



SEVEN BURGLARY SUSPECTS ARRESTED OVER SEVEN DAY PERIOD ALERT RESIDENTS HELPING POLICE

- On June 12th an alert neighbor called 9-1-1 and BSO deputies were able to apprehend a burglary suspect in the San Sebastian community who had just burglarized several vehicles. The suspect targeted UNLOCKED vehicles with items of value left inside.
- On June 14th an alert neighbor called BSO and deputies arrested two suspects in the Country Isles community who had just burglarized several vehicles. The suspects targeted UNLOCKED vehicles with items of value left inside.
- *And the stories continue just like this, with both unlocked homes and vehicles...*

There are two recurring themes in these police notifications:

- 1) Unlocked vehicles containing valuables; and
- 2) Alert neighbors who took the time to call the police.

DO: LOCK YOUR VEHICLE



DON'T: LEAVE VALUABLES IN SIGHT



Over 65% of crimes in Weston are burglaries to UNLOCKED vehicles.

Even safe communities need to take basic precautions against crime:

VEHICLES

Lock doors

Don't leave valuables in sight
Stolen garage openers can open your home – now or later

HOMES

Lock doors & windows
Keep garage doors closed



CHRISTMAS IN JULY 10 YEARS OF HELPING LOCAL HOMELESS CHILDREN



For the past ten years, Broward County and Kiwanis Divisions 23 and 24 have partnered to support **Christmas In July** activities that benefit homeless children living in Broward County. Many families across the county are still feeling the effect of the economic downturn. Some have had to turn to public assistance programs for the first time in their lives and local homeless shelters are at capacity.

Christmas In July activities culminate with a day filled with entertainment, games, food and gifts that provide homeless children, with new clothing, socks, shoes and underwear. School aged children also receive school supplies for the upcoming school year. This is all made possible through the generosity of Broward County residents and County employees. Since inception in 2002, Christmas in July has served more than 7,500 children in Broward County.

Please remember that only **NEW** items should be donated for a boy or girl ranging in age from **infants to 19 years old**. The following list is a suggested list of items for donation:

**Pants – Slacks – Shorts – Skirts – Dresses – Shirts – Blouses – Shoes
Socks – Undergarments – Diapers – Wipes – Baby Clothing – School
Supplies – Books**

Collections will take place through Friday, July 1, 2011.

The Weston Branch Library is a designated collection location. The Library is located at 4205 Bonaventure Boulevard.

For a complete list of collection locations, please visit www.broward.org.





2011 WESTON HOMETOWN JULY 4TH 5K Run/Walk and Hometown Parade

The City of Weston



July 4th Celebration
2011

7:00AM – 5K RUN/Walk: On Monday, July 4th 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 is \$20 available 5:45 a.m. - 6:45 a.m.

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 and downloadable application are available on-line at www.splitsecondtiming.com.

"Celebrating the American Dream" is the theme of the 2011 parade

10:30AM – PARADE: Join us later that morning for the **City of Weston 4th of July Hometown Parade!** Participants including local businesses, civic groups, schools, bands, organizations and residents gather to march in Weston's biggest and most exciting event.

The Parade begins promptly at 10:30 am 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. The theme of this year's parade is **"Celebrating the American Dream."**

Interested Parade Participants:

All groups, organizations, businesses and bands are welcome! Join us for a Fourth of July tradition, and walk or ride, in Weston's biggest and most exciting event of the year.

Registration is FREE, but the DEADLINE is June 24th for entry. Download a parade application and get this party started!

http://www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/2011_July4th_Parade_Application.pdf

Contact the Weston Community Center with any questions at 954-389-4321.





New FPL Solar Energy Rebate Program Opens June 21

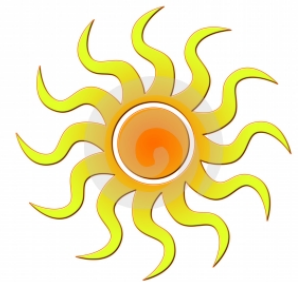
- High interest expected in rebates for solar water heating or PV panels -

Beginning June 21, FPL business and residential customers can apply for rebates for new installations of solar water heating or solar photovoltaic (PV) panels. PV panels collect the sun's energy and generate electricity for immediate use in the home or business.

