



## **Broward County Library Customers Can Now Reserve and Borrow a Kindle, Nook or Sony Electronic Reader at the Weston Branch Library**

The new service is a part of the Libraries Division's commitment to demonstrate continuous improvement, technological advancement and innovative service delivery.



Those interested must have a library card and complete a request form in person at the library to get on a waiting list. When an e-reader is available, the customer will be offered a one-time, per person opportunity to select a book to have downloaded to their reader for two weeks. As collections grow, there will be many more books available on the readers.

In addition to the **Weston Branch Library**, the following branches are offering this service:

- Deerfield Beach Percy White Branch
- North Regional/Broward College Library
- Northwest Regional Library
- South Regional/Broward College Library

**Broward County Library - Weston Branch**  
**4205 Bonaventure Boulevard, Weston, FL 33332**  
*For more information and a complete list of activities offered at the library please visit [www.broward.org/library](http://www.broward.org/library) or call 954-389-2098.*



## INFORMATION ON WESTON'S ENVIRONMENT JUST A "CLICK" AWAY

Here's a tid-bit you might not know about the City of Weston website:

Scroll down to the bottom right of the Weston website homepage and you'll notice a **golden glow** around one of the leaves and also around the beak on the heron... go ahead... click on them.



By clicking, visitors are linked to information on Weston's natural habitats.

**Click on the Heron's beak** and you find yourself at *Wildlife - Natural Habitats and its Wildlife*,

providing information on the various types of wildlife that populate our area, the benefits, and also the precautions that should be taken when living in proximity to the Everglades.

**Click on the leaf** and you are transported to the city's *Landscaping and Wetland Mitigation* page where you will find facts and history on the development and maintenance of the wetland preservation areas within Weston.

The City website was visually designed to be reflective of Weston's surroundings; utilizing that visual element we link visitors to an educational component on Weston's environment.



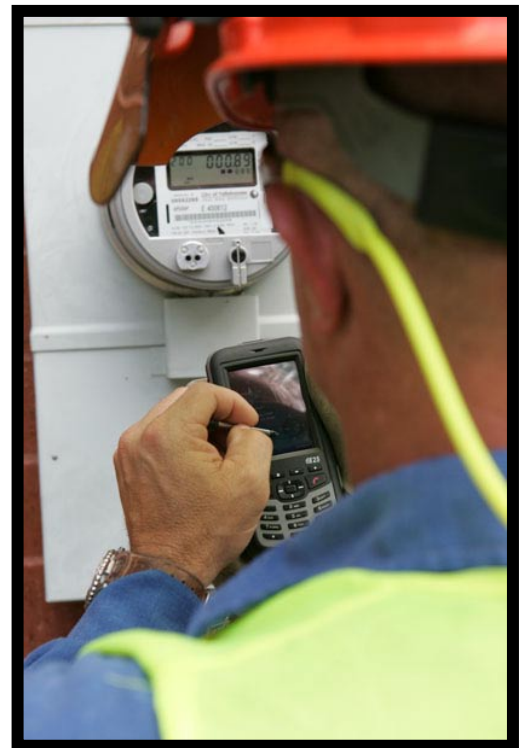
## Important FPL Notification

### FPL is now reading meters on Saturdays

FPL meter readers will now be reading meters on certain Saturdays through the coming year. This change may surprise customers who are not used to meter readers in their yard on the weekends.

**The following six Saturdays have been added to the regular meter reading schedule over the next 13 months:**

- Dec. 11, 2010
- Jan. 22, 2011
- Feb. 26, 2011
- July 16, 2011
- Nov. 12, 2011
- Dec. 10, 2011





## KEEP SAFE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON WITH SOME SIMPLE HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

With the holiday season upon us, the City of Weston and the Broward Sheriff's Office want to reinforce to residents some simple holiday safety tips that can keep you and your loved ones safe. Be sure to review 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 9-1-1!
- ☞ 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.

***Best Wishes for Safe and Happy Holiday Season***



## THE WESTON BUILDING DEPARTMENT HAS A NEW LOCATION

As of December 1, 2010 the Weston Building Department is now located at:

**3265 Meridian Parkway, Suite 100, Weston, FL 33331**

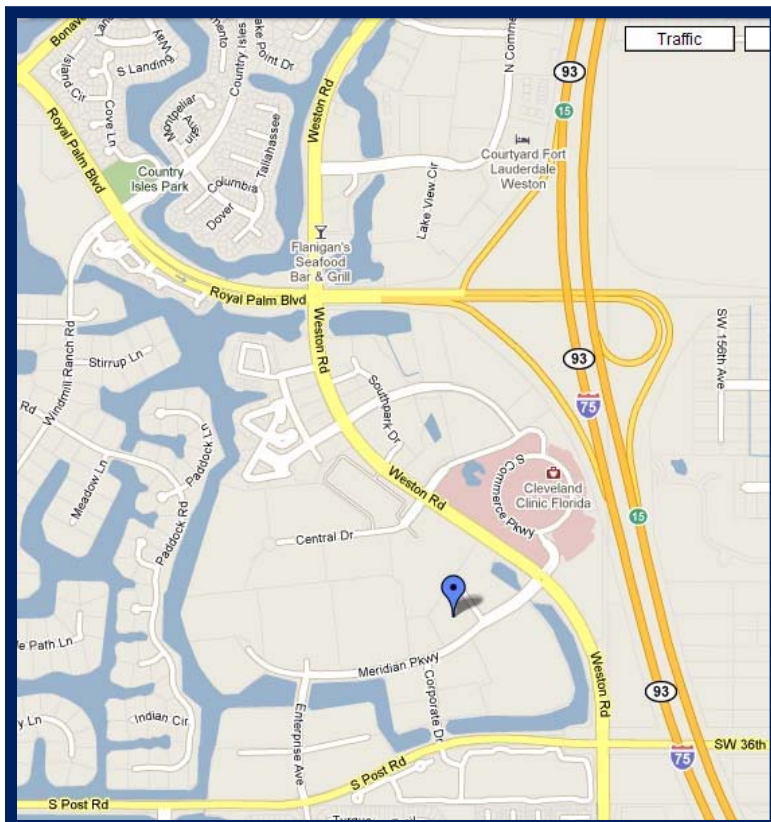
All contact information with the exception of the address is the same.



**Phone: 954-385-0500**

**Fax: 954-888-9018**

**[www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org)**





## WESTON UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Weston University program day, on December 8, 2010, provided students with a hands-on experience centered around community services including, parks and recreation, landscape and public works. Participants of the nine-month program that provides a unique civic education, spent the day interacting with key city personnel including the Assistant City Manager/Chief Operating Officer, the Director of Parks and Recreation, the Director of Landscape and the Director of Public Works.



Students began the day at 8 a.m. at the Weston Community Center where they were greeted by City Manager John Flint who introduced city staff that is responsible for managing the elaborate parks, maintaining the lush landscape and overseeing the utility and emergency operations of the city.

Jumping right in, the students broke into groups to plan and create their own unique park. After presenting their innovative park ideas to the entire group, students received a comprehensive park tour from Landscape Director Drew Gilmore, followed by a visit to Weston's mitigation area and pump station facility and lastly, a fire hydrant flushing demonstration at the Public Works Services Center.

Students will spend their upcoming January program day, with the men and women that save lives and keep our community safe, the firefighters and emergency service personnel at Fire Station 81.

