



*City of Weston, 1999*

## Tremendous Accomplishments for Weston

Eric M. Hersh, Mayor

I know that you share the same pride living in Weston as we do, and that pride shows every day, as we all do our part to make Weston a unique community. However, in these difficult economic times, with real estate continuing to suffer nationwide, it's always reassuring to know that our investments in Weston, both in terms of real estate and lifestyle, are really as valuable as we perceive.

With that in mind, here are some things about Weston you might not realize, but you should be proud to know about your City.

- Weston has the lowest Ad Valorem Tax rate of any city in Broward County
- Weston has the lowest crime rate of any major city in Broward County
- Weston was recently selected by Money Magazine as “One of America’s Best Small Cities”
- Weston was named by the National Safety Council as “One of the 25 most affordable suburbs in the US”
- Weston was ranked 18th in the US for the highest percentage of job growth and 20th in highest median incomes by Money Magazine
- Weston is one of only a select few cities in the US to earn a AAA rating by both Moody’s and S&P for financial stability
- Weston has won 16 awards from The Government Finance Officers Association for the US & Canada
- Weston has won 4 awards from the Florida Government Communications Association
- Weston has won 8 awards from The City, County Communications Association

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Approaching 2009

Securing Our Sustainability...

Tremendous Accomplishments for Weston — Continued from cover

- Weston was recognized by Businessweek Magazine as having the lowest poverty rate of any city in the US
- Weston has won the “Safe City Award” by The National Safety Council
- Weston has received over \$6.5 million in State & Federal Grants

accomplishments, we are always striving to improve both the quality of life in Weston, and improve the value of your homes, businesses, and investments in our community.

On behalf of Commissioner Stermer, Commissioner Chermak, Commissioner Henriksson and Commissioner Gomez, thank you for allowing us to serve you.

These are tremendous accomplishments for any city, let alone one only 11 years old. Despite these and other

Please keep in touch.  
Eric M. Hersh, Mayor



# Did You Know...

**That students cast votes in August elections** through Kids Voting Broward. Students continue to learn about the importance of voting through opportunities presented by Kids Voting Broward. In alignment with early and Election Day primary voting, more than 5,500 students took part in the voting for county candidates through the District’s electronic voting program. In partnership with Broward Public Schools, students have been voting online since the 2004 elections. The main objective of the August election was to prepare students to cast their ballots for a very important national election coming up in November. Kids Voting Broward representatives believe they will break the single-election record of 61,000 electronic votes submitted by students, set in January of 2008.



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



**That 64% of car burglaries** in Weston occur to un-locked vehicles. Lock it...Don’t Lose It... an easy step to crime prevention.



**Sense of Community... It starts in Parks:** What transforms a crowd into a community? A chance for people to connect. Parks provide that chance. Parks are where lifetime friendships are formed, where the gap between generations is bridged, where people discover what they have in common. **How do you grow a hometown with a sense of community?** *It starts in parks.*

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# A Note From the City Manager

John R. Flint, City Manager

This fall has been a very busy and a very exciting time for us. First and foremost, three members of our City Commission were re-elected without opposition. Our congratulations to Mayor Hersh, Commissioner Henriksson, and Commissioner Gomez; we look forward to continue working with them along with Commissioner Stermer and Commissioner Chermak in what will be Weston's seventh City Commission.

We have completed the task of the staff preparing and the City Commission adopting the Fiscal Year 2009 budgets for the City, the Bonaventure Development District, and the Indian Trace Development District. We are fortunate that we did not have to use any General Fund reserves to balance the City's budget, leaving all of these funds available for us to prepare for, respond to and recover from any storm event that may occur. We are also fortunate that we are able to maintain all of our police, emergency medical and fire protection services, along with our parks

and recreation programs and the maintenance of our landscaping. The budgets, including my budget message to the City Commission, are available on our website, [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org).

You will notice a new look for our EMS (Emergency Medical Service) vehicles and our fire trucks. The City recently purchased and took delivery of five new EMS trucks, four new fire engines, and one new tower ladder truck. These state-of-the-art vehicles are to be owned by the City and operated by the Broward Sheriff's Office Department of Fire Rescue and Emergency Services. The City's decision to own the vehicles, rather than have the Sheriff provide the vehicles, resulted in a savings of \$1.2 million per year. One thing that hasn't changed is the dedication and outstanding service provided by the men and women of the Broward Sheriff's Office who will staff these vehicles.

By now our single-family homeowners have received their new carts for garbage collection. The automated cart collection system is becoming the preferred system nation-wide as it requires less labor and provides for a clean, uniform appearance on collection day. Weston now enjoys the lowest rate of any city in Broward County using this automated collection system. We greatly appreciate everyone's patience during this transition period.

Library Park will officially open on October 30th. Rarely does the opportunity come along to take advantage of a synergy with a neighbor that builds on that synergy, creates a unique setting, and provides a great experience from design all the way through to use. The Weston Branch Library was the impetus for Library Park that provides facilities for readers, story-telling, and students of all ages. The

Florida Author's Fountain showcases those Floridians who contributed to our literary culture. The Weston History Walk tells of our city's rich history from the earliest days to the present. The gazebos are perfect for story-time, school class visits, and outdoor classrooms. The open lawn is a great space for book fairs and other cultural events, or to spread a blanket and read in the sun. The benches around the fountain invite relaxation to watch and listen to the rushing waters. To make the park even more attractive, Wi-Fi will be available in the Spring of 2009.

Lastly, the current economic climate has given us all varying causes for concern. Properties in various states of foreclosure are at an all time high in Weston, which may result in some

properties not being maintained and thereby detracting from the appearance of the surrounding properties. In the event that a property in your area is not being maintained, you may call your community maintenance association or the city's Code Enforcement office for assistance. Please keep in mind that any enforcement action, by the community maintenance association or Code Enforcement, entitles the property owner, whether it is the occupant or a lending institution, to due process and therefore results may take some time to achieve.



Take the time to vote  
**General Election**  
**Election Day**  
**Tuesday, November 4th**  
**Polls open from 7 am – 7 pm**

**EARLY VOTING** – Don't wait in line on election day, Early Voting allows you to vote at your convenience

**WHEN:** Monday, October 20 –  
Sunday, November 2, 2008

**WHERE:** The Weston Branch Library  
4205 Bonaventure Boulevard,  
Weston 33332

For additional locations in other cities visit [www.browardsoe.org](http://www.browardsoe.org)

**HOURS:** Monday – Friday 10 am–6 pm  
Saturday 10 am–3 pm  
Sunday 1 pm–4 pm

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

**With Early Voting, registered voters may vote at any Early Voting site. On Election Day, voters may only vote at their assigned precinct.** Your voter information card contains the name and location of your precinct.

For information regarding polling locations, please visit the Office of the Supervisor of Elections online at [www.browardsoe.org](http://www.browardsoe.org) or call 954-357-7050 weekdays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.





# Parks Update

With 13 municipal parks and the Weston Tennis Center, Weston residents have the chance to enjoy an array of amenities for every age and lifestyle. The Community Services Department is constantly assessing the equipment and fields at every facility. Maintenance, improvements and upgrades are provided to preserve and enhance the superb quality of our Weston parks system.

## Improvements include:

**Weston Regional Park** - A new generation of skate park equipment has been installed at the City's skate park. The new ramps, half pipes, and grinding rails are engineered to withstand the heavy use of our skaters while standing up to Florida's heat and sun exposure. To ensure safety participants must wear a helmet, elbow pads and knee pads. Participants under the age of 17 must have a parent sign a waiver form available at the Community Center or online at [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org).

**Emerald Estates Park & Tequesta Trace Park** - The new

playground surfaces at these two parks are now complete. Temporary playground closures at **Gator Run Park, Vista Park and Eagle Point Park** are expected in the coming months as those facilities will be upgraded with the new, poured-in-place rubberized playground surfacing. This product, used in parks around the country, including Walt Disney World, provides for a safe, consistent surface that will limit injuries due to falls while providing for greater accessibility and meet ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) requirements.

**Tequesta Trace Park** - Construction will soon begin on upgrades to the entrance of the park. In addition, the stadium football field will be renovated to provide for better drainage. A small storage facility is being built to house athletic equipment which will eliminate the need for temporary storage containers.

**Library Park** - Construction is complete! In addition to the signature fountain, with plaques recognizing famous Florida authors, which provides for a quiet location to sit and read,

the park features three pavilions of various sizes, walking paths adorned with plaques detailing Weston's archeological history and a restroom facility. **For details regarding the Grand Opening of Library Park, Thur., Oct. 30 at 7:00 pm, please see the article in this Announcer.**

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

- Don't wear clothes with drawstrings or other loose items that could get caught on play equipment.
- Don't wear bicycle helmets while on the play equipment.
- Shoes should be worn while playing.

Even with shade covers and play surfacing designed to resist heat retention adults should check the temperatures on the play equipment, particularly on hot days. And, we strongly encourage the use of sunscreen while outdoors.

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

# Elected Officials

**Weston City Commission**  
954-385-2000  
[www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org)

## Mayor

Eric M. Hersh  
954-385-2000 / 954-385-7600  
[ehersh@westonfl.org](mailto:ehersh@westonfl.org)

## Commissioner

Daniel J. Stermer  
954-385-2000 / 954-349-4892  
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Seat No. 3

## Commissioner

Murray Chermak  
954-385-2000 / 954-389-1661  
[mchermak@westonfl.org](mailto:mchermak@westonfl.org)  
Seat No. 4

## Commissioner

Mercedes G. Henriksson  
954-385-2000 / 954-709-6433  
[mhenriksson@westonfl.org](mailto:mhenriksson@westonfl.org)  
Seat No. 2

## Commissioner

Angel Gomez  
954-385-2000 / 954-914-1989  
[agomez@westonfl.org](mailto:agomez@westonfl.org)  
Seat No. 1



# The Wait Is Over...

## Automated Curbside Garbage Collection System in the City of Weston has begun!

### Helpful Reminders Regarding This New System

#### What goes in the cart and when is it collected?

Household garbage should be bagged before being placed in the cart. Lids are designed to seal in odors and overlap

for rain protection. They will not blow open in windy conditions. Lids will close automatically after cart is emptied. Your garbage and recycling collection schedule remains the

same. Recycling still goes in your recycling bins. Collection begins at 7 a.m. All carts and bins must be curbside prior to 7 a.m.

#### Where do I place the cart on collection day?

When the cart was delivered, it was placed at the best location for pick-up. Place the cart near or at the curb and at least three feet away from your mailbox, trees, fire hydrants, gas or water meters or anything collection equipment could damage. \*\*Always place the cart at the curb with the wheels and handle toward your residence.



