



The City of Weston



July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration  
2011

## "CELEBRATING THE AMERICAN DREAM"

MONDAY, JULY 4, 2011

*Each year the July 4<sup>th</sup> Hometown Celebration in Weston is anticipated and well-attended by the community, this year was no exception!*

The day's festivities began bright and early at 7:00 a.m., with a 5K Run/Walk hosting 1,300 athletes. Then at 10:30 a.m., with over 2,000 spectators cheering and celebrating our nation's independence, the Hometown Parade themed "Celebrating the American Dream," marched down Main Street in Weston Town Center.

This year's parade provided an opportunity to celebrate the freedoms we all enjoy each and every day as Americans. The Grand Marshals were none other than fellow Weston residents who recently gained their U.S. citizenship.



2011 Grand Marshals (L to R): Sergio Escobar, Lina Henao, Elisa Escobar, Maria Flores, David Lopez, and Mariana Lopez

**David Lopez and Maria Flores** moved to Weston from Venezuela in 2001. They celebrated their Oath of Allegiance on April 26<sup>th</sup> of this year and are the proud parents of three daughters. **The Escobar family** moved to Weston from Colombia in 2007. **Sergio Escobar** and his youngest daughter **Elisa Escobar** became American citizens in August of 2008 and 2009 respectfully. Sergio was joined by his wife, Lina Henao, and daughter Elisa on the float. Both families are happy to call Weston and the United States home!





## LIBRARIES USE QR CODE POSTERS TO EXPAND ELECTRONIC READER PROJECT

Residents can now access free downloadable books on smart phone or electronic reading devices from Quick Response (QR) code posters on display at 20 Broward County Library locations, including the Weston Branch Library! In addition, customers may also reserve an e-reader to utilize over the summer break or travel with.

The QR posters allow customers to access up to 15,000 free book titles, including fiction, nonfiction and children's stories, by scanning a QR code with their smart phone or eBook Reader. The book titles will not expire and do not count against your Broward County Library limit. E-readers are checked out for periods of two weeks, and each comes preloaded with a selection of books that includes bestsellers, classic literature, favorite non-fiction and a variety of fiction genres.

*For more information, visit [www.broward.org/library](http://www.broward.org/library).*

*The Weston Branch Library is located at 4205 Bonaventure Boulevard,  
Weston, Florida*





## TWO NEW PROGRAMS TO HELP COUNTY BUSINESSES GROW

Are you a Broward County business owner? Then you'll be interested to know that the Broward County Office of Economic and Small Business Development (OESBD) has launched a new initiative, GrowBROWARD. The purpose of GrowBROWARD, is to attract, retain and expand local business and create jobs. GrowBROWARD provides one-on-one assistance with an OESBD specialist so that local business owners are counseled on how to develop new opportunities, including identifying new markets, growing the supply chain, monitoring growth and planning for a disaster.

In a second initiative, OESBD has teamed with the South Florida Manufacturing Association (SFMA) to provide services directly to manufacturers. The partnership will work to identify second-stage and developing manufacturers that have expanded or relocated to Broward County since October 2010 and, in coordination with SFMA, advance each firm through every phase of economic development.



***For additional information on these initiatives or other services offered by OESBD, call 954-357-6400 or visit [www.broward.org/EconDev](http://www.broward.org/EconDev).***



## PETS REQUIRE PLANNING TOO HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

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, leashes and collars (nylon or leather), medications, cleaning supplies, puppy training pads and a carrier for each pet. 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.

**Secure a Boarding Facility in Advance:** Broward's pet friendly shelter only accepts pets from residents in evacuation zones and this does not include Weston. Secure a boarding facility in advance as they book up early. *Qualified service animals are allowed at all shelters. **Abandonment is against the law!***



### 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:

<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.





# SUNPASS

**MOBILE SITE NOW AVAILABLE**

**BOTH MOBILE SITE AND WEBSITE ARE AVAILABLE IN SPANISH**

Living in Weston, it's likely that you utilize a toll road during your travels. SunPass is the Florida Department of Transportation's Prepaid Toll Program. SunPass can be used on Florida's toll roads and most toll bridges and SunPass customers typically pay 25 cents less than cash customers at most toll plazas and exits off the Turnpike.



