

# THE CITY OF WESTON *Announcer*

## Weston Approves 2007 Final Budget

Again - Property Tax Rate Remains  
the Same for 10th year, with  
Increase in Services

For the tenth 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 2007 budget with expenditures of \$104,761,603, a 3.40% increase over last year, primarily due to annual increases in City agreements with service providers, increases in services, and capital projects. The annual fire protection fee decreased by 1.19% to \$218.14 which is assessed for each single and multi-family unit within the City.

The value of Weston properties continued to grow. This year the value of property within the City grew 18.9% over the prior year, with only 1.9% of this amount attributable to new properties; 17% is attributable to the growth in value of existing properties. This growth in values is not expected to continue at the rate that it has and a moderate single digit increase is anticipated for next year.

### Other fiscal facts:

- Revenues for all funds      \$107,740,041
- Expenditures for all funds \$104,761,602
- Reserves for all funds      \$ 2,978,439
- General Fund: \$19,871,900 accounts for revenues derived by locally levied taxes and used to fund expenditures for day-to-day operation of the City, not funded by benefit assessments.
- Ad Valorem taxes account for only 34.6% of the General Fund Revenues
- General Fund Reserves \$ 3,284,333 - set aside with those accrued in prior years for use in the event of a disaster.

## Final Budget – *Continued from cover*

The 2007 Budget sets out the resources to complete our goals and objectives for the upcoming year. Residents will be able to view a copy of the budget on our city website at [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org) and can view a video presentation summarizing Weston's plans for the 2007 budget year.

### Summary of Projects and Services

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

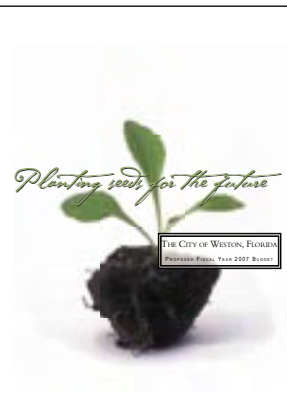
- No increase in the ad valorem tax rate
- Additional BSO Lieutenant and Sergeants
- A fourth EMS/Transport Unit
- Streamlined annual fire inspections
- Construction of a City Hall
- Development of Library Park
- Improvements to Three Village/Country Isles Roads
- Improvements to Manatee Isles Drive
- Improvements to Tequesta Trace Park
- Construction of new Bonaventure Storm Water Pumps
- Construction of a Public Works/Disaster Services Center
- Implementation of Priority One of the 2006 Master Re-Landscaping Plan

The City has approved an agreement with Arena Development Corporation for the design of an ice and sports arena to be located at the north end of Vista Park. Within the next few months the City Commission will make its final determination, dependant upon costs, whether to move forward with construction.

Our goal for Fiscal Year 2007 is to place the City in the best position possible to prepare for and respond to the future events requiring emergency management, and at the same time to continue to maintain and enhance the value of the City.

### Planting Seeds for the Future...

View Weston's 2007 Budget Presentation on our website at [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org). This 14-minute video is an enjoyable summary presentation of the budget's fiscal and capital improvement components.



## 2007 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, and caps taxable value annual increases at not greater than 3%.

Representatives of the Broward County Property Appraiser's Office will be at the **Weston Community Center** (20200 Saddle Club Road, inside the Regional Park), on the following dates and times:

**Monday, January 29, 2007 4:00-7:00pm**

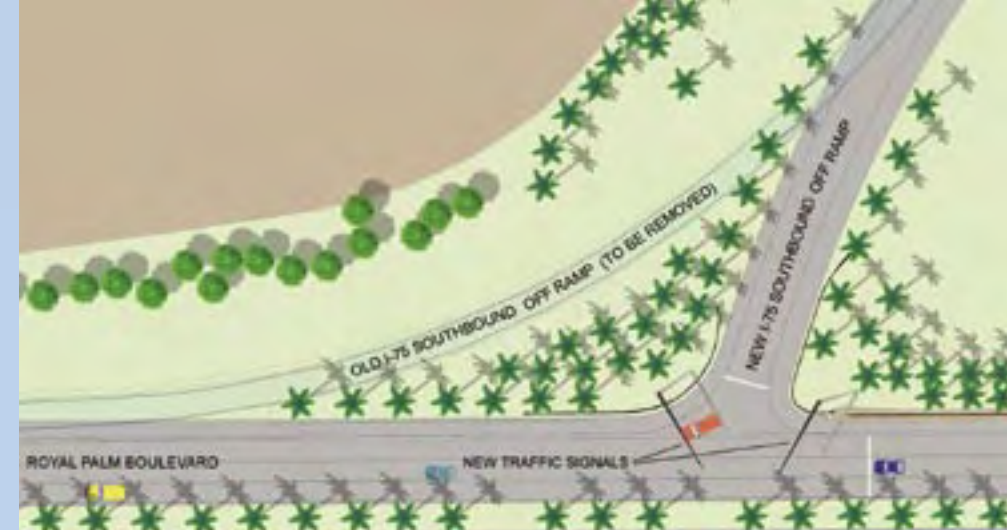
**Monday, February 26, 2007 4:00-7:00pm**

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](http://www.bcpa.net) or please call **954-357-6830**.



## I-75 Off-Ramp Traffic Signal Operational

The traffic signal and new I-75 southbound off-ramp to Royal Palm Boulevard is complete. With little fanfare, the long-awaited signal became operational on September 14th. For anyone utilizing this entryway from I-75 the new ramp and signal is a blessing. The primary benefit is that southbound off-ramp traffic can now maneuver easily and safely to the left-turn lanes at Weston Road.

The improvements included removing the merge section of the southbound off-ramp and realigning the ramp at almost 90 degrees with westbound Royal Palm Boulevard. The previously existing single-lane off-ramp was converted to a long set of dual right-turn lanes, minimizing back-ups onto mainline I-75. The re-aligned T-shaped intersection was signalized and interconnected to the Royal Palm Blvd./Weston Road signal, for coordinated signal operations. The traffic signal will now "meter" the traffic flow between the off-ramp and westbound Royal Palm Boulevard based on demand.

The completion of the signal had been delayed for many months due to Hurricane Wilma and the resulting demand placed upon signal installation installers. With the signal complete, residents and visitors should enjoy a much less stressful and much smoother entry into our city.

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## A Note From the City Manager John R. Flint, City Manager

If you participated in the November 2006 municipal election, you made history! The November 2006 election for seats on Weston's City Commission marked an historical event in Weston's brief ten year existence and in the existence of Broward County as well. It was the first time since 1975 that elections for municipal officials in Broward County were held concurrent with the federal election cycle occurring in November.

Prior to 1975 each Broward municipality was free to choose when its elections for its respective municipal officials would occur, and they occurred in almost every month of the calendar. As more cities were created in Broward more elections occurred and it soon became confusing to Broward voters when it was time to elect municipal officials in their city. To eliminate this confusion, in 1975 the state legislature and the Governor enacted a law that mandated all elections for municipal officials in Broward County occur in March.

While the March election cycle consolidated all of the elections for municipal officials in Broward County, it separated these elections from those on the November federal election cycle. This well intentioned action of the state legislature and governor

resulted in higher election costs to the taxpayers of these municipalities for having to hold their elections in March and not being able to share these costs with a November election, and extremely low voter turnout as most voters associate elections with the month of November.

Recognizing the desire for obtaining the greatest voter participation possible and minimizing costs of elections to the City's taxpayers; in October 2003 the City of Weston took a leadership role and filed a bill in the 2004 session of the Florida Legislature to enable the City and all of Broward's municipalities to choose whether to maintain their March election cycle or change to the November even year election cycle. The Florida House of Representatives and Florida Senate approved Weston's bill in May 2004, and the Governor signed the bill enacting it into law shortly thereafter. November elections for municipal officials were now a possibility.

In July 2004, the City Commission approved placing a question on the November 2004 ballot asking the City's voters whether they wanted to amend the City's Charter to change from the previously mandated March election cycle to the newly permitted November even year cycle. In crafting the ballot question, the question was when this was to take effect. For this change to take effect in November 2006, the two members of the City Commission who were elected to a four year term in March 2003 would have to forfeit the last four and one-half months of their elected term, to which they graciously did. Weston's voters went to the poles on Election Day November 2004 and approved the Charter amendment changing Weston elections for municipal officials to November beginning in 2006.

So if you voted in the November 2006 municipal election, congratulations, you made history!

Congratulations also go to Commissioner Stermer and Commissioner Chermak for winning their respective re-elections and being Weston's first Commission members elected in a November election.



### 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. & Wednesdays 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.**

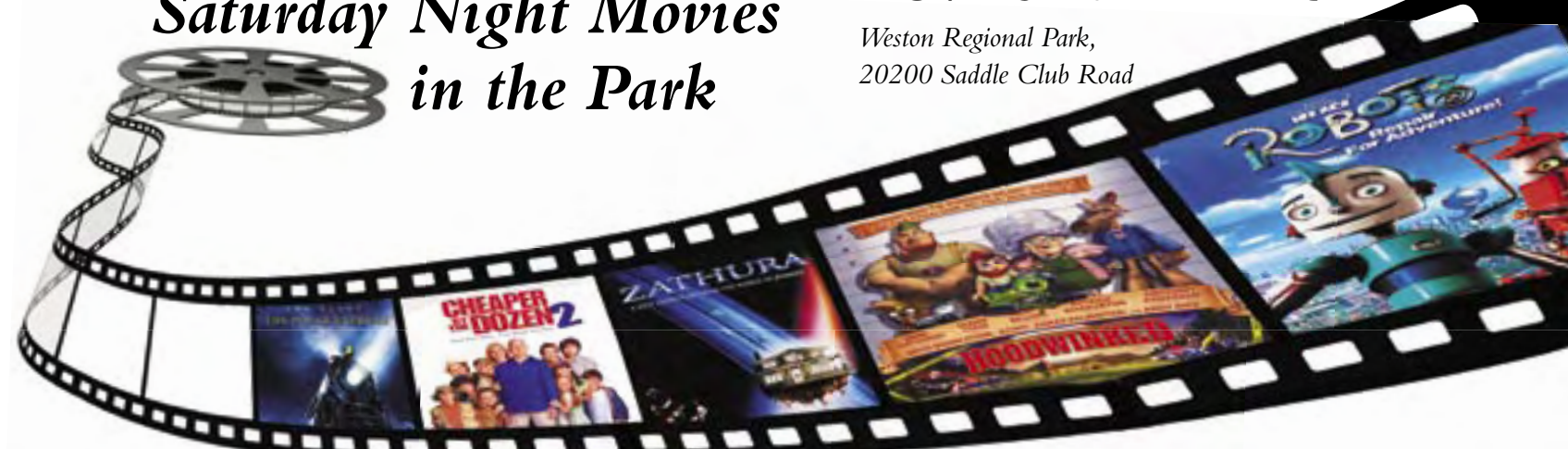
Practice reading to pet therapy dog for ages 5 to 12. Pre-register at Youth Services.