#### Curbside parking on collection day

Do not park at the curb on collection day. If a car is blocking the safe collection of your cart by the automated equipment, the driver will not pick-up at that time and you will not receive collection service. In those few instances where parking is an extreme problem, or where sidewalks are narrow, place carts on the driveway or next to the curb with the wheels against the curb, and park autos so as to accommodate the new system, a minimum of three feet away from cart.

#### Can I dispose of my old garbage can?

Yes. If you don't want to keep it for other purposes, old, empty garbage cans may be set out at the curb for disposal for one month after your automated collection began. Mark the can clearly with a large "X" and place it out with your trash for weekly collection. You can use paint or tape to mark the "X", but the can MUST be empty to ensure collection.

#### What if I move?

The cart belongs to the City of Weston and must remain at your residence.

#### What if my cart is stolen, damaged or destroyed?

Do not mark or alter the cart in any way. If the cart is damaged or stolen, the following policy applies: If the damage is your fault, you will be required to pay for a replacement (\$62.00). If the collection contractor damages your cart it will be replaced at no charge. The serial number on the cart helps the city locate lost or stolen carts and return them to their proper home.

#### What if I want an additional cart?

You can purchase either a 96-gallon or 64-gallon cart for a one-time charge of \$62.00 for either size.

# Official City Meetings

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

#### 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  
Direct Link subscribers tune to Channel #62

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

#### City Commission 2008/2009 7:00 pm

- Monday, October 20
- Monday, November 3
- Monday, November 17
- Monday, December 1
- Tuesday, January 20**

#### Planning & Zoning Advisory Board 6:30 pm

- Monday, October 13
- Monday, October 27
- Monday, November 10
- Monday, November 24

Meeting dates are subject to change, please confirm prior to attendance.  
954-385-2000



# Building a Foundation for the Arts

## The Arts Council of Greater Weston

### Officers and Board of Directors Installed for 2008-2010

On June third, a new slate of Officers and Board of Directors for the Arts Council of Greater Weston were installed by guest of honor, Mayor Eric Hersh. At a reception hosted by Northern Trust Bank, dozens of appreciative guests were on hand to thank and honor out-going Arts Council President Rochelle Koenig. Koenig was unanimously recognized as the driving force that infused the Arts Council with the leadership needed to propel the organization to its present status.

Over the past two years, the Arts Council has solidified its membership, while advancing numerous events and programs. Now becoming annual events with steadily increasing attendance is the yearly Kickoff Reception, the Weston Art Walk and Showtime, the Artist Showcase featuring Weston Artist Guild artists, the Student Artist

Showcase and Awards, and the Weston Foreign Film Series, among others. The Council has produced an on-line Community Arts Calendar, [www.communityartscalendar.org](http://www.communityartscalendar.org) which includes a local artist directory.

The Arts Council invites the community to its annual Arts and Culture in Weston kickoff event - A wine, champagne & dessert reception - free to the Community:

**Wednesday, October 22, 2008**

**7:00 PM**

Hyatt Regency Bonaventure Hotel - Grand Ballroom  
250 Racquet Club Road

A wonderful presentation of art exhibits and demonstrations, live entertainment, a silent auction and cultural exhibits, that is not to be missed.

# City Contacts

### **Broward Sheriff's Office- POLICE /**

*Departamento de Policia* . . . . . 954-765-4321

**Emergency** Police/Fire/EMS. . . . . **911**

*Emergencia Policia/Bomberos/Auxilio Médico.* . . . . **911**

Non-Emergency Dispatch/*Despacho No Emergencia*

BSO Police Administration/*Policia - Administración*

. . . . . 954-389-2010

Weston Police Services Building, 17300 Royal Palm Blvd.

*Weston Traffic Unit/Weston Unidad de Trafico*

. . . . . 954-389-2016

*Crime Prevention/Prevención del Crimen*

. . . . . 954-389-2030

*Code Enforcement/Aplicación de Reglamentos*

. . . . . 954-389-2067

### **Broward Sheriff's Office- 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.

### **Building & Permitting/ Construcción & Permisos**

C.A.P. Government, Inc. . . . . 954-385-0500

2700 S. Commerce Parkway, Suite 101

### **Broward County Weston Branch Library/ Biblioteca**

4205 Bonaventure Blvd. . . . . 954-389-2098

### **Cable Television**

Advanced Cable (Channel #25 for City Information)

. . . . . 954- 753-0100

Comcast Cable (Channel #78 for City Information)

. . . . . 800-568-1212

Direct Path (Channel #62) . . . . . 888-686-6110

### **City Hall/ Oficinas Municipales** . . . . . 954-385-2000

City Manager/Asst. City Mgr./CFO / City Clerk/Finance

/Communications/Business Tax Receipt (Occupational

Licenses) 17200 Royal Palm Blvd.

### **Community Services / Servicios Comunitarios**

#### **Parks & Recreation/ Parques y Diversión**

20200 Saddle Club Road. . . . . 954-389-4321

[www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org) - Parks & Recreation: info on parks, events & recreation class schedules

### **Arts Council of Greater Weston**. . . . . 954-389-4321

[www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org) - Parks & Recreation/Arts Council Arts

& Events Calendar: <http://www.communityartscalendar.org/>

Email: [ArtsCouncil@westonfl.org](mailto:ArtsCouncil@westonfl.org)

### **55+ Club** . . . . . 954-389-4321

[www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org) - Parks & Recreation/55+ Club email:

[Dot41@aol.com](mailto:Dot41@aol.com)

### **Public Works Services Center** - water & sewer/

#### **Obras Públicas - Agua y Alcantarillado**

At the Public Works Services Center

2599 South Post Road . . . . . 954-385-2600

New connections, billing info./

*Nuevas conexiones, cuentas.* . . . . . 954-746-3232

Problems/*Problemas*

Bonaventure area of Weston . . . . . 954-888-6087

After hours and weekends for Bonaventure. . . 954-888-6087

Indian Trace area (all areas except Bonaventure)954-385-2600

After hours and weekends for Indian Trace 954-385-2600

### **Garbage/ Desecho**

All Service Refuse - Customer Service . . . 954-583-1830

### **Planning & Zoning/ Planificación y Zonificación**

Calvin, Giordano & Associates, Inc. . . . . 954-921-7781

### **Weston Community Center**

20200 Saddle Club Road. . . . . 954-389-4321

### **Weston Sports Alliance/ Alianza Deportiva de Weston**

Sports League Information & Registration

. . . . . 954-389-4321

[www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org) for listing of individual phone numbers for each league

### **Weston Tennis Center/ Centro de Tenis**

16451 Racquet Club Road. . . . . 954-389-8666

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

**Weston Web Site / Página de web** [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org)

### **Weston Community Radio /**

*Estación de Radio Comunitaria* . . . . . **1680AM**



*Pride in Service with Integrity*

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

*An easy step to  
crime prevention*

Car burglaries in residential neighborhoods  
tend to be a crime of opportunity.

Too often residents leave items in their vehicle,  
and their vehicle unlocked.

**In 2007, 64% of car burglaries in Weston occurred  
to unlocked vehicles**

### *Take away the opportunity*

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

### **Residents - Please lock your vehicles**

View our Crime Prevention video at [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org)

Click on Police and scroll down the page to:

Lock It. Don't Lose It.Video



## Weston Community Happenings...

Clockwise from top left:  
YMCA Hockey in action; BSO Law  
Enforcement Officer of the Month; BSO  
county-wide SWAT operations in classroom  
training at the Weston Public Safety Building;  
The Weston Public Works team training on  
fuel and fire safety issues; Broward County  
Weston Branch Library manager, Mary Ellen  
Eubank, is honored by the City Commission  
upon her retirement for her years of dedication  
to the Weston community; BSO Firefighter  
Paramedic Debbie Carls retires at Station No.  
81-Weston after 25 years with the fire service;  
CSI night and training for students  
in the BSO-Weston University Police  
Services Academy



# Elected Officials

### School Board of Broward County

754-321-0000

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

James F. Notter, Superintendent of Schools

Robin Bartleman, Chair\*\*

Maureen S. Dinnen, Vice Chair

Beverly A. Gallagher

Jennifer Leonard Gottlieb\*\*

Phyllis C. Hope\*

Stephanie Arma Kraft, Esq.

Robert D. Parks, Ed.D.

Eleanor Sobel

Benjamin J. Williams

\*Board member representing Weston

\*\*Board member at-large

### Board of County Commissioners of Broward County

954-357-7000

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

Lois Wexler, Mayor\*

Stacy Ritter, Vice Mayor

Josephus Eggelton, Jr.,

Sue Gunzburger

Kristin D. Jacobs

Ken Keechl

Ilene Lieberman

John E. Rodstrom, Jr.

Diana Wasserman-Rubin\*

\* Commissioners representing Weston



## FEMA approves Weston Debris Management Plan

The City is pleased to announce that FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, has approved the City of Weston's Debris Management Plan. This is only the third plan to be approved in Broward County. Having the plan approved means that the City of Weston is now eligible for an additional five percent (5%) Federal cost share for eligible Category-A-Debris removal work. After a hurricane this can amount to a substantial amount of money additionally reimbursed to the City.

# Elected Officials

## BROWARD COUNTY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

### Broward County Property Appraiser

Lori Parrish 954-357-6830  
www.bcpa.net

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

### Broward County Sheriff

Al Lamberti 954-831-8900  
www.sheriff.org

2601 W. Broward Blvd.  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

### Broward County Supervisor of Elections

Dr. Brenda C. Snipes 954-357-7050  
www.browardsoe.org

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

### Clerk of the Courts of Broward County

Howard C. Forman 954-831-5504  
www.browardclerk.org

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

### Broward State Attorney

Michael J. Satz 954-357-7050  
<http://sao17.state.fl.us/>

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

### Public Defender of Broward County

Howard Finkelstein 954-831-8650  
www.browarddefender.org

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



## National Night Out Against Crime 2008

On Tuesday, August 5, 2008, the Broward Sheriff's Office welcomed residents for **National Night Out Against Crime 2008**, at the Weston Police Services Center, providing demonstrations, information, fingerprinting, car safety seat inspections, and VIN etching.

The goal of this annual event is to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, build support and participation in local anti-crime programs, and most importantly, send a message to criminals that our neighborhoods are organized. Kids and adults alike enjoyed the various demonstrations and activities.

For Crime Prevention Information please call 954-389-2010

## CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

Weston residents residing in single-family homes with curbside garbage collection may place their Christmas trees at the curb for collection along with your regular garbage collection. Trees over 8' tall are requested to be cut in half.

