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Overcoming Nature's Challenges

By Mayor Eric M. Hersh

Hurricane Wilma has certainly changed the face of Weston but she didn't blow down the spirit of our great City.

I want to thank you for your patience and understanding while we dealt with the problems associated with the storm and subsequent clean-up. Wilma was certainly the worst event ever to affect Weston, and the task of cleaning up, recovering and rebuilding is monumental. We are truly fortunate for two things — first, we had no serious injuries or deaths as a result of the storm; and second, we have been saving money and planning for the past 10 years for such an event. Our

city has significant reserves available which are being used for the clean-up effort and despite this setback, we are still in very sound financial shape.

As we review the storm event as well as our response and issues that were raised, one thing is abundantly clear — communication with our residents is of utmost importance. Our "Code Red" alert system worked exceptionally well. This system allows us to make automated calls with important information to our residents, and is capable of making over 60,000 calls per hour. The glitch is that if your telephone number is unlisted or if you use only a cell phone at

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home, the system might not have your number to call. Therefore, it is very important to note that if you didn't get these "Code Red" calls, please register your phone number on our website at www.westonfl.org. Look under Residents & Visitors, and then Hurricane Information. You will see a "Code Red Sign-Up" link. Please make sure your telephone number is registered so we can effectively communicate with you in the event of any emergency or important public safety announcement.

Rebuilding what was lost in Hurricane Wilma will certainly be a daunting task for all. The individual homeowner associations throughout Weston are going to be faced with large bills for clean-up and replanting. I would recommend that each association do what we intend to do as a City, which is create and adopt a multi-year master rebuilding plan along with a

plan on how to pay for it. Although we would like very much to see quick progress, reacting too quickly could result in mistakes being made which would cause work to be redone and end up costing even more. In addition, we will

work with landscape professionals to attempt to replant more native material that hopefully will hold up better in adverse weather conditions.

I would also caution everyone that there are many "storm chasers" out there attempting to gain work in repairing damage. Many are fair and reputable, but there are people looking to take advantage of those with damage. Make sure contractors are licensed, insured, and reputable. Make certain that where needed, all permits are obtained through the City building department, as this will help protect you in meeting code requirements.

2005 has been a year many of us would like to forget as Mother Nature took its toll on people throughout the world. Wilma's damage will cost millions of dollars in Weston, but with your patience and help, we will recover and be better than ever. On behalf of Commissioner Stermer, Commissioner Chermak, Commissioner Cheren and Commissioner Henriksson, I thank you for your support and encouragement during what was, and still is, a very challenging period. We also want to extend our holiday wishes and a happy new year to you and your families. We look forward to a safe 2006 and beyond.

Eric M. Hersh



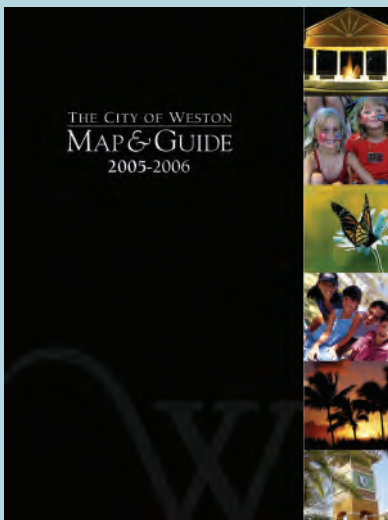
Did you Know That...

...The **Cleveland Clinic** campus in Weston and their other facilities around the nation are now smoke-free. The Cleveland Clinic and Cleveland Clinic Health System are leading by example, as a model of good health and best wellness practices.

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

... After a 30-year campaign for independence, the community of Sandy Springs, Georgia voted overwhelmingly to incorporate, becoming Georgia's 7th largest city. Leaders of the incorporation push were influenced by the model of **Weston, Florida**. They visited our city, their only such trip, and were inspired by what they saw. Former AT&T executive and current Interim City Manager Oliver Porter said his impression of Weston was "beauty of efficiency and responsiveness." Like Weston, when Sandy Springs opens for business on January 1, 2006 its vision is one of as little government as possible.

New Weston Map & Guide



The 2005/2006 City of Weston Map & Guide was mailed to every household in November. The new Map & Guide contains a Weston street map, a city parks chart, and also highlights Weston's recreational services, public safety education and volunteer opportunities, and city contact information. Residents desiring an additional copy or two can pick them up at City Hall or the Weston Community Center.

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A Note From The City Manager

John R. Flint

As we prepare to enter the city's tenth anniversary year, we do so now with a little different view.

We started in September 1996 as an abundantly landscaped hometown community of less than 30,000 known for our stately royal palms and extensively planted buffers along our roadways. We continued this tradition over the years with the development of lush parks and extensive recreational facilities, marquee city entrance-ways, and yet even more landscaping, to become a diverse community of over 62,000, envied for our appearance and accomplishments. This became Weston's norm. How the events of October 24, 2005 changed all that in a matter of but a few hours.

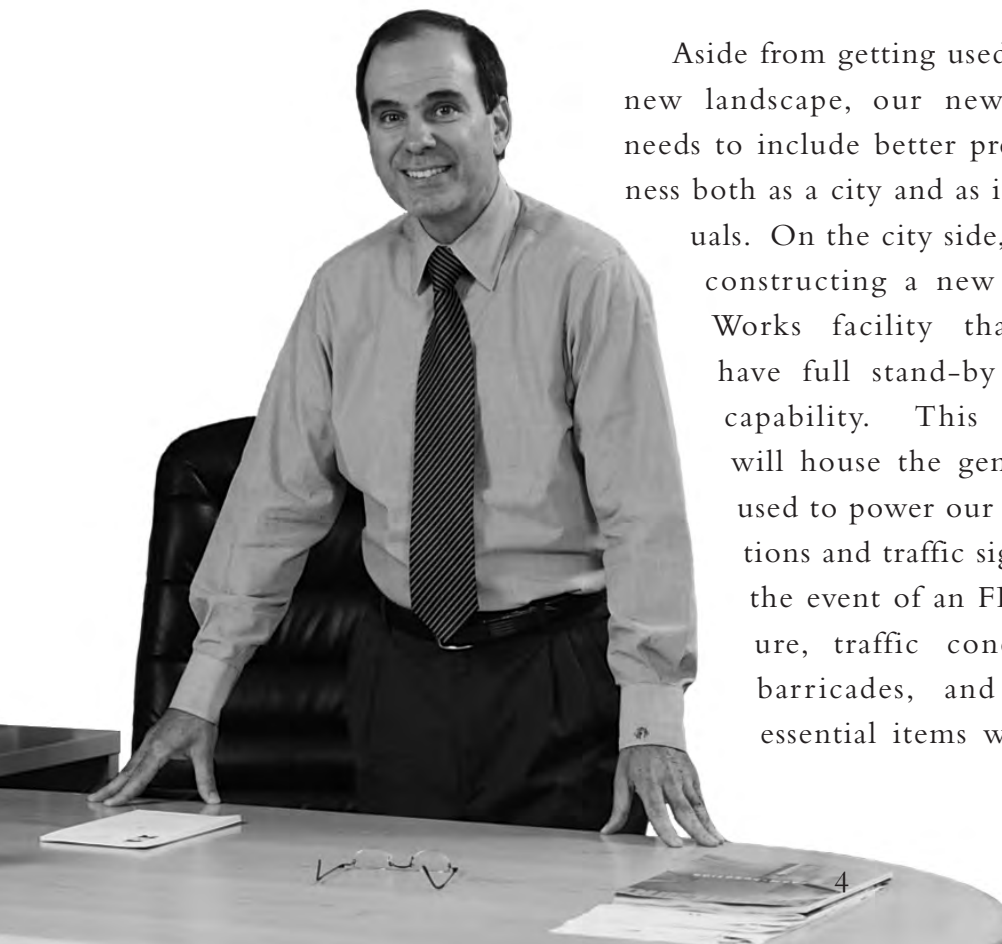
Normal is however, relative. It's what we become used to and comfortable with. In this case, Hurricane Wilma left us little choice but to get used to missing fences, toppled shrubs and trees, intersections without operating traffic signals, kids home from school for two weeks, and for some, a week or more without electricity. We can collect the curbside debris in a relatively short time, but the cutting, pruning and stump removal along the roadsides will take longer and will be a lingering reminder of our brush (no pun intended) with Mother Nature. For us, this is the new norm we must learn to cope with and move on. Others in Broward County, along the Gulf Coast and in the South Pacific, should have been so fortunate.

