



## STOVE TOP COOKING SENDS TWO CHILDREN TO HOSPITAL

In the second serious home fire since January, on March 5<sup>th</sup>, two children, ages 10 and 12 years of age, were victims of smoke inhalation and thankfully, only minor burns. The children had been cooking with a pot on the stove inside their townhome when the grease in the pot flared up. The children attempted to put out the grease fire with water – a serious \*mistake. Weston fire crews arrived to find the entire home filled with smoke and the children in need of medical attention.

Last year, two Weston homes were seriously damaged due to kitchen fires which resulted from pots being unattended while cooking on the stove.



This fire in July 2010 destroyed the entire kitchen

This stovetop fire in the Falls in 2010 did the same.

### Advice to Parents and Homeowners from Weston Fire Chief Harris Bouchillon:

**The kitchen can be the most hazardous room in the house without safety practices**

**Cooking is the leading cause of residential fires and fire injuries in the United States**

Young children are at a higher risk of being burned by hot food and liquids. Keep children away from cooking areas by enforcing a “child-free zone” of three feet around the stove and microwave.

When cooking with young children present, use the stove’s back burners whenever possible and never hold a child while cooking, drinking or carrying hot foods or liquids. Keep hot foods and liquids away from table and counter edges.



Combating fire related injuries and death is a team effort. As a parent, you play a key role in protecting your children from the dangers of fire. Invest in the wellbeing of your family by taking the time to teach your children about fire safety. Installing smoke alarms and preparing and practicing your personal escape plan can be made into a fun exercise with your children.

And don't forget, we are here to help you! If you would like our fire fighters to review your personal escape plan please let us know. Bring your children by any of our fire stations and we will be more than happy to show them our fire apparatus and review fire safety information with them. Whether you are a parent, a teacher, a clergy member, or a staff member at a recreational facility, I urge you to join us in sharing fire safety information with our children. Investing a few minutes of your time can make the difference between prevention and tragedy.

Please feel free to contact myself or my office by calling 954-389-2015. I look forward to working with you to keep Weston fire safe.

Harris Bouchillon, Fire Chief

**\* Grease Fires** Grease fires happen when collections of oil or grease on a stove, oven or fryer get hot enough to ignite. Grease fires are extremely dangerous because the fuel source (the grease) is a liquid, and easily splashed. Grease fire burn very hot and can quickly spread to cabinets or other flammable areas of the kitchen.

The most important thing you can do to prevent a fire in the kitchen is to stay put. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home cooking fires. Stay by the stove and be prepared for flames.

**Time Required:** You only have a few moments to either put out a grease fire or escape the house.

1. **DO NOT USE WATER ON A GREASE FIRE!** Start evacuating everyone from the building. Fires spread extremely fast and can overwhelm victims in minutes. Treat burns only after evacuating the building.
2. **Call 911.** There's no reason to wait, and the fire department can always go back to the station if you are able to get the fire out without help.
3. The easiest way to smother a grease fire is to cover it with a pan lid. Be careful with glass lids; they can break from the extreme heat of open flame.
4. Grease fires can also be smothered with baking soda, but it takes a lot of baking soda to do the trick. Unless the baking soda is easily accessible, it's usually easier to quickly find a lid.
5. A dry chemical [fire extinguisher](#) will also work, but it will contaminate your kitchen and food. Class K fire extinguishers are available to put out grease and other kitchen fires, but they are usually only found in commercial kitchens.



## SMART. CONVENIENT. SECURE SCHOOL PAYMENTS MADE EASY



[SchoolPaymentSolutions.com](http://SchoolPaymentSolutions.com) is an online payment portal especially designed to allow parents of students in Broward County Public Schools **to make quick and easy online payments to their children's school accounts**. The system allows parents to manage their children's lunch accounts, and manage other school accounts (such as lab fees or book fees), quickly and easily.

[schoolpaymentsolutions.com](http://schoolpaymentsolutions.com) allows you to...

- Pay with a Credit Card
- Check Your Child's Account Balance
- See What Your Child is Eating
- Receive Account Balance Alerts

### Register for Your Account...

To complete the registration process and create your account, you will need to use the information that is on file at your school district (e.g. report card or other official school correspondence).