# Free Saturday Night Movies in the Park

## The City of Weston Presents WESTON MOONLIGHT MOVIES IN THE PARK

Weston Regional Park,  
20200 Saddle Club Road



Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm

*The Polar Express*

Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm

*Cheaper By the Dozen 2*

Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm

*Robots*

Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm

*Zathura*

Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 8:00pm\*

*Hoodwinked*

**Kids under 12 must be accompanied by an adult**  
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.

### Free Saturday Night Movies in the Park

*Kick back and relax - the movies are on us...*

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

\*8pm start time due to  
Daylight Saving Time



## Puppets Prove Popular

*Free shows a hit with kids and parents*

The free puppet shows at the Weston Community Center have proved themselves to be a popular event for kids and their parents. "More Precious Than Gold", the most recent puppet show at the center, drew a packed house. After each show, which are educational as well as entertaining, kids are treated to a puppet making workshop, choosing from a wide assortment of provided supplies, to craft a puppet that expresses their individual personality.

Due to the popularity of the puppet shows, during good weather the outdoor event stage at the Community

Center may be utilized in the future, to allow access to more spectators.

The next show will be held on: **Saturday, January 13th at 1:00pm and 3:00pm**, -The Tortoise and the Hare, for PreK - 2nd graders. There is no art activity for children following the performance.

For additional information call the Weston Community Center at 954-389-4321.



# A Very Interesting Year

Eric M. Hersh, Mayor

This was a very interesting year for local government. With real estate prices soaring over the past few years, taxes on property, both commercial and residential has risen dramatically. Local governments have been under increased pressure to hold the line on spending, lower taxes, and yet the demand for governmental services has not diminished. Residents do not want to cut back on police, fire, EMS, parks or road improvements. Schools, libraries and other county services are in peak demand. It's a balancing act that requires significant consideration and thought before making decisions.

In Weston, our total revenues for fiscal year 2007 are up 5.50% over 2006, while expenditures are projected to rise 3.40%, generally in line with the increase in cost of living. Since most of our contracts call for a 5% annual increase, primarily to cover increases in wages, this increase in expenditures over last year is very modest. In addition to covering the contract increases, the budget will fund additional police officers, an additional EMS unit, development of Library Park and the Ice & Sports complex (if approved), improvements to Tequesta Park and several roadways, as well as funding the construction of City Hall and our Public Works and Disaster Services Center.

Since the vast majority of our residents have the Homestead Exemption, and the City has maintained the same tax rate, as we have done for the past 10 years, increases are limited to the 3% maximum rise in their property value. Where non-homestead residents and businesses are feeling the pinch is that while the tax rate is the same, their values have risen dramatically, causing significant cost increases in their tax liability. Unfortunately, since the revenue needs to be there, any significant shift that would assist non-homesteaded property would result in a shift to those with the Homestead Exemption. This could tax long-term residents out of their own homes, which clearly isn't an acceptable solution.

In addition to ongoing expenses, we must continue to build reserves for a rainy (or windy) day. Last year we utilized reserves to respond quickly to the hurricane cleanup needs, and the need for such reserves had never been so apparent.

Financially, the City of Weston is very strong, and we will continue to manage our finances in a manor consistent with meeting our long term goals. For the past 10 years, we have been able to do all of this without ever raising the ad valorem tax rate. We expect that trend to continue for some time to come.

There has been much talk about Homestead portability, doubling the Homestead exemption, capping overall taxes, and the like. Some reforms are needed, but governments will need to fund their operations, so any changes in the structure could have a profound impact. As you know in your own lives, you simply can not continue to pay your expenses yet reduce your earnings. Lost revenues will have to be made up elsewhere. While some of these proposed measures might not be bad for Weston since we are in such good financial shape, other governments, which make

up over 90% of your tax bill, might very well have to increase their tax rates to account for the lost revenue.

There has been much discussion about the rising property values, and therefore increased revenue to government. That might be true in some governments, but in Weston, our ad valorem taxes account for only 35% of all of our General Fund revenue, and only about 11% of all revenue. To the extent that increased revenue over the years has been as a result of Weston's increasing population, that growth has resulted in a need for additional police services and more parks, resulting in more expenditures despite not raising the tax rate. So the real question everyone should be asking every governmental agency is: How much more are you SPENDING this year verses last year, and what exactly are we getting for that increased spending?

With only a 3.4% increase in expenditures over last year while providing more services as described earlier, we continue to be in excellent shape.

On behalf of Commissioner Stermer, Commissioner Chermak, Commissioner Cheren and Commissioner Henriksson, we will all be carefully watching the proposals at the state level to try to encourage solutions to some of the problems associated with rising real estate taxes, as well as the problems in obtaining and paying for property insurance. We will weigh in at all levels of government on your behalf, and we will make certain that our voices are heard, arguing that changes ultimately benefit all taxpayers, not simply shift the burden from one to another.



Is the new station identifier for the Weston Government Access Cable Television Channel, but that's not all that's new.

In September, the City upgraded to a web-based system for its cable channel. The change has provided the following benefits:

- 24-hour access to the channel for updates or changes, from any internet access computer.
- Full-motion video and graphics with voice over
- Video based Public Service announcements
- Local weather and traffic updates
- Instant emergency alerts
- Emergency interrupt feature
- Link to city web site for viewing non-video screens

The system still provides the same background music as the former system, which many in our community have called to say they enjoy.

The City cable channel provides information on city services, departments, events, recreational programs and more. City Commission meetings are broadcast live and then replayed over the next two weeks. During an emergency, posted information is suspended and emergency notifications are broadcast.

## To view Wtv:

- Channel 25, for Advanced Cable customers
- Channel 78, for Comcast Cable customers
- Channel 62, for Glades Communication customers



## CHRISTMAS TREE 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. Trees over 8' tall are requested to be cut in half.

**Dates: December 26, 2006  
thru January 15, 2007**

## CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Help the environment while providing much needed mulch for the County park system, with their "Chip A Tree" program. 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, 2006  
thru January 18, 2007**

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



## HIGH SCHOOL FIELDS CLOSED ON SUNDAY

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



## Free Outdoor Concert For All Ages

Firefall, POCO and Pure Prairie League  
Saturday, March 3, 2007 beginning at 7:00pm  
in the Weston Regional Park at the Event Stage

*Presented by the City of Weston and The Rotary Club of Weston*

# City Contacts

**BSO Fire Department Administration** 954-389-2015  
Bomberos – Administración  
Emergency Police/Fire/EMS... 911  
Emergencia Policia/Bomberos/Auxilio Médico... 911  
Station No. 81, 17350 Royal Palm Blvd.

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

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

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

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

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

**City Hall** / Oficinas Municipales. ... 954-385-2000  
2500 Weston Road, Suite 101

**Community Services** / Servicios Comunitarios  
Parks & Recreation & Public Works / Parques y  
Diversión, Obras Públicas  
20200 Saddle Club Road... 954-389-4321

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

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

**Water and Sewer** / Agua y Alcantarillado  
New connections, billing info. / Nuevas conexiones,  
cuentas... 954-746-3232  
Problems / Problemas  
Bonaventure area of Weston ... 954-846-7400  
After hours and weekends for Bonaventure ... 954-846-7400  
Indian Trace area (all areas except Bonaventure) ... 954-888-6087  
After hours and weekends for Indian Trace ... 954-888-6087

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

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

**Weston Tennis Center** / Centro de Tenis  
16451 Racquet Club Road... 954-389-8666

**Weston Web site** / Página de web www.westonfl.org

**Weston Community Radio** / Estación de Radio  
Comunitaria ... 1680AM

## Peace Mound Park



## Eagle Point Park



## Tequesta Trace Park



# 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](http://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, Glades Communication 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, December 4, 2006
- Tuesday, January 16, 2007
- Monday, February 5, 2007
- Tuesday, February 20, 2007
- Monday, March 5, 2007
- Monday, March 19, 2007

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

- Monday, January 8, 2007
- Monday, January 22, 2007
- Monday, February 12, 2007
- Monday, February 26, 2007
- Monday, March 12, 2007

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

# The Parks Report

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

**Weston Regional Park** – Repairs to the shade covers have been completed and the planting of new trees should take place during the next few months.

**Tequesta Trace Park** – Repairs to the shade covers have been completed, and the design for new entry gates and landscape improvements including a sports equipment storage building are still underway.

**Vista Park** – Repairs to the shade covers have been completed.

**Library Park** – The City received a \$200,000 park grant from the State of Florida thru the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP). The grant money will assist with the overall development cost of Library Park. The grant check was presented to the City of Weston at the August 21 City Commission meeting from Senator Nan Rich, State Representative Franklin Sands and State Representative Susan Goldstein. Design work for the park is being finalized so the project can be advertised for competitive bids. Construction work should begin after the first of the year.