Aside from getting used to the new landscape, our new norm needs to include better preparedness both as a city and as individuals. On the city side, we are constructing a new Public Works facility that will have full stand-by power capability. This facility will house the generators used to power our lift stations and traffic signals in the event of an FPL failure, traffic cones and barricades, and other essential items within a

storm hardened structure. Included will be a fuel facility to assure an adequate gas and diesel supply for our law enforcement, fire rescue, and essential staff for rapid and continuing response. We will also be constructing our City Hall with full stand-by power capability so that we can perform the business of the city without interruption.

Our new normality needs to extend to our individual preparedness as well. Many of us were fortunate this time to have had electricity throughout the storm event. Each of us needs to be prepared to be without electric and water for extended periods for the next hurricane season, and not count on our supermarkets, drug stores, and restaurants to be open the day after the storm. We need to count on preparedness, not luck.

So our view may be a little different, but our optimism and pride for our city are stronger than ever. What a great way to enter our tenth anniversary year and recover from our recent event with the holiday season upon us. Best wishes for the holidays and for a happy, healthy and well-prepared new year.





Deterring Bike Theft Bicycle Registration

The majority of bicycle thefts are crimes of convenience. Someone will see an unsecured bike, hop on and go to where they want to go. The bike is oftentimes then just left there. Locking a bike to a secure object or placing inside a closed garage is the best safeguard against theft.

REGISTER YOUR BIKE: To greatly increase the chance of having a lost or stolen bike returned, register on-line with the Broward Sheriff's Office **BikeTrack**, which can be accessed through the Sheriff's Office website at www.sheriff.org or you can call our Weston Police Services at 954-389-2010.

Town Foundation Budget Available

The Town Foundation Financial Report and Budget is available to residents at no charge.

Please stop by or call Weston City Hall at 954-385-2000 and one will be provided to you.

Elected Officials

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Exceptional Efforts Produce Exceptional Results

All A's Once Again for Weston Schools

For the second straight year in a row, all ten Broward County Public Schools in Weston received an A grade in Florida's A+ Plan for Education. This exceptional accomplishment was proudly recognized by the Weston City Commission on October 17th as a crystal book award was presented to each school and each principal.

Weston officials are extremely gratified each year to be able to thank Weston's schools, principals and staff for their hard work and dedication each and every day on behalf of Weston's children, and the

efforts of the children and parents who work so hard toward this accomplishment.

Congratulations

Chancellor Charter School at Weston
Country Isles Elementary School
Eagle Point Elementary School
Everglades Elementary School
Gator Run Elementary School
Indian Trace Elementary School
Manatee Bay Elementary School
Falcon Cove Middle School
Tequesta Trace Middle School
Cypress Bay High School

Three schools in Weston were also listed among the "Top 100 Schools in the State of Florida" by the Department of Education based on their FCAT scores. Selected from 2,600 schools statewide only four other schools in all of Broward County were selected besides the three in Weston. The schools named to the prestigious list are: ***Chancellor Charter School at Weston, Eagle Point Elementary and Everglades Elementary.***



Elected Officials

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS (Continued)

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Christmas Tree Curbside Pick-up

Weston residents residing in single-family homes with curbside garbage collection may place their Christmas trees at the curb for collection along with their regular garbage collection.

Dates: December 27, 2005 through
January 30, 2006

Christmas Tree Recycling

Help the environment while providing much needed mulch for the County park system. Take your holiday tree to Markham Park where it will be chipped into mulch and used in the parks system. All decorations and lights must be removed.

Dates: December 26, 2005 until
January 18, 2006

Location: Markham Park 16001
W. State Rd. 84, 954-389-2000
(Weston Road at State Road 84) .



Fun-Filled Festival

Around the World in Weston

On Sunday, January 29, 2006 from 11am to 5pm, Weston's Town Center Park will be transformed into an international marketplace as the Around the World in Weston Festival fills the area with a celebration of cultures.

Different displays of art, exotic crafts, jewelry, typical costumes and other items that represent a multitude of cultures from around the world will be presented. Live entertainment will entertain visitors throughout the day. Ethnic foods will be available and children's activities for all ages will be ready to be enjoyed and an art gallery from student art work will be on display. Come out and enjoy a wonderful family day of fun.

2006 Homestead Application Pre-Filings Taken at Weston Community Center

All Florida residents are eligible for a Homestead Exemption on their residence, which provides a tax-saving exemption on the first \$25,000 of the assessed value of an owner-occupied residence.

Representatives of the Broward County Property Appraiser's Office will be at the Weston Community Center (20200 Saddle Club Road, inside the Regional Park), from 6:00PM to 7:30PM on the following dates:

Monday, January 23, 2006

Monday, February 27, 2006

To file you will need to bring with you:

Warranty Deed for the residence

Florida Voter's Registration or
Declaration of Domicile

Florida Driver's License

Florida Car Registration

Non U.S. Citizens: Permanent Visa or
Political Asylum Documentation

Know the social security number of each owner
(do not need the card)

Know the date of occupancy and
date of permanent Florida residence

For additional information, go to the Broward County Property Appraiser's website at www.bcpa.net or please call 954-357-6830.

Official City Meetings

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

VIEW MEETINGS

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

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

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

City Commission
7:00 pm

Monday, December 5, 2005

Tuesday, January 17, 2006

Monday, February 6, 2006

Tuesday, February 21, 2006

Monday, March 6, 2006

Planning & Zoning Advisory Board
6:30 pm

2nd & 4th Mondays

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

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Weston Deputies Kari Pallotto and John Rall of the BSO Dive Rescue Team prepare in Weston waters for dive rescue operations.

Dive Rescue Services

To be provided by Weston Deputies

Public Safety Dive Rescue Services will be provided by specially trained and certified Broward Sheriff’s Office deputies assigned to Weston. Through an agreement reached with the Sheriff’s Office a minimum of three Deputy Sheriffs certified as Public Safety Divers (as established by Dive Rescue International) will be equipped and assigned to duty in the City at all times. Law enforcement officers are first to arrive on the scene of an incident, enabling divers to come to the aid of individuals trapped under water in our lakes and canals in car or boating accidents, as well as rescuing those who may have accidentally fallen into the water.