**Dates: Friday, December 26, 2008  
thru Friday, January 9, 2009**



## Best Wishes for a Safe and Happy Holiday Season:

With the holiday season rapidly approaching, The City of Weston and the Broward Sheriff's Office want to reinforce to residents some simple holiday safety tips that can Keep Your Holidays Safe. Be sure to go over these tips with teenagers and caregivers:

- \* When parking your vehicle to go shopping, remember where you parked it! Always park in a well lit and well traveled area.
  - \* Have your keys in hand when approaching your vehicle.
  - \* Before entering your vehicle, scan the interior of your car to be sure no one is hiding inside. Check to see if you are being followed.
  - \* When storing items purchased at the stores, place them out of sight in a locked trunk.
  - \* Do not leave your purse, wallet, or cellular telephone in view; always LOCK VEHICLE, while driving or leaving vehicle parked, even when in your own driveway.
    - \* 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!
  - \* 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.
- FIRE SAFETY:** Each year fires occurring during the holiday season injure 2,600 people and cause over \$930 million in damage. Simple precautions can greatly reduce your chances of becoming a holiday fire casualty:
- \* If purchasing a Christmas or 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.
  - \* Inspect holiday lights before putting up 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.
  - \* Use only non-flammable metallic trees and decorations.
  - \* Never put wrapping paper in a fireplace - it can throw off dangerous sparks and produce a chemical buildup in the home that can cause an explosion.
  - \* Never leave lights or lit candles unattended.
- ALWAYS have working smoke detectors on every level of your home, test monthly and equip with fresh batteries.

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



L-R: Commissioner Angel Gomez, Commissioner Daniel Stermer, Fire Chief John Frailey, Captain DeMarco, FFPM Munoz, FFPM Frittitta, Mayor Eric Hersh, Mr. Israel Markowitz with son, Lt. Hansen (rear), Commissioner Mercedes Henriksson and Commissioner Murray Chermak.

Weston Fire Rescue appeared on Channel 6 news during EMS week, displaying the Autopulse, a new, more effective alternative to manual CPR.

## Weston Fire Rescue Utilizes Autopulse - Saving Life of 46 Year Old

On May 19, 2008, the City Commission honored the firefighters of Station No. 67 who saved the life of 46 year old Israel Markowitz. The team had responded to a report of a man down on a soccer field at Weston Regional Park. Upon arrival they found Markowitz in full cardiac arrest. After being placed on Autopulse and aggressive advanced cardiac life support was provided, his pulse and blood pressure resumed. Mr. Markowitz was taken to Cleveland Clinic in Weston where he made a full recovery to the delight of his son, who accompanied him to the City Commission meeting, to thank those being honored for saving his life.

# Elected Officials

## STATE OF FLORIDA OFFICIALS

### Florida House of Representatives, District 97

State Representative Martin D. Kiar  
850-487-1588 / 954-346-2813  
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6600 University Drive,  
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### Florida House of Representatives, District 98

State Representative Franklin Sands  
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7487 NW 4th Street, Plantation, FL 33317

### Florida Senate, District 34

Senator Nan Rich  
954-747-7933 / 850-487-5103  
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777 Sawgrass Corporate Parkway,  
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### Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Charles H. Bronson 850-488-3022  
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### Chief Financial Officer

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

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Charlie Crist 850-488-7146  
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400 S. Monroe Street  
The Capitol  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001



## West Broward YMCA ~ *Takes the Initiative to Activate Residents*

The West Broward YMCA is participating in Activate America, the YMCA's national initiative to combat the profound increase in chronic disease related to obesity. Through Activate America the West Broward YMCA Family Center is dedicated to providing the mentoring adults, children and families need to succeed.

**This initiative, which begins on October 1, 2008,** blends the values and programs we offer to the community every day. Participating in Activate America, a year-long commitment to your health and wellness, will provide you with the knowledge to make positive personal choices about wellness and become a role model for others through the varied roles you play each day as parents, coaches, mentors and community leaders.

The YMCA of Broward County is committed to incorporating physical activity into all aspects of youth and family programming, including aquatics, sports, fitness classes, Child Watch, camps and after school programs.

Making the commitment to lead an active lifestyle is one of the most important decisions you will ever make. The West Broward YMCA Family Center is dedicated to leading our community to be one of the fittest communities in the country. Toward that end, we have partnered with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Steps to a HealthierUS initiative, Harvard School of Public Health and Stanford University School of Medicine to provide expert advice in the development of YMCA Activate America.

The YMCA is known for bringing people together to find solutions to challenges facing our communities. Through its health and wellness programs, the YMCA is a major player in the health promotion and chronic disease prevention revolution that is saving lives, improving health and reducing health care costs.

The YMCA of Broward County's Y-Partners Annual Scholarship Campaign offers everyone in our community the opportunity to participate regardless of their inability to pay.

The "Y" builds strong kids, strong families and strong communities by providing the tools and knowledge within our programming that afford every adult, child and family in our community the opportunity to make health and wellness a permanent part of their life. We invite you to join us and make health and wellness a permanent part of you, and your family's, life.

For more information, please contact Debbie Hickey, Wellness Director, at 954-424-9622 or [dhickey@ymcabroward.org](mailto:dhickey@ymcabroward.org).

## IN HIGH SCHOOL AND IN NEED OF SERVICE HOURS?

ARE YOU A COMPANY OR  
ORGANIZATION IN NEED OF STUDENTS  
TO HELP WITH A PROJECT?

Weston's Communications Department maintains a list of high school students desiring service hours required for graduation. The City uses students during city sponsored events and activities throughout the year. While the city doesn't have enough service hours for all students, we can put community organizations, businesses or groups in touch with interested students.

Students interested in being added to the volunteer list, or organizations in need of volunteers, should call the Weston Communications office at 954-385-2002 or 954-385-2008.



# Elected Officials

## Federal Officials

### United States House of Representatives, District 20

Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz  
954-437-3936 / 202-225-7931  
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10100 Pines Blvd., Pembroke Pines, FL 33026  
118 Cannon HOB, Washington, DC 20510

### United States Senate

Senator Mel Martinez  
305-444-8332 / 202-224-3041  
[mel\\_martinez@martinez.senate.gov](mailto:mel_martinez@martinez.senate.gov)  
800 Douglas Road, Suite 148,  
Coral Gables, FL 33134  
317 Hart Senate Office Building,  
Washington, DC 20510

### United States Senate

Senator Bill Nelson  
954-693-4851 / 202-224-5274  
[billnelson.senate.gov/contact/index.cfm#email](http://billnelson.senate.gov/contact/index.cfm#email)  
3416 S. University Drive, Davie, FL 33328  
716 Hart Senate Office Building,  
Washington, DC 20510

### President of the United States

President George W. Bush 202-456-1111  
[president@whitehouse.gov](mailto:president@whitehouse.gov)  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500



- 1) Christian DeBruyne and Blake Ferreira
- 2) Wayne Odesnick and Kyle Mayberry
- 3) John Kellert going over the rules of ultimate Frisbee
- 4) Ricky Hernandez picking the teams for the soccer game
- 5) Jessica Navarro giving instructions
- 6) Oliver Hyams breaking down the backhand
- 7) Yudit Hernandez, Clara Davilla, Marita Marquez

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

### Simple Tennis Tip to help every level!

The last few months I have been working very hard with a 13 year old girl, getting her ready to play her first pro level tournament. One simple thing that I told her has seemed to help her find a lot more confidence in her ground-strokes, and hopefully this tip can help you as well. When you're setting up to hit either a front-hand or a back-hand try your best to keep your head still. Many players pull their head when they go to swing. Work on trying not to move so much when hitting and keeping your head very still while looking at the ball, this will not only improve your consistency, but allow you to generate more power into your swing. Until next time have fun and keep your eyes on the ball...

*By Kyle Mayberry, Touring Program Director*

Tune into 1680AM when in Weston for new tennis tips of the month.

### UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

#### USTA 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CITY OF WESTON TOURNAMENT

**Friday, October 31, 2008 through Monday, November 3, 2008**

Open division for men and women, ages 30, 40, 50 and over, singles and doubles. To register for the tournament visit [www.usatennisflorida.usta.com](http://www.usatennisflorida.usta.com), click on "Adult Tournaments" and follow the instructions or call the Weston Tennis Center at 954-389-8666 for more information.

#### THE DAVIS CUP

**Saturday, November 15, 2008 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**  
**FREE for members/\$30 for non-members**

It's that time of year again for the Davis Cup team challenge. Eight teams, each captained by one of the Pros, will compete to win the Davis Cup. Participants will be drafted from the registration list - register by Friday morning, November 14th for the afternoon draft. Men and Women's doubles and singles will comprise each individual match. After the challenge we will have a catered lunch.

Space is limited! For more information or to register please call the Weston Tennis Center Pro Shop at 954-389-8666

#### WINTER CAMP SESSIONS

Camp sessions at the Weston Tennis Center offer a concentrated, but highly interesting and invigorating tennis experience, an intense and rewarding learning-and-playing-program of self-improvement. Instruction is geared to all levels of play - from beginner to tournament player. Knowing the need for personal attention in instruction, a low student-teacher ratio is maintained throughout the sessions.

#### HOLIDAY CAMP ACADEMY 2008-2009

**December 22, 23 and 24th (1/2 day)**  
**December 29, 30, and 31st (1/2 day)**

Internationally recognized as one of the top training facilities in the U.S., junior players (ages 8-18) who want to play professional tennis, earn a college scholarship or simply want to improve their game should take advantage of one of the most complete programs taught by a very qualified staff that knows how to achieve results. Program includes; world class tennis

coaching, strength and conditioning programs, tournament travel programs, water sports activities, and a Cliff Drysdale Training Center T-Shirt. Campers are responsible for their own lunch, but Gatorade and a nutritious snack during the day will be provided. The last day of the week is pizza day!

