



## The official start of hurricane season is exactly one week away... **BE READY, WITH**



Weston was the first city in the nation to offer this all-hazards on-line preparedness tool to assist the community in preparing for an emergency. It is a simple, step-by-step, online guide to building an emergency preparedness plan for individuals or families. It's easy and actually fun to click through, which is why it works.

### ReadyTown consists of three main sections:

- 1. Make A Plan -** Includes Emergency contacts, Family meeting places, important numbers, Grab- and-go folder, and Special needs planning.
- 2. Build A Kit -** Categories include: Food & Water; First aid; Personal hygiene; Clean air items; Baby needs; Lighting; Communication, Transportation; and Pets.
- 3. Learn to Prepare -** An extensive resource library.

After assisting users in making an emergency plan and checklists of essential survival items, the program will send the user email reminders on what still needs to be completed and a list of items on your checklist that need to be obtained (*users can unsubscribe from reminders*).

The preparedness plan can be emailed to a personal email accounts so that it can be accessed from anywhere at any time; it encourages users to send a copy to family members and caretakers.

### **An emergency preparedness plan is not just for the possibility of a hurricane.**

- What would happen if you home burned down tomorrow?
- If an emergency situation closed down access to your home for hours?
- Would children know where to meet?
- Would caregivers know where to pick them up or who to contact?
- Do you have insurance policy and contact numbers available?
- **The question is: *Will you be ready in a disaster?***

**Visit the Weston ReadyTown site today to ensure you are.**

To access ReadyTown go to [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org) and click on **ReadyTown** on the homepage.



## Weston University Program - Class of 2010



Diplomas were presented to 24 graduating program students at the May 17<sup>th</sup> City Commission meeting, also attended by State Senator Nan Rich. The class is made up of students from Cypress Bay, Western and Sagemont High Schools.

Weston initiated the Weston University program in October 2002, to give select high school students an in-depth education on the functions of local government. The seven-month program is designed to provide a unique civic education. Students met once a month for a full-day class that highlighted a different civic discipline:

- Local Government Administration
- Planning/Zoning & Engineering
- Law Enforcement Services
- Community Services Department
- Fire & E.M.S. Services/ Fire Marshal
- Finance & Simulation Preparation
- Trip to our State Capitol in Tallahassee
- City Commission Simulation Exercise

***The City will initiate application for the next class through each high school in September***

For more information on the program, please visit [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org) and search Weston University or type in:

<http://www.westonfl.org/Departments/Communications/YouthInGovernment.aspx>



## CIUDAD WESTON NEWSPAPER RECOGNIZED FOR 2010 Census Partnership, Public Education & Support



Ciudad Weston Newspaper, through its ownership, its Editorial Director Evelyn Alcala Salswach and its staff were honored at the May 17, 2010 City Commission meeting with a proclamation recognizing the publications dedicated efforts as a partner to promote public education and public support in the 2010 U.S. Census.

Beginning in early 2009, and through April 2010, Ciudad Weston generously volunteered to reprint city articles presenting census educational information in its Spanish/English language tabloid. The paper directly addressed our City's significant Hispanic population through its editorials and information, a population that has been historically undercounted in past censuses, driving home the political and economic importance that every resident be counted.

The official April 27, 2010 Census Mail Participation Rates reflected that Weston exceeded the National rate (72%), the State rate (72%), and the County rate (69%), and ranked No. 3 out of 31 municipalities with a return rate of **78%**.

*Anyone who did not receive a census form should call toll free: 1-(866)-872-6868*



## EnviroFlash Air Quality eMail Alert Now Available

The Broward County Pollution, Prevention, Remediation and Air Quality Division, in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency EnviroFlash program, has an "email alert" system to immediately notify subscribers, via email or pager, **when there is poor air quality** in Broward County and provide information on what precautions should be taken.

Exposure to high levels of air pollution can aggravate heart disease, asthma and other respiratory diseases. By being aware of the air quality levels, residents can take precautions to protect themselves or family members who are sensitive to environmental air quality impacts.

**To register** for this service, visit the Air Quality Web site at [www.broward.org/air](http://www.broward.org/air) and click on the **EnviroFlash** icon:



*Broward County is the first county in Florida to offer this service.*



## UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE SHEINBERG FAMILY YMCA OF WESTON

The Sheinberg Family YMCA of Weston is undeniably a popular destination for children, teens, families and seniors throughout our community. Providing a safe, healthy, family-friendly environment, the YMCA strives to make everyone feel welcome. This volunteer based organization has a long history of serving the community through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

### WHAT'S NEW AT THE YMCA?

#### **REGISTER FOR SUMMER CAMP NOW!**

**Summer camp offers** a full-day of activities including: swimming, group games, arts and crafts, fitness, leadership activities and FUN!

#### **YMCA Kidz Club Full Days**

When school is out, the YMCA is in! Children ages 5-12 can join us for a full day of fun, arts & crafts, swimming and games on Friday, May 28.

***Register on-line for any of the above mentioned programs at [www.ymcabroward.org](http://www.ymcabroward.org) or contact the YMCA at 954 424-9622.***



***The Sheinberg Family YMCA is located at 20201 Saddle Club Road (inside the Weston Regional Park).***