Weston has a beautiful and extensive system of water bodies. While aesthetically and environmentally beneficial for the entire community, water can also be deadly in accident situations. In such emergencies, responding Rescue Divers have the professional equipment and expertise to enter the water to perform an underwater extrication or rescue without jeopardizing their own safety.

The Dive Rescue program will include 15 members of the BSO Dive Team, each assigned to Weston and trained in Advanced Dive Rescue. Their equipment, contained within their vehicles, will consist of SCUBA gear including Aga full-face masks, fins, snorkel, tanks and buoyancy vest. With this specialized equipment divers can communicate both diver to diver, and diver to surface. A multi-channel underwater telephone system designed for professional search and rescue teams is utilized. The deputy on land simply lowers a transducer cable into the same water body as the diver, enabling communication via a hand-held microphone, while divers can coordinate with one another. This service will provide Weston residents and visitors with an added level of protection.

The personnel of District VIII-Weston are looking forward to providing this additional public safety program, further enhancing Weston’s response and rescue capabilities.



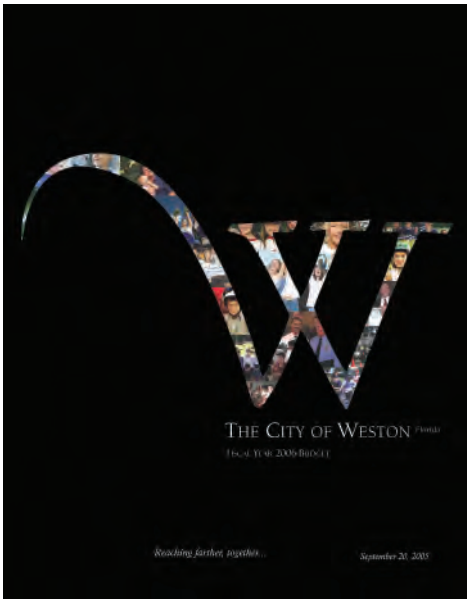
Fifth Year of Bringing Weston Educators Together



This was the fifth year that Weston hosted and received unanimous participation at a luncheon inviting every school principal in Weston, from both public and private institutions, going up to grade twelve. On this occasion, principals and administrators are invited and asked to bring along a student so that the City can also get the youthful perspective.

The luncheon provides a relaxed and open environment for school principals to meet with city officials and staff, to not only communicate their needs, but to put a face with a title so that our educators become on a first name basis with staff members.

An enjoyable and informative afternoon, the luncheon serves to strengthen already established partnerships and to provide an insight into the City's resources that are available to schools in Weston.



Weston Approves 2006 Final Budget

Again - Property Tax Rate Remains the Same, with Increased Services

10.45% increase over last year, primarily due to annual increases in City agreements with service providers, and revenue from a proposed borrowing for capital projects. The annual fire protection fee increased \$14.82 to \$220.76 which is assessed for each single and multi-family unit within the City.

utable to the growth in value of existing properties. When looking at taxable value on a per property basis, Weston is clearly ranked among the highest in the county. Property for property, Weston's properties achieve some of the highest values.

For the ninth year in a row, Weston will maintain the same ad valorem (property tax) rate of 1.5235 for each \$1,000 of assessed value. The City Commission adopted the 2006 budget with expenditures of \$101,318,444, a

The value of Weston properties continues to climb. This year the value of property within the City grew 11.96% for Fiscal Year 2006 over the prior year, with only 2.34% of this amount attributable to new properties; 9.62% is attrib-

The 2006 Budget sets out the resources to complete our goals and objectives for the upcoming year. Residents can view a copy of the budget on our city website at www.westonfl.org and can also view a video presentation summarizing Weston's plans for the 2006 Budget.

Summary of Projects and Services

Weston residents and its business community can look forward to the following:

- No increase in the ad valorem tax rate
- Five additional BSO Deputies for Zone Patrol
- Additional bleachers at Cypress Bay Stadium
- New Building Code Services provider
- Signalize the intersection of South Post Road and SW 36th Street
- Signal design for Bonaventure Boulevard/Blatt Boulevard
- New street lighting system on Emerald Estates Drive
- Construction of a City Hall building
- Construction of Library Park
- Replacement of the City's traffic signage system
- Reconstruction of Three Village Road & Country Isles Road
- Landscaping & curbing on South Post Road
- Landscaping & curbing on Blatt Boulevard
- Reduction of many Indian Trace assessments

Our goal for Fiscal Year 2006 is to implement the 2015 Strategic Value and Business Plans, to implement a capital projects program that will make significant infrastructure improvements throughout the City, and to propose changes to Florida law that will best enhance the quality of life for our residents and businesses. We will continue to build upon our past goals and successes and to continue to add value to the City in everything we do.

“Reaching farther, together...”

View Weston's 2006 Budget Presentation on our website at www.westonfl.org. This 13-minute video is an enjoyable summary presentation of the budget's fiscal and capital improvement components.

Also available on the website for your reading is the City Manager's Budget Message.

The City is continuing to work with the Arena Development Corporation toward an agreement to provide for the financing, construction, operation and management of an ice and sports arena to be located at the north end of Vista Park.





L-R: Commissioner Daniel Stermer, Commissioner Sharon Cheren, Budget Director Michal Szymonowicz, Mayor Eric Hersh, Commissioner Mercedes Henriksson, and Commissioner Murray Chermak.

Winning Ways

Awards for Efforts in Communicating Budget and Accomplishments

For the third year in a row, the City Commission and Weston's Budget Director Michal Szymonowicz proudly accepted receipt of the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. The City's record is currently "three for three," receiving recognition each year that the City has submitted

the annual budget for consideration. This year's award was for the fiscal year budget beginning October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005. To receive the award, the budget document must meet program criteria including:

- Serving as a Policy Document
- Serving as a Financial Plan
- Serving as an Operations Guide; and
- Serving as a Communications Device.



2003 Performance Report wins 3CMA Award

Competing against cities around the nation, the City of Weston 2003 Performance Report was honored with the City County Communications and Marketing

Association's (3CMA) Silver Circle Award on August 25th in Atlanta, Georgia. The Silver Circle Award represents second place honors in the Annual Report category competing against entries with populations from 41,000 to 80,000.

The judges' comments regarding the Performance Report: "Weston has come up with another beautiful piece. The photos are clean and crisp, the statistics add much to the publication, and the white space makes it so easy to read. Congratulations on a good looking report."

Each year the Performance Report is designed to be reflective not only of the style of the community itself, but of the past year's mood, its activities, its events and most importantly, its accomplishments. A performance report can be equated to a report card - in this case the report chronicles departmental performance and achievement and presents a concise view of the financial results of the annual audit in both an informative and imaginative fashion.



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Weston Community Happenings...

1,2. Weston elementary kids learn about Fire Safety, 3. Weston Tennis Center summer tennis lessons in full swing, 4. Weston Mayor and Commissioners award Herzig and Payne awards 5. Weston Bulldogs receive certificates 6. Boy Scouts 7. Weston Night Out helps to make sure your child's car seat is inspected and installed properly. 8. Weston's Night out is a fun time for all.



