



## INFO to keep you IN the KNOW



### Christmas Tree Curbside Collection – Trees are Recycled

Residential Christmas tree curbside collection begins Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. The last collection day will be on Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup>.

Place tree curbside and not obstructing regular garbage cart collection. Be sure to remove all ornaments and lights.



### One more use for that Christmas tree... It's also a delicious SPICE

*Information taken from the article Evergreen, Ever Delicious in the New York Times*

By RENÉ REDZEPI

The needles can be dried and mixed into a powder that makes a light, citrus-y and very aromatic spice. Sprinkle that powder into cookie dough, add some to rice as you cook it, or even rub it on chicken before roasting. Small spruce branches can also be used to add flavor. The next time you steam spinach or other greens, throw one in at the very last minute to give a light aroma and a lemony feel to the dish. Or, after cooking steak in a pan, flavor the cooking butter with a fistful of spruce needles.

Spruce and fir are useful in many other dishes as well. Fresh fish, salted for a day and covered in fresh needles, absorbs the forest aroma and emerald color into its flesh. Needles work especially well in oils and vinegars.

#### Spruce Butter

7 ounces butter

3 ½ tablespoons pine needles

Sprig of lemon thyme.

1. Mix in a blender for eight minutes until soft and green.
2. Pass through a chinois sieve ([sieve](#) with an extremely fine mesh)

#### Spruce Oil

3 ½ ounces pine needles

3-4 tablespoons finely chopped parsley

1 ¼ cups neutral oil.

1. Blanch needles for four minutes, then dry.
2. Mix all ingredients in a blender until they reach 160 degrees.
3. Pass through a chinois sieve.

#### Spruce Vinegar

3 ½ ounces pine needles

3 ½ ounces apple vinegar.

1. Briefly mix in blender.
2. Place in a sealed container overnight.
3. Pass through a chinois sieve.



## CLASSES OFFERED AT THE WESTON COMMUNITY CENTER

The Community Center, located inside the Weston Regional Park, offers a wide variety of classes and activities for all ages. Here are two on the diverse list of classes offered for children and adults.

### Chess Club

*Mondays 4:30-6:00 p.m (ages 5-15 years)*

By joining the chess club, students are given a different avenue to use in order to challenge their minds. This mental persistence gained through chess will enable students to focus on achieving goals throughout their lives.

**Cost is \$130 for 8 sessions.**

**For more information contact Mr. Pham at [pham.don.k@gamil.com](mailto:pham.don.k@gamil.com)**



### Interior Decorating Studio Course

*Thursdays 7:30-9:00 p.m.*

Sign up now, for this fun, and hands on home decorating course taught by a licensed professional. You will learn and incorporate the principles of design in your in class project, that includes color, texture, scale and balance. Design like a professional and give your home or any space that WOW factor. Call instructor for schedule.

**Cost \$178/6 weeks.**

**Questions please call Monica's Design Studio (954) 815-9222.**



**Information on all city offered programming is available right at your fingertips!** Simply click on 'Parks & Recreation' on the city website homepage and then Programs - [Class Schedules](#).

**To register for classes, sign up on the Weston Website at <http://www.westonfl.org/Departments/ParksAndRecreation/ClassRegistrationHome.aspx> or call the Weston Community Center at **954-389-4321**. The Community Center is located inside the Weston Regional Park (20200 Saddle Club Road).**



## PET'S NEED LICENSES TOO

*Broward County law requires both dogs and cats to wear an official Broward County pet license.*

**"Indoor"** animals are not exempt from Broward County's Pet License requirement. Every day, Broward County Animal Care receives "indoor" animals that have slipped out an open door or window, escaped through weak or loose screening and become lost, injured, or even killed by vehicles. The easiest way for you to be reunited with your pet is to ensure he is wearing a Broward County Pet License.



**To acquire a license:** your pet must be at least four months old, and have a current rabies vaccination. Your animal should receive its first rabies vaccination and first pet license at four months of age. After that, licenses and rabies vaccinations must be renewed annually (three year renewal option also available). Animals that have a tattoo or microchip identification are still required to have a Broward County Pet License.

### Types of Licenses:

- You can purchase either a one-year Broward County Pet License or a three-year Broward County Pet License. You can also purchase either a one-year or three-year rabies vaccination.
- One-year licenses are valid for one year from the date of the rabies vaccination, and three-year licenses are valid for three years from the date of the rabies vaccination.

### How and Where to get a pet license:

There are several options available:

- Veterinary office
- Pet Supermarkets in Broward County (one-year licenses only)
- [Broward County Animal Care](#) locations
- Renewal of licenses is available on-line.



**DOG PARKS** – use of County or City Dog Parks require that all dogs have proof of current rabies vaccination and license.



Note that some veterinarians charge an additional handling fee to cover administrative costs. License fees are used to feed and care for animals at the shelters, and \$2.00 from each license issued is directed to the SPOT (Stop Pet Overpopulation Together) program, which promotes responsible pet ownership through spaying and neutering.

