



TAKE STEPS NOW TO BE PREPARED Pets Require Planning Too



HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS – A Continuing Series

If you have pets, a **Pet Survival Kit** should be a part of your preparedness plan. The kit should include enough food, kitty litter and bottled water for two weeks, extra leashes and collars, and cleaning supplies and puppy training pads in case your dog cannot go outside due to severe weather. In addition, your kit should have copies of your pet's rabies certificate and Broward County license, as the license is the easiest way someone can identify your pet if it gets lost.

Pet Friendly Shelter: Millenium Middle School in Tamarac is the only county shelter that will accept pets. Residents must pre-register with the Humane Society of Broward County by calling 954-989-3977. Pets must be current with their rabies vaccination and licensed, and you must remain with and care for your pet. *Qualified service animals are allowed at all shelters.*

Top Tips - your pets are depending on you!

■ **License & Vaccinations:** Make sure your pet has all of its proper vaccinations and Broward County pet license. The law requires that all dogs and cats have a current rabies vaccination and a county pet license (<http://www.broward.org/animal>).

NOTE: Shelters, kennels, and hotels will not accept your pet without proper documentation.

■ **ID on Pet:** Keep current identification on your pet (this includes indoor cats). A County license, name tag, microchip or tattoo, are all ways your pet can be identified if it becomes lost.

■ **Food & Water:** Keep an adequate supply of food and water (2 week's supply recommended).

■ **Medications:** If your pet is on medication, make sure you have an adequate supply on hand.

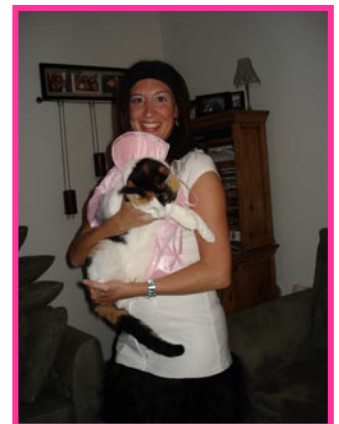
■ **Records:** Have a copy of all of your animal's documents and medical records in a sealable plastic bag so they don't get wet or destroyed.

■ **Photo:** Take a picture of you and your pet together (*this helps prove the pet is yours*). Also, take a picture of your pet by itself. Be sure to photograph any distinguishing marks that will help with identification.

■ **Sanitation:** For dogs, set aside an area of the house so the dog can go to the bathroom when the weather becomes too severe to go outside. Have cleaning products and puppy training pads or newspapers. Have litter and litter box for cats; and bedding materials for other pets. Fish tanks can be fitted with an adaptor for battery power.

■ For dog and cat owners, you must stay with your pet.

Abandonment is against the law!





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Love Is in the Air And Crawling Over Land...



Alligator mating season is here once again.

With our close proximity to the Everglades and almost endless bodies of water intertwined within our community, it is very likely that at one time or another, you may see an alligator scurrying by. Most of the year alligators remain primarily out of sight. But mating season is a whole other animal, in May and June gators become more visible as they traverse between water bodies, seeking a suitable mate. This time of year you may see them cruising lakes and canals, sunning on water banks or even a pool deck or driveway... The larger, mature male alligators are the ones most likely to be seen, but smaller female alligators are also active after being dormant during the winter when waters are cooler. Their heightened movement generates many false "nuisance" complaints. Most have no intentions of bothering you – they're just looking for love.

If you see an alligator nearby, stay calm. Feeding, harassing, or killing alligators violate State law, so just leave them alone. If an alligator appears threatening, comes close to your home, or becomes a risk for humans or pets, contact the **Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC)** at **(561) 357-4200**. Only nuisance alligators can be removed and the FWC will make that determination and contact a licensed trapper. Generally, alligators may be considered a nuisance when they are at least four feet in length and pose a threat to people or their pets or property.

The City is not permitted to handle alligators for any reason. So give a little extra attention to your surroundings when you and your family are spending time near the water, but continue to enjoy the uniqueness of our environment.

Alligators are a part of Florida's natural environment and play an important role in the State's wetlands ecology. For more information about these natural inhabitants visit the following website: http://www.myfwc.com/WildlifeHabitats/Alligator_index.htm



Rainy Season Ahead: Stormwater and You Prevent Street Flooding

Weston's water bodies and canals were designed to hold and move stormwater. Stormwater is excess rain runoff that is removed from our properties and streets by going down into catch basins and prevents flooding.

A catch basin is a part of a storm drain or sewer system which is designed to trap debris so that it cannot enter the drainage pipes. Catch basins are a large scale version of the traps used in home drains to accomplish a similar function. Unobstructed water flow through these drains and water bodies, especially during storm events, is essential to prevent flooding.



WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP –

- Keep catch basins free of trash, debris or other obstructions. **NEVER** discard paint, oil or other hazardous waste into the storm drains (this is illegal) and **NEVER** remove the grate – this protects people and pets from falling into the drain and keeps large amounts of debris out of the system which would increase the chance of flooding.
- Maintain swale areas in good condition. Don't change the shape of swales or obstruct the path of water flow.
- Do not be alarmed if swales hold water for 24-36 hours. They are designed to hold water and filter it through into the ground. Mosquitoes do not breed until water ponds for over 72 hours.
- Don't deposit yard waste, grass clippings or debris in waterways, and do not sweep into catch basins.
- Prune tree branches and shrubs that hang out over any waterways.
- Avoid fertilizing your lawn before a storm. *You lose twice*: the fertilizer is washed away, and it washes into the water bodies.



FLOODING WITHIN HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION MAINTAINED PROPERTIES (HOA's)

Roadways and their drainage systems within private communities are owned and maintained by the community's maintenance association, not the City of Weston.

