



BECOME AWARE! FLOOD SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK MARCH 14-18

It's National Flood Safety Awareness Week and the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service and FEMA want the public to prepare for the possibility of spring or summer flooding.



Flooding is a coast to coast threat to the United States and its territories in all months of the year.

National Flood Safety Awareness Week is intended to highlight some of the many ways floods can occur, the hazards associated with floods, and what you can do to save life and property.

Most Americans ignore the risks of flooding, assuming they aren't in a flood zone. The reality is, **floods are America's #1 natural disaster** and can happen anytime, anywhere. In fact, 90% of all natural disasters in the U.S. involve flooding. Educate yourself on the risks and impacts of flooding during National Flood Awareness Week so you can protect your family and your property.

People often underestimate the power of water. Most flood-related drownings occur when people drive into flooded roadways or try to walk through moving water. Many of these fatalities are preventable.



Local Artist on Display Weston Branch Library



Tomorrow's Everglades, by Rolande Moorehead

The Weston Branch Library is currently exhibiting paintings by artist Rolande Moorhead during the month of March. Rolande Moorhead is an accomplished artist who works in oil, acrylic, and watercolor, and is the president of the 2+3 Artists Organization. Her work is collected locally and worldwide. Weston residents should know that she also teaches art at the City of Weston Community Center.

The paintings on exhibit reflect the theme *Florida Heritage*, to coincide with *Florida Heritage Month*.



Her paintings on display show various scenes and icons of Florida-native hibiscus flowers, racing sailboats, massive fig trees and Seminole Indians and rodeo cowboys. The showstopper is "Tomorrow's Everglades" which shows a startling future ahead for the 10th natural wonder of the world.

The educational component for this exhibit and Rolande Moorhead's gift to the community **is a free class for children ages 7-10, titled, "Draw Florida"**.

- The class will be held on Thursday March 17th from 10:30 – 12:30.
- Location: Weston Branch Library, 4205 Bonaventure Blvd., Weston

Pre-register for the class by calling the library Youth services desk, 954-389-2098 x252.

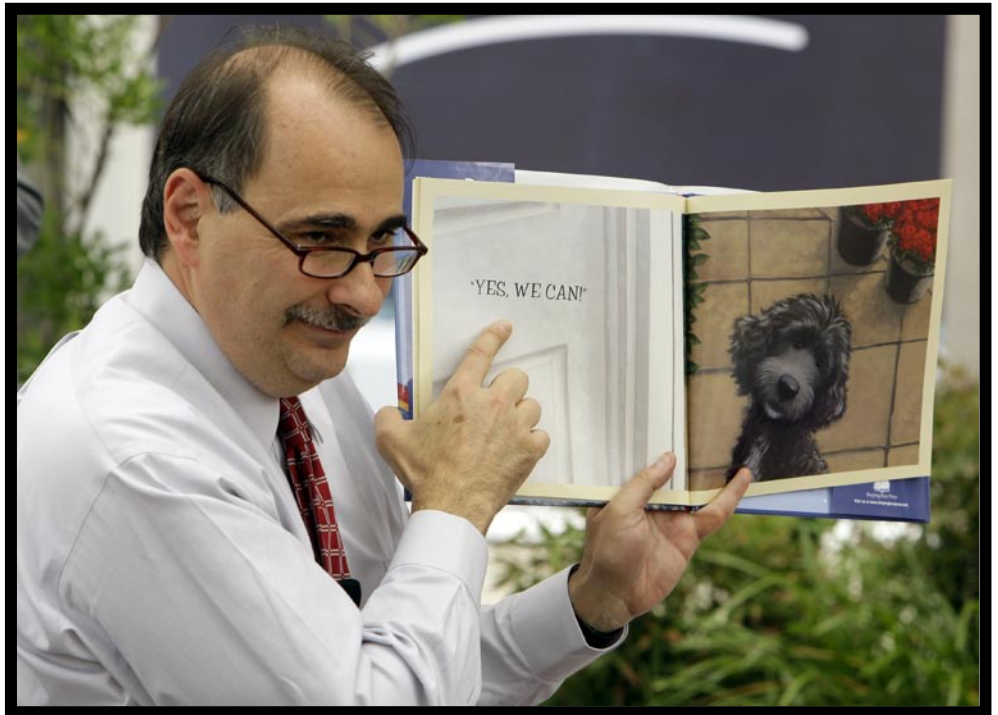


Ms. Moorhead as she teaches the art of painting at the Weston Community Center



Prime Time Program Seeks Seniors to Read to Children

The Broward County Libraries Division's award-winning early literacy program, Prime Time, is seeking senior volunteers who want to read stories to children, ages 3 to 5, at day-care centers in Broward County.



Potential volunteers are being recruited now through March 15th for the next training session, a free half-day workshop, on how to present an effective story program for preschool-age children. The next training workshop after that date will be held March 29, at a library location to be announced.

Volunteers should leave their name and phone number at 954-357-7846, to receive a return call with complete program details.



CITY OF WESTON BUILDING DEPARTMENT NO INSPECTIONS MARCH 16th OR MARCH 17th

On Wednesday, March 16 and Thursday, March 17, 2011 no structural, mechanical, plumbing or electrical inspections will be performed. Inspections and plan reviews will resume Friday, March 18, 2011.

