



## Nationwide Alert System Test November 9, 2011 at 2:00PM EST

*First Nationwide Emergency Alert System (EAS) Test -- November 9, 2011 at 2 p.m. EST*

**Purpose:** To assess how well the EAS would perform its primary function – to alert the entire public during national emergencies.

The 2:00 PM ET broadcast time will minimize disruption during rush hours, while ensuring that the test occurs during working hours across several time zones in the United States.

The test will be similar to local alert tests conducted monthly by individual EAS participants and local officials...

*...with three key differences:*

1. It will be on **all** radio and television stations.
2. It will last approximately 30 seconds.
3. During the test, the message crawl on television screens will not indicate "Test."

However:

- Most broadcast television stations, DIRECTV, DISH Network, AT&T U-Verse, and Verizon FiOS will insert a background image on the screen saying, "This is only a test."
- Cable television systems may not be able to display a similar background image

### **SAMPLE TELEVISION SCREEN DISPLAY VARIATIONS:**





## STANLEY KULENSKI LOVING LIFE FOR OVER 100 YEARS

October 15, 2011 was one of many important milestones for Stanley Kulenski; a milestone of 100 years to be exact. This smiling and spry resident of the Bonaventure community of Weston took his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in stride and as always, is looking forward to the future.

Born in Poland in 1911, his family immigrated to the United States when he was just five years old. He remembers traveling by boat to Ellis Island with his mother, who became very ill and was unable to care for him during the voyage. Luckily, kind strangers on the ship looked out for the young Stanley and ensured he was fed.

His father worked in New Haven, Connecticut as a blacksmith and "could build anything" according to Mr. Kulenski, which became quite helpful in later years when Stanley owned his own business. But before that time, there were many lean years, particularly during the Great Depression. One of Stanley's jobs was for the Western Union Company, delivering telegrams on bicycle.



At the age of 18, Stanley married the love of his life, the beautiful Jeannie, who was just 16 years of age. The couple had two children, Connie and Stanley (Sonny), who still live in Connecticut today, and between them have 10 grandchildren.

Just married and making little money delivering telegraphs, Stanley took a job working on a delivery truck, and as they say, the rest is history. A friend helped steer Stanley towards starting his own business.

In 1932 he bought one truck, or wagon as he called it, for delivering pianos and Atlas was born. Yes, Atlas Moving Service, Inc.

The business wasn't an overnight success. Hard work, grit and determination, just like out of a script for a screenplay, produced great rewards.





The business was in West Haven and Stanley hired "body builder types" to help move the heavy pianos. They would become the inspiration for the company logo of a man holding the world on his shoulders. Slowly, the company grew and his brothers joined him in the business.

They would purchase more and larger trucks, expanding to moving appliances and then provide coast-to-coast services. The business was sold in 1983.

Asked about those early years, Stanley's memory is faded in some areas but he vividly recalls the various expansions, building the loading docks and states "the advice I give anyone going into business is to have an office with a window overlooking the work yard." Reflecting on how much he enjoyed the work and the people who worked for him, some of his favorite memories, ironically, do not involve working, but dancing. Stanley loved to Polka but is quick to state that his wife was the better dancer (this is a smart man...).



When asked what he considers to be one of the greatest changes he has witnessed in his lifetime, he assuredly states, the television. To this day, he enjoys watching various programs with NCIS and CSI being two of his favorite shows.

After vacationing in Florida for many years, the Kulenski's originally bought a house in Fort Lauderdale. Then, in 1984, they purchased a unit in the condominium complex located at the Racquet Club on Lakeview Drive in the Bonaventure community, where Mr. Kulenski resides today.

When his wife Jeannie, who he calls the love of his life, passed away in the late 80's, Stanley moved to Bonaventure as a full time resident.





Mr. Kulenski loves Weston. He no longer wants to deal with the cold weather up north and he enjoys the friendly people here and very succinctly states about his condo, "it's mine." Stanley is even somewhat of a celebrity at his local Publix.

He and his doting caretaker Judy, go on various outings, including, biking excursions on their 3-wheeled bicycles, picnics and viewing the remote controlled planes at Markham Park. Undoubtedly, one of his most preferred pass times is feeding the ducks or going to his favorite restaurant, Flanigan's, for ribs or wings and a glass of wine!

Taking only two minor medications, Mr. Kulenski is in good health and credits his longevity to remaining active and having a positive attitude.

The City of Weston looks forward to wishing Mr. Kulenski many more happy birthdays!

*Credit is given to an alert BSO Deputy for noting Mr. Kulenski's upcoming 100<sup>th</sup> birthday when he responded to a call at his residence to take a police report regarding a broken window. Weston Police Chief Kevin Butler notified the City. Mr. Kulenski was sent a birthday card from the City Commission.*



Stanley in 1930



Stanley today at 100!