**For details on how and where to get your pet license**, please visit:  
<http://www.co.broward.fl.us/ANIMAL/TAGSANDSHOTS/Pages/PurchasingLicense.aspx>

**Frequently Asked Questions:**  
<http://www.co.broward.fl.us/Animal/Resources/Pages/FAQs.aspx#licensing>



### Pet License Fees

Adult License Spayed/Neutered (sterilized)	
One-year	\$15
Three Years	\$35
Adult License Unaltered (not sterilized)	
One-year	\$31
Three-years	\$75

### **FINES for NOT having the required Rabies vaccinations and/or Pet License:**

<b><u>Rabies Vaccination Required</u></b>	
First Offense	\$67.50
Second Offense	\$87.50
Third Offense	\$162.50
Fourth and Subsequent Offenses	\$300
<b><u>Licensing of Dogs and Cats</u></b>	
First Offense	\$67.50
Second Offense	\$87.50
Third Offense	\$162.50
Fourth and Subsequent Offenses	\$300



## Household Hazardous Waste

Permanent Drop-Off Locations – Open **every** Friday  
and Saturday, 8:00 a.m – 4:00 p.m.

### Locations:

**Pompano Beach** – 2780 N. Powerline Road  
**West Park** – 5601 W. Hallandale Beach Boulevard

*\*\*Program available to Broward County residents only.  
Proof of residency required.*

### Free Disposal of These Household Chemicals:

Aerosol products	Fireworks	Pesticides
Ammonia	Flares	Photo chemicals
Ammunition	Fluorescent tubes	Pool chemicals
Antifreeze	Gasoline	Propane tanks
Auto fluids	Herbicides	Rechargeable batteries
Auto batteries	Household cleaners	Rust remover
Boat batteries	Insect killer	Solvents
Boat fluids	Kerosene	Spot remover
Charcoal starter	Lawn chemicals	Tires (limit 4)
Compact	Lighter fluid	Turpentine
Fluorescent Bulbs (CFLs)	Mercury thermometers	Weed killer
Drain cleaners	Motor oil	Wood stains
Fertilizers	Nail polish remover	Wood stripper
Fire extinguishers	Paint	

**DO NOT BRING:** Business or government generated  
waste, explosives or bio-hazardous waste.

All items are either recycled or disposed of in  
an eco-friendly manner.

For more information, please call 954-765-4999



## "365 Food Drive" to Continue in 2011

Broward County's "365 Food Drive," which was launched last year, will continue in 2011.

Collection points include government centers, main and regional courthouses and Broward County libraries. All non-perishable food items, such as canned meat, vegetables and fruit, peanut butter, jelly or jam, soups, pasta and toiletries, are welcome at any time.

**Weston Collection Location:** The Weston Branch Library, 4205 Bonaventure Blvd., Weston – 954-389-2098

**JANUARY** - The new year is always symbolized by a baby, so January is "**Baby Month.**"

Donate items for newborns to toddlers including baby formula, food, and cereal; diapers and pull-ups; and wipes.

Over 10,400 pounds of food has been collected to-date. Let's help to feed more people in need within our community.

### **BOGOs (Buy-1-Get-1-Free) Promotions**

BOGOs are a great way to help fill the food drive collection boxes.

Be sure to check the weekly sale flyer from your favorite area grocery stores.





## UPCOMING EVENTS JANUARY 2011



Saturday, January 8<sup>th</sup> 7:30PM

Moonlight Movies in the Park, Free event

### **Marmaduke**

Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Road, Weston

A suburban family moves to a new neighborhood in Orange County, California with their large yet lovable Great Dane, who has a tendency to wreak havoc in his own oblivious way. But it's not all living large for the Duke, who finds that fitting in with his new four-legged friends - and a potential romantic interest - isn't always easy for a super-sized teenage dog.

**Genre:** Comedy | Family

*Bring lawn chairs or blankets and relax. Full-length feature films are projected onto a giant inflatable screen.* For more information, please call 954-389-4321.



Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup> 5PM & 7:15PM

Weston Foreign Film Series

### **Kadosh**

Weston 8 Cinema, 1338 SW 160<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sunrise

Two sisters become victims of patriarchal Ultra-orthodox society (Israel, 1999)

**Tickets:** \$7 per ticket

Tickets available at the Weston Community Center, Friends Bookstore at the Weston Branch Library & Community Bank of Broward



Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup> 1:00PM

Professional Theater for Children

### **Rapunzel**

Cypress Bay Theater, 18600 Vista Park Blvd., Weston

An enticing classic complete with a long-haired beauty, a prince and an evil witch. This seriously funny tale shows how a possessive mother, a tentative young prince, and a naive young girl all grow up in a surprising way.

**Tickets:** \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door

Tickets available at the Weston Community Center, 20200 Saddle Club Road inside the Weston Regional Park, 954-389-4321



## Residential Bulk Trash Pickup

Wed., January 26<sup>th</sup>, Thur., January 27<sup>th</sup>, **or** Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup>

Multi-family: Sat. 29<sup>th</sup>

Your bulk pickup day is your regular garbage collection day.

Residences with curbside garbage collection: All bulk trash must be out on your curbside by 7:00AM. Townhouses & multi-family residences with dumpster service: Place items by your dumpsters. Items not picked up on your collection day, will be picked up the following day.

For more details, please visit our website at

<http://www.westonfl.org/Departments/PublicWorks/BulkPickup.aspx>

### THINK BEFORE YOU THROW

**THINK ABOUT DONATING BEFORE TOSSING:** Help those in need, keep items out of the waste stream, *and* get a tax deduction. Several national organizations will even pick-up directly from your residence – you don't have to wait for bulk pick-up day!

There are many local, well-established charitable organizations that readily accept donated items. From your home to a New home... and don't forget pets, many pet shelters are in need of sheets and towels on a regular basis.