**Windmill Ranch Park** – New walkways around the playground area were constructed by the Broward County School Board.

**Other Parks** – Repairs to the shade covers at Country Isles, Emerald Estates, Gator Run, Heron, Indian Trace and Windmill Ranch parks have been completed.

**Cypress Bay High School Football Stadium** – The City assisted in the funding and construction of additional bleachers to the high school stadium seating, which was completed and in use for the opening game of the high school football season.

**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*





## All Smiles at Eagle Point Elementary

The City Commission served up pizza & cupcakes to every student and faculty member to celebrate Eagle Point's astounding #1 ranking for all elementary schools in the State of Florida, congratulations to students, faculty, Principal LeClerc and parents!



2-1-1 Serving the Community One Call At A Time

Visit our

2-1-1 Broward has a great new web site  
<http://www.211-broward.org/>

This site provides access to the new Quick Search for Services. Quick Search provides downloadable lists of the agencies and programs most frequently given as referrals for a wide range of needs. It also provides links to 2-1-1's Online Database as well as links to other 2-1-1 databases throughout Florida and the nation.

2-1-1 is your 24-hour free, confidential telephone Helpline for crisis/suicide counseling, empathetic listening and community information and referrals for health and human service resources in Broward County, Florida.

### Remember....

You don't have to go through it alone. Trained counselors will listen and care...any problem...anytime!

Dial 2-1-1 or 954-537-0211

*Elected Officials*

**Weston City Commission**

954-385-2000

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Due to numerous changes in elected officials throughout the county and state, the full listing of elected officials and their contact information will be provided in the next issue of the Weston Announcer.





# Florida Panthers Present City of Weston Night

SPIRIT AIRLINES COMMUNITY NIGHT

Florida Panthers vs. Washington Capitals  
Saturday, January 13, 2007 @ 7:30 p.m.

## Just \$37 scores you:

- Lower Level seat (regularly \$72)
- Entry into raffle to receive Free Panthers Merchandise
- Special scoreboard welcome for groups of 10 or more
- Entry into Spirit Airlines Give-a-way
- Includes Parking

The Panthers would like to offer The City of Weston, their friends, families and neighbors an exclusive opportunity to purchase discounted game tickets. Tickets start at only \$37 which scores you a Lower Level seat (regular price \$72) and a chance to win Spirit Airline Vouchers!!

Come be a part of  
your community!

Donation from each ticket to Weston YMCA!

**SPIRIT**  
AIRLINES



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## CHECK FOR PARK FIELD CLOSURES From any computer, anywhere...

Weston makes it easy for parents, kids and sports leagues to check for field or park closures: just click on our web site!

Go to the city web site at [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org). Go to Parks & Recreation, then on that page, click on Park Closure Information. Simple.

You will also find a link on the Municipal Parks page. Once there, you will view a list of all city parks, locations, hours of operation, and in the comment boxes the city will advise of any field or other closures. It's that easy.

Don't forget if you're driving around town to tune into 1680AM which also has field closure notification along with information on road construction, city events and activities, and sports registration.



## Longtime Law Enforcement Officer Takes a New Road

Sergeant Jerry Ross has retired after 27 years with the Broward Sheriff's Office. For those who know Jerry, there are numerous qualities that make him a special individual. Just one of those qualities is that he was Weston's first and longest serving Law Enforcement Officer. On September 13th the City Commission presented Sgt. Ross with a framed memento displaying a photograph of Jerry in Weston's First Performance Report and reads: **Sgt. Jerry Ross, Broward Sheriff's Office-Weston, 1979 - 2006. Weston's First Performance Report & Weston's First Law Enforcement Officer.**

Sergeant Ross dedicated himself to the residents of Weston, becoming much more than a law enforcement presence, but a friend to many within our community. He was the "go-to guy" for school principals, residents, business owners and city staff. While his sense of humor provided many laughs, Jerry's easy going demeanor, professionalism and wealth of historic knowledge of the city and its development provided Weston with superior service.

The last we heard, Jerry was headed off to Las Vegas and then on to Colorado. Jerry is already a winner in our hearts and we hope he won't be a stranger. Thank you from all of us in Weston who are proud to be called your friend.

For More Information Call **BRIAN LEVINE** at 954-835-7206 - Email [levineb@sselive.com](mailto:levineb@sselive.com)  
SEND THIS FORM AND PAYMENT TO:  
**Brian Levine, Florida Panthers, 1 Panther Parkway, Sunrise, FL 33323**  
FAX BACK TO 954-835-7200

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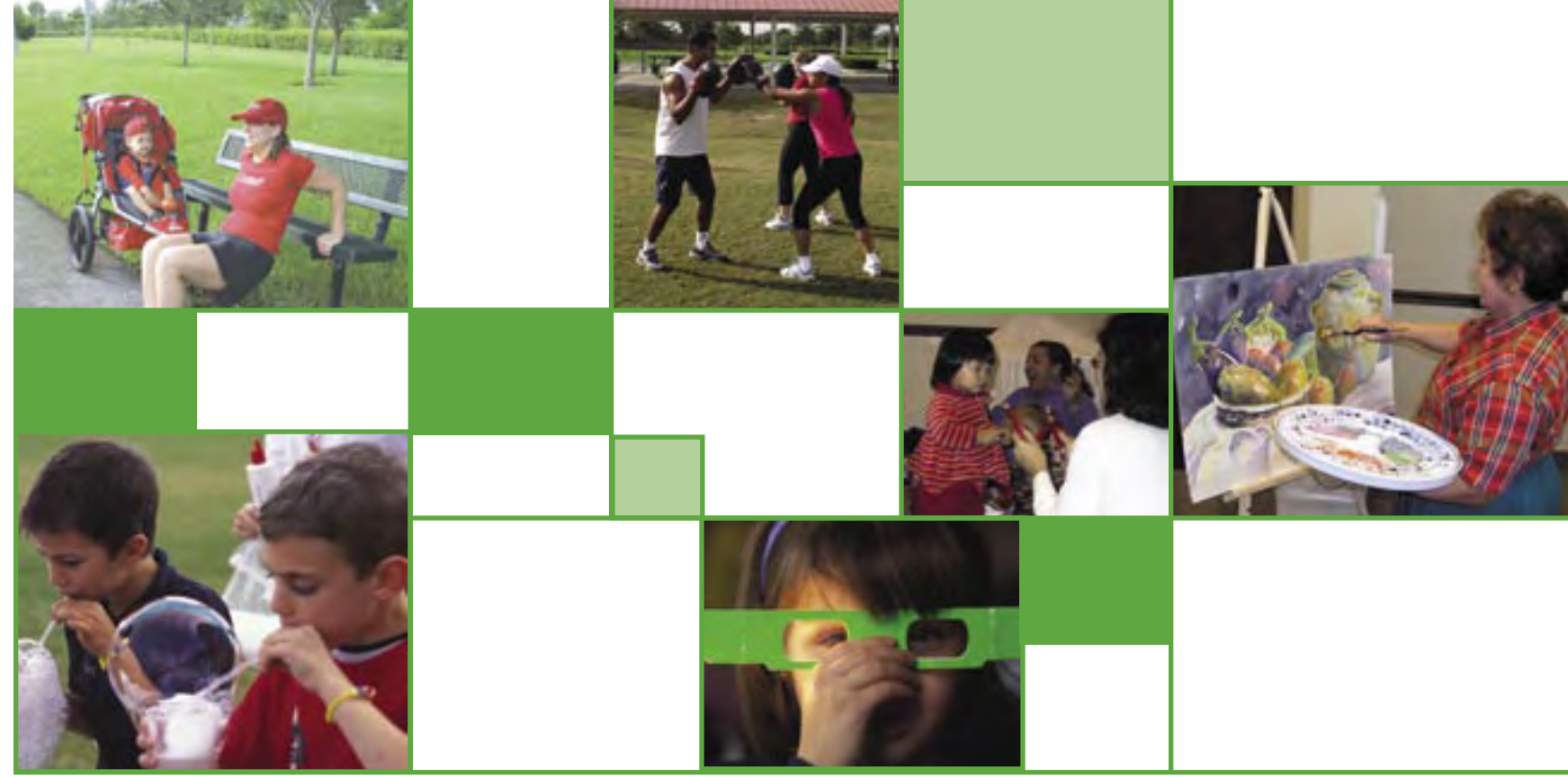
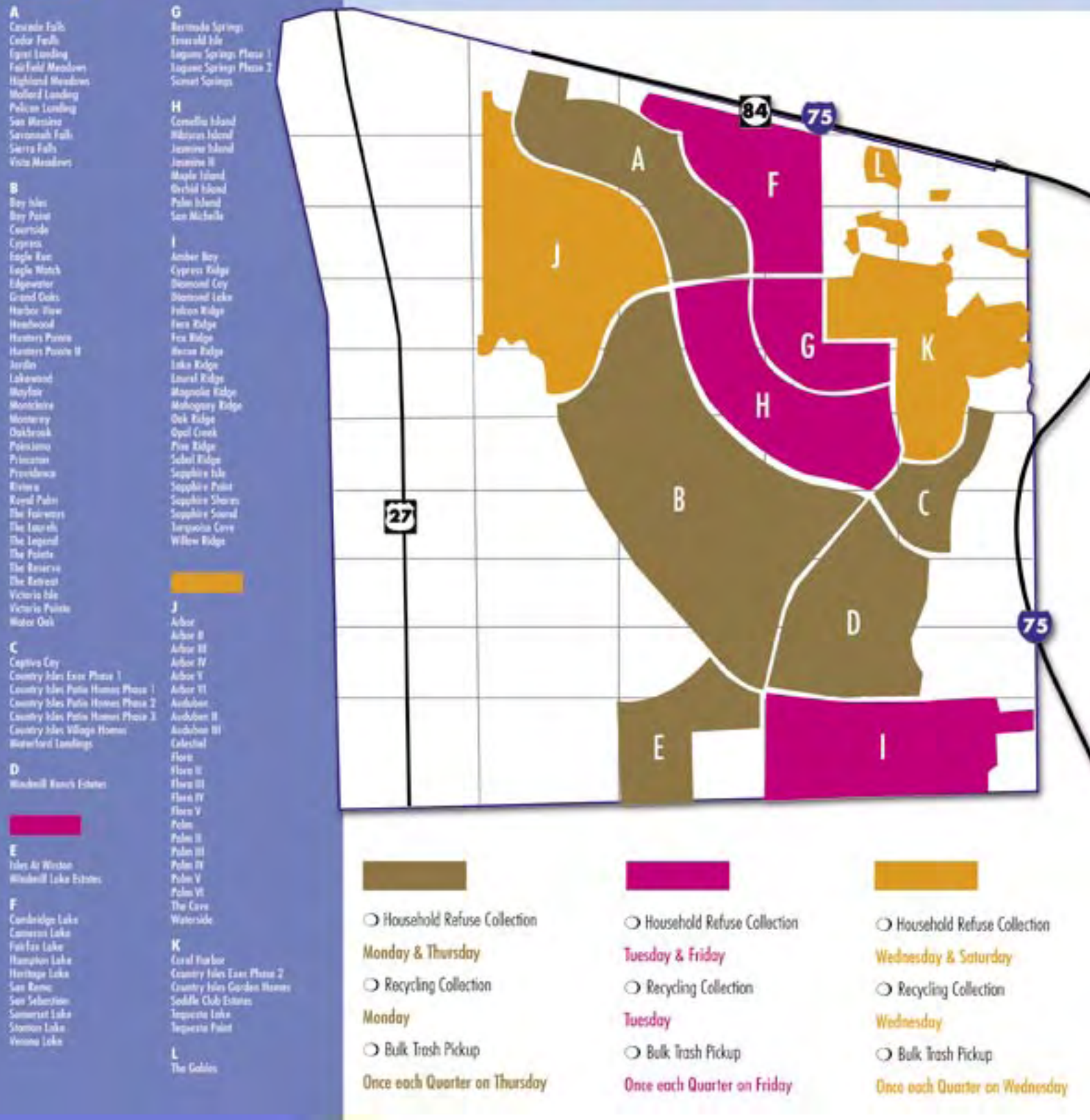
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# City of Weston

