



BSO LAUNCHES NEW TOOL FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN

The Broward Sheriff's Office launched a public awareness campaign on June 1st at Weston Fire Station 81 for its new B.E.C.C.A. Program - a tool for caregivers of special needs children, much like the "File of Life" is for elderly patients.

The program name, BECCA, stands for **B**roward **E**mergency **C**ritical **C**are **A**ssistance, and is named after Rebecca Hyman, a 5 year old Weston child who suffers from a severe genetic abnormality. Becca requires 24 hour a day care and suffers from seizures that require immediate medical attention.



BSO Captain David Erdman met with Rebecca's doctor, Dr. El Sanadi and her father, Seth Hyman and was asked to develop a system that would reduce the amount of questions the parents had to be asked each time EMS responded, potentially delaying care. What transpired and developed from this collaboration was a tool that parents could access electronically to fill out and update as needed, then print out to have on hand and provide to caregivers, school and healthcare staff. Created by those in the medical field – the forms provide all of the critical information needed about the patient – which is often extensive and complex for special needs patients.



Danielle, Melissa and Seth Hyman, Sheriff Al Lamberti, Dr. Nabil El Sanadi, and Rebecca Hyman in stoller.

This form is now available to the public on the BSO website http://www.sheriff.org/about_bso/dfres/becca/ as well as the Weston Fire Rescue page <http://www.westonfl.org/Departments/FireEMS/FireEMSHome.aspx>. It should also be noted that this form can be used and kept on-hand by ANYONE with medical needs, not just children.

Click here to view a video clip of the press conference held at Weston Fire Station No. 81 <http://www.youtube.com/user/CityofWeston#p/u/6/BtkkuE3etsw>.



BROWARD PROPERTY APPRAISER NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR NEWLY ENACTED DEPLOYED MILITARY PERSONNEL EXEMPTION

Effective immediately, the Broward County Property Appraiser's Office is accepting applications for the new **Homestead Ad Valorem Tax Credit for Deployed Military Personnel**, also known as Amendment 2.

Florida voters in 2010, approved an additional tax saving exemption for individuals in the United States military or military reserves, the United States Coast Guard or its reserves, or the Florida National Guard, who receive a homestead exemption this year and were deployed in the previous year on active duty outside the continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii in support of three specifically designated military operations (Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, or Operation New Dawn).



Individuals deployed outside the United States during 2010 in support of any of these three military operations, are eligible to claim these savings for 2011. The deduction amount for 2011 will be based upon the number of days in 2010 a homesteaded owner was deployed on active duty, divided by the number of days in the year. For example: the exempt amount for someone deployed for six months would be 50% of the taxable value remaining after all other exemptions have been applied.

The applying service member will be required to complete an application identifying which of the three operations s/he was deployed to; the dates deployed during the preceding year; and proof of deployment. The application form is available www.bcpa.net. **The deadline to apply for 2011 is September 19, 2011.** This exemption requires a new application in each subsequent year in order to receive these extra savings.

For more information, please visit www.bcpa.net or contact the Customer Service and Exemptions Department at (954) 357-6830 or cguske@bcpa.net.

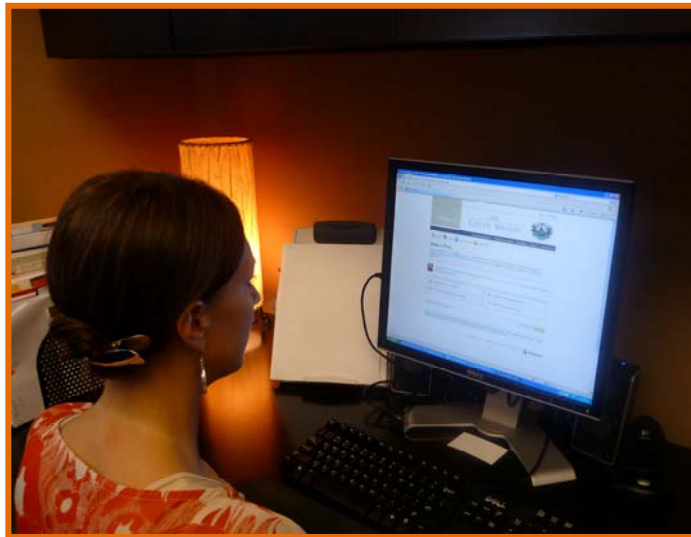


NATIONAL INTERNET SAFETY MONTH *JUNE 2011*

The Internet is an increasingly important place for children to learn, work and play. But it also presents challenges for parents, teens and younger children, especially considering the anonymity that masks users.