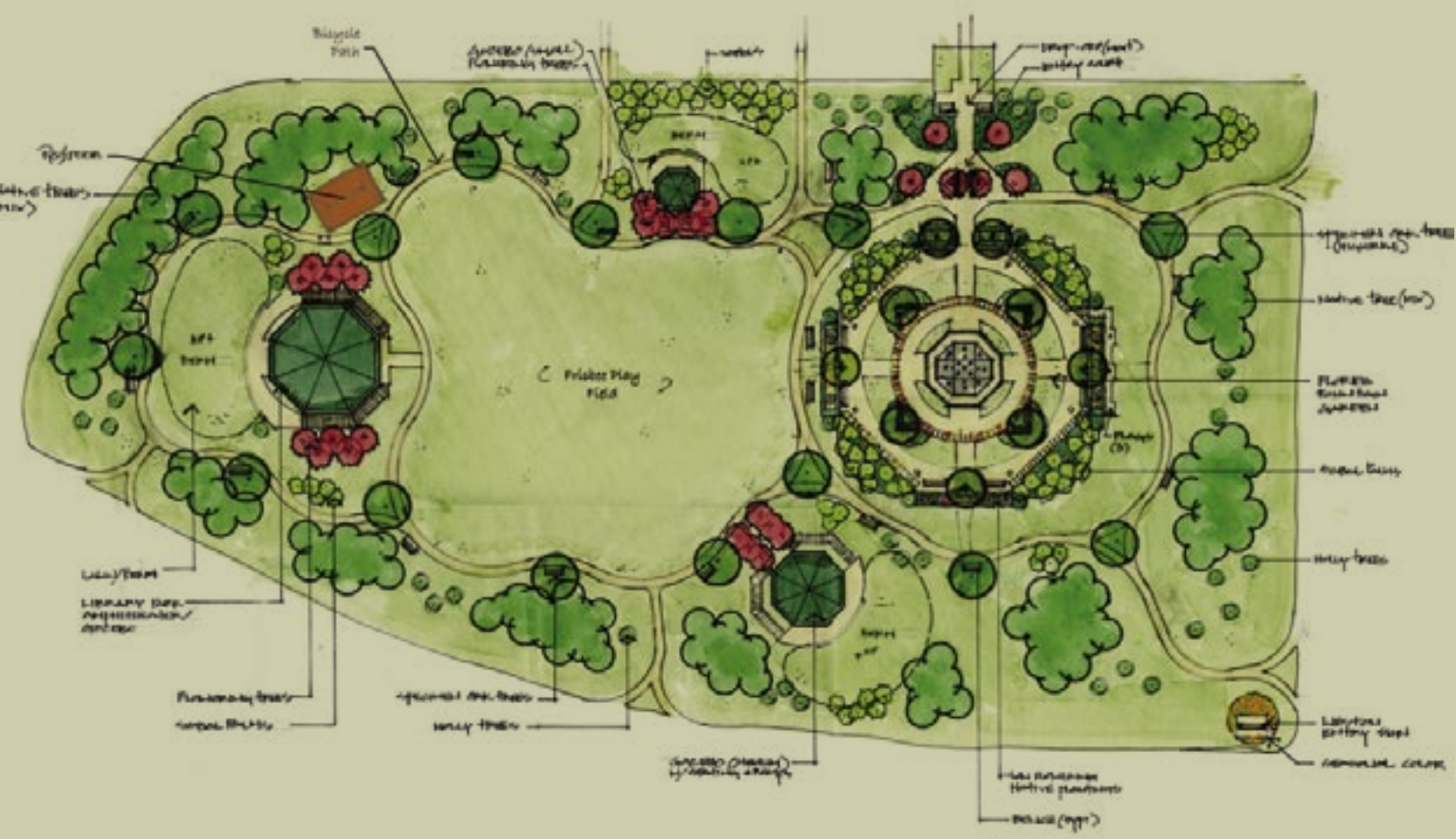
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#### HOLIDAY CAMP 2008-2009

**December 22, 23 and 24th (1/2 day)**  
**December 29, 30, and 31st (1/2 day)**

Every aspect of the tennis game is thoroughly covered including: basic strokes, strategy and overall conditioning. Drills will be designed to provide game-like practice for every possible playing situation. Campers are responsible for their own lunch, but Gatorade and a nutritious snack during the day will be provided. The last day of the week is pizza day!

For more information or to register please call the Weston Tennis Center at 954-389-8666



## BSO & Weston Formed New Summer Program Educates Weston Youth in Police Services Academy

From June through July, twenty-seven Weston students, ages 12-16, were a part of a brand new program initiated by the Broward Sheriff's Office in Weston: The Weston University - Broward Sheriff's Office Police Services Academy. The program, funded through a BSO grant, with support from the City of Weston, provided kids with an opportunity to explore law enforcement services on an in-depth basis with hands-on exercises, and providing education and safety training, and also exposing students to a variety of career paths. The program was enriching, educational and FUN. It was tied into the city's six year old Weston University Program, providing an extension of the civics education which that program provides, and creating a perfect partnership.

During the eight week program which met on Thursday evenings and took day-time field trips, the students were involved in a wide-range of activities and educational classes:

- History of BSO and Intro to Law Enforcement
- Tour of Public Safety Building in Fort Lauderdale
- Tour of main Jail
- Officer Safety and Intro to Defensive Tactics
- Introduction to the Legal System Broward State Attorney's Office
- Courthouse visit of live trial
- CSI - the real thing. Crime Scene Investigative techniques
- Tour of Countywide Services at Executive Airport
- CPR certification and Drowning Prevention
- Internet Safety, and a graduation!

## Library Park is Open

The newest addition to Weston's park system Grand Opening on Thursday, October 30th.

The design phase of Library Park began in 2006, and now this unique five acre passive park, located adjacent to the Broward County Weston Branch Library, is a reality and ready for public use. Library Park provides a relaxing retreat for library patrons and students of all ages alike.

After meeting with library staff to gain insight into what features could be incorporated into the design that would complement the library's services, the park was designed to provide visitors a tranquil setting in which to relax, study or read. It includes three gazebos of varying sizes which can be used to hold the library's Storytime children's book readings, classes, study groups or book fairs, and residents can use them for social events and other gatherings. Extensively landscaped, the park provides expansive lawn areas, benches, the Florida Authors Fountain, and Weston's History Walk.

The image of a university campus-like ambiance was envisioned by city leaders, with the placement of a park adjacent to the library and directly across the street from Cypress Bay High School and Falcon Cove Middle School at the corner of Bonaventure Boulevard and Vista Park Boulevard. Today, Library Park adds another gem to Weston's already impressive array of recreational respites.

*The public is invited to the Library Park Grand Opening event on Thursday, October 30, 2008 at 7:00 p.m*

The celebration will be attended by city officials and include music and refreshments. In addition, **Art on a Limb** will feature hundreds of bookmarks adorned with an original drawing by Weston's art students hanging from the trees; guests will have the opportunity to select a one-of-a-kind

bookmark as a keepsake.



## The Community Center at the Weston Regional Park

### KIDS PROGRAMS

**Karate** Wed 6:00-7:00 pm (Ages 6-8) and 7:00-8:00 pm (Ages 9+). Provide your child with the ability to defend him/herself 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.** Continuous. Limited Space Available.

**Superstars Dance and Baton** Thurs 4:00-5:00 (beg ages 5-7), 5:00-6:00 (beg ages 8-12), 6:00-7:00 (intermediate), 7:00-8:00 (advanced). One hour classes separated by age and ability. High energy combination classes include dance, cheerleading and baton twirling. Develop grace, poise and self confidence. Members will be invited to perform in Disney World, University of Miami half time show, local events and much more. Wendy Russell is an award winning, professional choreographer. For more information visit [www.floridasuperstars.com](http://www.floridasuperstars.com) or call 954-438-2075. **Cost \$45/month. (Plus \$25 registration fee and \$20 baton required.)** Monthly fee includes unlimited classes at locations around Broward County. Continuous

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

of the season. Limit 12 kids/class. For more information call Robin at 954-385-3060. **Cost is \$375.** Spring session will run from 2/1/09 to 5/3/09.

**Young Rembrandts** (Fri.) 4:30-5:30 pm (ages 3 1/2 to 13 years) Young Rembrandts prepares children for goals set forth by the National Standard for Art Education. Our exclusive program dispels the myth that art is a talent a child has or doesn't have. We view art not merely as a talent, but as a skill that can, and should, be learned by all children. Price includes all materials. For more information call 954-647-6403 or visit [www.youngrembrandts.com](http://www.youngrembrandts.com). **Winter session from 11/7 to 1/16/09 (no class 11/28 or 12/26) costs \$112.**

**The Play's the Thing!** Fri 3:15-4:15 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. **Limit 12 kids/class. Cost is \$210.** Robin Braun and the Inside Out Theatre Company: 954-385-3060. Spring Session will run from 1/30/09 to 4/24/09.

**Bright & Smart Robotics** Mon 4:30-6:00 (7-12 years). Kid oriented program that develops engineering

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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. Space is limited to 12 students. **Cost is \$150 for six classes of 1 1/2 hr. each. Free demo class on 10/27.** 6-week sessions 11/03 to 12/08. Call 954-816-3346 or email at [info@BrightandSmart.com](mailto:info@BrightandSmart.com) to RSVP for the free demo classes. For more information about our programs visit [www.BrightandSmart.com](http://www.BrightandSmart.com).

**Musical Theatre Production Class** Sun 4:00-7:00 pm (9-12 years). This class focuses on training in acting and movement with a rehearsal period that leads to a performance of one of our original musicals. Instruction includes traditional Stanislavski techniques, improvisation, and character development. No experience is necessary; this class leads to a performance in a professional theatre setting and students are expected to be committed and work at the highest level of professionalism. **Limit 12 kids/class. Cost is \$395.** Call Robin Braun of the Inside Out Theatre Company for more details: 954-385-3060. **Spring Session will run from 2/1/09 to 5/11/09.**

**Junior Jazzercise** Wed 3:30-4:30 (5-7 years) & 4:30-5:30 (8-12 years). Fitness is fun with this exercise program designed especially for children to learn about nutrition, the body and the importance of physical fitness. Learn the latest cool dance moves to your favorite pop and hip hop music! For more information call 954-389-2624. **Cost is \$36/per month (One time \$25 registration fee made payable to Fit First, Inc.)** Call instructor for class schedule.

**Fun In Spanish** Friday 9:30-11:00 (ages 2-5) Don't forget your Spanish. The only way to hang on to your roots is to practice. Learn and practice Spanish with Latin kids and others that wish to learn in a playful, musical and artistic environment. For information, please call 954-822-7528 or email [Mariagmtours@bellsouth.net](mailto:Mariagmtours@bellsouth.net). **Cost is \$10/session or 5 classes for \$40.** Continuous.

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

**Stroller Strides** Mon through Fri 9:15-10:15 and Sat. 8:30-9:30 am. Stroller Strides, a one hour total body workout designed specifically for moms with stroller age

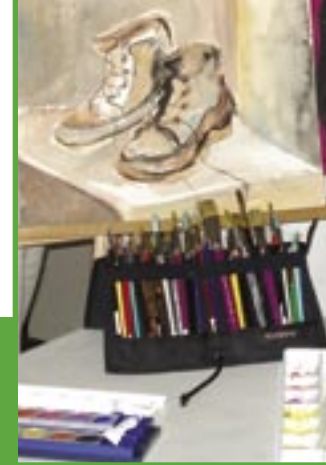
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**Kidokinetics** - Kidokinetics is the fun way to fitness that's inspiring kids to get up, get moving and get in shape! We are an all around sports fitness program for children ages 2 years old to 10 years old. Your children will develop important building blocks for life: discipline, confidence, coordination, fine and gross motor skills, and fitness. Activities include: soccer, hockey, tennis, basketball, volleyball, golf, t-ball, polo, lacrosse, frisbee, hula-hoops, obstacle courses, relays, hurdles and more. For more information call 954-385-8511 or go to [www.Kidokinetics.com](http://www.Kidokinetics.com). Classes meet INDOORS at the Community Center.