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City Contacts

Emergency Police/Fire/EMS <i>Emergencia Policia/Bomberos/Auxilio Médico</i>	911 911	Weston Sports Alliance / <i>Alianza Deportiva de Weston</i> Sports League Information & Registration See City website www.westonfl.org for individual phone numbers for each league.	954-389-4321
City Hall / <i>Oficinas Municipales</i> 2500 Weston Road, Suite 101	954-385-2000	Weston Tennis Center 16451 Racquet Club Road	954-389-8666
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Police Administration / <i>Policia Administración</i> Weston Police Services Building, 17300 Arvida Parkway	954-389-2010	Problems / <i>Problemas</i> Bonaventure area of Weston	954-846-7400
24 Hour Information / <i>Información las 24 horas</i>	954-389-2010	After hours and weekends for Bonaventure	954-846-7400
Weston Traffic Unit / <i>Weston Unidad de Tráfico</i>	954-389-2016	Indian Trace area (all areas except Bonaventure)	954-389-4321
Crime Prevention / <i>Prevención del Crimen</i>	954-389-2030	After hours and weekends for Indian Trace	954-753-0380
Code Enforcement / <i>Aplicación de Reglamentos</i>	954-389-2067	Garbage / <i>Desecho</i> All Service Refuse-Customer Service	954-583-1830
Fire Department Administration / <i>Bomberos - Administración</i> Station No. 81, 17350 Arvida Parkway	954-389-2015	Cable Advanced Cable (Channel #25 for City Information)	954-753-0100
Planning & Zoning / <i>Planeamiento y Zonificación</i> Calvin Giordano & Associates	954-921-7781	Comcast Cable (Channel #78 for City Information)	800-568-1212
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		Broward County Environmental Hotline <i>/Linea sobre Asuntos Ambientales</i>	954-519-1400
		Broward County Library Weston Reading Center <i>/Biblioteca</i> 17120 Arvida Parkway	954-389-2098
		* Opening in Early 2006: Weston Branch Library 4205 Bonaventure Boulevard	

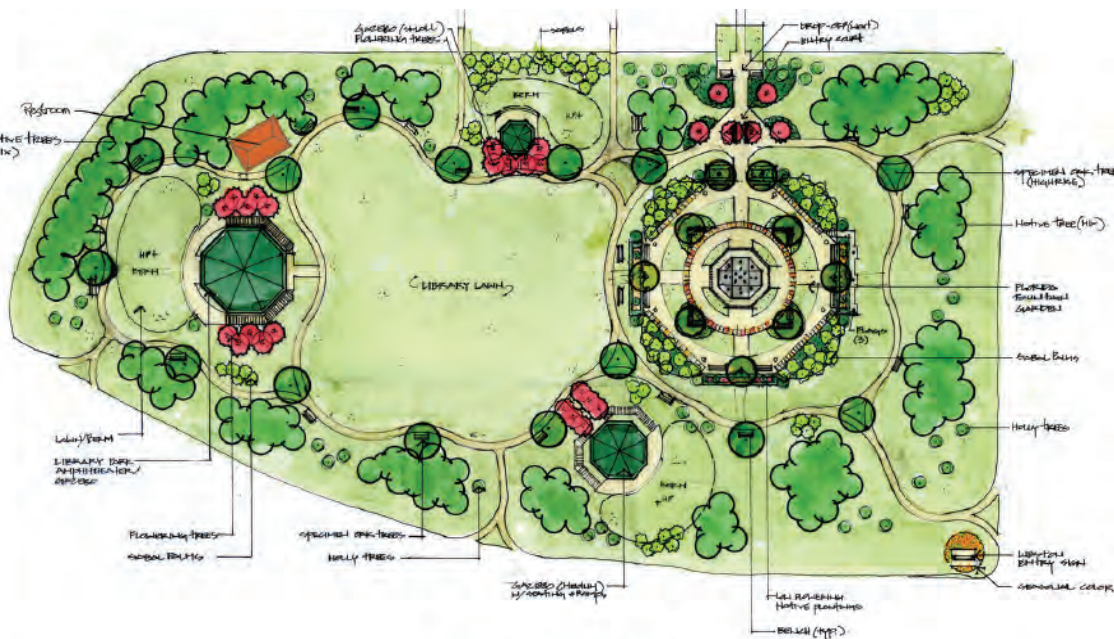
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Family YMCA



Tequesta Park



Library Park

The Parks Report

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

Weston Regional Park - Family YMCA - Located inside the Weston Regional Park, this \$7.5 million, 42,000+ square-foot facility IS OPEN and provides a wealth of recreational and educational programs. The YMCA welcomes area residents to its incredible facilities. Membership is required. For information please call 954-424-9622.

Meeting Room & Storage Facility - This new building, located next to the soccer fields, is now complete.

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

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

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

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

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

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Stepping Out

FREE CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Sponsored by The City of Weston

HOLIDAY CHORAL & MUSICAL CONCERT – FIU

Chorus, guest soloists & FIU Brass Group
Friday, December 9, 2005 | 8pm-10pm
Weston Town Center Park Amphitheater

FIU MARCHING BAND DRUM LINE & WINTER GUARD and THE FIU WIND ENSEMBLE

Friday, February 24, 2006 | 8pm-10pm
The Weston Regional Park

No rain dates

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

ORCHESTRA PERFORMANCES

Sponsored by The City of Weston &
The Weston Philharmonic Society

SYMPHONY OF THE AMERICAS POPS CONCERT

Saturday, February 11, 2006 | 8pm-10pm performance
Maestro James Brooks-Bruzzese, Artistic Director
Popular selections performed by full orchestra
with two fabulous vocalists.
The Cypress Bay Theater | Tickets: \$20 adults / \$5 students

SYMPHONY OF THE AMERICAS with VOVKA ASHKENAZY on piano

Saturday, March 25, 2006 | 8pm-10pm performance
Maestro James Brooks-Bruzzese, Artistic Director
Performing the Grieg Piano Concerto and
other works by Verdi and Bizet.
The Cypress Bay Theater | Tickets: \$20 adults / \$5 students

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

CHILDREN'S THEATER

Sponsored by The City of Weston

RUMPLESTILTSKIN

Sunday, January 15, 2006 | 1:30pm performance
A theatrical and musical presentation by Stages Productions
based on the classic tale by the Brothers Grimm.
The Cypress Bay Theater | Tickets: \$5

SNOW WHITE

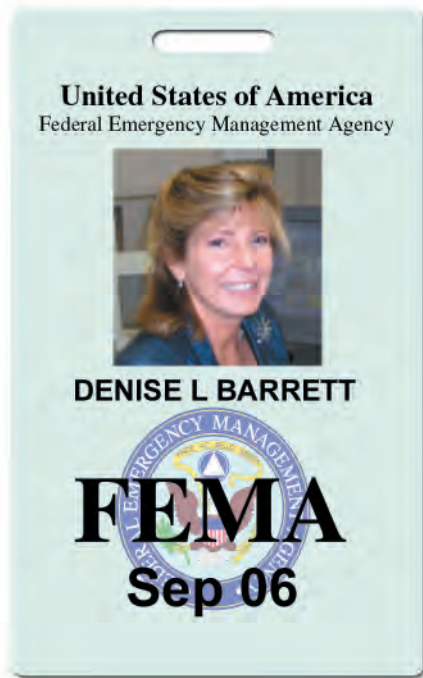
Sunday, April 23, 2006 | 1:30pm performance
A theatrical and musical presentation by Stages Productions
offering plenty of singing, dancing and laughs galore through-
out the enticing journey of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.
The Cypress Bay Theater | Tickets: \$5

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

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

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WESTON Extends a helping hand

Communications director on loan to FEMA

ive. An email on a Friday afternoon containing her resume resulted in a phone call at 6pm that same Friday asking her to be in Atlanta on Sunday morning. Packing for the worst (sleeping bag and bug repellent) Barrett arrived in Atlanta to learn she had been tapped to work with FEMA's Region IV Headquarters opening a Joint Information Center in Atlanta to support all public affairs activities focused on state and local efforts of Mississippi, Alabama, North Carolina and Georgia.

