



HOLIDAY CLOSURES & INFO

Friday, December 31st

City Offices Closed

All City administrative offices will be closed in observance of the New Year's Day holiday.

All City parks close at 6PM

There will be regularly scheduled garbage collection.



Christmas Tree Curbside Collection – Trees are Recycled

Residential Christmas tree curbside collection begins Monday, January 3rd.

The last collection day will be on Saturday, January 29th.

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



PLANNING AHEAD:

The next free **Residential Bulk Trash Pickup** will occur in **JANUARY** on your regularly scheduled garbage day as follows:

Wed., January 26th, Thur., January 27th, **or** Friday, January 28th

Multi-family: Sat. 29th



DON'T GET BURNED THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

By getting burned, we are talking literal burns. With all of the food and fun that comes with the holidays, accidents frequently come with it too. When cooking for large meals or gatherings, we are oftentimes in a rush or socializing with friends and family at the same time.

Recipes for serious injury or even death are to wear loose clothing (especially hanging sleeves) when cooking, to walk away from a cooking pot on the stove, or leave flammable materials around the stove.

Practicing safe cooking behaviors will help keep you and your family safe:

WATCH WHAT YOU HEAT

The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for any period of time, turn off the stove.
- If simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly, and use a timer to remind you when food will be done.
- Hot sauces and foods with liquid can easily scald the skin.
- Use back burners and turn pot handles away from stove edge and out of reach of children

KEEP THINGS THAT CAN CATCH FIRE AND HEAT SOURCES APART

- Keep anything that can catch fire - potholders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper or plastic bags, food packaging, towels, or curtains - away from your stovetop.
- Wear short, close-fitting or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking. **Loose clothing can dangle onto stove burners and catch fire if it comes into contact with a flame, electric burner, or flat electric cooktop surfaces.**

If Your Clothes Catch Fire

If your clothes catch fire, stop, drop, and roll. Stop immediately, drop to the ground, and cover face with hands. Roll over and over or back and forth to put out the fire. Immediately cool the burn with cool water for 3 to 5 minutes and then seek emergency medical care.

COOL, COVER & CALL - Immediate care of a burn injury should always include:

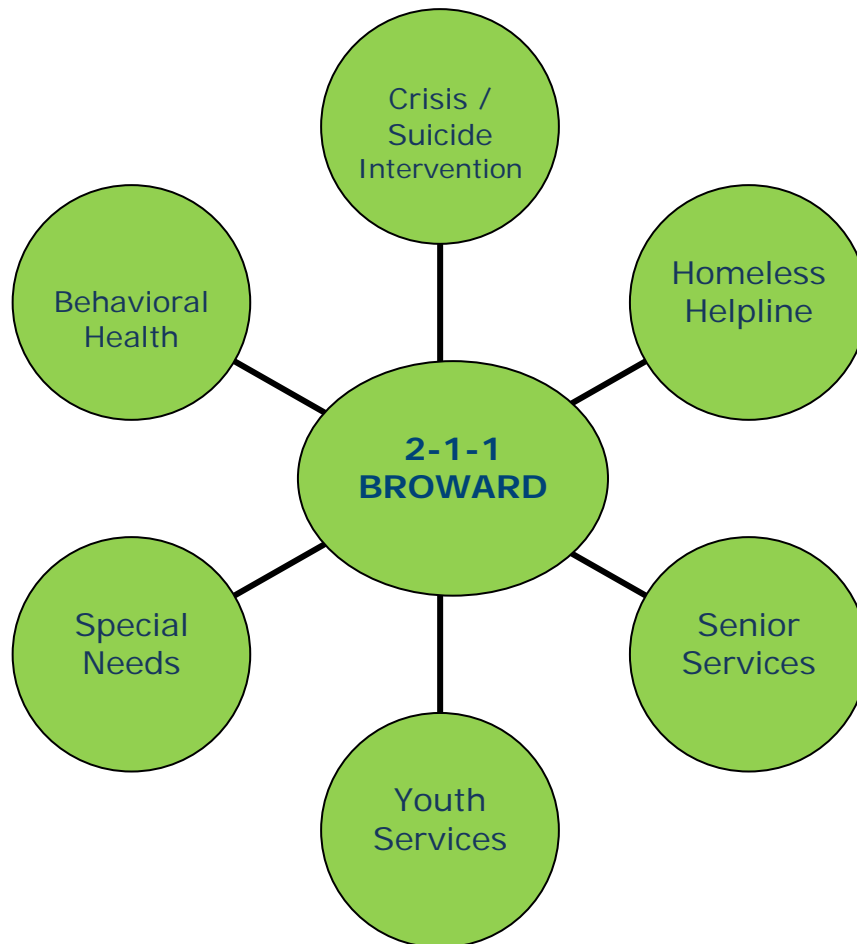
- Cool all burns with tepid to cool water, regardless of degree. Continue flushing the area for up to 10 minutes. Do not apply ice, ointments, butter or other "home remedies". Remove all clothing or garments to reduce the contact time with hot items.
- Cover affected areas with a clean dry cloth, towel or blanket to protect the burn and minimize pain.
- Seek medical attention if burn is larger than the victim's hand size, if the victim is a child or over 60.