	Tuesdays:	Thursdays:
Ages 3-5	4:00-4:45	
Ages 2-3	4:45-5:30	
Ages 5-10		4:15-5:00
Ages 3-5		5:00-5:45

Fall Session I: Week of 9/8 to week of 10/27  
 Fall Session II: week of 11/3 to week of 12/15  
**Cost is \$65 per session.** T-shirts can be purchased for an additional \$8. Class can be prorated if you join late.

**Babykinetics** - Kidokinetics Baby is an introduction to physical activity for babies. Our classes increase body awareness and help babies learn, coordination and balance and to control muscles. Babies will have a fun opportunity to interact with soccer balls, footballs, bouncy balls, bean bags, cones, hula hoops, tunnels and much more all with their parents.  
 Ages 15 months to 24 months (Monday 9:30-10:15)  
 Fall Session I: 9/8 to 10/27



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Fall Session II: 11/3 to 12/15  
Ages 6 months to 14 months (Fridays 11:30-12:15)  
Fall Session I: 9/12 to 10/31  
Fall Session II: 11/7 to 12/12.

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

**Kidokinetics Jr.** - Parent and Child Sports Sat 9:00-9:45 am (Ages 2-4 years). We all know that parents love to play sports and workout with their kids. This class is a high energy, active class with your little ones. Introducing them to sports and making fitness fun while setting the pace for them in years to come. Parent and child will help develop your child's coordination, concentration, and motor skills, while having fun in a safe, non competitive environment. Every week focuses on a different sport. Activities include soccer, hockey, basketball, hula hoops, bean bag skills, football, tennis, t-ball, obstacle courses, golf and much more. For more information, please call 954-385-8511 or go to [www.Kidokinetics.com](http://www.Kidokinetics.com). Class meets INDOORS at the Community Center.

Ages 2-3 years (Mondays 10:30-11:15)  
Fall Session I: 9/8 to 10/27  
Fall Session II: 11/3 to 12/15

Ages 18 mos-4 years (Saturdays 9:00-9:45)  
Fall Session I: 9/6 to 10/25  
Fall Session II 11/1 to 12/13

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

**Fencing Club** - Mondays and Wednesdays: Beginners (6:30-7:30) Intermediate/advanced (7:30-9:00) We invite males and females, ages 10 and up, to join our fencing classes and learn the sport of fencing! We offer beginner and intermediate level foil classes, taught by a former member of the Bulgarian National Fencing Team, Antoaneta Spassova. Our members include nationally ranked members of the committee. **Cost is \$65 per month.** For more information call (954) 389-4391, email [WendiOppenheim@gmail.com](mailto:WendiOppenheim@gmail.com), or contact Coach Antoaneta Spassova at (954) 249-3295. Continuous

**Pee Wee Dance** - Tues. 10:00-10:30 (ages 2-3) Instructed by Dance Through the Ages, this is an introduction to the art of dance. Students will learn the basics (pointing & flexing of the feet, turning, fine & gross motor skills) while using innovative props and listening to familiar preschool tunes All instructors are trained dancers, as well as teachers, and will promote fun, positive atmosphere in order to encourage a love of dance for all students. Recital option is open for all students interested. Meredith Dreyfuss, Dance Director, is a member of the International Dance teacher's Association and is a trained dancer with over 10 years of teaching experience. Please call (954) 260-4409 for more information or visit [www.DanceTTA.com](http://www.DanceTTA.com). **Cost is \$54/month.** Continuous

## ADULT PROGRAMS

**Art/Multi-Media** Tues 6:00-9:00 pm Acclaimed artist Rolande Moorhead teaches all skill levels in the mediums of their choosing including oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, painting and charcoal drawing. With individual attention, students explore their creative potential. **Cost \$195/6 weeks.** Continuous

**Watercolor Painting** Fri 10:00 am-1:00 pm Award winning watercolorist Rolande Moorhead teaches the vocabulary of colors, shapes, composition and preliminary drawing. All skill levels. **Cost \$195/6 weeks.** Continuous

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

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**Karate** Wed 8-9:30 pm 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.** Continuous

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

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

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**SAT Preparation** (Age 15-20) Tues (7:00-9:30 pm), Thurs (7:15-9:45) or Sun (1:30-4:00 pm). This course prepares students for all facets of the College Board exam. Class not only thoroughly reviews content of what is tested but also exposes students to numerous insightful strategies for scoring well on the SAT. Jeff Steinberg, the instructor, has specialized in developing and instructing SAT preparation courses since 1990 (including for the University of Miami). Students are assured of receiving expert instruction (the average increase in scores is 200 points), while paying less than half of what some commercial courses charge. To enroll in this course, please contact Mr. Steinberg directly at (954) 478-0792. **Cost is \$475 for 8 week, 20 hour course (including text and materials).** Fall session starts 10/5 (Sun) and 10/7 (Tues) for 12/6 test (no class on 11/2 or 11/4) Spring session starts 1/18 (Sun) and 1/20 (Tues) and 1/22 (Thurs) for test on 3/14.

**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.**

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

**Hip Hop Now - Tues. 10:30-11:30** (adults) Instructed by Dance Through the Ages, this class is an aerobic workout and a dance combined. Perfect for beginners and those who have taken Hip Hop before; this class focuses on the strengthening of core muscles, while teaching easy to follow choreography to upbeat, hip hop/pop music. It is a complete body workout. We guarantee that all students will leave feeling like dancers! All instructors are trained dancers, as well as teachers. Meredith Dreyfus, Dance Director, is a member of the Dance Teacher's Association and has over 10 years teaching experience. Please call (954) 260-4409 for more information or visit: [www.DanceTTA.com](http://www.DanceTTA.com). **Cost is \$60/month.** Continuous

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## October

**Wednesday, October 22nd at 7:00 p.m.**

**The Arts Council of Greater Weston Showcases Art and Culture in Weston**

Hyatt Regency Bonaventure Hotel Grand Ballroom, 250 Racquet Club Road, Weston, Florida

In partnership with the City of Weston and the Arts Council of Greater Weston, this FREE event open to everyone will showcase the art and cultural events planned for the upcoming year with live music, refreshments, art exhibits and much more.

**For more information, please visit [www.communityartscalendar.org](http://www.communityartscalendar.org)**

**Saturday, October 25th from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**The City of Weston Fall Harvest Festival and Safety Expo**

Tequesta Trace Park, 600 Indian Trace, Weston, Florida

The City of Weston in partnership with the Broward Sheriff's Office District VIII Weston, presents an action-packed day the whole family will enjoy including: Children's Halloween Costume Parade at 4:30 p.m., Pet Costume Contest at 6 p.m. and a Pumpkin Carving Contest at 6:30 p.m. (Must pre-register by calling 954-276-5985, first 12 entries only, one per household). In addition there will be live entertainment, bounce house, inflatables, arts & crafts booths, DJ music, pumpkin patch, interactive teddy bear clinic, Bloodmobile,

health screenings, safety exhibits, FREE cotton candy and snow cones!

**For more information, please call 954-276-5985**

**Thursday, October 30, 2008 - 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

**Library Park Grand Opening**

4205 Bonaventure Boulevard (at the corner of Bonaventure Blvd. & Vista Park Blvd.)

Join us in celebrating the newest addition to Weston's park system - a unique five acre facility, adjacent to the Broward County Weston Branch Library, which provides a relaxing retreat for library patrons and children alike. The grand opening will feature Weston city officials lighting the Florida Authors Fountain, entertainment, refreshments and "Art on a Limb", where guests select a hand-decorated park bookmark, hanging from trees throughout the park. Walk along the Weston History Walk, which will educate visitor on Weston's archeological past and relax in one of three gazebos which will be used for educational and recreational purposes.

**For more information please call 954-385-2002 or 2008.**

## November

**Saturday, November 1st at 1:30 p.m.**

**Professional Theater for Children: Sleeping Beauty Cypress Bay Theater, 18600 Vista Park Blvd., Weston.**

A sleeping princess, a spellbound prince and more fairies that you can shake a stick at are all part of this quirky adaptation of the popular tale. To the audiences delight, more than one spell is about to be broken by the kiss of a handsome prince.

**Tickets and more information is available at the Weston Community Center, please call 954-389-4321**

**Saturday, November 1st at 7:30 p.m.**

**FREE Weston Moonlight Movie in the Park: Nim's Island**

**Event Stage at the Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Road, Weston, Florida**

Anything can happen on Nim's Island, a magical place ruled by a young girl's imagination. It is an existence that mirrors that of her favorite literary character, Alex Rover- the world's greatest adventurer. But Alexandra, the author of the Rover books, leads a reclusive life in the big city. When Nim's father goes missing from their island, a twist of fate brings her together with Alexandra. They rely on the steadfast courage to their fictional hero, Alex Rover, to inspire them to save the day. Bring lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy a free movie under the stars projected onto a giant inflatable screen. Kids under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

**For more information please call the Weston Community Center at 954-389-4321**

**Sunday, November 2nd**

**Daylight Saving Time Ends!**

Turn clocks back one hour. This is an excellent time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors to avoid the high pitched alarming reminder from going off in the middle of the night. Every year in the United States, about 3,000 people lose their lives in residential fires. Most fire victims die from inhalation of smoke and toxic gases, not as a result of burns. Most deaths and injuries occur in fires that happen at night while the victims are asleep. Properly installed and maintained smoke alarms in the home are considered one of the best and least expensive means of providing an early warning of a potentially deadly fire.

**Tuesday, November 4th from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm**

**Election Day - General Election**

Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. Weston will not hold a Municipal Election as qualifying candidates Mayor Eric M. Hersh, Commissioner Mercedes Henriksson and Commissioner Angel Gomez were unopposed and automatically re-elected to serve another four-year term in office. For more information regarding the general election and polling locations visit the Broward County Supervisor of Elections website at [www.browardsoe.org](http://www.browardsoe.org).