You can help your child avoid harmful online encounters with predators, hackers and others who would exploit children and their personal information by establishing rules for Internet use, and making sure the rules are enforced.

June is National Internet Safety Month and the Broward Sheriff's Office has published the following tips for children, teens and parents to help maximize online safety.



Tips for children and teens:

- Don't give out your personal information such as name, age, address, telephone number, parent/guardian's name, and school name/address.
- Do not respond to mean, offensive, threatening, or unwanted email or instant messaging.
- Choose a screen name that doesn't identify you as a young boy or girl.
- Don't share your password with anyone (except a parent/guardian)-not even your best friend.
- NEVER agree to meet with someone you don't know. Remember, people online may or MAY NOT be who they say they are.
- Tell your parents, a teacher or trusted adult if you read or see something online that makes you uncomfortable or if someone threatens you or suggests you meet.

General tips for parents:

- Learn everything you can about the Internet. Have your children show you the sites they visit, learn chat room lingo and acronyms that chatters use (like POS for *Parent Over Shoulder*). Know what other Internet functionality your child may have access to like instant messaging, chat, e-mail and other text messaging. Visit www.cybertipline.com for a quick lesson.
- Establish approved Internet time and territory. Make it clear to children what sites they can and can't visit, what hours they may use Internet, and with whom they may communicate.
- Keep the computer in a common area of the home, such as a living room or family room, where adults can easily monitor online activity.



- Discuss the importance of telling you or a trusted adult if something ever makes your child or teen feel scared, uncomfortable or confused while online.
- Consider safeguarding options like site blocking, filtering and monitoring. Enter these keywords into any search engine to learn more about software and browser settings that can help you control where children and teens go online. Know how to set parental controls and check the browser's history files.
- Show your children how to turn off the monitor when something makes them feel scared, uncomfortable or confused.
- Make sure you are aware of any other places your child may be using the Internet, such as a friend's house or the library.
- Talk to your children about what personal information is and why they should never give it out.

E-mail safety:

- Check the e-mail your children receive for appropriate content. All too often, e-mail addresses are "harvested" by unscrupulous marketers; the resulting "spam" messages frequently contain adult content.
- NEVER post your child's e-mail address in any directory.
- Don't "unsubscribe" on unwanted, un-requested or unsolicited e-mail. Don't sign up for free offers (remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it is!).
- Don't forward e-mails to everyone in your address book.
- Make sure children only exchange email with people they know and let them use chat areas you supervise.



INFO FOR PET OWNERS AND PET OWNER WHANNA BE'S... *Broward County Animal Care and Adoption*



THE NEXT RABIES CLINIC

Will be held on Friday, June 10, at the Fort Lauderdale Adoption Center, 1870 S.W. 39th St., noon to 5 p.m. Cost for a one-year rabies vaccination and Broward County pet license is **\$15** (cash only). You must be a Broward County resident to attend. Bring a valid Florida drivers license or current utility bill for identification. All dogs must be on leashes and all cats in carriers. For a complete list of other Rabies Clinic locations and dates, visit www.broward.org/animal.



HURRICANE EVACUATION HOTEL INFO.

Pet owners should plan ahead if a major storm is announced. Part of those plans might include having to evacuate from your home. If an evacuation is necessary, **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PET BEHIND!** Instead, plan accordingly. If you must stay in a hotel, check ahead to research pet-friendly hotels outside of the hurricane area. A selection of websites that list pet travel information include:

www.dogfriendly.com

www.petswelcome.com

www.pettravel.com

www.travelpets.com

www.aaa.com (for AAA members only)



ADOPTION EVENT!

Saturday, May 28, Pet Supermarket, 3081 SW 160th Avenue, Miramar, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. We will feature some of our lovable homeless doggies for adoption. Our cats located at that Pet Supermarket store will also be available to go home with you.





PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR UPCOMING I-75 PROJECTS



Two public hearings are being held for Interstate-75 as part of the Project Development and Environmental Study. These public hearings will be conducted to afford interested persons the opportunity to express their views concerning the location, conceptual design, social, economic and environmental effects of the proposed improvements. **The project extends from the SR-826/Palmetto Expressway in Miami-Dade County to I-595 in Broward County.** Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status.

