



## 2010 PROPERTY TAX BILLS ARE IN THE MAIL

*Taxes are Due Beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>*

Broward County Records, Taxes & Treasury Division will have mailed more than 400,000 property tax bills by November 1, 2010. Property taxes must be paid no later than March 31, 2011, to pay without penalty and avoid delinquency, but may be paid as early as November 1, 2010, to take advantage of discounts. A 4 percent discount applies to taxes paid in November; a 3 percent discount applies in December; a 2 percent discount in January; and a 1 percent discount in February.

The Broward County Property Appraiser's Outreach Department will be providing complimentary homestead filing workshops to assist the residents of Weston during this busy time. Monthly outreach workshops at the Weston Regional Park (20200 Saddle Club Road) will occur on the first Monday of each month.

### Homestead Filing Assistance Workshops at the Weston Regional Park:

Monday, December 6, 2010

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Monday, January 3, 2011

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Monday, February 7, 2011

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

**Property owners without mortgages, or those who do not make use of an escrow arrangement, may pay their taxes in a variety of ways:**

- **Online Electronic Check (no fee):** Visit [www.broward.org/revenue](http://www.broward.org/revenue) and click **SEARCH/PAY PROPERTY TAXES**. Use the search function to locate your property record, and follow instructions for payment by automatic deduction from your bank account (U.S. bank accounts only; no foreign banks). There is no fee for this service. Taxes paid by this method will show as paid immediately.
- **Online Credit Card/Debit Card (fee):** Visit [www.broward.org/revenue](http://www.broward.org/revenue) and click **SEARCH/PAY PROPERTY TAXES**. Use the search function to locate your property record, and follow instructions for payment by credit or debit card. There is an additional fee for this service. The [Fee Schedule](#) is posted online at [www.broward.org/revenue](http://www.broward.org/revenue) (Resources).



- **Electronic Payment from Your Bank:** You may use your own bank's bill-paying service; however, note that delays in processing payments between your bank and Broward County, due to the absence of a payment coupon accompanying the payment, could result in the loss of a discount, if payment is made too close to the end of the discount period.
- **Mail:** Use the envelope enclosed with your tax bill or mail payment to Broward County Tax Collector, P.O. Box 29009, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33302-9009. **Do not mail your payment to any other address. Be sure to include the tax coupon with your check, or there may be a delay in processing.** Postmark date will be used to determine the applicable discount amount. Checks must be drawn on a U.S. bank and be in U.S. dollars. Should the check not clear for any reason, the tax payment will be canceled and a return check fee will be charged.
- **In Person:** There are several locations where you can make property tax payments in person.
  - At Broward County Records, Taxes & Treasury Division, Tax & License Section, Governmental Center, 115 S. Andrews Ave., Room A-100, Fort Lauderdale, FL, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  - At Broward County Records, Taxes & Treasury Division, Auto Tag Section, 1800 N.W. 66th Ave., Suite 101, Plantation, FL, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - until March 31, cash or check only
  - At any one of the 77 [Wachovia Bank Branches](#) in Broward County, until March 31, cash or check only. Tax coupon must accompany payment. Maximum of three tax transactions will be permitted at one time.
- **Partial Payments:** Current taxes may be paid in up to five partial payments. A \$10 processing fee applies to each payment. Each of the first four payments must be a minimum of \$100. No discount is allowed. The final payment must be payment in full and paid by March 31 or the balance due will be subject to penalties and interest.

***For more information on 2010 property taxes, visit [www.broward.org/revenue](http://www.broward.org/revenue), or call 954-831-4000.***