During her ten day stay, Denise was assigned to Research & Writing, developing Public Service Announcements for radio and television, and press releases to provide disaster victims with (accurate, timely, consistent and easy-to-understand) simple information about disaster response, recovery and mitigation operations. Arriving in Atlanta on September 11th there was an urgency to get information to victims on how to find lost relatives and to register with FEMA for disaster aid. She learned very quickly that in times of disaster, information can be as important as food, water and shelter and that providing a coordinated message to the public is of critical importance. Denise (wanted to make it very clear that she) in no way felt what she did compared in any way to the efforts of rescue or relief workers but rather was thankful that her professional skills allowed her to offer assistance. Asked if she would do it again, the answer was a resounding YES.

The City of Weston is proud to have participated in assisting with Hurricane Katrina relief efforts

After the destruction inflicted by Hurricane Katrina on the Gulf Coast states, the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) put out a request for assistance from qualified Public Information Officers, particularly those with emergency management backgrounds. The request came through the City County Communications and Marketing Association (3CMA) of which Weston's Communication Director, Denise Barrett is a member.

The request was a perfect opportunity for Denise who, like many of us, desperately wanted to help in some way. Restrictions on volunteering included the need for the volunteers' home governmental agency to continue paying their salary, and for volunteers to be ready to be deployed to some very remote locations with primitive conditions. When she asked City Manager John Flint if the City would consider supporting these conditions, he was unconditionally support-

Weston Website gets annual style update

NEW LOOK MATCHES CITY PERFORMANCE REPORT

The City of Weston website at www.westonfl.org has received its yearly style update to reflect to look of the City's annual Performance Report.

Weston continues to add additional features, such as our online Occupational License Renewal, and a fabulous new feature whereby residents can track their building permit throughout the lifecycle of the permit and contractors can apply for permits on-line, request inspections and manage properties. Weston's contract administrative services provider, Severn Trent Services, designed and maintains the site.



The Community Center at the Weston Regional Park Children/Youth Programs

Drawing for Children (Ages 8-11) Tues 4:30-6pm. Rolande Moorhead teaches the basics of art as well as art history. Young students will learn how to draw basic shapes into familiar objects, and learn how to create art and how to see, rather than just looking. Self-expression through art. **Cost is \$115/6 weeks. Next session runs from 11/29 to 1/3 and then 1/10 to 2/13.**

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

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

High Touch-High Tech Science Program (Ages K-5) Tues 3:30-4:30pm. High Touch-High Tech provides totally hands-on, totally participatory science experiences for each and every child. These unique programs are designed to stimulate the imagination and curiosity of children in the sciences. This program includes the mysteries of light, biology, gravity and much more! **Cost \$150/8 weeks. Next session runs 12/6 to 2/7 and then 12/14 to 4/4. For more information call 954-755-2900.**

Karate Wed 6-7pm (Ages 6-8) and 7-8pm (Ages 9+). Provide your child with the ability to defend themselves and react with confidence. David Schopp, 3rd degree Black Belt in Goju Karate, will teach your children the basic principles of self-defense, fighting, weaponry and forms. **Cost \$100/3 months. Sessions begin 1/1/06. Limited Space Available.**

Kindermusik Village with Miss Alyson Wed, 9:30-10:15 & 10:30-11:15 (newborn-18mo.) Nurture your baby's cognitive, emotional, social and physical development through music and movement. Give your child a great musical beginning. **Cost \$100/8 weeks. At home kit: \$32. Call Miss Alyson for more information at 954-389-8840. Check to confirm date prior to orientation if you have not registered for class yet. "Cock-a-doodle Moo": Orientation 1/4 classes begin 1/11. "Dewdrops": Orientation 3/15 classes begin 3/22. Min. Enrollment is 12 children.**

Kindermusik "Our Time" Mon 9:30-10:30am and 10:30am-11:30 am. (Age 18 mo-3 yrs) Songs & activities promote interaction between parent and child gently empowering the parent to act as teacher in a friendly environment. **Cost \$200/10 weeks plus \$60 at home kit fee. Special needs children welcome. Class resumes in January. Call Miss Pam at 954-252-1417 for registration information and dates.**

Superstars Dance and Baton Thurs 4:00-5:00 (beg ages 5-7), 5:00-6:00 (beg ages 8-12), 6:00-7:00 (Shooting Star). One hour classes separated by age and ability. A combination of hip-hop, baton twirling, cheerleading and pom-poms. Children develop balance, grace and flexibility. Wendy Russell is an award winning, professional choreographer. **Cost \$40/month. (Plus \$25 registration fee and \$20 baton required.) Monthly fee includes unlimited classes at locations around Broward County.**

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

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

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

The Community Center at the Weston Regional Park Children/Youth Programs

Mini Maestros *Wed 1:30-2:15pm (ages 3-5)*. The experts say that music increases your child's cognitive thinking, spatial relations and math skills. Mini Maestros is a high-energy music class specifically designed to do just that. Class offers creative lessons, intended to teach the essential musical skills your budding musician will need. Weekly, the students will bring a classic children's story to life using an assortment of musical instruments, songs and rhymes. **Cost is \$56/month. Call Ms Shorey: (754) 422-8668.**

Moms-and-Tots *Mon 9:30-11am & Wed 9:30-11:00 am (Años 2-4)* Vengan y conozcan a otras mamás y sus niños en este programa de 90 minutos lleno de diversion y aprendizaje. Diseñado específicamente para los más pequeños (2-4 años). Disfrutarán mucho! **\$10 cada clase/día. Para mayor informacion y horas y disponibilidad llama a Maru Arnott a 954-385-3804 ó 954-240-2303. Las proximas sesiones 12/5, 2/6 y 3/27.**

Baby Signs - "Sing, Say and Play" *Fri 9:30-10:20am (ages 6 months to 2 years)*. During this six week course, parents and children will learn a variety of Baby Signs. The curriculum highlights signs that are most important to everyday life and teaches signing through fun games, songs and activities. The Sign, Say and Play class also reinforces important language, cognitive, and social/emotional skills as well as bringing families together. **Cost is \$90 for 6 weeks plus \$55 at home kit. Please call Miss Dawn at 954-272-6070 for more details.**

Tumblebears *Thu 10:15-11:00 am (ages 2-4)*. Moms and tots will do fun movement songs, prop activities (such as scarves, ribbons, and parachutes) and learn how to tumble along with an obstacle course. Attire: Sneakers and comfortable clothes. **Cost is \$35/month. For more information call Joy at 954-971-9917.**

Kidokinetics *Tue 4:45-5:30pm (ages 3-5) & Tue 5:30-6:30pm (ages 5-10) & Sat 9:45-10:30am*. Kidokinetics is an exciting and unique program developed to improve and enhance boys' and girls' sports and fitness. Our fun-filled classes include activities that enhance and develop motor skills, physical fitness and

improve self-confidence. Kidokinetics teaches the basics of every sport and other important physical exercises, enabling children to feel competent when playing different sports. Activities include soccer, hockey, tennis, basketball, volleyball, polo, golf, t-ball, football, hula-hoops and lots more. Led by experienced coaches, our classes take place in a safe and fun environment. Classes meet at Shelter #1.