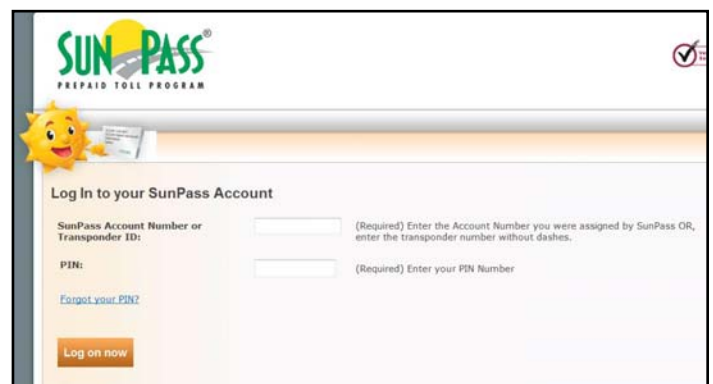
## **SunPass.com is on the move!!**

The SunPass website is now on the move! The mobile site provides convenient access to your account information allowing you to add funds, update your vehicle or credit card information, and view recent toll activity. Through your mobile device, SunPass can now travel with you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

## **Airport Parking**

SunPass Plus Airport parking is now at Fort Lauderdale, Palm Beach, Tampa, Miami, and Orlando International Airports.

Just sign up for [Easy Pay](#) automatic replenishment using your credit card or check card and you'll automatically enjoy SunPass Plus parking privileges.



**For all of this info and more visit [www.sunpass.com](http://www.sunpass.com)**



## SAT PREPARATION SUMMER CLASSES

The **Weston Community Center** is offering a class for teens/young adults ages 15-20 to prepare for the SAT – College Board exam. Instructor Jeff Steinberg, developed this course in 1990 and taught it at the University of Miami. Content includes commonly overlooked strategies and techniques for doing well on the SAT.



The average increase for students taking this course is 200 points!

The dates for the summer classes are designed for the SAT test on October 1 and November 5. Please contact Mr. Steinberg directly at 954-478-0792 for details to enroll in this course.

### PROGRAM DATES

**Sunday mornings 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM** (*August 7 – September 25*)

**Sunday afternoons 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM** (*August 7 – September 25*)

**Thursday evenings 7:15 PM – 9:45 PM** (*August 11 – September 29*)

**COURSE COST: \$475 including text and materials**

**LOCATION: Weston Community Center (inside the Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Road, Weston)**

*For more information call or stop by the Community Center at 20200 Saddle Club Road, located inside the Weston Regional Park (at the corner of South Post Road and Saddle Club Road) Phone: 954-389-4321.*



## 9/11 ALWAYS REMEMBERED SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2011 5PM-6PM

On Sunday September 11, 2011, the City of Weston will host a community-wide event commemorating the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks upon the United States.

We invite all residents and visitors to join us.

***9/11 Always Remembered*** will take place from 5PM – 6PM at the Weston Amphitheater in Weston's Town Center Park. This one hour event will include state and local leaders, the Broward Sheriff's Office, members of the Weston Clergy Group, the Cypress Bay Choir, a moment of silence and dove release.



***Let us honor the memory of all those who died in New York City, Arlington, Virginia and Shanksville, Pennsylvania.***

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On September 16, 2001, Weston first came together after the terrorist attacks at the Weston Family Rally For America, in a show of emotional and financial support. The Rally For America provided an outlet for our need to make some small contribution to those injured and the families of those who lost their lives, drawing well over 1,000 people to the Weston Amphitheater. Government and religious leaders joined together to help us grieve, display our unity, and to invoke strength.

On this 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we again bring together our government leaders, religious leaders, police and fire personnel, students, and our community, for a remembrance event open to all.





## UPCOMING EVENTS /MEETINGS

**Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

### **AARP's 55+ Mature Driving Program**

The City of Weston is offering AARP's 55 Alive/Mature Driving Program. This is a six hour classroom session designed especially for motorists age 50 and over dealing with age related physical changes. Advanced registration is required. **To register, call Sonny at 954-385-9920. The course will be held at the Weston Community Center, located at 20200 Saddle Club Road inside the Weston Regional Park.**

**Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>; Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup>; Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>; \*Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>**

### **FREE Residential Bulk 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.**

**THINK BEFORE YOU THROW – Consider 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.*

### **"For Your Health" Web Chats by Cleveland Clinic Florida**

Cleveland Clinic Florida will offer live, online health chats designed to educate participants and encourage healthy lifestyle choices. The FREE online health chats will be presented by two of Cleveland Clinic Florida's top medical specialists. **Log on at [www.clevelandclinic.org/webchats](http://www.clevelandclinic.org/webchats)**

**On Tuesday, August 23, 2011 from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. the topic will be "Epilepsy and Seizures" presented by Adriana Rodriguez, MD - Epileptologist and Chaten Malpe, MD - Neurologist.**

**On Wednesday, August 17, 2011 from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. the topic will be "Concussion and Injury Prevention In Athletes" presented by Daniel Groba, DO -**