Stanley on Halloween 2010. This year he had a clown costume. We should all live life with Mr. Kulenski's outlook.



## WESTON TO BE AWARDED CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING

For the 13<sup>TH</sup> consecutive year, the City of Weston has been notified that it will be awarded the **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting** for its comprehensive annual financial report for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2010. The award, presented by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the U.S. and Canada, is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting.

### **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program (CAFR Program)**

The GFOA established the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program (CAFR Program) in 1945 to encourage and assist state and local governments to go beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles to prepare comprehensive annual financial reports that evidence the spirit of transparency and full disclosure and then to recognize individual governments that succeed in achieving that goal.



### **Judging process**

Each CAFR is reviewed using a checklist designed to determine compliance with both generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and program policy as established by the GFOA's Special Review Executive Committee and the GFOA Executive Board. Reviews are performed by GFOA staff and members of the GFOA's Special Review Committee, which comprises individuals from government, the public accounting profession, and academe who possess specialized expertise in governmental financial reporting, typically as a result of either preparing or auditing a CAFR that has received the Certificate of Achievement.

Reviewers are never selected from the same state as the CAFR being reviewed or from the same firm that performed the independent audit. A Certificate is awarded only if there is consensus among reviewers that a CAFR substantially complies with both GAAP and program policy. Failure to comply with any checklist item marked by an asterisk (\*) is considered, of itself, sufficient evidence to justify a determination that a CAFR has failed to substantially comply with both GAAP and program policy.

***Congratulations are in order for the Weston Finance Department.  
Members will be recognized at a City Commission meeting  
when the plaque has been received.***



# FIRE SAFETY MONTH CONCLUDES WITH MANY MORE FIRE SAFETY PROGRAMS

Manatee Bay Elementary and Weston Christian Academy topped off a month filled with fire safety presentations at schools





## LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Crime prevention and education is large part of police services provided in Weston by the Broward Sheriff's Office, including participation in many school activities.



BSO at the Country Isles Elementary on October 5<sup>th</sup> for "Walk to School Day", a day highlighting the proper safety practices for walking to and from school.



Commissioners Jim Norton and Toby Feuer joined BSO at the Sagemont Lower School's *Walk Against Bullying* on October 27<sup>th</sup>.



Fingerprinting for child I.D. kits took place at Temple Dor Dorim October 17<sup>th</sup> – fingerprints are scanned electronically.





## BSO TIPS FOR HOLIDAY TRAVELERS

With the holidays quickly approaching the Broward Sheriff's Office reminds everyone that there are certain security-minded steps to take before leaving town. Remember to stop all newspaper deliveries, ask a trusted neighbor to pick up your mail, and contact your local Broward Sheriff's Office district office to sign up for the BSO *Home Watch* program.



When you sign up for BSO's *Home Watch* program, a deputy, community service aide or BSO volunteer will check on your home regularly while you are on vacation. An exterior check of your home will be conducted to make sure there have been no unlawful entries and that no other obvious problems have occurred outside of your home. To sign up for this FREE service, visit [www.sheriff.org/homewatch](http://www.sheriff.org/homewatch) and download the form. Complete the form and return it to the Weston Police Services Building located at 17350 Royal Palm Boulevard or fax to them at 954-659-3541.

Knowing that your home is being protected will put your mind at ease during your vacation, but before you leave town it's important to make sure your home appears occupied.

- Place timers on your lights and set them to turn on and off at different times.
- Lock your garage door and disconnect the automatic opener.
- Most importantly, tell a trusted neighbor that you are going to be away and ask them to dial 911 immediately if they see anyone on your property.





## Here are some additional home security tips to keep in mind:

- Install good locks on all doors and windows and always use them.
- Give a spare key to your trusted neighbor and provide them with an emergency telephone number where they can reach you.
- Have someone mow your lawn if you'll be away more than a couple of weeks.
- Never leave a message on your telephone answering machine stating you are out of town.
- Leave your window blinds as you normally would if you were home.
- Invite your neighbor to park their car in your driveway.



If you are traveling by air, we remind you to arrive early.

At the Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport, deputies are in place to ensure your safety, but long check-in and security check point lines are often a cause of frustration for travelers. Arriving early alleviates congestion and allows you appropriate time to arrive at your gate. If you are picking up guests at the airport, you

are reminded not to park on the swale at the entrance of the airport. You can park in the "cell phone" lot until your visitors flight arrives.