**ALL SERVICE REFUSE**

## REFUSE & RECYCLING COLLECTION MAP



## The Community Center at the Weston Regional Park

### KIDS 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 \$120/6 weeks. Class returns in January. Call for dates.

**Cheer, Chant and Pom Pom Dance Wed (Ages 5-9) 3:30-4:15.** Call Miss Joy for more info at 954-971-9917. Learn cheers, motions, jumps, stunts and pom dance routines. Opportunities to march in two parades. Must be a minimum of 6 children to hold class. Wear: sneakers and comfortable attire. Cost is \$40 for 4 weeks. Class starts the beginning of each month.

**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. Fall Sessions: 12/19 to 3/6 and 3/13 to 5/8. 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 1/3/07. Limited Space Available.

**Kindermusik Village with Miss Alyson Wed, 9:30-10:15(newborn -18 mos).** Nurture your baby's cognitive, emotional, social and physical development through music and movement. Give your child a great musical beginning. Cost \$210/16 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. "Rhythm of My Day" & "Hickory, Dickory, Tickle & Bounce": Orientation 2/7/07 classes begin 2/14/07. No class 4/4. New students must attend orientation.

**Kindermusik "Our Time" Thurs, 10:30am-11:50 am. (1 \_ to 3 years.)** In this one room schoolhouse approach to learning, families with multiple children and ages develop both musical and social skills while bonding closer together as a family. Single parents welcome. Cost \$205 for 15 weeks plus \$52 at home kit fee. (Fee for at home kit must be paid by check or cash only.) "Fiddle Dee Dee" Orientation 2/22/07 classes begin 3/1/07. No class 4/5. Call Miss Alyson at 954-389-8840 for registration information and dates. New students must attend orientation.

For more information on your refuse (garbage) collection, recycling or bulk pickup, please call:  
All Service Refuse at 954-583-1830.



**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 runs 2/18-6/3.

**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.

**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. Session runs 1/23-4/17. 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.

**Second Language Specialist - Spanish Tue 3:15-4:15pm** & Give your children one of the tools for success. Let them become more competitive by learning Spanish as a second language in early childhood. Cost is \$140 for 12 weeks plus a \$20 material fee. Class starts 1/23. For more information call 954-432-1563.

**Dancercize (ages 3-5) Thurs 11:15-12:00** Ballet, jazz, creative movement, fun props. Attire: pink leotard, pink skirt,

ballet shoes for girls or comfortable clothes for boys. Call Miss Joy at 954-971-9917 for more information. Cost is \$40 for 4 weeks. Classes start the beginning of each month.

**Musical Theatre Production Class (Ages 9-12) Sun 4:00-7:00** This class focuses on training in acting and movement with a rehearsal period that leads to a performance of one of our original musicals. Instruction includes traditional Stanislavski techniques, improv and character development. No experience is necessary; this class leads to a performance in a professional theatre setting and students are expected to be committed and work at the highest level of professionalism. Cost is \$395 per session. Next session runs 1/7-4/14. Call Robin Braun of the Inside out Theatre Company for more details: 954-385-3060.

**Stage Dance/Drama & Improv Wed 4:15-5:00(ages 6-10).** High school musical acting/singing/dancing and Broadway musical stage dances. Class promotes creativity, self confidence, and helps 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 \$40 per week. Class starts the beginning of each month.

**Kidokinetics** 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. For more information call 954-385-8511 or go to [www.Kidokinetics.com](http://www.Kidokinetics.com). Classes meet INDOORS at the Community Center.

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|                   | Tuesdays: | Thursdays: |
| Ages 24-36 months | 4:00-4:45 |            |
| Ages 3-5 years    | 4:45-5:30 | 4:00-4:45  |
| Ages 5-10         | 5:30-6:15 |            |
| Ages 8-12         |           | 4:45-5:30  |

**Session 2:** Week of 11/6 to week of 12/16 (\$84 for 7 weeks)  
**Session 3:** Week of 1/15 to week of 3/19 (\$120 for 10 weeks)  
**Session 4:** Week of 3/26 to week of 5/29 (\$108 for 9 weeks)  
 Free T-shirt included in registration fee – 1 time only. Class can be prorated if you join late.

**Parent and Child Sports Sat 9:00-9:45am (Ages 18 months to 36 months). Sat 9:45-10:30 (Ages 3 to 5).** 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](http://www.Kidokinetics.com). Class meets INDOORS at the Community Center. Class can be prorated if you join late  
 Session 2: 11/4 to 12/16 (No class on 11/5) [\$72 for 6 weeks]  
 Session 3: 1/20 to 3/24 [10 weeks for \$120]  
 Session 4: 3/31 to 6/2 [9 weeks for \$108]

**Tumblebears and Creative Dance Wed (Ages 4-7) 2:24-3:30.** Basic tumble skills like special roll and cartwheels plus creative dance routines and fun props. Boys wear comfortable clothes and girls wear leotards and shorts. Cost is \$40 for 4 weeks. Class starts beginning of each month.

**Mad Science NASA Academy Sat 9:00-11:00am (Ages 7-11 years).** Developed in cooperation with NASA, the Academy of Future Space Explorers takes children on a voyage of discovery. With unique hands-on activities, amazing demonstrations and fun educational take-homes, this is an experience that is out of this world! Cost is \$149 for 6 weeks. Sessions start 1/13, 2/10 and 3/10. Call 954-344-4403 for more information or go to [www.madsciencesf.com](http://www.madsciencesf.com).

**Dramantics! 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 de-

velopment 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 1/11-3/29. Cost is \$210. Robin Braun and the Inside Out Theatre Company: 954-385-3060.

**Young Rembrandts Fri 4:30-6:00pm (ages 3 \_6 and 7-13)** At Young Rembrandts, we teach drawing, the fundamental skill of all visual arts. We believe that drawing is a skill that can – and should – be learned by all children. While classes are structured and educational, children learn best when they are entertained and engaged. Young Rembrandts combines the best of both worlds, foundational art skills in a fun, nurturing environment, that gives your child the academic advantage. Cost is \$112.00 (8 weeks) and includes all materials. For more information call Sandra at 305-252-1531. Session runs 1/19-3/9.

**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. Sessions start 10/27 and then call for schedule. Call 954-816-3346 for more information or go to [www.brightandsmart.com](http://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 11/28-1/9, 1/23-3/6, and 3/13-4/17.

**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 1/3/07.

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

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

**Watercolor Painting Fri 10am-1pm** Award winning watercolorist Rolande Moorhead teaches the vocabulary of colors, shapes, composition and preliminary drawing. All skill levels. Cost \$175/6 weeks. Next sessions run from 11/3-12/29, 1/5-2/9, 2/16-3/23 and 3/30-5/4.

**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 11/11, 1/13, and 3/3. Susan Claire – 954-349-5969.

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

**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. Costs start at \$15/class (multiple class packages available; ie \$2.40/class with a monthly membership). For more info call 888-868-4763 or go to [www.strollerstrides.net/Weston](http://www.strollerstrides.net/Weston).

**Paverpol Sculpting Class** is a fabric-sculpting workshop. This 4-hour class will teach you how to make an armature from iron wire and build it up with tin foil, tape and fabric into a "mummy". Using a new medium called "Paverpol" you will then drape and dress it, turning it into a stunning piece of art. Cost is \$75 including materials. Participants must bring a white, 100% cotton t-shirt. Classes will be held Fridays from 9:00am-1pm on the following dates: 11/3, 12/15, 1/5, 1/26, 2/9 and 2/23.

