1

9:00 p.m. Fireworks

The spectacular grand finale with a fireworks display produced by Zambelli International - a show that is not to be missed! Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Road

Quarterly Bulk Trash Pick Up Wednesday, July 18; Thursday, July 19; July 20

For single family residents, bulk trash pick up will take place on your regularly scheduled pick up day.

*Saturday, July 21

For multi-family units (condominiums & apartment complexes), only.

Bulk trash will be picked up on your regularly scheduled collection day. Simply place bulk trash items at your curbside by 7 a.m. *For residences with dumpster service (multi-family units), place bulk trash items alongside the dumpster.

For more information, please call City Hall at 954-385-2000.



Reminder!

The start date for Broward County Public Schools is:

MONDAY, AUGUST 20TH

Motorists are reminded that School Zone speed limits will be in effect - 15mph







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