**Monday, November 10th at 7:15 p.m.**

**Weston Foreign Film Series: Everybody Famous (Belgium) ALL FILMS HAVE ENGLISH SUBTITLES**

Weston 8 Cinema, 1338 SW 160th Avenue, Sunrise, Florida  
The City of Weston in partnership with the Arts Council of Greater Weston, Inc., and the Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival are happy to bring to you the 3rd Annual Weston Foreign Film Series. In this comedy a family man dreams of rock stardom, pins his hopes on his awkward and overweight teenage daughter. The question is how far will he go?

**Tickets are \$6.00 per film or \$25.00 for the complete series (5 films). Tickets can be purchased at the following locations: Community Bank of Broward (Weston Branch, 1504 Weston Road), Weston Branch Library (Friends Bookstore) or the Weston Community Center (20200 Saddle Club Road, Weston, Florida). Make all checks payable to ACGW- Foreign Film**

**Tuesday, November 11th**

**Veterans Day**

In honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good, all City administrative offices (City Hall, the

Community Center, the Public Works Services Center and the Building Department) will be closed. All of the parks will be open and **there will be regular garbage collection.**

**Saturday, November 15th**

**FREE Puppet Show: The Last Dinosaur Weston Community Center inside the Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Road, Weston, Florida**

This FREE puppet show produced by Bob Nathanson, Puppets to Go, is for kids ages 3-10 years old.

**Call the Weston Community Center at 954-389-4321 and for more details about the show visit [www.puppetstogo.com](http://www.puppetstogo.com)**

**Thursday, November 27th**

**Thanksgiving Day**

Thanksgiving Day is a time to remember our many blessings and to celebrate the opportunities that freedom affords us. This Thanksgiving, we express thanks for the men and women who work to keep America safe and secure. All City administrative offices (City Hall, the Community Center, the Public Works Services Center and the Building Department) will be closed. All of the parks will be open until 6:00 p.m. and **there will be regular garbage collection.**

**Friday, November 28**

**Day after Thanksgiving**

All City administrative offices (City Hall, the Community Center, the Public Works Services Center and the Building Department) will be closed. All of the parks will be open **until 6:00 p.m. and there will be regular garbage collection.**

## December

**Saturday, December 6th at 7:30 p.m.**

**FREE Weston Moonlight Movie in the Park: Alvin and the Chipmunks**

**Event Stage at the Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Road, Weston, Florida**

A global treasure that has delighted three generations of fans, comes to the big screen for the first time. The live-action/CGI motion picture event brings together the celebrated history of its beloved characters- Dave Seville and singing chipmunks Alvin, Simon, and Theodore- adding a new comic sensibility and edge. Bring lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy a free movie under the stars projected onto a giant inflatable screen. Kids under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

**For more information please call the Weston Community Center at 954-389-4321**



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## December

**Monday, December 8th at 7:15 p.m.**

**Weston Foreign Film Series: The Miracle of Bern (Germany)**

**ALL FILMS HAVE ENGLISH SUBTITLES**

Weston 8 Cinema, 1338 SW 160th Avenue, Sunrise, Florida  
The City of Weston in partnership with the Arts Council of Greater Weston, Inc., and the Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival are happy to bring to you the 3rd Annual Weston Foreign Film Series. This drama is the story of a championship German soccer team of 1954; linked to two families split during World War II.

**Tickets are \$6.00 per film or \$25.00 for the complete series (5 films). Tickets can be purchased at the following locations: Community Bank of Broward (Weston Branch, 1504 Weston Road), Weston Branch Library (Friends Bookstore) or the Weston Community Center (20200 Saddle Club Road, Weston, Florida). Make all checks payable to ACGW- Foreign Film**

**Wednesday, December 24th  
Christmas Eve**

All City administrative offices (City Hall, the Community Center, the Public Works Services Center and the Building Department) will be closing at 12 noon. All city parks will be open until 6:00 p.m. and **there will be regular garbage collection.**

**Thursday, December 25th  
Christmas Day**

Christmas Day is a time to celebrate the season of hope and joy and a time to spend with our friends and family for fun and holiday festivities. All City administrative offices (City Hall, the Community Center, the Public Works Services Center and the Building Department) will be closed. All of the parks will be open until 6:00 p.m. **THERE IS NO GARBAGE COLLECTION ON CHRISTMAS DAY.**

**Friday, December 26th  
Day After Christmas**

All City administrative offices (City Hall, the Community

Center, the Public Works Services Center and the Building Department) will be closed. All of the parks will be open until 6:00 p.m. and **there will be regularly scheduled garbage collection.**

## January

**Saturday, January 3, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.**

**Moonlight Movies in the Park: Horton Hears a Who! Event Stage at the Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Road, Weston.**

One day, Horton the elephant hears a cry of help coming from a speck of dust. Even though he can't see anyone on the speck, he decides to help it. As it turns out, the speck of dust is home to the Whos, who live in their city of Whoville. Horton agrees to help protect the Whos and their home, but this gives him nothing but torment from his neighbors, who refuse to believe that anything could survive on the speck. Still, Horton stands by the motto that, "After all, a person is a person, no matter how small." Bring lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy a free movie under the stars projected onto a giant inflatable screen. Kids under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

**For more information, please call the Weston Community Center at 954-389-4321**

**Saturday, January 17, 2009 at 8:00 p.m.**

**Symphony Orchestra: New Florida Philharmonic Cypress Bay Theater – 18600 Vista Park Blvd., Weston**

Conductor Thomas Sleeper and featuring internationally renowned Piano Soloist Berenika.

The 50 piece orchestra will perform a program that includes an Overture to Don Giovanni K527 (Mozart), Piano Concerto No. 5 Opus 73 in E Flat Major (Beethoven), and Symphony No. 5 Opus 64 in E Minor (Tchaikovsky).

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door (\$10 student). \$35 for both symphony events is purchased by January 16th.

**For tickets and information call the Weston Community Center at 954-389-4321.**

**Saturday, January 24, 2009 – Shows at 1:30 p.m. & 3:00 p.m. FREE Puppet Show: Little Red Riding Hood**

This free puppet show produced by Bob Nathanson is for kids ages 3-10 years old. The show will be at the Community Center located inside the Weston Regional Park (20200 Saddle Club Road) at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. **For more info call the Community Center at 954-389-4321 and for more details about the show visit [www.puppetstogo.com](http://www.puppetstogo.com).**

## The City of Weston

### Named one of America's Best Small Cities by Money Magazine

**MONEY Magazine's Best Places to Live 2008**

Plentiful jobs, excellent schools, affordable housing - America's best small cities have all that and more according to Money Magazine which named the City of Weston as one of America's Best Small Cities.

**Only three cities in the State of Florida** were selected for Money's list of America's Best Small Cities: The **City of Weston, ranked #73 out of 100**; the City of Coral Springs #78 and the City of Miramar #98. <http://money.cnn.com/magazines/moneymag/bplive/2008/index.html>

**Just how did they arrive at their selection of the top 100?**

**They narrowed the field.**

Start with all U.S. cities that have populations of 50,000 to 300,000: **716**

Exclude retirement communities, places where income is less than 85% or more than 201% of the state median, and those that are more than 95% white: **544**

Screen out cities with high crime, big population declines, significant unemployment or job shrinkage, and long commute; down to: **332**

Rank remaining places based on job growth, income increases, cost of living, housing affordability, school quality, arts and leisure options, safety, medical care, diversity and several ease-of-living criteria: **261**

Factor in more data on the economy, jobs, housing prices, schools and taxes: **100**

Visit and interview residents, assessing intangibles like sense of community: **22**

Select Plymouth, Minn. based on the data and findings as the number one location: **1**

**What was used in the selection process?**

**Education**

Test scores are from GreatSchools and represent the percent by which the school district's Math and English test scores fall above or below the state's average scores. Percent of students in public and private school represent students attending schools in the boundary area only, and may not add up to 100% in cases where students attend certain county or state schools.

**Quality of Life**

Air quality index are county numbers. Source: EPA.

Personal crime incidents are per 1,000 from 2006 FBI incidence reports.

Property crime incidents are per 1,000 from 2006 FBI incidence reports.

Percent of workers with long commute times from U.S. Census and OnBoard projections.

Percent of population that walks or bikes to work from U.S. Census.

**Leisure and Culture**

Number of arts and leisure activities (museums, restaurants, bars, golf courses and ski resorts) within proximity of each city is calculated by OnBoard.

**Weather**

Weather data from NOAA National Weather Center observation reporting stations.

**Health**

Health statistics (BMI, diabetes rates, hypertension rates) are for the county from Bert Sperling's bestplaces.net. Data sources: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

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and 2005/2006 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System survey from the CDC.

**Meet the Neighbors**

Percent of population that is married or divorced from U.S. Census.

Average annual dollar amount spent on vacation (domestic & foreign) is per household from MRI and InSource marketing survey data.

Locations of Best Companies to Work for and Fortune 500 companies come from FORTUNE lists.

Restaurants, bars, movie theaters, golf, health clubs, wineries, religious worship (InfoUSA)

Museums (American Association of Museums)

Green space (OnBoard)

Orchestras (Symphony.org)

Sports, concert and family/arts events (Ticketmaster)

**One of America's Best Small Cities:  
One more reason residents have for  
being proud that they chose  
Weston as their home.**



## 2009 Residential Bulk Trash Pick-Up Schedule

The free Quarterly Bulk Trash Pick-ups for 2009 will occur on your regularly scheduled garbage collection day as follows:

**January 2009:**

Wed. 14th / Thur. 15th / Fri. 16th /

Multi-family: Sat. 17th

**April 2009:**

Wed. 15th / Thur. 16th / Fri. 17th /

Multi-family: Sat. 18th

**July 2009:**

Wed. 15th / Thur. 16th / Fri. 17th /

Multi-family: Sat. 18th

**October 2009:**

Wed. 14th / Thur. 15th / Fri. 16th /

Multi-family: Sat. 17th

Residential Curbside Collection units: All bulk trash must be out on your curbside by 7:00 am.

Townhouses & multi-family units with dumpsters: You should place items by the dumpster.

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

**What are Bulk Items?**

Bulk collection items are those items that are not disposed of in your regular commercial container.

Bulk items include, but are not limited to:

- Furniture
- Mattresses and carpets and other large household items
- Large and small appliances such as dishwashers, laundry machines, and stoves.
- Refrigerators or air conditioners must have Freon removed by a certified dealer.

**NOTE:** Mirrors, glass, glass tabletops, windowpanes, and plate glass items should be safely placed in a rigid container to facilitate safe collection. Larger glass items such as table tops, shower doors, windows should be placed separately from the rest of the bulk pickup.

Bulk items **DO NOT** include contractor-generated material, or vegetative waste (landscape materials) or household hazardous waste (HHW). Vegetative/Landscape waste is collected with your regular garbage collection.