**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 11/10, 12/1, 1/12, 2/2 and 3/9.

**SAT Preparation (Age 15-20) Tues (7:00-9:30pm), Thur (7:15-9:45pm) or Sun (1:30-4:00pm)** This comprehensive course prepares students for all facets of the College Board exam. Class not only thoroughly reviews content of what is tested but also exposes students to numerous insightful strategies for scoring well on the SAT. Jeff Steinberg, the instructor, has specialized in developing and instructing SAT preparation courses since 1990 (including for the University of Miami). Students are assured of receiving expert instruction (the average increase in scores is 200 points), while paying less than half of what some commercial courses charge. To enroll in this course, please contact Mr. Steinberg directly at (954) 478-0792. Cost is \$475 for 8 week, 20 hour course (including text and materials). Next session starts 12/17 (Sun), 12/19 (Tues), or 12/21 (Thu) for March 10th test. There will be no classes on 12/24, 12/31, 1/14 or 2/18 for Sunday; 12/26, 1/2, 1/16, or 2/20 for Tuesday; 12/28, 1/4, 1/18, or 2/22 for Thursday class.

**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.

**Traditional Scrapbooking Fri 7:00-8:30pm.** Students will learn how to mat, layer and crop photos, use punch outs, scissors and notions to decorate your pages, use fabric and ribbon, and create your own paper. Course includes all the materials necessary to create 16 pages and learn many techniques to start scrapbooking like a pro. 4 week class runs 4/17-12/15. Cost is \$20 plus \$20 material fee. 8 week class runs 1/12 to 3/2. Cost is \$40 plus \$40 material fee. Minimum 10 students per class.



Top photo left to right: Class of 2007, Mayor Eric M. Hersh, City Manager John R. Flint, City Attorney Jamie Cole



## Class of 2007

Weston University Program in its 5th year...

Students in this year's first session had a jam packed day, hearing from and interacting with Weston's City Manager John Flint, City Attorney Jamie Alan Cole, Mayor Eric Hersh and Florida State Senator Nan Rich. Topics ranged from governmental structure, ethics in government, and

political campaigning, to the students presenting their ideas for proposed sites for a new high school in Weston.

Welcome Class of 07'!

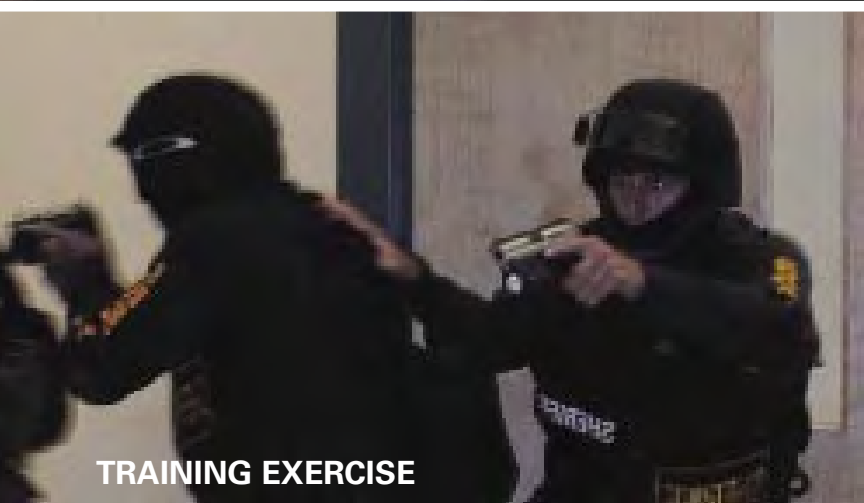




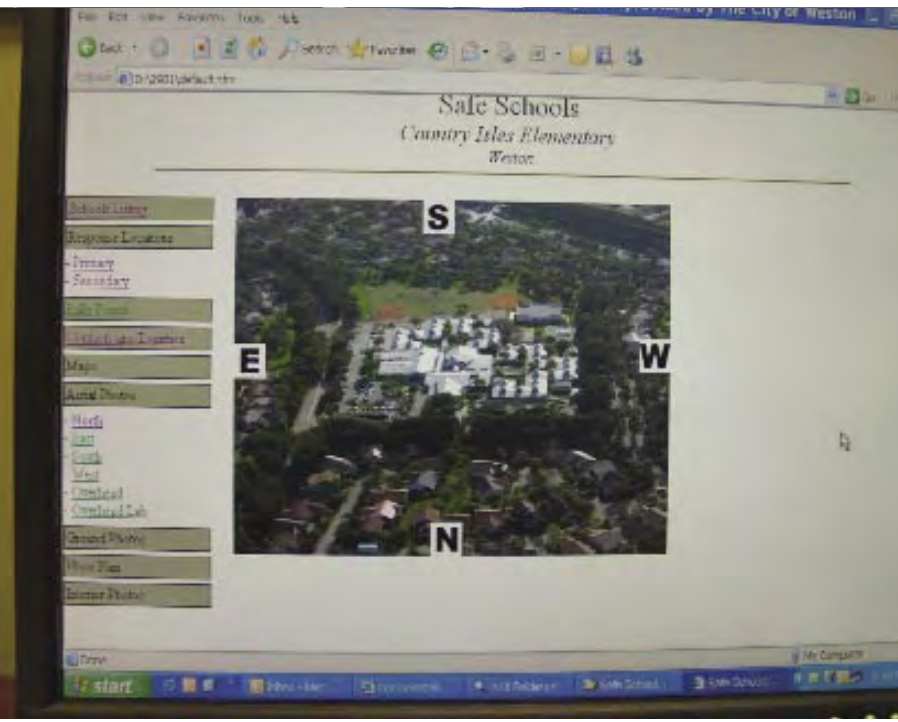
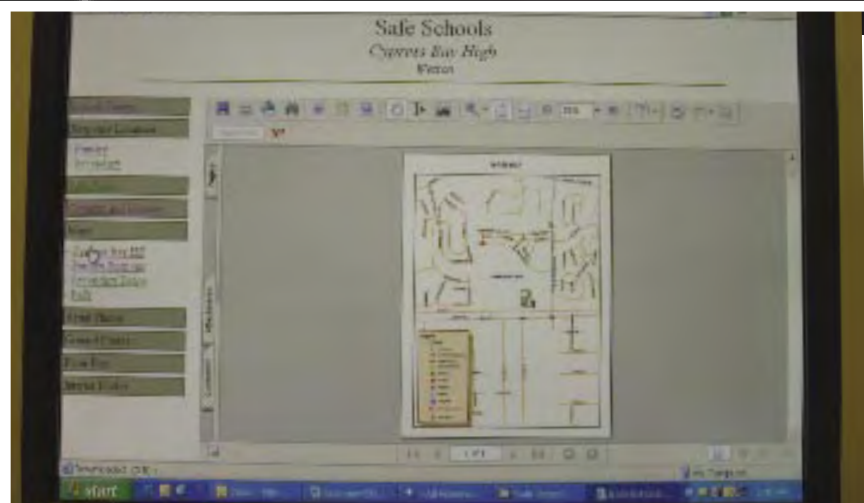
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## OPERATION SAFE SCHOOLS in its 7th Year

### BSO DESIGNED CAMPUS CRISIS PLANS LOADED ONTO DEPUTY LAP TOPS

The dramatic pictures shown here of a SWAT Team exercise were taken at Falcon Cove Middle School back in 2001 during one of numerous crisis training exercises that the Sheriff's Office has held after development of its Operation Safe Schools program in 1999. During this exercise, Deputies and SWAT Team members made their way through the maze of school hallways and classrooms, expertly guiding students to safety, and ultimately apprehending their "suspect".

With so many school tragedies in the news over the past

few months, it is comforting to know that the Broward Sheriff's Office has had tools in place for many years to assist in the event of a school emergency. Every BSO deputy has immediate access to contact numbers, interior and exterior photographs, aerial photos and detailed floor plans for all Broward County public schools and many private schools in the county. Every school, public and private in the City of Weston is on the program.

Loaded onto laptops in BSO vehicles, Operation Safe School CD's contain information invaluable during a crit-

ical incident, immediately familiarizing deputies with the campus layout and providing pre-determined staging areas and surveillance perimeter locations. This same data will be useful in other circumstances such as in-progress intrusions during non-school hours or any event when building layouts or contacts are quickly needed.

The CD's are updated annually with new aerial photos and updated layout changes due to additions or other construction. In Weston every Principal is contacted personally to discuss the emergency plans that the Broward County School Board has in place for the district.

## Trash Bulk Pickup Schedule

SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL  
BULK PICKUP SCHEDULE FOR 2007

| JANUARY     |              |    |             |
|-------------|--------------|----|-------------|
| WED<br>17th | Thu<br>18th  | or | Fri<br>19th |
| APRIL       |              |    |             |
| WED<br>18th | THUR<br>19th | or | FRI<br>20th |
| JULY        |              |    |             |
| WED<br>18th | THUR<br>19th | or | FRI<br>20th |
| OCTOBER     |              |    |             |
| WED<br>17th | THUR<br>18th | or | FRI<br>19th |

Collection is on your regularly scheduled pickup day only, and items should be placed curbside by 7AM.

MULTI-FAMILY BULK PICKUP  
SCHEDULE FOR 2007

| JANUARY  |
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| SAT 21st |
| JULY     |
| SAT 21st |
| OCTOBER  |
| SAT 20th |

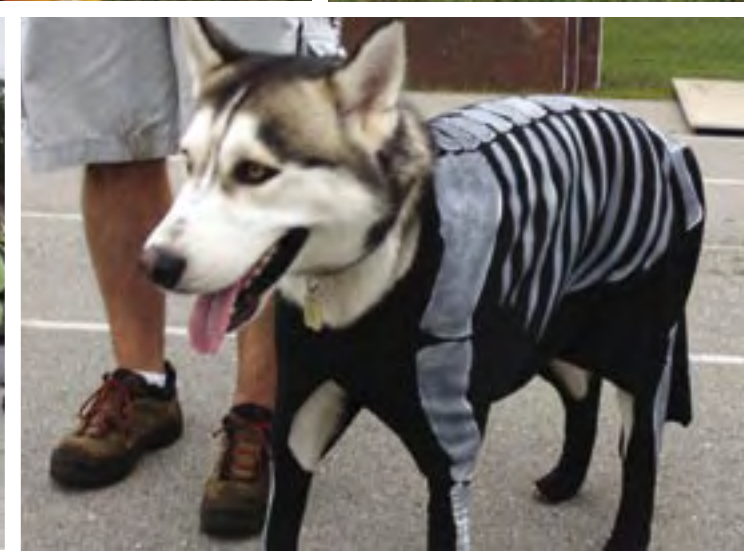
Multi-family condos, town homes and apartments are collected on Saturdays. Items should be placed next to dumpsters.