Rebates will be available on a first-come, first-served basis, and the funding cap is likely to be reached very quickly due to growing interest in solar power generation. Approximately 1,100 of FPL's 4.5 million customers currently operate their own solar generation, and FPL operates three of the largest solar power facilities in the United States.

Those interested in the rebates should begin exploring options as soon as possible to ensure they can gather the required information before the application period opens on June 21. *Rebates are not available for systems that have already been installed.*

Program details and application checklists are available at www.FPL.com/solarrebates.



Highlights include:

- **Residential Solar Water Heating** - The program will provide **\$1,000** per installed solar water heater. A solar water heater can cut a family's water heating costs by up to 85 percent, according to the Florida Solar Energy Center. FPL estimates rebates will be available for about 4,500 customers this year, depending on the size of the systems installed.
- **Business Solar Water Heating** - Business customers will be eligible for a variable rebate based on the size of the system installed. **The maximum incentive during the life of the program is \$50,000 per site.** Businesses with multiple locations can receive a maximum combined rebate of up to \$150,000 per funding year. FPL estimates rebates will be available for about 50 customers this year, depending on the size of the systems installed.
- **Residential Solar PV** - The program will provide an incentive of \$2 per watt based on the direct-current (DC) rating of the solar panels **up to a maximum of \$20,000.** FPL estimates rebates will be available for about 400 customers this year, depending on the size of the systems installed.



• **Business Solar PV** - The program will provide a variable incentive depending on the DC rating of the solar panels. **The rebate will be up to \$50,000 per site** during the life of the program and will be calculated as: \$2 per DC watt nameplate rating of the solar panel up to the first 10 kwh; \$1.50 per DC watt nameplate rating of the solar panel from 10 kwh up to 25 kwh and \$1 per DC watt nameplate rating of the solar panel greater than 25 kwh. Businesses with multiple locations can receive a maximum combined rebate of up to \$150,000 per funding year. FPL estimates rebates will be available for about 80 customers this year, depending on the size.

FPL will also connect the customer's solar PV systems to the electric grid through its net-metering program, **which allows customers to receive a credit for the electricity they produce but don't use.** For more details, visit www.FPL.com/netmetering.

Customers are advised to choose products and contractors carefully, given the many variables involved. The customer is solely responsible for selecting, hiring and managing the contractor who will install the eligible solar products. FPL bears no responsibility for the quality or performance of any products or contractors chosen by the customer.





Play Safe This Summer

Each year in the United States approximately 200,000 children require a trip to the emergency room due to a playground injury. With the summer break now in high gear it is important to highlight steps that can be taken to keep children safe. Weston playgrounds are regularly inspected, repaired and refurbished. But, the most effective strategy for keeping children safe is parental supervision.

City of Weston playgrounds are designed for children 2 to 12 years old. Equipment is marked with signage indicating age appropriateness. Children under 2 years old do not have the necessary upper body strength, dexterity and balance to climb safely on equipment or slide down playground slides.

Playground surfacing is an important aspect to playground safety. The poured in place rubberized surfacing found on most playgrounds can get very hot. Even though the playgrounds are shaded children must wear the appropriate footwear to avoid potentially hot surfaces and to allow for safe footing on the equipment. Also, parents should make sure children have sunscreen to avoid excessive sun/heat exposure in addition to plenty of drinks to avoid dehydration.



ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS:

- Bicycle helmets should NOT be worn while on the playground. Wearing them while playing could lead to injuries associated with strangulation. In the same vein, proper clothing (no hooded clothes, no long necklaces or other jewelry) will help prevent injuries.
- Do not allow children to bring skateboards, rollerblades or roller skates on the playground. They are potential trip hazards and can lead to collisions between children.
- Remember this acronym: **S.A.F.E.**
 - **S – Supervision**
 - **A – Age Appropriate**
 - **F – Falls...**are the most common form of injury. Encourage your children to play on the equipment as it was intended.
 - **E – Equipment...**must be safe. If something doesn't look right please contact the Weston Parks and Recreation Department at 954-389-4321.