Response to and mitigation of flooding that occurs within these private communities is the responsibility of the community's management company.

In the event that flooding is so severe that a structure may be compromised, property owners may call the City's Department of Public Works. They will investigate the situation and determine if the cause of the flooding is the community's drainage system or the City's storm water management system, and take the appropriate action if any is needed.

The City does not perform work on privately-owned drainage systems, so you are encouraged to **contact your HOA** if your street tends to flood regularly (yet the catch basin is clear) as the drain may need to be cleared professionally.

For Questions or
Information
Call the Weston
Public Works
Department

954-385-2600



**For additional information please visit our website:
<http://www.westonfl.org/Residents/Hurricane/Flooding.aspx>**



ONLINE COMMUNITY CLASS REGISTRATION IS NOW AVAILABLE

The Weston Community Center offers over 20 classes from art instruction to chess and fencing for both youth and adults. With the newly designed Weston website launch in March, the added convenience of registering for community classes online is now available. Register now by following the easy two-step process below.

- **STEP 1 – Obtain a Login Passcode.** One time only, you will need to visit the Weston Community Center, in person, to obtain a login passcode. *(This is for your security. It ensures only an adult is issued a passcode to pay online.)*

Go to the “Parks and Recreation Page” and click on “Community Class Registration”

- **STEP 2 - STEP 2 – Login.** Once you login, you can view all current classes offered, their descriptions and associated fees (if any). Select a class(es) that you want. Add to Cart; complete name registration for the youth or adult taking the class. Input credit card information to complete the transaction, print receipt and you are done.

The screenshot shows a login form with a title bar labeled "Login". Below the title bar are two input fields: "Email Address" and "Password". Below these fields are two buttons: "Login" and "Forgot Password?". The form is set against a dark red and purple background.

By utilizing on-line registration, you will be able to view histories of all payments and classes registered under your personal login. Please contact the Weston Community Center (20200 Saddle Club Road) if you have questions or need assistance **954-389-4321**.



Weston's Annual July 4th Hometown Celebration



Weston's much anticipated Annual July 4th Hometown Celebration is right around the corner. The morning festivities kick off with a 5K Run/Walk, sponsored by Broward Health Weston and the City of Weston, beginning at 7 a.m. at Weston Town Center. Registration in advance is \$16; race day registration (5:30 a.m. - 6:45 a.m.) is \$20.

The race will begin at Town Center and go east on Three Village Road to Indian Trace. The route then heads west on Indian Trace to Town Center Blvd. then south, returning to Three Village Road and ending back at the Town Center. Detailed information, downloadable application and a route map are available online at www.splitsecondtiming.com.

After the race, join us later that morning for the **City of Weston 4th of July Hometown Parade** themed **WESTON – SHARING & CARING!** Participants including local businesses, civic groups, schools, organizations, and residents will gather to march in Weston's biggest and most exciting event of the year. **Applications for parade participants are being accepted thru June 18th.** Download an application at <http://tinyurl.com/26j456q> or visit the Weston Community Center (20200 Saddle Club Road), (954) 389-4231.

Participants will line up at 9:30 a.m. and the parade will begin promptly at 10:30 a.m. at the corner of Town Center Blvd. and Three Village Road, continuing east on Three Village Road to Bonaventure Blvd. heading south briefly to Bell Tower Lane, and winding through Town Center to the heart of Main Street.

****There will be NO fireworks display put on by the City of Weston.
All City parks will remain open until 6 p.m. *****



Upcoming City Events

JUNE

Saturday, June 19, 2010 (10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.)

AARP Safe Driving Course for Mature Adults

Weston Community Center (20200 Saddle Club Road)

\$12.00 members/\$14.00 non-members (*Please bring a bagged lunch and members should bring AARP card*)

AARP's 55 Alive/Mature Driving Program is a six (6) hour classroom session designed as a refresher course in safe driving. The course is designed especially for older motorists dealing with age related physical changes. The course is available to anyone 50 and over. A reduction in automobile insurance premium is allowed to each person 55 and over, by most insurance companies when the course is completed and the driver has a safe driving record. Advance registration is required. **To register, call Sonny at 954-385-9920.**

JULY

Sunday, July 4, 2010

5K Run/Walk & Hometown Parade

The Run/Walk takes place at 7:00 a.m. and begins and ends at Weston Town Center. Registration information is posted on our Parks & Recreation web page at www.westonfl.org. After the run enjoy the celebration of Weston's largest and most popular event, the Hometown Parade themed "Weston - *Sharing and Caring*" featuring local businesses, civic groups, schools, organizations, residents and more! Parade information and entry forms are available on the city website and from the Weston Community Center.

There will be no event activities or fireworks in the Weston Regional Park. City Parks will be open on Saturday, July 4th until 6:00 p.m.

Monday, July 5, 2010

City Offices Closed

All City administrative offices (City Hall, the Community Center, the Public Works Services Center, and the Building Department) will be closed in observance of the Independence Day Holiday of July 4, 2010.

All of the parks will be open and there is regular garbage collection.

Wednesday, July 21st; Thursday, July 22nd; Friday, July 23rd; and *Saturday, July 24th

Bulk Trash Pick-Up

Bulk trash will be picked up on your regularly scheduled collection day. Bulk trash must be placed curbside by 7 a.m. For residences with dumpster service, place items alongside dumpster. *Indicates pick-up for multi-family units (condominiums & apartment complexes). *Occasionally bulk trash is not collected on its regularly scheduled collection day due to heavy volume, if this occurs it will be collected the following day.* **For more information, please call the Weston Public Works Services Center at 954-385-2600.**