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

Kidokinetics Jr. *Tue 4:00-4:45 pm (ages 2-3)*. Kidokinetics Jr. provides a high energy, active class for your little ones. Introducing them to sports and making fitness fun while setting the pace for them in years to come. Kidokinetics Jr. will help develop your child's coordination, concentration, and motor skills, while having fun in a safe, non-competitive environment. Activities include soccer, hockey, basketball, hula hoops, bean bag skills, football, tennis, t-ball, obstacle courses, golf, and much more. For more information call Terri at 954-385-8511 or go to www.Kidokinetics.com. Classes meet at Shelter #1.

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

****New** from Kidokinetics: Daddy and Me Sports** *Sat 9:00-9:45am*. We all know that Dads love to play sports and workout with their kids. This class is a high energy, active class with your little ones. Introducing them to sports and making fitness fun while setting the pace for them in years to come. Daddy and Me will help develop your child's coordination, concentration, and motor skills, while having fun in a safe, non competitive environment. Every week focuses on a different sport. To register for all Kidokinetics classes, please call Terri at 954-385-8511. Class meets at the Community Center.

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

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

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Dramantics! *Fri 4:15-5:15 pm (ages 7-8).* Students engage in the theatrical process through acting exercises designed to increase concentration, free the imagination and increase confidence. Movement for the stage, character development and improvisation techniques are used to help students develop a script based on a value laden folktale. A class presentation will be held the last day of class. Class runs 1/6/06 to 4/7/06. **Cost is \$210.00. To register, call Robin Braun at 954-385-3060.**

Model's Workshop *Thurs 5:45-7:00pm (ages 9 and up).* This program is developed to help strengthen each child's self-esteem, confidence, and bring positive issues into their lives. Topics include personal development, make up, fashion coordination, communication, social awareness, nutrition, manners, table etiquette and runway modeling. **Cost is \$200/6 weeks. Call Ms Jeanette @ 954-217-6978.**

Musical Theatre Production Class *Sun 4:00-7:00 pm (4th - 6th grade students).* This class focuses on training in acting, voice and movement with a rehearsal period that leads to a performance of one of our original musicals. Instruction includes traditional Stanislavski techniques, improvisation, and character development. No experience necessary, however, students are expected to be committed and work at the highest level of professionalism. Class runs 1/8/06 to 4/9/06. **Cost is \$395.00. To register, call Robin Braun at 954-385-3060.**

Teen Performance Workshop *Sun 6:30-9:00 pm (7th - 9th grade students).* Using improvisation techniques, Broadway songs and scene work, students will help write and perform a show based on a social issue relevant to their lives. After an initial brainstorming session where students choose a theme for the show, they will engage in the process of creating ideas, characters, play structure, and choosing appropriate musical pieces that will tie their show together. Class runs 1/8/06 to 4/2/06. **Cost is \$375.00. To register, call Robin Braun at 954-385-3060.**

Young Rembrandts *Sat 10-11am (ages 3 1/2-6 and 7-13)* Young Rembrandts step by step techniques stimulate certain parts of the brain that develop and strengthen you child's skills. We give children information and they add their own creativity. Children explore a variety of mediums such as drawing, pastel, cartooning, art history, famous illustrators and color techniques. Session runs 11/5-12/17, 11/14-2/25 and then 3/4-4/29. **Cost is \$84.00 (6 weeks) \$98.00 (7 weeks) or \$112.00 (8 weeks) and includes all materials. For more information call Sandra at 305-252-1531.**

SAT Preparation *(Age 15-20) Tues (7:00-9:30pm) or Sun (1:30-4:00pm)* This comprehensive course prepares students for all facets of the College Board exam. Class not only thoroughly reviews content of what is tested but also exposes students to numerous insightful strategies for scoring well on the SAT. Jeff Steinberg, the instructor, has specialized in developing and instructing SAT preparation courses since 1990 (including for the University of Miami). Students are assured of receiving expert instruction (the average increase in scores is 200 points), while paying less than half of what some commercial courses charge. To enroll in this course, please contact Mr. Steinberg directly at (954) 478-0792. **Cost is \$395 for 8 week, 20 hour course (including text and materials). Next session starts 1/29 (Sun) or 1/31 (Tues) for April 1st test.**

Playball *Mon & Wed 4:00-5:00 (3 years) and 5:00-6:00 (4-5 years)* Playball is an international child development company that has taught character education and instilled self-esteem through non-competitive sport since 1982. Playball is a safe, fun, creative and structured atmosphere where coaches build our students' confidence through positive reinforcement. Class meets at Tequesta Trace Park. Contact Adrian Cardenas @ 954-612-8595. **Cost is \$140 for 10 weeks. Program starts 11/14 and 11/16 then every ten weeks.**

The Community Center at the Weston Regional Park Adult Programs

Art/Multi-Media *Tues 6-9pm* Acclaimed artist Rolande Moorhead teaches all skill levels in the mediums of their choosing including oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, painting and charcoal drawing. With individual attention, students explore their creative potential. **Cost \$175/6 weeks. Class runs from 11/15-12/20 and then 12/27-1/31.**

Karate *Wed 8-9:30pm* Come get in shape and learn to defend yourself at the same time. David Schopp, 3rd degree Black Belt in Goju Karate, will teach all ages and levels the skills of fighting, forms, weaponry, and self-defense. **Cost \$100/3 months. Session begins 1/1/06.**

The Community Center at the Weston Regional Park Adult Programs

Weston 55+ Club The Weston 55+ Club was founded in 2001 by a group of eager men and women. We have grown into a large group who enjoys each others company at club activities and outings as well as social gatherings outside the Weston 55+ Club. For more information call Dottie at 349-6029. **Cost \$30/person for a year long membership.**

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

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

Boot Camp "Boxing" *Tues & Thurs 10-11am* Coach Victor Sanchez, trainer to current USBA Welterweight Champ David Estrada, has developed this personal training program. Participants will burn fat, improve cardiovascular health, increase strength and flexibility, and relieve stress and much more. Classes consist of 4-8 people. **Cost is \$15/class. Classes forming now. For more details contact Coach Victor at 954-548-5419. Ask about his 1/2 hour free trial class.**

Watercolor Painting *Fri 10am-1pm* Award winning watercolorist Rolande Moorhead teaches the vocabulary of colors, shapes, composition and preliminary drawing. All skill levels. **Cost \$175/6 weeks. Next session runs from 11/18-12/30 and then 1/6-2/10.**