Due to state mandated continuing education requirements, all Certified Inspectors, Chief Inspectors and Plans Examiners will be attending the Annual Code Conference order to meet the continuing education requirement necessary to maintain their licenses.

The Weston Building Department will be open, and administrative personnel will be available for any transactions that do not require plan review or inspection. Fire, Landscaping and Engineering inspections will be performed as usual.

Building department staff appreciates the understanding and cooperation of contractors and owner-builder permit holders during this mandatory two-day seminar.

The Weston Building Department is located at 3265 Meridian Parkway, Suite 100 Weston, FL 33331. For additional information please call 954-385-0500.

[Applying for, or tracking a permit?](#)

Just click on the “Online Building & Permitting System” link found on the Building Code Services Department homepage accessible at www.westonfl.org.

You will be able to:

- Check on a Permit (residents & contractors)
- Apply for Permit (contractors)
- Apply for Certificate of Use (businesses)
- Obtain detailed permit information by entering permit number
- Check on a permit without having to login to the system
- Public Records Search - Public access to permit information



A SCHOOL ZONE SHOULD BE A SAFE ZONE **NO SPEEDING!**

BSO reminds you that speed limit in School Zones is **15mph**. Some of the busiest School Zones in Weston are located in the area of **Manatee Isles Dr. & Vista Park Blvd. from 7:00-9:30am.** Please be cautious and alert while driving through these areas.

Around most Florida schools the speed limit is 15 mph. Special speed limit signs are posted around schools to alert you as you enter the zone. These signs have flashing lights to tell you when the lower speed limit is in effect. And there is a sign to indicate when you have left the school zone. The reasons for low speed limits when school children are present are obvious. Kids will be crossing the street on foot and on their bicycles. There will be extra heavy traffic of parents picking up their kids.

Take a guess at the biggest fine you can get for speeding. Think its \$200 or \$300? You're not even close. Fines are doubled for speeding in a construction or school zone. Get caught speeding more than 30 mph over the speed limit in a school or construction zone and the fine is **\$555.50.**



Our assumption is that no one would intentionally speed in a school zone or pass a school bus. **The primary reason that drivers break these rules is lack of attention.** Day dreaming, listening to music, or talking on your cell phone are examples of activities that distract you from driving. Always be attentive, not only in school zones but on all roadways and keep the City of Weston the safe place it has always been.

For more information on all rules of the road, visit
<http://www.flhsmv.gov/>.



SPRING AHEAD! *SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2011*



Daylight Savings Time begins on the second Sunday in March at **2:00 am local time in the U.S., which in 2011 is March 13**. Turn clocks **ahead** by one hour, ideally at bedtime on the Saturday night before. Manually adjust any timepieces and timekeeping technological devices that do not automatically adjust.

The purpose of DST—also known as Summer Time—is to extend daylight by an hour in the afternoons during spring, summer, and much of the fall.

The return to Standard Time begins at 2:00 am local time in the U.S. on the first Sunday in November, which in 2011 is November 6. Turn clocks back by one hour, ideally at bedtime on the Saturday night before.

This is the perfect time to also test and replace batteries in smoke detectors.



WESTON TENNIS CENTER SPRING CAMP

The Weston Tennis Center Spring Camp running from **March 14th thru March 18th** is a great place for juniors, ages 5 to 15, to discover or enhance their tennis skills and enjoy World Class tennis instruction by an energetic, international team of Cliff Drysdale Tennis Professionals.



This is a tremendous way to learn the game or improve performance on the court. Instruction will be suited to the specific skill level of each camper to ensure an optimal learning experience, including match play, team competition and camaraderie in a fun and spirited setting.

Full day camp runs from 9am-3pm and Half Day camp runs from 9am - 12pm. Full Day campers must bring their own lunch. Fridays are an exception - Friday is Pizza Day.

For more information or to register call the Weston Tennis Center at 954-389-8666.





UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS AT THE SHEINBERG FAMILY YMCA

PARENTS' NITE OUT – MARCH 5th



Parents can drop off their children at the YMCA and enjoy a night out, while the kids enjoy a pizza party, rock climbing, arts and crafts, sports and more. **Saturday, March 5, 2011 for children ages 3-12 from 5 p.m.-10 p.m.** Please contact Ben Freeman at 954-424-9622 or bfreeman@ymcabroward.org for more information or you may register on-line at www.ymcabroward.org.

FREE WATER SAFETY DAY AT THE Y – MARCH 15th



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 or contact Scott Hendry at shendry@ymcabroward.org for more information.

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 or contact Lamar Silvera at lsilvera@ymcabroward.org for more information.

Register on-line at 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



MARCH 2011 EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar...

Monday, March 14, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. & 7:15 p.m.



Weston Foreign Film Series – “As in Heaven”

Weston 8 Cinema, 1338 SW 160th Avenue in Sunrise.

A Swedish romance. A successful conductor suddenly interrupts his career to return to his childhood village. He makes friends and enemies in the process but what about love? **Tickets:** \$7 and are available at the Weston Community Center, Friends Bookstore at the Weston Branch Library & Community Bank of Broward. **For more information, please visit** www.artscouncilwestonfl.org

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.**