The alternatives in this project will include the possible addition of special use lanes, auxiliary lanes, and interchange improvements along the I-75 in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties. These improvements are needed to address future growth and development projected in the region, enhance hurricane and other emergency evacuation, and improve system connectivity between I-75, State-Road 826 (Palmetto Expressway), Gratigny Parkway, Florida's Turnpike, I-595 and the Sawgrass Expressway.

Broward County Public Hearing

Tuesday, June 14, 2011

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

*Formal presentation at 6:00 p.m.

Broward County Southwest Regional Library
Auditorium

16835 Sheridan Street
Pembroke Pines, Florida 33331

Miami-Dade Public Hearing

Wednesday, June 15, 2011

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

*Formal presentation at 6:30 p.m.

Don Shula's Hotel and Golf Club
Grand Slam Ballroom

6842 Main Street
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

For more information regarding the I-75 Project Development and Environmental Study, please visit <http://www.i-75vision.com>



MORE WAYS TO ENJOY YOUR SUMMER.. *AT THE WESTON COMMUNITY CENTER*



FUN IN SPANISH: *Fridays 9:30-11:00 a.m. (ages 2-5)* Don't forget your Spanish. The only way to hang on to your roots is to practice. Learn and practice Spanish with Latin kids and others that wish to learn in a playful, musical and artistic environment. **For information, please call 954-822-7528 or email FuninSpainsh@hotmail.com.** Cost is \$40 per month.

KIDOKINETICS: The "Fun Way to Fitness" – your child will learn a new sport in a fun and non-competitive atmosphere. Activities include **soccer, hockey, tennis, basketball, volleyball, football, golf, hula hoops, obstacle course, T-ball, and more.** All classes are led by experienced coaches who will provide a fun and safe environment for learning. Kidokinetics focuses on individual achievement to improve the child's self confidence. **For more information contact us at (954)385-8511 or www.Kidokinetics.com.** Classes meet **INDOORS** at the Weston Community Center. Cost is \$54 for 6 weeks.



BABYKINETICS: Kidokinetics Baby is an introduction to physical activity for babies. Our classes increase body awareness and help babies learn, coordination and balance and to control muscles. Babies will have a fun opportunity to interact with soccer balls, footballs, bouncy balls, bean bags, cones, hula hoops, tunnels and much more all with their parents. **For more information contact us at (954)385-8511 or www.Kidokinetics.com.** Classes meet **INDOORS** at the Community Center. Ages 15 months-24 months (Tuesdays 9:15-10:00 a.m.) Cost is \$54 for 6 weeks.



KIDOKINETICS JR. - Parent and Child Sports: Saturdays 9:00-9:45 a.m. (Ages 2-4 years). Kidokinetics is the fun way to fitness that's inspiring kids to get up, get moving and get into shape! We are an all around sports fitness program **for children ages 2 to 4 years old.** Participants will develop important building blocks for life: discipline, confidence, coordination, fine and gross motor skills, and fitness. **Activities include: soccer, hockey, tennis, basketball, volleyball, golf, T-ball, polo, lacrosse, football, hula-hoops, obstacle course, relays, hurdles, and more.** Children will be introduced to a new sport/activity each week in a fun and non-competitive atmosphere. **For more information call (954)385-8511 or visit www.Kidokinetics.com.** Class meets **INDOORS**. Cost is \$54 for 6 weeks.



For a complete list of classes and programs offered at the Community Center, visit www.westonfl.org and click on 'Parks and Recreation'.

**The Community Center is located at 20200 Saddle Club Road inside the Weston Regional Park.
954-389-4321**



UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE YMCA

YMCA Swim Lessons



Don't miss great summer swim lessons for children ages 6 months through Adults! **The next session starts at the beginning of June and runs monthly through August.** Classes will be offered Monday through Thursdays or weekly on Saturdays. REGISTER NOW – Classes fill up quickly! Please contact Scott Hendry at 954-424-9622 for more information or shendry@ymcabroward.org or you may register on-line at www.ymcabroward.org.

Summer Camp



Camp begins on Monday, June 13 and is filling up quickly! Register your child age 5 through teenagers for one of the fantastic camps. Please visit the website for more information and to register, www.ymcabroward.org

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

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