#### **Information You Need To Complete Registration**

- ✓ Child's School District
- ✓ Child's School
- ✓ Child's Student ID, Birth Date, Address
- ✓ A valid email address for your account



## BROWARD COUNTY PARK UPDATES

### Broward County Parks Expand Operating Hours

#### - Eight Parks Are Now Open Seven Days a Week -

The Broward County Parks and Recreation Division has announced expanded hours of operation at four regional County parks beginning Tuesday, March 22. The expansion of service brings to eight the total number of County park facilities that are open seven days a week for recreation and the public's enjoyment. The four parks with expanded hours of operation are:

- Brian Piccolo Park & Velodrome, 9501 Sheridan St., Cooper City; 954-357-5150
- C. B. Smith Park, 900 N. Flamingo Road, Pembroke Pines; 954-357-5170
- Hollywood North Beach Park, 3601 N. Ocean Drive, Hollywood; 954-357-5187
- Quiet Waters Park, 401 S. Powerline Road, Deerfield Beach; 954-357-5100

Parks already open on a daily basis are:

- Central Broward Regional Park & Stadium, 3700 N.W. 11th Place, Lauderdale; 954-357-5400
- Markham Park & Target Range, 16001 W. State Road 84, Sunrise; 954-357-8868
- Tradewinds Park, 3600 W. Sample Road, Coconut Creek; 954-357-8870
- T.Y. (Topeekeegee Yugnee) Park, 3300 N. Park Road, Hollywood; 954-357-8811

### Aquatics Season Starts Weekends Only March 12

Get ready for some aquatic fun as four Broward County aquatics facilities open weekends only beginning Saturday, March 12 through Sunday, May 1.

The aquatic sites are located at Central Broward Regional Park and Stadium (Lauderhill), C.B. Smith Park (Pembroke Pines), Quiet Waters (Deerfield Beach) and T.Y. Park (Hollywood).

Sites are also open daily the week of spring break and hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Visit the [Parks Web Site](#) for more information.





## Information of Interest about Driver Licenses and Identification Cards

### *Other News on Teen Driving, Biking Safety and More*

**BRING ALL YOU NEED, PLEASE:** Florida residents wishing to obtain a new driver license or identification card, legally change their name prior to their renewal date, or immediately replace a lost or stolen license or ID card, must go prepared with the proper documentation. The time you will spend completing your transaction on the first visit is directly related to providing the required proper documentation. The complete list of acceptable documents is available online at [www.GatherGoGet.com](http://www.GatherGoGet.com). **Here is a summary of the requirements:**

- 1) **Identification** – A certified U.S. birth certificate; a valid U.S. passport; a consular Report of Birth Abroad; a certificate of Naturalization (Form N-550 or N-570); or a certificate of Citizenship (Form N-560 or N-561).
- 2) **Social Security Number** – Card, W-2 form, any 1099 form or paycheck stub.
- 3) **Residential Address** – Two (2) items mailed to you that contain your address. Acceptable is a mortgage statement, voter ID card, a utility bill or a car insurance policy, among many others.

Anyone who has changed their name must bring marriage certificates, court orders or divorce decrees to connect the name on the primary identification to the name of the customer and the name in which the license or ID card will be issued.

U.S. citizens, permanent residents, immigrants and non-immigrants can secure a complete list of documents to bring to one of our offices by visiting [www.GatherGoGet.com](http://www.GatherGoGet.com), or [www.ReunaVengaObtenga.com](http://www.ReunaVengaObtenga.com) in Spanish, or [www.RasanbleAlePran.com](http://www.RasanbleAlePran.com) in Creole.

**MAKE AN APPOINTMENT!:** all customers who must visit one of our offices to renew, replace or file a change of address to their driver license or identification card are urged to secure an appointment prior to their visit. Connect via Internet at <http://www.flhsmv.gov/oasis> for an appointment to greatly reduce the length of the visit. Then link to the [on-line pre-application](#) and complete it before going to an office.



### **DRIVER LICENSES AND IDENTIFICATION CARD FEES**

Class E (original and renewal)	<b>\$48.00</b>	CDL (original and renewal)	<b>\$75.00</b>
ID Card (original and renewal)	<b>\$25.00</b>	Endorsements	<b>\$ 7.00</b>
Driver License Services at Tax Collector office Service Fee			<b>\$ 6.25</b>

For a complete listing of all motorist services fees, including the amount of the previous fee and the date of the most recent fee change, please click [here](#). For a list of frequently asked questions and answers regarding Florida's fees, click [here](#).



**DEPARTMENT USES SOCIAL MEDIA TO REACH MORE APPLICANTS:**

The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles is now using **Twitter** and **Facebook** to announce job vacancies. On Feb. 11, 2011 the Department used the sites to announce a job vacancy for the first time. The Department is engaging social media for job announcements to reach applicants who are dialed into the social media, as they anticipate that doing so will provide a larger pool of applicants and provide the public with additional incentives to “follow” and “friend” our sites.

**IMPROVING DRIVER LICENSE EQUIPMENT:**

The Department recently finalized an agreement with L1 Identity Solutions to refresh driver license issuance technology equipment in driver license offices statewide, beginning this summer. The project will replace aging technology and equipment used to issue Florida driver license and identification cards and as a result will reduce the amount of time it takes to process an issuance request and significantly improve system down times.