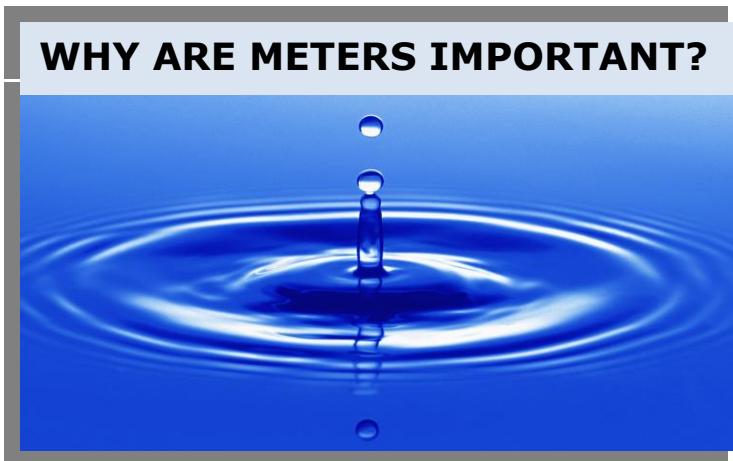


## **WHO IS READING YOUR WATER METER?**

***Bermex, Inc., is the contractor for meter reading in Weston***

As of October 27, 2010, the contractor for meter reading service is Bermex, Inc. In addition to Weston, Bermex currently provides meter reading services to Fort Lauderdale, Deerfield Beach and Davie. Bermex field personnel are required to carry a photo ID badge and wear a complete uniform.

### **WHY ARE METERS IMPORTANT?**



*Water meters are important to a utility for several reasons:*

1. They make it possible to charge customers in proportion to the amount of water they use.
2. They allow the system to demonstrate accountability.
3. They are fair for all customers because they record specific usage.
4. They encourage customers to conserve water (especially as compared to flat rates).
5. They allow a utility system to monitor the volume of finished water it puts out.
6. They aid in the detection of leaks and waterline breaks in the distribution system.



## ONCE A YEAR WE REALLY DO HAVE THE ABILITY TO "TURN BACK TIME"...

### *Reminder for Daylight Saving Time 2010 - Fall Back November 7*

There are only a few days remaining until this fall's time change. On Sunday, November 7, 2010 at 2 a.m., Daylight Saving Time will end and you will need to "turn back time" by one hour. The easiest thing to do is reset all clocks on Saturday night, November 6<sup>th</sup> before going to bed.

*Daylight Saving Time is four weeks longer since 2007, due to the passage of the Energy Policy Act in 2005. The Act extended Daylight Saving Time from the second Sunday of March to the first Sunday of November, with the hope that it would save on oil consumption each day through reduced use of power by businesses during daylight hours.*



### **CHANGE YOUR CLOCK, CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES.**

The City of Weston and the Broward Sheriff's Office Department of Fire Rescue urges all residents to also replace the batteries in their smoke detectors and any carbon monoxide detectors during this annual ritual.

**This small action, can play a huge role in saving lives and property.**

Smoke alarms — when they are in working order — cut the risk of dying in a fire in half. An average of two children in the United States, die each day in house fires, 80 percent of them in homes without working smoke detectors. Run-down or missing batteries are the most common cause of smoke alarm malfunction.



## ARE YOU A STUDENT LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY?

### Broward County EcoAction Days May Be For You High school students can use these volunteer hours toward required community service hours for graduation



Volunteers are important to parks, especially when it comes to helping our natural areas clear out the garbage and invasive plants that continually plague our environment. From October through May, volunteers ages 13 and up get busy between 9 a.m. and noon, except at Deerfield Island, where the workdays are from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Volunteers are asked to have their own gloves, a hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, and drinking water on hand as they tackle the weeds and trash accumulating in different areas of the county.

Volunteers are required to wear closed-toe shoes. Long pants and long sleeves are suggested. All participants must fill out a volunteer registration form prior to participating. **Volunteers ages 13-17** must have parent or guardian signature on the registration form. Volunteers under age 13 may participate with parent or guardian. [Workday Volunteer Application](#) (PDF).

### Schedule (October through May):

#### First Saturday of each month

Fern Forest Nature Center, 201 Lyons Rd. South, Coconut Creek. Phone: 954-970-0150 or e-mail: [FernForest@broward.org](mailto:FernForest@broward.org)

#### Second Saturday of each month

Secret Woods Nature Center, 2701 W. State Rd. 84, Dania Beach. Phone: 954-791-1030 or e-mail: [SecretWoods@broward.org](mailto:SecretWoods@broward.org)

(OR)

Long Key Nature Center & Natural Area, 3501 S.W. 130th Ave., Davie. Phone: 954-327-8797 or e-mail [LongKey@broward.org](mailto:LongKey@broward.org)

#### Third Saturday of each month

Anne Kolb Nature Center, 751 Sheridan Street, Hollywood. Phone: 954-926-2480 or e-mail: [WestLakePark@broward.org](mailto:WestLakePark@broward.org)

(OR)

Deerfield Island, 1720 Deerfield Island Park, Deerfield Beach. Phone: 954-357-5100 (connects to Quiet Waters Park).