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

Hazardous Waste Materials are not accepted in bulk collections.

For questions, call 954-389-4321





## Safety First at the 2006 Fall Harvest Festival & Halloween Safety Expo

Weston's littlest ghouls and goblins and their pets came out to this year's Fall Harvest and Halloween Safety Expo on Saturday, October 28th.

Families enjoyed a day with traditional fair activities such as a live disc jockey, arts and crafts booths, a rock-climbing wall and a pumpkin patch. Additional interactive festi-

ties included a children's costume parade, ice cream eating contest and a costume contest for pets. The free event at Tequesta Trace Park gave parents the chance to bring their trick-or-treaters to a safe Halloween event, while also getting a closer look at the Broward Sheriff's Office operations and receive health-care information from Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital.



From dancing and costume contests for both kids and canines, to picking a pumpkin or digging for bones – a howling good time was enjoyed by all.

Special activities included cholesterol and sickle-cell screenings, free school physicals and vaccinations for uninsured children who qualified and a chance to donate blood, along with the ever popular interactive teddy bear clinic.

Of course in traditional fashion there were candy treats for everyone!





# Hurricane Expense Update

## City Reimbursed for Majority of Cleanup Costs

Cleanup operations due to Hurricane Wilma and subsequent repairs, along with replacement of signage and lighting, cost the City of Weston over \$16 million. In the February 2006 edition of the Announcer, in an article entitled Hurricane Wilma Cleanup - Costly Consequences, we advised residents that the City could submit for reimbursement of cleanup expenses, as long as they were properly documented, to the following agencies:

- FEMA: for reimbursement of 75% of total eligible costs submitted.
- The State of Florida: for reimbursement of 12.5% of total eligible costs submitted to FEMA.
- The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA): for reimbursement of 100% of costs submitted for cleanup and sign replacement involving FHWA designated roadways (Royal Palm Boulevard/Glades Parkway, Saddle Club Road, Indian Trace, South Post Road, Bonaventure Boulevard, Manatee Isles Drive and Weston Road).
- The City's insurance carrier: for reimbursement of eligible costs, after deductibles, for repair of damage to City structures. Landscaping is not a covered expense.

Weston was able to pay for these expenses utilizing reserve funds accrued over the past nine years. The 2007 Budget continues to fund a reserve account, and additionally, for the first time has established an Emergency Management Fund to enable the expenditure of funds to initiate the preparation or and response to any events that would prompt the declaration of a State of Emergency in the City.

During cleanup efforts, almost 8,000 trees were removed, and the City was able to save an additional 4,000 trees by bracing them. The cost for bracing and ultimately saving these 4,000 trees is not a reimbursable expense. Neither is the cost of replacing the lost landscaping. The City's approved Master Re-Landscaping Plan will begin in 2007, with the first year's cost included in the approved 2007 Budget. This 3-year re-landscaping project, which has been detailed in prior newsletters, will cost \$8 million, none of which is reimbursable. Visit the Weston web site at [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org) to view the Master Re-Landscaping plan in detail.

**THE CITY HAS BEEN NOTIFIED THAT THE FOLLOWING REIMBURSEMENTS HAVE OR WILL BE RECEIVED:**

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| Total Expenditures:                     | \$16,671,868.00 |
| Reimbursements:                         |                 |
| FEMA                                    | \$6,231,003.00  |
| FHWA                                    | \$3,410,325.50  |
| Insurance                               | \$2,457,581.00  |
| Total Received:                         | \$12,098,909.50 |
| Pending Reimbursement                   |                 |
| FEMA - athletic field lighting          | \$1,500,000.00  |
| Total Reimbursement, including lighting |                 |
| Reimbursement Pending                   | \$13,598,909.50 |
| Net Estimated Cost to the City:         | \$ 3,072,958.50 |

*Congratulations go out to the City's Community Services Department on their professionalism and concerted efforts to provide precise documentation on cleanup efforts, which ultimately resulted in the City's reimbursement of over \$13 million in expenses.*

*Which constitutes the un-reimbursable costs for righting & staking trees, stump grinding, deductibles and the 12.5% city portion of costs not reimbursed by FEMA or the State.*

## Weston Artist Showcase

Weston residents mingled, sipped wine, and most importantly enjoyed an evening surrounded by unique works of art, all created by Weston artists. The Weston Artist Showcase was held on October 17th and presented by the Arts

Council of Greater Weston and Arts Guild of Weston. The event was hosted by Northern Trust Bank in Weston.

Anyone wishing more information on the Arts Council can email [artscouncil@westonfl.org](mailto:artscouncil@westonfl.org).





## Weston Community Happenings...

Clockwise from top left:  
Warrior football & cheerleading,  
Artist showcase; Scouts at  
Commission meeting; making  
puppets; Commission congratulates  
promoted officers – fire & police;  
and pets on parade at the  
Fall Harvest Halloween Festival.



### City Commission presents Crystal Book Awards on October 16, 2006

**Back row L to R:** Principal Wanda Ross, Indian Trace Elementary School; Commissioner Mercedes Henriksson; Commissioner Daniel J. Stermer; Principal Eliot Tillinger, Everglades Elementary School; Commissioner Sharon Cheren; Principal Susan Sasse, Gator Run Elementary School; Mayor Eric Hersh; Broward County School Board Member, Robin Bartleman; Principal Scott Neely, Cypress Bay High School; Assistant Principal Priscilla Riberio, Cypress Bay High School; Assistant Principal Mindy Morgan, Country Isles Elementary School; Principal Tonya Frost, Country Isles Elementary School; Principal Marelise LeClerc, Eagle Point Elementary School; Principal Paul Micensky, Tequesta Trace Middle School; Principal Susan Messing, Chancellor Charter Elementary School; Commissioner Murray Chermak and Principal Donna McCann, Manatee Bay Elementary School.  
**Front Row:** Students from Gator Run, Chancellor Charter and Eagle Point Elementary Schools.

## MAKING THE GRADE WESTON SCHOOLS ALL A'S FOR 3<sup>RD</sup> CONSECUTIVE YEAR

Weston Commissioners once again presented recognition awards to **every** Broward County Public School in Weston. Engraved crystal books were presented to each school, and to each principal, to honor their achievement in receiving an "A" grade in the State of Florida's A+ grading plan for the 2005-2006 school year.

The City is extremely proud of the accomplishments of the students and faculty - all who deserve to be congratulated. It takes the efforts of the entire school community, including parents, to realize such great success.

Quality schools have long been a key element in Weston's successful growth, attracting both residents and corporate businesses.

**Nine out of ten schools in Weston were also ranked in the TOP 100 Schools in the State of Florida!**

In 1999, Governor Bush introduced the A+ Plan for Education, a plan based on high standards and expectations, clear measurements and accountability, and rewards and consequences for results. The goal of the education plan is to improve student achievement and ensure that Florida's children receive a quality education. The Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) has been administered in all Florida public schools. The test results form the basis for the school accountability program.







## Get into the SWING of Things At the Weston Tennis Center 16451 Racquet Club Road, 954-389-8666

### Former German Champion and ATP Pro Joins Weston Tennis Center

Oliver Gross, former German Tennis Champion, has joined the Weston Tennis Center as the new Supervisor of the Training Center Program. Prior to joining the Weston Tennis Center, Mr. Gross directed the tennis academy at Boris Becker's club in Munich, Germany.

In his new role, Mr. Gross will direct the day-to-day operations for the Weston Tennis Center including recruiting and overseeing coaches, player progress and scheduling and tournament organization. The 33-year old native of Hanau, Germany, was the German Junior Champion in 1991 and has recorded wins over many top ATP players including Pete Sampras, David Nalbandian, Greg Rusedski, Albert Costa,

Nicolas Kiefer and Yevgeny Kafelnikov.

As a coach, Mr. Gross built an impressive resume highlighted with players that are members of Davis Cup and Fed Cup teams, top 100 ATP and WTA players and Top 100 ITF players.

### Upcoming tennis events . . .

**Saturday, December 22, 7:00 p.m.**

#### Holiday Pro-Am

A Holiday Tennis Tournament with amateurs playing with a pro in their specific group. The winning amateur of each group will be determined by total number of games won and the winner will go on to the finals with the Top Pro from

their specific group. Prize money. Drinks and refreshments will be available. \$50.00 amateur members/\$75.00 amateur non-members

### December 26 – 29, 2006 and January 2 – 5, 2007 Holiday Camp

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#### Ladies Round Robin Fashion Show and Lunch

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The City of Weston Presents  
The 2006/2007

# Imagination & Inspiration

Weston Performing Arts Series

## Upcoming Presentations

### FREE CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Firefall, Poco and Pure Prairie League  
Saturday, March 3, 2007, 7:00pm  
Weston Regional Park

*No rain date. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for an evening of music under the stars!*

### ORCHESTRA PERFORMANCES

The Symphony of the Americas Orchestra  
With Violinist Chin Kim  
Saturday, February 17, 2007, 8pm-10pm

Maestro James Brooks-Bruzzese, Artistic Director, Symphony of the Americas Orchestra, with guest violinist, Chin Kim Cypress Bay Theater / Tickets: \$20 adults, \$5 students

New Philharmonic Orchestra  
Saturday, March 17, 2007, 8pm-10pm

A 50-piece orchestra with piano soloist. The program includes Overture to Oberon, Von Weber; Piano Concerto No. 2, Rachmaninoff; and Symphony No. 5, Beethoven.  
Cypress Bay Theater / Tickets: \$20 adults, \$5 students

Tickets for the Children's Theater and Orchestra\* events are available at the Weston Community Center, 954-389-4321

Tickets are \$5.00 and may be purchase at The Community Bank of Broward, 1504 Weston Road and the Music Education Center, 90 Indian Trace.