**HELPING TEENS DEVELOP DRIVING SKILLS FOR LIFE** - Ford Motor Company has invited the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to participate in its *Driving Skills for Life* nationwide tour that is currently making rounds in Florida. The program uses, free-of-charge, hands-on training to teach novice drivers safe driving habits. DHSMV representatives spoke to students at Tallahassee’s Lincoln High School and at Taylor County High School and will also take part in the tour at Winter Springs and New Smyrna Beach high schools. To learn more, please visit: [www.drivingskillsforlife.com](http://www.drivingskillsforlife.com).



**REDUCE THE RISKS OF BICYCLING:** Florida's high fatality rate demands a concerted effort to improve safety. Florida suffers more cycling fatalities than almost anywhere in the nation: poor visibility, lack of driver awareness, and a preponderance of high speed traffic arteries without bike lanes. The causes are varied, but the high number is alarming. **We all need to make two-wheeled transportation safer.**



**Here are some recommendations:**



- The "share the road" public awareness campaign needs to become much more noticeable. Too many drivers ignore laws related to bike safety, such as the requirement that cyclists be given 3-foot clearance when passing. With astounding frequency, drivers roll through stop signs and traffic lights without checking first for oncoming cyclists and pedestrians.
- Better lighting on bikes and also on key commuting routes should have a high priority. Local communities are making progress in this regard, but bicyclists still face too many long, inadequately lighted stretches of roadway and sidewalk. Cyclists commuting to schools, jobs and public parks need safe, well designed and illuminated bike routes.

- Everyone sharing the roadways should ride or drive defensively, eliminate distractions (such as cell phones or iPods), obey traffic rules, stay sober and look both directions before heading into traffic. This goes for drivers and for cyclists, who are sometimes their own worst enemy riding against traffic, riding at night on unlighted bikes, carrying friends on the handlebars or crossing busy highways against the signal. National statistics indicate these behaviors contribute significantly to bicycle fatality rates.
- Encourage the use of reflective and LED bike gear, and promote helmets.

**A helmet, "is the single most effective way to prevent head injury resulting from a bicycle crash,"** according to the 2008 "Traffic Safety Facts" put out by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The public benefit of cycling is substantial: It reduces traffic congestion and pollution; it is a much more affordable means of transportation than driving; it provides the health benefits of exercise; and it offers mobility to people who don't have a driver's license. These advantages mean little, however, if cycling isn't safe.

The "share the road" message, reminding drivers of the presence of cyclists, needs to be a top-of-mind priority for all. Drivers and cyclists both stand to benefit from peaceful coexistence.

***Buckle up your seatbelt,  
Always!***



## UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS AT THE SHEINBERG FAMILY YMCA



### **FREE WATER SAFETY DAY AT THE Y – MARCH 15<sup>th</sup>**



Calling all children ages 3-5, join the Y on **Tuesday, March 15, 2011 from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.** for a fun and educational FREE water safety day! There will be interactive games, swimming, education stations and a FREE lunch. Please pre-register at [www.ymcabroward.org](http://www.ymcabroward.org) or contact Scott Hendry at [shendry@ymcabroward.org](mailto:shendry@ymcabroward.org) for more information.

### **YMCA FUN DAYS**

When school is out, the Y is in! Sign your kids up for our Fun Days on Monday, April 4 and Friday, April 22 during Spring Break. They will enjoy sports, arts & crafts, swimming and other YMCA events. Ages K thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Pre-registration required. Please contact Ben Freeman at 954-424-9622 or [bfreeman@ymcabroward.org](mailto:bfreeman@ymcabroward.org) or register online at [www.ymca.org](http://www.ymca.org).

### **Y WINNERS YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE**

Boys and Girls ages 4-17 register now for the YMCA Spring Basketball League. Please register on-line at [www.ymcabroward.org](http://www.ymcabroward.org) or contact Lamar Silvera at [lsilvera@ymcabroward.org](mailto:lsilvera@ymcabroward.org) for more information.



Register on-line at [www.ymcabroward.org](http://www.ymcabroward.org) or contact the YMCA at 954-424-9622 for additional information regarding programming.

*The Sheinberg Family YMCA is located at 20201 Saddle Club Road*





## THE SHEINBERG FAMILY YMCA OF WESTON INVITES KIDS AND PARENTS TO COME PLAY!

**HEALTHY KIDS DAY**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2011**

The Sheinberg Family YMCA of Weston invites kids and parents in Weston and West Broward County to make a play date at the YMCA's Healthy Kids Day - the nation's largest health day for kids, families will enjoy:

**Aerobic demonstrations - Safe Start information - Drowning prevention - Swim safety demonstrations - Local sports teams activities and mascots - Child fingerprinting - Summer Camp Open House and Registration - Child safety seat check - Fun giveaways**



In addition, Weston City Commissioners will lead "Blow the Whistle on Childhood Obesity" at 12 Noon. There will also be raffle prizes, bounce houses, local restaurants and health and wellness information from various community partners.