No playground can be designed to prevent all injuries.

But, taking these steps will help provide a safe and enjoyable summer of playground fun.



THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS WESTON RECYCLERS



| Waste Stream* | Weston |
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| | 5/15/11 |
| Latex Paint | 21,220 |
| Oil Based Paint/Stains/Varnish | 740 |
| Lead Acid Batteries | 2,200 |
| Rechargeable Batteries | 93 |
| Compressed Gasses/LP Tanks (C2.1,2.2,2.3) | 577 |
| Fluorescent/Compact Lamps | 117 |
| Motor Oil | 1,760 |
| Oil Filters | 20 |
| Antifreeze | 485 |
| Flammable Liquids/Solids (C3,4.1) | 1,230 |
| Toxic Liquids/Solids (C6.1, 6.2) | 633 |
| Corrosive Liquids/Solids (C8) | 1,213 |
| Reactive Liquids/Solids (C4.2,4.3) | 10 |
| Oxidizer Liquids/Solids (C5.1,5.2) | 100 |
| Aerosol Cans | 502 |
| Mercury/Hg Containing Articles | 5 |
| Lamp Ballast/PCB's | 0 |
| Fire Extinguishers | 126 |
| Asbestos | 0 |
| Flares | 2 |
| | |
| HHW, Total | 31,033 |
| Electronics | 29,262 |
| HHW/Electronics, Total | 60,295 |
| *Values Reported in LBS Unless Otherwise Specified | |
| Participation | |
| Participation (Total) | 742 |
| Participation (HHW) | 599 |
| Participation (Electronics) | 406 |
| Avg LB/Customer (HHW) | 52 |
| Avg LB/Customer (Electronics) | 72 |
| Avg LB/Customer (HHW & Elec.) | 81 |
| Event Average | 568 |

The annual Broward County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection and Electronics Recycling Event in Weston, held this year on Sunday, May 15th at the Weston Public Works Service Center, was another huge success and residents are to thank.

Over 31,000 pounds of hazardous waste and 29,000 pounds of electronics were collected and recycled.

This free event is provided annually within the city but residents can recycle HHW and electronics year-round at two county locations:

Drop-off locations are open every Friday and Saturday, 8 am – 4pm

Pompano Beach — 2780 N. Powerline Rd. [map](#)
West Park — 5601 W. Hallandale Beach Blvd. (east of US 441) [map](#)

Program available to Broward County residents only. Proof of residency required.



REDUCE THE CHANCE OF BICYCLE THEFT AND INCREASE CHANCE OF ITS RETURN WITH BSO'S **BIKE TRACK SYSTEM**

The Broward Sheriff's Office has developed the **BikeTrack Registration System** for Broward County Residents to help reduce the number of bicycle thefts in Broward County and to support law enforcement officers in their efforts to recover lost or stolen bicycles.



To register with BikeTrack: Complete and submit the online form at <http://sheriff.org/apps/biketrack/register.cfm>. Once it's been received by BSO, a deputy will review the information and call you to schedule an appointment to check the bike to verify the serial number and description.

If your bicycle is lost or stolen: Contact BSO to report theft (954) 765-4321 and advise the deputy taking your report that your bicycle is registered with BikeTrack.



Weston has over 46 miles of dedicated bike lanes within our City, making Weston one of the premier areas in south Florida in which to bike. Bicyclists have the same rights as motorists and as such must obey all vehicular traffic laws. Weston has provided an interconnected system of safe bike lanes, multipurpose paths and shaded sidewalks for pedestrian travel throughout the City.



FREE STORIES OF THE WEEK

We are always scouting for free, educational activities, events or programs to put out to our residents and here is a great one for reading enthusiasts. A free **Story of the Week** sent straight to your email every Monday from the Library of the America.