HELP IS JUST A PHONE CALL AWAY



EVERY HOUR OF EVERY DAY, SOMEONE IN BROWARD IS SEARCHING FOR HELP OR SERVICES – housing, food, financial assistance, relief from abuse, family issues, depression, childcare, suicide prevention, etc, but navigating the maze of city, state and non-profit agencies can be overwhelming and confusing.



Knowing where to go is the first step to getting the help you need.



2-1-1 Broward: Help Starts Here

Since 1995, 2-1-1 Broward, has been the community's central point of entry into the health and human services system. Dialing 2-1-1 is an easy way for people who need help to get connected with the community service providers that can help them.

The 2-1-1 Broward helpline is available to every individual and family in Broward County.

Benefits of 2-1-1:

- Dial an easy three digit number: 2-1-1
- Accessible 24hours a day, 365 days a year
- Free, confidential, anonymous
- Available in any language
- Get connected to health & human services
- Every call answered by a trained, degreed counselor
- No call goes unanswered

Services offered by 2-1-1:

- Empathetic listening
- Emotional support
- Needs assessment
- Information
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The 2-1-1 Broward website has a wealth of information: www.211-broward.org



Pet Safety for the Holidays

The winter holidays are a wonderful time for people, but can be a stressful and potentially dangerous time for pets. Follow these tips for a joyous and safe holiday season.



- Reduce the chance of losing your pet during a party or family gathering. Confine it to a quiet room away from the crowd. Pets are easily excitable or scared by unfamiliar people. Also, the door may be opened many times, providing lots of opportunity for your pets to slip outside.
- Pet-proof the decorations in your home. Fasten the Christmas tree to a wall or secure it another way to prevent your cat or dog from knocking it over. Display the Menorah and candles where your pet cannot knock them over.
- Hang breakables and other tempting decorations well out of a paw's reach. **Tinsel, ribbon, and ornaments are especially dangerous to pets if they chew or swallow them – and can damage their digestive system.**
- Place seasonal plants out of your pet's reach. Many of them are poisonous, including mistletoe, holly and poinsettia.
- Some chemicals that extend the life of trees are poisonous. Cover treated areas with a section of window screen.
- Don't share candy with your pet, especially chocolate. Candy is toxic for animals and can cause vomiting, restlessness, heart disturbances and even death. Tell other family members, especially children, not to share their candy with the family pet. If you suspect your pet has eaten chocolate or other candy that causes discomfort, consult your veterinarian immediately.
- Do not give people food to your pets. Poultry bones splinter and can be dangerous for pets to chew. Pork dishes are rich and will often upset your pet's digestive systems. Instead, give pets a few of their favorite pet treats during special meals or at parties.
- Avoid giving pets toys with small parts or those made of soft materials that pets can chew up and swallow.
- Don't put catnip or other edibles in hanging stockings (especially if they're by the fire) as cats can smell it and will jump for them.
- Remember homeless animals at the holidays. Animal shelters are always in need of donations of food, towels and toys. It's an excellent way to teach children generosity towards those less fortunate.
- Consider the gift of a shelter pet. Holiday gift certificates are available; don't show up with an unexpected pet as a holiday gift - instead take advantage of a Animal Care gift certificate available online. Certificates are good for a full year. Go to www.broward.org/animal



SPRING SEMESTER SAT PREP CLASSES BEGIN JANUARY 16th *At the Weston Community Center*

The Weston Community Center is pleased to offer SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) preparation classes. This course will prepare students for all facets of the College Board Exam. The SAT continues to be the nation's most widely taken standardized college admission test with roughly 2 million students taking the test each year. Combined with high school grades, the SAT is also the best predictor of college success.

This 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 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 commercial courses charge.

Open to test-takers ages 15 – 20

Cost: \$475 for an 8 week, 20 hour course

(Includes text and materials)

Classes are held in the Weston Community Center

PROGRAM DATES:

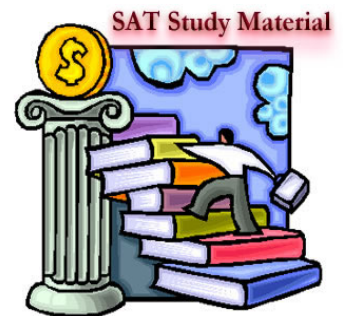
Sunday mornings 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM January 16 – March 6

Sunday afternoons 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM: January 16 – March 6

Tuesday evenings 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM: January 18 – March 8

Thursday evenings 7:15 PM – 9:45 PM: January 20 – March 10

****These classes are geared towards the March 12th SAT**



***To enroll in this course, please contact Mr. Steinberg directly at
954-478-0792***

The Community Center, located inside the Weston Regional Park, offers a wide variety of classes and activities for all ages. **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](#) for events and classes offered each month. Find something you like and start by signing up online!



UPCOMING EVENTS JANUARY 2011



Saturday, January 8th 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 10th 5PM & 7:15PM

Weston Foreign Film Series

Kadosh

Weston 8 Cinema, 1338 SW 160th 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 29th 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 26th, Thur., January 27th, **or** Friday, January 28th
Multi-family: Sat. 29th

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.