**Where to place Bulk Items for collection?**

Bulk items should be placed at or near the same location where your regular garbage is collected. Do not place bulk items near overhead obstructions, trees, mailboxes, or automobiles. Do not place bulk items in any manner that would limit the regular garbage service you receive. If you have any questions regarding the placement of bulk material, please contact All Service Refuse at 954-583-1830.

## Weston Historical Artifacts on Display in Weston Branch Library

Many years of perseverance by the City and the Weston Historical Society has finally paid off in the way of a great benefit to Weston residents. Since Weston's incorporation in 1996, the city and county have had talks of a branch library within the city, and in that library would be a display of Weston's archeological history. Talks date back to when then-Library Director Sam Morrison, City Manager John Flint and Roy Rogers of Arvida, sat in Weston's leased office space envisioning what would become an Educational Complex at the corner of Bonaventure Boulevard and Vista Park Boulevard, containing schools, a library and a park. Today that area is host to Cypress Bay High School, Falcon Cove Middle School, the Weston Branch Library/BCC Weston Campus and Library Park which opens this October. Dreams really do come true. The Weston Historical Society's dream of having an archeological display case in the library to educate and inspire residents is also now a reality.

**WHAT YOU WILL FIND IN THE DISPLAY**

We encourage residents to visit the display, located just inside the library lobby at 4205 Bonaventure Boulevard. To give you a sampling of what you will find, the display includes:

Fossilized bones from a Weston fossil site, discovered by local residents while searching for natural crystals in the dredge piles of an excavated lake in the city: Vertebra fragment, leg bone fragment (possible horse), leg and foot bones and horse

teeth. During the Pleistocene period, over 12,000 years ago, herds of large animals, now extinct, lived in South Florida. Saber tooth cats, horses, dire wolves, mammoth, caribou and bison were common.

Prehistoric Indians inhabited South Florida for over 11,000 years at sites throughout Broward County. Additional artifacts displayed are of cultural remains of the Tequesta Indians. These are from the Glades period sites dating from 800 A.D. to 1700 A.D., and include: shell adze tool, shell celt or scraper tool; prehistoric pottery: Key Largo Incised rim shard, Glades Tooled rim sherd, St. Johns stamped sherds, turtle bone fragments, drilled shark teeth, alligator tooth, drilled shark vertebrae, and shell, pottery and faunal bone from the midden site.

The City was pleased to fund the design and construction of the display case being housed in the Weston Branch Library under an Agreement with the Broward County Commission. We would be remiss if we did not mention the tenacity and patience of Weston Historical Society member Mona Habib in helping to bring this display to fruition.

**VISIT THE LIBRARY TODAY** - and find out about yesterday...

Residents will find a wealth of information and a historical time-line, along with books that can be borrowed from the library for more information on Broward County's past.



## PUBLIC WORKS SERVICES CENTER GRAND OPENING

THE CITY OF WESTON PUBLIC WORKS STAFF HAS A NEW HOME!

The grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for the City's new Public Works Services Center, located at 2599 South Post Road, took place on Wednesday, August 27, 2008. Hosted by the City Commission and City Manager, the event was well attended with city staff, representatives from a host of Weston's service providers, residents and members of the media who enjoyed refreshments, a ribbon cutting ceremony, remarks from City Manager John R. Flint and tours of the building.

The new Public Works Services Center, is home to 20 staff members and the administrative management of essential public works services including; landscape, irrigation, pavement and drainage maintenance of the public rights-of-way and maintenance of the public water bodies within the City. Utility services include the maintenance of water mains, sanitary sewer mains and lift stations.

In addition to public works services, this 12,000 square foot facility also provides office and document storage space, enclosed storage for tools, equipment and vehicles, and a fuel facility for city and emergency vehicles. Equipped with an integrated back-up generator to enable the building to operate during power outages, the Public Works Services Center serves as the City's back-up Emergency Operations Center.

City of Weston Public Works Services Center  
2599 South Post Road, Weston  
(954) 385-2600

Hours of Operation  
Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Saturday, October 25  
4 - 8pm

Tequesta Trace Park  
600 Indian Trace, Weston

Bring the whole family for an entertaining,  
action-packed day of fun and learning, including:

**Children's Halloween Costume Parade - 4:30pm**

**Pet Costume Contest - 6pm**

**Pumpkin Carving Contest - 6:30pm**

*(Must pre-register by calling 954-276-5985, first 12 entries only, one per household)*

Live Entertainment • Bounce House • Inflatables  
Arts & Crafts Booths • DJ Music • Pumpkin Patch  
Interactive Teddy Bear Clinic • Bloodmobile • Health Screenings  
Safety Exhibits • FREE Cotton Candy and Snow Cones

Please call (954) 276-5985 for more information.





## Weston Community Happenings...

On Monday, June 2, 2008 Eagle Point Elementary School hosted a "Garden Dedication" to Marelise LeClerc, the school's beloved principal who would retire after the end of the school year. Ms. LeClerc, Eagle Point's first and only principal, guided Eagle Point to annually receive an "A" ranking in the State of Florida and the unprecedented distinction of being honored as a National Blue Ribbon School in 2007.

The Parent Teacher Association unveiled a gorgeous garden sculpture dedicated to Ms. LeClerc, Broward County School Board officials and Mayor Eric Hersh praised her dedication and Roy Rogers provided a tree dedication and butterfly release to everyone's delight. Principal LeClerc will be missed immensely by her students and faculty but we all wish her health and happiness in her retirement. On a bright note, we welcome new principal, Linda Chuckman to our Weston community.



# City to Enter National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System

What you should know about flooding and flood insurance

This article is required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to satisfy provisions of the Community Rating System (CRS) for reduced costs for flood insurance.

### FEMA

In 1968 the Congress of the United States established the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to, among other things, assist communities implement floodplain management measures to reduce the risk of flood to new developments. FEMA is responsible for preparing Flood Insurance Rate Maps that show the flood zone areas for each community, including the City of Weston. The 100 year flood is the national standard upon which flood insurance requirements are based. The entire City of Weston is in a flood zone and therefore the City urges all property owners and renters to purchase flood insurance to protect against the devastating loss that rising waters can cause.

### Flood Insurance

To further help prevent and minimize the damages caused by floodwaters, the City of Weston is in the process of entering into the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The program allows property owners and renters to purchase federally backed flood insurance. The City's application for participation in the CRS will, upon final acceptance by FEMA, enable property owners and renters to qualify for discounted flood insurance premiums. In the Spring of 2009, when the City anticipates receiving its rating from FEMA, the City will then notify residents how to qualify for discounted premiums.

### Flood Warnings

The City of Weston, in coordination with Broward County, has a warning system in place to alert residents to the potential flooding and its dangers. Residents will be notified via the

City's CodeRED emergency telephone call system, the local government cable television channels, and posting on the City's website, [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org). Residents and businesses may register their land line and/or their cell phone numbers via the City's website or by calling the City's Communications Department at 954-385-2000.

### Flood Safety

Flooding is always a potential threat to due to South Florida's sub-tropical climate. It is important to always be prepared and to take precautionary measures to minimize potential property damage caused by flooding by taking the few, simple steps:

- Turn off all electricity and natural gas
- Always have a battery powered device (radio or television) to monitor flood warning information
- Comply with officials when evacuation directions are given, usually by television, radio, or CodeRED
- Know your evacuation zone and route, and an alternate, as roadways may be impassable or indistinguishable from lakes due to flooding
- Be especially careful when moving about in the dark in flooded areas.

For more information on storm preparedness and additional tips visit the City's website, [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org), click on Residents & Visitors, then click on Hurricane Information.

### Development & Building Permits

All development, including new construction, additions, renovations, alterations, repair/replacement work, signs, fences, fill and tree relocation and removal requires a permit. Please contact the Building Code Services Department at 954-385-0500 for assistance in obtaining the proper permit for your work.

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### Storm Water Management

Storm water enters the City's management system through catch basins. The City has a comprehensive preventive maintenance program whereby each basin on the City's public rights-of-way is inspected once per year and obstructive debris from within is removed. Property owners are urged to keep catch basin grates on or adjacent to their property clear of tree limbs, palm fronds, leaves and any debris that may obstruct the flow of water into the basin.

Storm water is managed through a system of interconnected lakes and canals which are regularly maintained by the City's Public Works Department. Constant, unobstructed water flow through these water bodies, especially during storm events, is essential to prevent flooding.

It is a violation of City and state laws to dump trash or introduce pollutants into the City's water bodies and wetland mitigation areas.



## Stories, Reads and Happenings at the Weston Branch Library 4205 Bonaventure Boulevard | 954-389-2098

### For Adults

#### English Café

Mondays 10:30 a.m. & Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.  
A conversation practice class for intermediate learners of English  
\*Spanish Café is available - Call Janine Rodrigues for dates and hours at 954-389-2098 ext 247

#### Papo Afado

Mondays 6:00 p.m.  
Intermediate conversational Portuguese

#### Book-Club-In-A-Bag

Start your own book club with everything you need to lead a discussion group. Contact Linda Abraham for details at 954-389-2098 ext 249

### **NEW** Weston Branch Library Hours

Monday-Wednesday 10 am-8 pm  
Thursday-Saturday 10 am-6 pm  
Sunday 1 pm-5 pm

### For Children & Teens

Call Youth Services for more details at 954-389-2098 ext 252

#### Toddler Time (ages 2 to 3)

Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.- Registration through youth services is required

#### Story Time (ages 3 to 6)

Thursdays 11:00 a.m.

#### Chess Club (all ages and levels)

Sundays 1:30 p.m.

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

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

## THE CITY OF WESTON *presents* PROFESSIONAL THEATER FOR CHILDREN

TICKETS: AVAILABLE AT THE WESTON COMMUNITY CENTER  
\$10 in advance / \$15 at the door / \$25 for 3 shows if purchased by Oct. 31  
Purchase tickets at the Weston Community Center.

All performances are held at the Cypress Bay Theater,  
18600 Vista Park Boulevard

These action packed show stoppers are guaranteed to educate as well  
as entertain children and parents alike!



### SLEEPING BEAUTY Saturday, November 1, 2008 1:30 pm

A sleeping Princess, a spellbound Prince and more fairies than you can shake a stick at are all part of this quirky adaptation of the popular tale. To the audiences delight, more than one spell is about to be broken by the kiss of a handsome Prince.



### THE VELVETEEN RABBIT Saturday, March 7th 1:30 pm

A story about a nursery filled with toys and their dreams of being real. Join the curious rabbit, the wise, old Skin Horse and even the rapping Jack-in-the-box as they sing and dance their way into your heart.