### FREE PUPPET SHOWS

Tortoise and the Hare  
Saturday, January 13, 2007,  
Two Shows: 1:00pm & 3:00pm  
The Weston Community Center

Modernized version of Aesop's fable; a race between a lovable tortoise and an arrogant hare. Good nutrition and exercise are stressed, along with the moral the perseverance prevails. No art activity after performance. For age levels: PreK- - 2nd grade

### THEATER

Professional productions for children

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Cypress Bay Theater / Tickets: \$5

Cinderella  
Saturday, February 10, 2007, 1:30pm  
A beautiful young girl is forced to wait hand and foot on her wicked stepsisters and evil stepmother, attends the royal ball with the magical help of her fairy godmother. Enjoy an afternoon with Cinderella as she captures the Prince's heart.  
Cypress Bay Theater / Tickets: \$5

The City also offers free monthly outdoor movies... Weston Moonlight Movies in the Park

Check the event schedule or contact the Weston Community Center at 954-389-4321 for additional information



## Hispanic Heritage Celebration Cleveland Clinic Florida

On September 20th the Cleveland Clinic Florida kicked off a celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month with a cocktail reception featuring food, music and dance with a Latin flare. The celebration kicked off the start of the Clinics Hispanic Lecture Series which highlights a variety of medical topics for both men and women. All lectures are provided in Spanish and run through December. The City of Weston is one of several area sponsors of this educational forum for the Hispanic community.

### UPCOMING LECTURES:

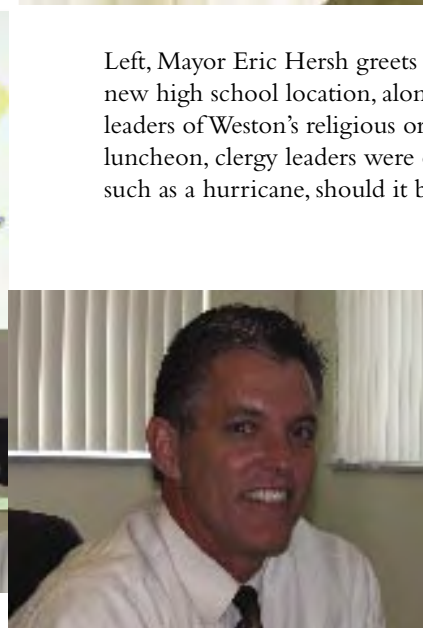
December 6th Como Lograr un Peso Saludable / How to Achieve a Healthy Body Weight, Gina Sweat, RD,LD/N

December 13th Embolizacion de Fibromas Uterinos: Una Alternativa a la Histerectomia / Uterine Fibroid Embolization: An Alternative to the Hysterectomy, Rodolfo Blandon, MD

All lectures are at 7PM at the Jagelman Conference Center, 2950 Cleveland Clinic Blvd., Weston.

**Reservations are requested: 800-691-6555**





## BSO Executive Lieutenant in Weston Selected for FBI National Academy



Jeff Tozzie, Executive Lieutenant, District VIII, Weston, has been selected as one of only 250 law enforcement professionals from around the world to attend the 228th Class of the FBI National Academy in January.

Begun in 1935, and held on the FBI campus in Quantico, Virginia, the 10-week program is a professional course of study for U.S. and international law enforcement leaders that serves to improve the administration of justice in police departments and agencies, and raises law enforcement standards, knowledge and cooperation worldwide.

Lt. Tozzie will take graduate courses in areas of Law, Behavioral Science, Leadership Development, Communication, Forensic Science, Espionage, Sabotage, Criminal Investigation, and a range of specialized training, while sharing techniques, ideas and experiences with other officers.

A very prestigious appointment, less than 1% of all law enforcement professionals are selected for participation. Out of BSO's 2,800 deputies, only one is selected for nomination to the academy annually. Weston's Chief, Greg Page, a graduate of the 2004th session of the FBI National Academy in 2001, is extremely proud that his Executive Lieutenant has been selected, which will provide Weston with the distinction of one of the only districts with two graduates of the Academy.

Lt. Tozzie began his career in law enforcement by attending the police academy in 1976, and has since earned both a Bachelors and Master's Degree in Criminal Justice. While Jeff will miss his 9 year old daughter Megan and wife Sandy who will stay in South Florida, he is looking forward to the opportunity and is honored to have been selected.

## Educator's Come Together for Lunch at Sixth Annual Weston Principal's Luncheon

A few weeks after the school year began, principals from the public and private schools and a guest student enjoyed an afternoon mingling with each other along with Mayor Hersh and members of City Staff.

This was the sixth year in a row where Weston principal's had the chance to come together to discuss their needs with each other, and enjoy a presentation by Mayor Hersh on the latest happenings from the City as well as insight into the City's resources that are available to each school in Weston.

On this occasion, principals are asked to bring along a guest student so the City can have the opportunity to get a youthful perspective, firsthand, as well as discover the goals and ambitions of our future leaders.

The luncheon provides the principals with a relaxed and open environment to help them kickoff the new school year, get to know each other and put a face with a title with members of City Staff. It is the goal of the City of Weston help our educators enrich and develop the lives of each student.



## Holiday Run Scheduled for December 10th Route Changed to Minimize Traffic Delays

The Rotary Club of Weston will host the 9th Annual Remax Hometown Rotary Holiday Run featuring a 5K Run and Half Marathon on Sunday, December 10, 2006. The proceeds from this annual event benefit numerous local charities including the Rotary Foundation, Weston Rotary Charities, the Bauduin Autistic Preschool, the YMCA, Multiple Sclerosis and the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis.

The routes for both races have been changed this year in order to minimize any inconvenience for local residents, but some temporary street closings and minor delays will occur.

### Both races start and finish on Vista Park Blvd. near the entrance to Vista Park.

- The Half Marathon will begin at 7:00 am and goes east on Vista Park Blvd. to Bonaventure Blvd., north on Bonaventure Blvd. to Royal Palm Blvd., west on Royal Palm Blvd./Glades Parkway to a turnaround at Park Road, east on Glades Parkway/Royal Palm Blvd. to Bonaventure Blvd., south on Bonaventure Blvd. to Vista Park Blvd. and west on Vista Park Blvd. to the finish line.
- The 5K run begins at approximately 7:20 am and goes east on Vista Park Blvd., north on Bonaventure Blvd. to a turnaround at Everglades Elementary School, south on Bonaventure Blvd. to Vista Park Blvd. and west on Vista Park Blvd. to the finish line.

### Road Closures - December 10th

- The west bound lanes of Vista Park Blvd. from Bonaventure Blvd. to the finish line will be closed to traffic from 6:00 am – 10:00 am.

- The east bound lanes of Vista Park Blvd. from Bonaventure Blvd. to the finish line will be designated for two-way traffic from 6:00 am – 10:00 am.
- Both the north bound and south bound lanes of Bonaventure Blvd. from South Post Road to Royal Palm Blvd. will be closed to traffic from 6:00 am – 10:00 am.

Runners will occupy one lane on the remainder of the race courses with one lane reserved for vehicular traffic. Orange safety cones and signs will designate the lane to be used by runners and vehicles. Delays can be expected on Bonaventure Blvd. from Vista Park Blvd. to South Post Road and on Royal Palm Blvd./Glades Parkway from Bonaventure Blvd. to Park Road. The Broward Sheriff's Office will have deputies stationed at all intersections to assist with traffic flow, **but anyone traveling in this area between 6:00 am and 10:00 am should allow for additional time to reach their destination.**

### Interested Runners:

Online registration for either race is available at [www.splitsecondtiming.com](http://www.splitsecondtiming.com). The cost for the 5K Run is \$20.00 in advance, \$25.00 on race day or \$15.00 for children ages 11 and under. The Half Marathon entry fee is \$25.00 in advance or \$30.00 on race day.




# EMERGENCY CONTACTS -

## Linked Directly to your Drivers License or Florida ID Card


The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles has made it easy to add up to two emergency contact phone numbers, linked directly to your driver's license.

Go to their web site at

<https://www6.hsmv.state.fl.us/dlcheck/findcustomer> this link will bring you to the following page where you enter the drivers license or ID card number and then emergency contact phone numbers.



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### Emergency Contact Information

This service will allow you to provide emergency contact information to law enforcement in the event of an emergency. This information may save crucial time if ever it becomes necessary to contact family members, or other loved ones. This service is only available to individuals holding a current Florida Driver License or Florida Identification Card.

**Your personal information in Florida motor vehicle and driver records is blocked in accordance with the [Driver Privacy Protection Act](#).**

*To submit your contact information, first provide your current Florida Driver License or ID card number and your date of birth.*

**Please enter your current Florida Driver License or Florida Identification Card in the box below.**

Example: Z123-456-78-901-0 (with or without the hyphens)

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## Weston Community Happenings...

Clockwise from top left:  
Fire safety education; more smiles from the pizza celebration at Eagle Point Elementary; presentation of a \$ 200,000 park grant from the State of Florida; Sixth Annual Weston Principal's Luncheon, drivers license mobile unit comes to Weston.



## Safety Tips for the Holiday Season, to Avoid the Grinch

The best advice of all is to always be aware, to remove the opportunity for crime in everyday life, and to be extra alert during the holiday season.