**BROWARD COUNTY WASTE AND RECYCLING  
CELEBRATES  
AMERICA RECYCLES DAY NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**

**FREE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DROP-OFF EVENT**

Residents are invited to America Recycles Day and a Free Electronics Recycling Drop-Off event hosted by Broward County Waste and Recycling Services.

**Date:** Saturday, November 13  
**Time:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
**Location:** Vista View Park,  
4001 S.W. 142nd Ave., Davie.

County residents **can bring:** used electronics, including televisions, computers, monitors, keyboards, printers, fax machines, compact discs and digital video disc players.

Items that **cannot** be accepted: cell phones, batteries, stereos, microwaves, small appliances, explosives, bio-hazardous waste and business-generated waste.

Proof of Broward County residency, such as a driver's license or current utility bill, is required.

As part of America Recycles Day, eco-friendly events – games, prizes, informational booths and food -- for the entire family will be held. Standard park entry fee of \$1.50 per person will be in effect; free for children age 5 and under.



The City of Weston hosts a Broward County Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Recycling Event right here in Weston each May, at the Weston Public Works Services Center on South Post Road. The date and



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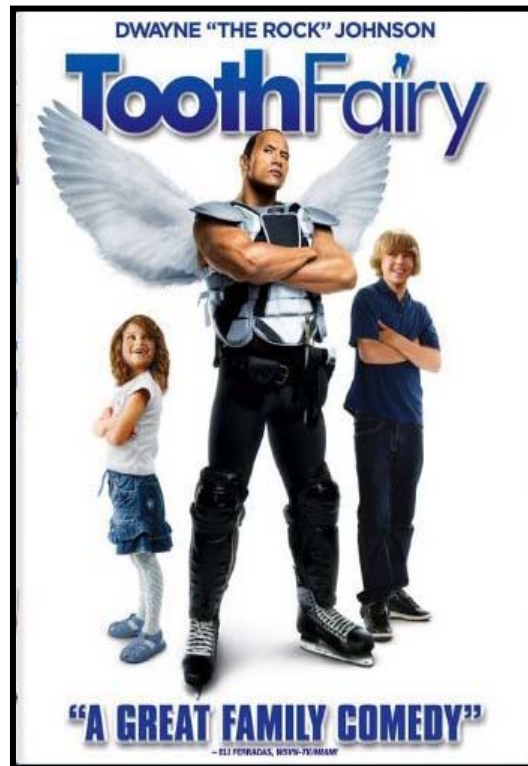
time will be advertised and posted on the City calendar of events as May approaches.



## WESTON MOONLIGHT MOVIES IN THE PARK *presents* **ToothFairy**

The City of Weston is proud to present FREE Monthly Moonlight Movies in the Park. November's feature film, *ToothFairy*, will be projected onto a giant inflatable screen at the event stage in the Weston Regional Park on **Saturday, November 6, 2010 at 8:00 p.m.**

When Derek, a tough minor league hockey player, discourages a youngster's hopes, he's sentenced to one week's hard labor as the real tooth fairy, complete with the requisite tutu, wings and a magic wand. As Derek slowly adopts to his new position, he begins to rediscover his own forgotten dreams.



- Bring lawn chairs or blankets for a fun and relaxing night out.
- Kids under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

The event stage is located in the Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Road, Weston, Florida 33327. For more information call the Weston Community Center at 954-389-4321.

For upcoming movies and dates visit the Weston Events Calendar at [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org).





## TWO NEW 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. In addition to the already diverse list of classes offered at the Community Center, two new classes have now been added...

### Interior Decorating Studio Course

Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.–9:00 p.m. at the Community Center

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

*For more information, please call Monica's Design Studio  
(954) 815-9222.*

### Kangoo Jumps Boot Camp

Fridays, 8:30am at Weston Regional Park

Reduce impact on your joints by 80%. Burn 20% more calories. Bring high socks, water, towel, and weights. Kangoo Boot Rental included. **Cost** - \$20 per class.

*For more information, please contact Nikki Hanna at 954-701-5246 or  
[nhanna1999@aol.com](mailto:nhanna1999@aol.com).*

**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).