Stroller Strides Stroller Strides is a stroller fitness class where mom can workout with her baby. It's a great way to get in shape, be with your baby and meet other moms! The classes consist of a 50 minute Power Walk combined with body sculpting exercises using exercise tubing, the stroller and the environment. The classes will accommodate all levels of exerciser. Classes held at Regional Park, Tequesta Trace Park, and Vista Park. **Costs start at \$15/class (multiple class packages available; ie \$2.40/class with a monthly membership). For more info call 888-868-4763 or go to www.strollerstrides.net/Weston.**

International Moms *Fri 5:00-7:00pm* International Moms aims to bring together young mothers of different backgrounds, cultures, nationalities, religion and history. We get to know each other, learn from each other, and exchange ideas

and experiences. We promote Unity in Diversity and teach our children by example. Children are welcome as they will have time to play and receive lessons on tolerance, respect, politeness, kindness, etc. **Cost is \$10 per mom which includes snacks and drinks. For questions call Sherry Eshraghi at 954-384-7993. Sessions held 12/2, 1/6, 2/3, 3/3 and 4/7.**

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 \$95/6 weeks. Classes start 1/7, 2/25, 4/15. Susan Claire - 954-349-5969.**

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

AARP's 55 Alive/Mature Driving Program an 8 hour course is a classroom refresher course in safe driving. The course is designed especially for older motorists dealing with age related physical changes. The course is available to anyone 50 and over. **The fee for the course is \$10.00.** A reduction in automobile insurance premium is allowed to each person 55 and over, by all insurance companies when the course is completed and the driver has a safe driving record. Advance registration is required. Call Sonny at 954-385-9920. Class will be held at the Weston Community Center. Next class will be on 1/10 & 1/11, 2/14 & 2/15, and 3/14 & 3/15 from 9:00-1:00pm.

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

Features in the New Family YMCA:

- Gymnasium - for indoor youth sports & adult and family leagues
- Wellness Center
- Aquatics Center - swim lessons, lap swim, family recreation & special needs
- Family Water Park
- Youth/Family Adventure Center
- Day Care & Nursery
- Senior Programming - wellness, recreation & social outlet
- Aerobics and Dance Studio - yoga, Pilates, cycling & group classes
- Climbing Wall & Traverse Wall
- Outdoor Playground
- Teen Center - wholesome teen activities & leadership opportunities
- Computer Lab
- Meeting Rooms
- Outdoor Café and Indoor Coffee Bar

The YMCA has built a unique recreational and instructional facility designed to meet the needs of everyone in our community.



YMCA IS OPEN

IN THE HEART OF THE WESTON REGIONAL PARK

The Weston Regional Park, the heartbeat of athletic activities in the City, received a direct infusion of excitement as the newly opened YMCA brings it up to yet another level. Already bustling with sports leagues consisting of hundreds of participants on any given evening, and a Community Center bursting at the seams with dozens of classes and activities, the park is now home to the 42,500 square-foot Family YMCA.

The City of Weston provided the land while the YMCA, in return, constructed the \$7.5 million building, which broke ground on October 28, 2003. The new YMCA will also include an outdoor aquatic center, still currently under construction, made possible by a \$1.5 million grant from SWIM Central. The Olympic-sized pool will be used to teach hundreds of school age children to swim each year at no cost.

Free Saturday Night Movies in the Park

The City of Weston Presents
MAROONE MOONLIGHT MOVIES IN THE PARK

Weston Regional Park
20200 Saddle Club Road

Feature presentations begin at 7:30PM

Sat., December 10, 2005	“A CHRISTMAS STORY”
Sat., January 7, 2006	“SON OF THE MASK”
Sat., February 11, 2006	“HARRY POTTER – PRISONER OF AZKABAN”
Sat., March 11, 2006	“DR. SEUSS’ CAT IN THE HAT”
Sat., April 15, 2006	“LEMONY SNICKET’S A SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE EVENTS”

Kids under 12 must be accompanied by an adult

Free Saturday Night Movies in the Park

Bring lawn chairs or blankets for movie night in the park. These full-length feature films are projected onto a giant inflatable screen. Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase.

Kick back and relax - the movies are on us

Sponsored by The City of Weston & Maroone Auto Nation
Produced by the Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival
For information call the Weston Community Center at 954-389-4321

WESTON COMMUNITY NIGHT

Come see Mayor Hersh drop the puck!



FLORIDA PANTHERS VS. NEW JERSEY DEVILS

Friday, January 27th
BankAtlantic Center
7:30pm

Lower Level Tickets Only \$25★
Upper Level Tickets only \$15★

★ Proceeds to benefit the West Broward YMCA in Weston

Call Brian (954)835-7206

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Card # _____
Name on Card _____ Signature: _____

• Tickets based on availability •

FAX orders to Brian Levine (954) 835-7200

Mail to: Florida Panthers, Attn: Brian Levine

One Panther Parkway, Sunrise, FL 33323

• Offer not Available at Box office •

Calendar of Events

UPCOMING EVENTS IN WESTON

December | January | February | March

DECEMBER

Fri., Dec. 9
8-10 pm

FIU Holiday Concert

The FIU Chorus with guest soloists and the FIU brass group perform holiday music for a festive evening. Bring lawn chairs and blankets for this free outdoor concert, part of the 2005/2006 Weston Performing Arts Series.

Weston Town Center Amphitheater
1800 Bell Tower Lane
954-389-4321
FREE EVENT

Sat. Dec. 17
7:30pm

The City of Weston Presents Maroone Moonlight Movies in the Park

“A Christmas Story” Bring lawn chairs & blankets and enjoy a free movie under the stars projected onto a giant inflatable screen. Snacks & drinks available for purchase. Kids under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

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

Sun., Dec. 18
1-4pm

SunTrust Sunday Jazz Festival

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

Weston Town Center
Main Street
954-349-8123

Jan. 15

Martin Luther King Jr. Day



JANUARY 2006

Sat., Jan. 7
7:30pm

The City of Weston Presents Maroone Moonlight Movies in the Park

“Son of the Mask” Bring lawn chairs & blankets and enjoy a free movie under the stars projected onto a giant inflatable screen. Snacks & drinks available for purchase. Kids under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

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

Sun., Jan. 15
1:30pm

Rumpelstiltskin

Performed by Stages Productions. Join the Queen, the Prince, the Miller and his daughter as they match wits with the original man of mystery in this new musical based on the classic Brothers Grimm tale.

Cypress Bay Theater
18600 Vista Park Blvd.
FREE PARKING
Tickets: \$5 available at the Weston Community Center 954-389-4321

Sun., Jan. 15
3:00pm-7:00pm

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration Sponsored by the Arts Council of Greater Weston

3pm-4:30pm: Reception in cafeteria with student art exhibit and music. 4:30pm-6:30pm: In the theater for dance and choral performances, guest speakers including the Hon. Judge Iiona Holmes and Supt. Dr. Frank Till. Actor Tony Thompson will read Dr. King's speech, “I Have a Dream.” Award presentations.

6:30pm-7:30pm: Out on the stadium field for “March for Peace” with high school bands and multicultural clubs; release of white doves.
Cypress Bay Theater & Stadium
18600 Vista Park Blvd.