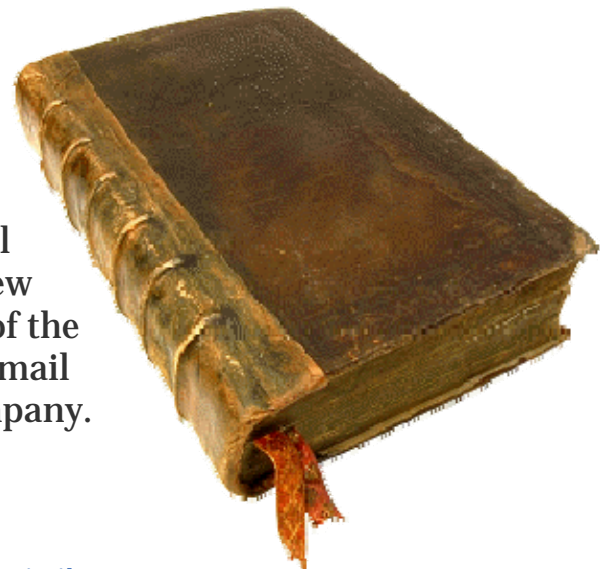
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IS YOUR HEAD IN THE STARS?

The Fox Observatory at Markham Park Opens at Dusk Every Saturday

If you've ever paid more than passing attention to what goes on in the sky after dark, you may be interested in checking out the Fox Observatory in Broward County's Markham Park and the South Florida Amateur Astronomers Association.

This nonprofit organization has been around since 1965 and is dedicated to "bringing the universe closer to all South Floridians."

The SFAAA makes its home at Markham Park, where, every Saturday night at dusk, it opens the park's Fox Observatory to the public for free stargazing until midnight (weather permitting). The park's weekend gate admission of \$1.50 per person (children 5 and under free) will be in effect.



One of South Florida's best-kept secrets is the Fox Observatory at Markham Park located at the intersection of Weston Road and State Road 84 (16001 W. State Rd. 84).



Among the telescopic equipment at the group's disposal are a pair of 16-inch and 14-inch Schmidt-Cassegrains, a Brandon refractor, three Dobson reflectors, and a 12-inch Newtonian. Both Schmidt-Cassegrains are fitted with imagers that offset the effects of light pollution.



If none of this makes much sense to you, don't worry. Members are there to help you learn about such gear and how it operates. They often even bring along their own 'scopes, so that on a clear night there may be as many as 15 set up in various spots around the observatory.



UPCOMING EVENTS /MEETINGS

Tuesday, June 28th at 6:30 p.m.

SFWD Night Out - Understand Drainage System

Understand South Florida's Primary Drainage System at a 'Night out at the Service Center' at the Fort Lauderdale Field Station. Susan Sylvester, Director of Operations will be speaking. **RSVP by June 27th to Tammy Moore at 954-713-3200 or tmoore@sfwmd.gov.** The Fort Lauderdale Field Station is located at 2535 Davie Road, Davie, FL 33317.

Thursday, June 30th, 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

FDOT Community Update Meeting for the I-595 Express Corridor Improvements Project

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will be holding a **Community Update Meeting** for the I-595 Express Corridor Improvements Project. The purpose of the Community Update Meeting is to provide property owners, residents, businesses and interested parties throughout the corridor and South Florida with an opportunity to learn about the current status of the I-595 project, now in its second year of construction. **For further information, visit www.i-595.com.**

Monday, July 4th

Independence Day

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Saturday, July 9th, 9:00 a.m. – 12 Noon

BSO Operation Medicine Cabinet & Shred-A-Thon

The City of Weston is pleased to announce two events in one – **Operation Medicine Cabinet and the Shred-A-Thon!** Bring your unused, unwanted or expired medications for safe disposal. Come early and receive a \$5 gift card while supplies last. Also, Broward County residents can shred away identity theft by safely disposing of their personal documents, check stubs, credit card offers, receipts and any other material that might contain sensitive data. This service is free of charge but there is a 5 box maximum. **Both events will take place at the Weston Police Services Center located at 17300 Royal Palm Boulevard. For more information, please call 954-321-4100 or visit www.westonfl.org.**

Saturday, July 16th, 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 27th; Thursday, July 28th; Friday, July 29th; *Saturday, July 30th

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.