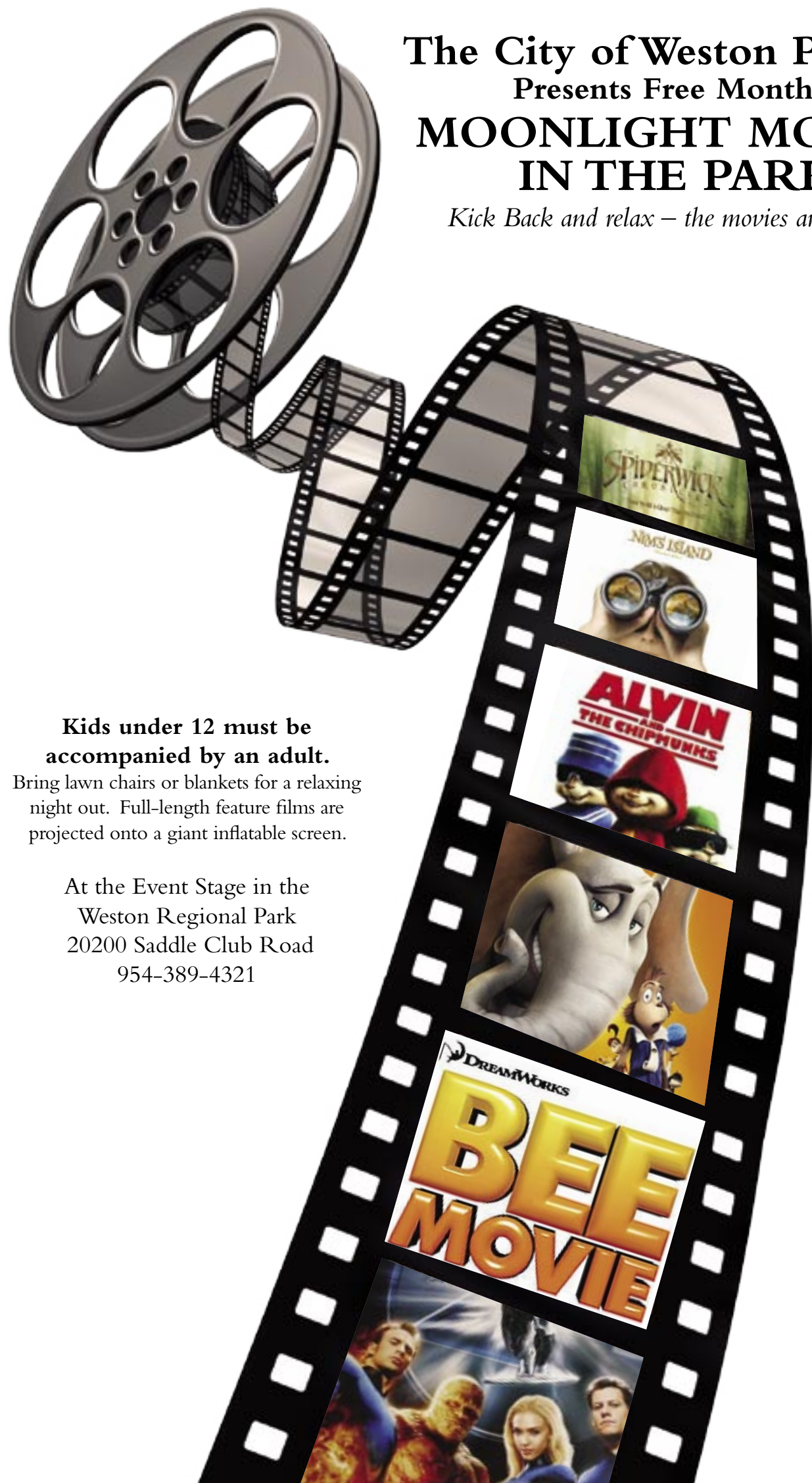


### THE THREE LITTLE PIGS Saturday, May 9th 1:30 pm

Three unique piglets find themselves "Home Alone" when a certain well-know wolf invites himself to dinner. Will they be devoured separately, or will they learn to overcome their differences and join forces to battle the wolf. There's plenty of singing and dancing, and even a rapping Big Bad Wolf!

# The City of Weston Presents Presents Free Monthly MOONLIGHT MOVIES IN THE PARK

*Kick Back and relax – the movies are on us...*



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

Bring lawn chairs or blankets for a relaxing night out. Full-length feature films are projected onto a giant inflatable screen.

At the Event Stage in the  
Weston Regional Park  
20200 Saddle Club Road  
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Saturday, October 11, 2008

**The Spiderwick Chronicles** 7:30 pm

The Grave family moves into the secluded house of their great, great Uncle Arthur Spiderwick. Once there, they begin to notice strange accidents and disappearances that seem to happen on a daily basis and they begin to uncover the fantastic truth of creatures which inhabit the Spiderwick estate.

Saturday, November 1, 2008

**Nim's Island** 7:30 pm

Anything can happen on Nim's Island, a magical place ruled by a young girl's imagination. It is an existence that mirrors that of her favorite literary character, Alex Rover – the world's greatest adventurer. But Alexandra, the author of the Rover books, leads a reclusive life in the big city. When Nim's father goes missing from their island, a twist of fate brings her together with Alexandra.

Saturday, December 6, 2008

**Alvin and the Chipmunks** 7:30 pm

This live-action/CGI motion picture event brings together the celebrated history of its beloved characters – Dave Seville and singing chipmunks Alvin, Simon and Theodore – adding a new comic sensibility and edge.

Saturday, January 3, 2009

**Horton Hears a Who!** 7:30 pm

One day, Horton the elephant hears a cry from help coming from a speck of dust. Even though he can't see anyone on the speck, he decides to help it. As it turns out, the speck of dust

is home to the Whos, who live in their city of Whoville. Horton agrees to help protect the Whos and their home, but this gives him nothing but torment from his neighbors, who refuse to believe that anything could survive on the speck.

Saturday, February 7, 2009

**Bee Movie** 7:30 pm

Barry B. Benson, a bee who just graduated from college, is disillusioned with his only job prospect, honey. When he ventures outside of the hive he breaks a cardinal rule and talks to a human, a florist named Vanessa, and is shocked to find out that humans have been stealing bees honey for centuries and decides to sue them in this animated comedy.

Saturday, March 14, 2009

**Fantastic 4-Silver Surfer** 7:30pm

The Fantastic Four, meets their greatest challenge yet as the enigmatic, intergalactic herald, The Silver Surfer, comes to Earth to prepare it for destruction. As the Silver Surfer races around the globe wreaking havoc, Reed, Sue, Johnny and Ben must unravel the mystery of the Silver Surfer and confront the surprising return of their mortal enemy, Dr. Doom, before all hope is lost.

Saturday, April 11, 2009

**“Weston's Choice”** 8:00 pm

Beginning January 1st, log on to the Weston website at [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org) and vote from several hit movies.

The winning selection will be advertised and shown on April 11th.



# Symphony Series

All concerts at the Cypress Bay Theater  
18600 Vista Park Boulevard  
Ticketed performances / Free parking

**New Florida Philharmonic**  
Saturday, January 17, 2009  
8 pm – 10 pm

Conductor Thomas Sleeper and featuring internationally  
renowned piano soloist Berenika.

The 50 piece orchestra will perform a program that includes an Overture to Don Giovanni K527 (Mozart), Piano Concerto No. 5 Opus 73 in E Flat Major (Beethoven), and Symphony No. 5 Opus 64 in E Minor (Tchaikovsky).

**Symphony of the America's**  
Saturday, February 28, 2009  
8 pm – 10 pm

Beethoven, Eroica Symphony  
Rachmaninoff, Concerto No. 2 for Piano and Orchestra

Maestro James Brooks-Bruzzese, Artistic Director with guest artist Stanislav Drzewiecki on piano. Drzewiecki performed his first concert tour at age 6 in Japan. Now at the age of 20, he is the laureate of many prestigious awards.

The Symphony celebrates its 20th season, bringing the best of classical music and a diverse orchestral repertoire and international guest artists to South Florida.

## Tickets:

Weston Community Center  
20200 Saddle Club Road, 954-389-4321  
\$20 in advance / \$25 at the door / \$10 student  
\$35 for both shows (purchased by Jan. 16th)

# Puppet Show

*Free Shows / Free Parking*

All shows are held at the  
Weston Community Center  
20200 Saddle Club Road  
Appropriate for ages 3-10 with parent/guardian

**The Last Dinosaur**  
Saturday, November 15, 2008  
1:30 pm and 3:00 pm

A young boy accidentally activates a time machine in a natural history museum... and so begins a fascinating journey back through time. In this original, exciting story, the boy encounters all sorts of awesome dinosaurs.

**Little Red Riding Hood**  
Saturday, January 24, 2009  
1:30 pm and 3:00 pm

An all-new twist on an all-time favorite. In this updated version, the Wolf and Red both learn some valuable lessons on the way to Grandma's house. Exciting ...educational.

## SEASON AT A GLANCE 2008/09

### October

11th Movies in the Park: The Spiderwick Chronicles. 7:30 pm. Regional Park Event Stage.

### November

1st Sleeping Beauty. 1:30 pm. Cypress Bay Theater.

1st Movies in the Park: Nim's Island. 7:30 pm. Regional Park Event Stage.

15th Puppet show: The Last Dinosaur. 1:30 pm & 3:00 pm. The Weston Community Center.

### December

6th Movies in the Park: Alvin and the Chipmunks. 7:30 pm. Regional Park at Weston.

### January

3rd Movies in the Park: Horton Hears a Who!. 7:30 pm. Regional Park at Weston.

17th New Florida Philharmonic. 8:00-10:00 pm. Cypress Bay Theater.

24th Puppet show: Little Red Riding Hood. 1:30 pm & 3:00 pm. The Weston Community Center.

### February

7th Movies in the Park: Bee Movie. 7:30 pm. Regional Park at Weston.

28th Symphony of the Americas. 8:00-10:00 pm. Cypress Bay Theater.

### March

7th The Velveteen Rabbit. 1:30 pm. Cypress Bay Theater.

14th Movies in the Park: Fantastic 4 – Silver Surfer. Regional Park at Weston.

### April

11th Movies in the Park: "Weston's Choice". 8:00 pm. Select your favorite movies from choices on-line beginning Jan. 1st at [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org).

### May

9th The Three Little Pigs. 1:30 pm. Cypress Bay Theater

# Weston Does Not Have to Hold a Municipal Election on November 4th Qualifying Candidates Unopposed

Mayor Eric M. Hersh, Commissioner Mercedes Henriksson and Commissioner Angel Gomez were unopposed and automatically re-elected to serve another four-year term in office. Each will again be officially sworn in to office on Monday, November 17, 2008.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

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