Dec. 9
FIU Holiday Concert



Calendar of Events

Jan. 29

8th Annual
Around the World
in Weston



JANUARY 2006

Sun., Jan. 15
1-4pm

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

Wed., Jan. 25
Thur., Jan. 26
OR
Fri., Jan. 27
Multifamily:
Sat., Jan. 28th

Bulk Pick-Up Collection for January 2006
Bulk trash must be placed curbside by 7am on your regularly scheduled collection day. For multi-family residences, place items by your dumpster for Sat., Jan. 28th.
Citywide Bulk Trash Pick-Up
All Service Refuse – 954-583-1830
City Hall – 954-385-2000

Fri., Jan. 27
7:30pm

Weston Community Night at the Panthers, Florida Panthers vs. New Jersey Devils, Proceeds to benefit the Weston YMCA.
Come out and see Weston Mayor Eric Hersh drop the puck and an exciting evening of hockey!
BankAtlantic Center
One Panther Parkway
Sunrise, FL
Upper Level Tickets: \$15
Lower Level Tickets: \$25
Call (954) 835-7206
or see the order form in this Announcer edition

Sun., Jan. 29
11:00am-
5:00pm

8th Annual Around the World in Weston Festival
This annual festival promoting unity and respect for all cultures is a fun-filled event providing continuous entertainment, cultural booths, ethnic food, school art contest display and fun activities for children and adults.
Weston Town Center Park
1900 Bell Tower Lane
www.aroundtheworldinweston.org

FEBRUARY

Sat., Feb. 11
7:30pm

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

Sat., Feb. 11
8-10pm

Symphony of the Americas Pops Concert
A wide range of popular musical selections performed by the orchestra with two fabulous vocalists. Tickets available at the Weston Community Center, 20200 Saddle Club Road; the Community Bank of Broward, 1504 Weston Road; and the Music Education Center, 90 Indian Trace.
Cypress Bay Theater
18600 Vista Park Blvd.
954-389-4321
FREE PARKING
Tickets: \$20 adults / \$5 students

Sun., Feb. 19
1-4pm

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

**Fri., Feb. 24
8-10pm**

FIU Concert
Marching Band Drum Line & Winter Guard, and the FIU Wind Ensemble. Roby George, conductor. A musically and visually exciting event.
Weston Regional Park
20200 Saddle Club Road
The Event Stage
954-389-4321
FREE EVENT

**Sat., Feb. 25
2pm &
3:30pm**

Weston Philharmonic Society
Education Program for Children
Cypress Bay Theater
18600 Vista Park Drive
Tickets \$5

MARCH

**Sat., Mar. 11
7:30pm**

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

**Sat., Mar. 11
9am-3pm**

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

**Sat., Mar. 18
TBA
(evening
event)**

RPM! – Rock and Pop Masters – Live
RPM is fantastic! Standing for Rock & Pop Masters, this group is comprised of Original Lead Singers of some of the biggest, best hit music in rock history. Polished and professional for a great evening of classic rock and pop.
Featuring: Joe Lynn Turner of Deep Purple; Edgar Winter, Larry Hoppen of Orleans; John Cafferty & Tunes of Eddie & The Cruisers; Robbie DuPree & Jimmy Jameson of Survivor and on drums is Charlie Morgan of Elton John's Band.
Weston Regional Park
20200 Saddle Club Road
The Event Stage
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FREE EVENT

Presented by: *The Rotary Club of Weston with The City of Weston and other sponsors*

**Sat., Mar. 25
8pm-10pm**

Symphony of the Americas with Vovka Ashkenazy on Piano
Maestro James Brooks-Bruzzese, Artistic Director. Performing the Grieg Piano Concerto and other works by Verdi and Bizet.

ONGOING

**Every Wed.
11am**

Children's Story Time
Story time reading for children ages 3-6.
*A bi-lingual story time program will begin in the fall. Call the Reading Center for more information

**Every Sat.
10am-2pm**

Child Car Safety Seat Inspection
Have your child's car seat inspected to ensure it is installed properly.

Mar. 11

**Moonlight Movies
in the Park**



Calendar of Events



NEW NAME(S) FOR ARVIDA PARKWAY

Public Safety issues prompt renaming of street

Who, What, When, Where, Why & How

WHO: This change affects Weston residents, businesses and visitors.

WHAT: Two new names for separate stretches of Arvida Parkway.

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

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

WHEN: The new names will be effective beginning January 1, 2006.

WHERE: 5 1/2 mile length of Arvida Parkway.

The diagram depicts the sections of roadway that will be renamed. From Saddle Club Road north to I-75 the new street name, and the name of the exit off of I-75 North, will be **Glades Parkway**. From Saddle Club Road east past Weston Road to I-75 South, the new street name, and I-75 exit name, will be **Royal Palm Boulevard**.

WHY: Two locations, same name.

Currently Arvida Parkway intersects with I-75 at two locations within the City. Both exits/intersections have the same name: Arvida Parkway at I-75. One is

located at the north end of the City off I-75 North; the other is located at the City's main entrance off I-75 South.

The dual Arvida Parkway exits continually cause complications for Fire Rescue personnel responding to emergency calls along I-75. Callers do not or cannot always advise which stretch of I-75 they are on, other than naming the exit they are near. In all of these instances, dispatch must send a fire engine and an EMS unit, to each Arvida & I-75 intersection. Crews run at emergency speeds through traffic to both locations, creating additional risk for both rescue personnel and the public. Most importantly, while the two crews are enroute looking for which I-75 & Arvida has the accident, the additional crew is unable to respond to other calls for service elsewhere in the City.

And finally,

HOW: Department of Transportation and U.S. Post Office advised.

The Department of Transportation will be making the necessary changes to exit signs at both the I-75 North and I-75 South locations. The U.S. Post Office has been advised of the street name changes along Arvida Parkway. Businesses and residences along Arvida Parkway have been contacted and notified of the change. Other businesses within the City may wish to update any printed, audio or

website directional materials beginning January 1, 2006. The City will change internal city street signs. Mapquest and other internet-based mapping and directional assistance providers will be notified by the City.

The new names echo the desire of residents for names more reflective of our community. At the City's request, many names were sent in for consideration. The fact that the two names are used in other areas of South Florida does not pose a problem as street names are duplicative across many cities. Royal Palm Boulevard, from I-75 South to Saddle Club Road was a natural selection, as the medians and rights of way are richly lined with royal palms. The section to be named Glades Parkway, from Saddle Club Road to I-75 North (and State Road 84) reflects Weston's close proximity to the Florida Everglades which border the City on two sides.

SW 36th STREET RENAMED

Weston's SW 36th Street, which is off of South Post Road and runs west past Manatee Bay Elementary School to U.S. 27, has been renamed "Manatee Isles Drive." This new name will also take effect on January 1, 2006. A note of interest for parents of students attending Manatee Bay Elementary: The new school address will be 19200 Manatee Isles Drive.



Indian Trace received a well deserved face lift. Last paved in 1985, in October crews began resurfacing of Indian Trace from Weston Road to Bonaventure Boulevard. Instead of smooth sailing, this \$1 million transportation project has provided residents with a smooth ride.



Remember the Weston Pic Three 40 - 6 - 6 ~

40 - pound maximum (per can or bag)

6 - inch maximum diameter

6 - foot max. lengths, bundled or bagged

For yard waste garbage collection



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