**Healthy Kids Day will take place on Saturday, April 16, 2011 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be a fantastic pool party and splash event at the YMCA pool from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Activities are FREE and open to all!**

For more information, please contact Stephanie Brassie, Member Relations Director, at 954-424-9622 or email, [sbrassie@ymcabroward.org](mailto:sbrassie@ymcabroward.org). You may also visit [www.ymcabroward.org](http://www.ymcabroward.org) for more information on this fantastic event as well as other events and programs offered by the YMCA.

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

***(954) 424-9622***



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### *Mark Your Calendar...*

Saturday, March 19, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.



### **FREE Rock & Pop Masters Outdoor Concert in the Park** Event Stage, Weston Regional Park (20200 Saddle Club Road)

Presented by The City of Weston and the Rotary Club of Weston, this is a Classic Rock Dance Party. Rock and Pop Masters brings all hit music from the 70's and 80's sung by the original lead singers!

RPM will feature: Larry and Lance Hoppen of Orleans; Chris Barron of the Spin Doctors; Skip Martin formerly of Kool & the Gang; Wally Palmer of the Romantics; Jimmy Hall from Wet Willie featured with the Allman Brothers, plus John Jorgenson and Charlie Morgan from the Elton John Band and many more! Bring the family, bring lawn chairs or blankets and come out to enjoy this FREE outdoor concert. **For more information, please call 954-389-4321.**

Saturday, April 2, 2011 at 8:00 p.m.



### **FREE Moonlight Movie in the Park – “Dispicable Me”** Event Stage, Weston Regional Park (20200 Saddle Club Road)

When a criminal mastermind uses a trio of orphan girls as pawns for a grand scheme, he finds himself profoundly changed by the growing love between them.

Bring lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy this FREE full length feature film under the stars. **This is the final movie for the season!**

For additional information please call the Weston Community Center at 954-389-4321



**Saturday, April 9, 2011 at 8:00 p.m.**



***Symphony of the Americas – From Opera to Broadway, Part II  
With the Dance Alive National Ballet***

Director James Brooks-Bruzzese

**Cypress Bay Theater, 18600 Vista Park Boulevard**

Following the extraordinary success of last season's concert event, the Symphony of the America's orchestra presents From Opera to Broadway, Part II, performing selected arias and duets of famous operas & Broadway shows. Franc D'Ambrosio, the longest playing star of Phantom of the Opera worldwide will be returning and joined with three other vocalists, a tenor and two sopranos.

Adding visual art to the evening performance, three principal dancers from the Dance Alive National Ballet will perform to operatic selections. Three duets and one solo from La Boheme, The Merry Widow, Tales of Hoffman and La Traviata. **Exciting, dramatic, virtuosic, and reveling in the pure beauty of their art, they ARE dance.**

**Tickets: \$20 in advance. \$25 at the door, if available, one hour prior to performance.**

Tickets are available from the Weston Community Center in the Regional Park, 954-389-4321; the Community Bank of Broward, 1504 Weston Road; and Comerica Bank, 2800 Weston Road.

For information contact the Weston Community Center at 954-389-4321 or the Weston Philharmonic Society by visiting [www.westonphilharmonic.com](http://www.westonphilharmonic.com).

**Saturday, April 16, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.**



***Professional Theater for Children – “The Frog Prince”***

**Cypress Bay Theater, 18600 Vista Park Boulevard**

The Frog Prince comes to life with timeless lessons of compassion, keeping promises and true beauty. A powerful musical, it teaches “you can’t judge a book by its cover, or a frog by it’s warts!”

Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. Tickets available in advance at the Weston Community Center, 20200 Saddle Club Road, inside the Regional Park, 954-389-4321.



**Saturday, April 23, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.**



### **FREE Annual Royal Egg Hunt**

**Weston Regional Park (20200 Saddle Club Road) Baseball Fields 1-4**

Annual egg hunt for children ages 10 and under. 15,000 colorful candy-filled eggs will be available to be scooped up and some will even win you a special prize! The Royal Bunny will be on hand to start off all the egg hunts, separated into age groups on different fields.

Be in place by 9:45a.m. as all hunts start promptly at 10AM.

Bounce houses will be available until 12 noon to work off that sugar rush.

**For more information, contact the Weston Community Center, 954-389-4321.**