**Be sure to go over these tips with teenagers and caregivers.**

- This may sound simple, but when parking your vehicle to go shopping, remember where you parked! During the holidays we often shop in unfamiliar locations. Always park in a well lit and well traveled area. Do not park in a remote dark area.

- When returning to your vehicle, scan the interior of your car to be sure no one is hiding inside. Check to see if you are being followed.

- Have your keys in hand when approaching your vehicle.

- When storing items purchased at the stores, place them out of sight. The best place is in a locked trunk.

- NEVER leave your purse, wallet, or cellular telephone in plain view.

- Don't resist if someone tries to take any of your belongings. Don't chase someone who robs you, they may have a weapon. Instead, call 911!

- Lock your vehicle and put up your windows even while driving.

- If you go to an automatic teller machine for cash, check for people around and make sure it is well lit and in a safe location.

- Carry only the credit cards you need and avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Drive defensively. Traffic is heavier during the holidays. Drivers may also have indulged too heavily in holiday spirits. Stay safe!

## HOLIDAY FIRE SAFETY

It is estimated that this year, fires occurring during the holiday season will injure 2,600 people and cause over \$930 million in damage. Don't let your family be a part of this statistic.

Simple precautions can greatly reduce your chances of becoming a holiday fire casualty:

- Purchasing a holiday tree: Needles should be green and hard to pull back from the branches; trunk should be sticky to the touch.
- Keep trees away from any heat source which will dry it out faster; keep stand filled with water.
- First inspect holiday lights for frayed wires, bare spots, broken sockets or excessive kinking.
- Do not link up more than 3 light strands. Check wires periodically – they should not be warm to the touch. Never place lit candles on a tree.
- Use only non-flammable metallic trees and decorations
- Never put wrapping paper or tree branches or needles in a fireplace. Burning wrapping paper can produce a chemical buildup in the home which can cause an explosion.
- Never leave holiday lights on unattended.
- Candles – currently very popular, they are also dangerous. Ensure they are in stable holders and place where they cannot be knocked over or touch fabrics or other items. NEVER leave the house with candles burning.

ALWAYS have working smoke detectors on every level of your home, test monthly and equip them with fresh batteries.

**THE CITY OF WESTON AND THE BROWARD SHERIFF'S OFFICE ARE COMMITTED TO KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE**

These Safety Tips are available in Spanish from your City Hall, Community Center and Police Department.

Copias de estas Medidas de Seguridad están disponible en español en la Oficina Municipal (City Hall), Centro Comunitario y Departamento de Policia.



# UPCOMING CITY EVENTS

December - January - February

## December

**Saturday, December 9, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Weston Moonlight Movies in the Park**  
**"The Polar Express"**

On Christmas Eve, a doubting boy lies in bed hoping to hear the sound of reindeer bells from Santa's sleigh. To his surprise, a steam engine's roar and whistle can be heard outside his window where the conductor invites him on board to take an extraordinary journey to the North Pole. Enjoy an evening traveling along on the steam engine to the North Pole. 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, at the Event Stage, corner of Saddle Club Road and South Post Road. For more information, please call 954-389-4321.**

**Sunday, December 10, 1:30 p.m.**  
**"Santa's Holiday Revue" A Stages Productions**  
**theatrical presentation.**

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## January

**Saturday, January 13, 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.**  
**Puppet Show: "The Tortoise and the Hare"**

Aesop's fable about a great race between a lovable tortoise and an arrogant hare. Who wins? Two shows: 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Presented by Puppets to Go in conjunction with the Puppet Guild of South Florida. Free for children and their parents. No art activity after show.

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**Saturday, January 13, 7:30 p.m.  
Weston Night at the Panthers**

Special ticket pricing for available for the Florida Panthers vs Washington Capitals. All Weston night ticket purchases will be entered into a drawing for two round-trip tickets from Spirit Airlines, and \$5 from each ticket will be donated to the YMCA. Pricing includes parking and starts at \$37 for Lower Level seating (reg. \$72)!

BankAtlantic Center, One Panther Parkway, Sunrise.

**For tickets, see the order form this Announcer or call 954-835-7206 or email: levineb@sselive.com.**

**Saturday, January 13, 7:30 p.m.  
Weston Moonlight Movies in the Park:  
“Cheaper By the Dozen 2”**

The Baker family plans a vacation for one last time to their old summer nesting grounds before sending off their oldest and newly graduated daughter to New York. Enjoy the whirlwind of a summer vacation with twelve kids running in different directions. 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, at the Event Stage, corner of Saddle Club Road and South Post Road. For more information, please call 954-389-4321.**

**3rd Annual Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration  
Sunday, January 14, 3:00-6:00p.m.**

A multicultural celebration including an outdoor display or artwork and band presentation from 3-4pm; from 4-6pm in the auditorium the main show includes the Honorable Judge Robert R. Diaz among several guest speakers; a short film on Dr. King’s life; musical and dance performances, gospel singers, opera soloist and Alvin Ailey’s celebration dancers and the presentation of the Martin Luther King Jr. Achievement Awards. Presented by Special Events at Weston, the Arts Council of Greater Weston, Cypress Bay High School and the West Broward Family YMCA.

**Cypress Bay High School, 18600 Vista Park Blvd. For info call 954-389-9543.**

**Wednesday, January 17; Thursday, January 18 or  
Friday, January 19 and \*Saturday, January 20**

**Bulk Pickup**

Bulk trash will be picked up on your regularly scheduled collection day only. Bulk trash must be placed curbside by 7 a.m. For residences with dumpster service, place items alongside dumpster. \*Indicates pick-up for multi-family units (condominiums & apartment complexes.)

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

**Monday, January 15, 6:30 p.m.**

**Foreign Film Festival at Weston: “Manuale D’Amore”**

Italy. A contemporary comedy about the handbook of love. Featuring four intertwined vignettes on the joys and sorrows of love: infatuation, crisis, betrayal and abandonment. Italian with English Subtitles. Tickets are \$6.00 per person and can be purchased in advance at the Weston Community Center (inside Weston Regional Park) or at the movie.

**Weston Branch Library, 4205 Bonaventure Blvd. For more information, please call 954-217-7717.**

**Monday, January 29, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Homestead Exemption Filings**

Representatives from the Broward County Property Appraiser’s Office will be on hand to assist you with filing your Homestead Exemption application. For more information, please contact Steve Cisneros at 954-357-6929 or visit the website at www.bcpa.net

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**Cypress Bay Theatre, 18600 Vista Park Drive. For more information, please call 954-389-4321.**

**Saturday, February 10, 7:30 p.m.**

**Weston Moonlight Movies in the Park: “Robots”**

Meet Rodney Copperbottom, an idealistic robot who wants to convince his electronic brethren to come together and work toward making the world a better place. But, Rodney faces opposition from an evil corporation headed by Big Weld and finds some unlikely allies in the form of a ragtag group of misfit robots called the Rusties. 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.

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## Coming in March:

**Free outdoor concert for all ages  
Firefall, Poco and Pure Prairie League  
Saturday, March 3, 2007 beginning at 7:00pm**

in the Weston Regional Park at the Event Stage. More details as the date nears...





L to R Harold Sloane, Roberta Sloane, Brian O'Farrell, Rebecca Urrutia, Gene Sanabria, Shek Gong (top), Jeff Andrews (Instructor), Dee Montesano, Branch Walton (top), Gene Giblin (top), Marcia Johnson



L to R Commissioner Daniel Stermer, Commissioner Sharon Cheren, ShekGong, Gene Giblin, Lt. Jeff Andrews (Instructor), Fire Chief Craig Otten, Mayor Eric Hersh, Roberta Sloane, Harold Sloane, Dee Montesano, Gene Sanabria, Commissioner Mercedes Henriksson and Commissioner Murray Chermak.

## Weston Graduates First CERT Class

What would you do in the event of a disaster? Would you be able to take care of yourself and your family? Would you be able to assist your neighbors until help arrived? That is exactly what some residents of Weston have prepared for. Ten residents recently completed the Community Emergency Response Team training program offered by the Broward Sheriff's Office Division of Fire Rescue. Better known as C.E.R.T., this program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations.

People who go through C.E.R.T. training have a better understanding of the potential threats to their home,

workplace and community and can take the right steps to lessen the effects of these hazards on themselves, their homes or workplace. If a disaster happens that overwhelms local response capability, C.E.R.T. members can apply the training learned in the classroom and during exercises to give critical support to their family, loved ones, neighbors or associates in their immediate area until help arrives. When help does arrive, C.E.R.T.s provide useful information to responders and support their efforts, as directed, at the disaster site. C.E.R.T. members can also assist with non-emergency projects that improve the safety of the community. C.E.R.T.s have been used to distribute and/or install smoke alarms, replace smoke alarm batteries in the home of elderly, distribute disaster education material, provide services

at special events, such as parades, sporting events, concerts and more.

There are currently 1100 C.E.R.T teams throughout the United States with over 160 teams in the State Of Florida. The Weston C.E.R.T. team, led by Captain Jeff Andrews of the Broward Sheriff's Office, completed 24 hours of training in the areas of building construction, fire suppression, first aid, terrorism response, disaster psychology and disaster preparedness. One of the highlights of the class was utilizing different types of fire extinguishers on actual fires. They continue to meet at Fire Station No. 81 on a monthly basis in order to keep up with their training and learn new skills. Team members are currently completing the American Heart

Association CPR class and future plans include attending the State Conference in March of 2007 and participating in the Broward Region Disaster Drill in May.

### INTERESTED?

The Broward Sheriff's Office Fire Rescue Division is currently planning its second C.E.R.T. class for January of 2007. For more information please call 954-389-2090.



# More Fun Happenings at Weston's Fall Harvest Festival



## Reminder!

Free Outdoor Concert For All Ages

Firefall, Poco and Pure Prairie League

Saturday, March 3, 2007 beginning at 7:00pm  
in the Weston Regional Park at the Event Stage

*Presented by the City of Weston and  
The Rotary Club of Weston*



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