If you are traveling by car, you should also allow yourself enough time to reach your destination since roadways are always more congested during the holidays. Confirm your vehicle is in proper working order prior to traveling. If you plan to stop at a rest area, make certain it is well-lit and lock your doors when you exit the vehicle.



**ENJOY FOREIGN FILMS EACH MONTH  
WITH THE 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WESTON  
FOREIGN FILM SERIES**

The Foreign Film Series will kick off Monday, November 14, 2011

*Queen to Play*



*Queen to Play*, France/2009/96 minutes - Helene is resigned to her life of making up hotel rooms, caring for her family, and keeping house for an American doctor. Working at the hotel, she becomes aware of a couple, who, when not between the sheets, play Chess. Will her obsession with the game change her drab life?

Shows are at **5:00 p.m. AND 7:15 p.m.**  
at Weston 8 Cinema, located at 1338 SW 160<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Sunrise.

**TICKET SALES:** Series tickets are now on sale through 11/14/11, available at the Weston Community Center (checks only), Community Bank of Broward (cash/checks), and the Friends Book Store (cash/check) in the Weston Branch Library.

For more information, please visit [www.artscouncilwestonfl.com](http://www.artscouncilwestonfl.com) or call the Community Center at 954-389-4321.



## HELP WESTON SCHOOL WIN \$50,000 IMAGINE CHARTER SCHOOL AT WESTON School is currently in the contest top ten

Imagine Charter School at Weston has a real shot at winning a technology grant, in the Clorox Power A Bright Future Program.

In its third year, The Clorox *Power A Bright Future* program is awarding **four \$25,000 grants** and **one \$50,000 grant** to help fund important programs in schools that are vital for educational development.

The nomination process is now closed and over 1,600 schools are now vying for votes. Imagine Charter School at Weston has a very real chance to win – they are currently in **3<sup>rd</sup> place** in their category and in **6<sup>th</sup> place overall!**

**Help Imagine Charter win a \$25,000 or \$50,000 grant!!!**

### Two ways to vote:

**Via Text:** Text the phrase Clorox7838 to 44144

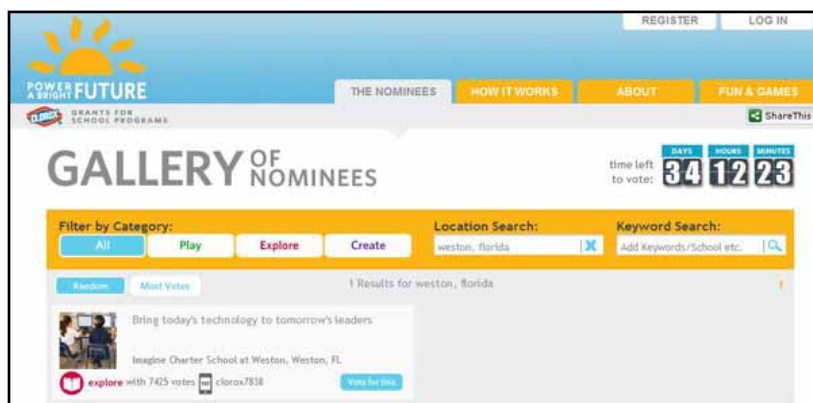
**Online:** Vote online by going to [www.PowerABrightFuture.com](http://www.PowerABrightFuture.com)

- 1) Click on Vote Now
- 2) Type Weston, Florida into the Location Search.

The Imagine Charter School at Weston entry will pop up

- 3) Click on **Vote**

**You can vote daily!!!! (text or online)**



### What The School Would Use the Grant Funding For:

This grant would allow us to obtain document cameras and projectors for all of our classrooms. These tools would provide teachers with the ability to use the full capabilities of the Internet to present lessons. The ability to share a piece of student writing on a document camera or to use a streaming video to bring a social studies lesson alive is common in many traditional public schools and should be available in our school as well. Once those presentation technology needs are met, any remaining funds would be used to increase the numbers of student computers to ensure sufficient access in all classrooms. Our students will be instructed and provided experience in the global world of the internet regularly rather than as an occasional opportunity.



## FROM RECORD DRY TO NEAR-RECORD WET *FROM DROUGHT IN 2010 TO DELUGE IN 2011, SOUTH FLORIDA FACES CHALLENGES IN WATER MANAGEMENT*

October 2011 ranks as the fourth-wettest October in 80 years of South Florida recordkeeping, bookending a 12-month period that began in 2010 with the driest October on record, a reported by the South Florida Water Management District.

October 28-31: Hurricane Rina reached the Yucatan Peninsula before several elements, including wind shear and cooler water temperatures, combined to weaken the storm and rip it apart. Remnant energy and moisture helped drench South Florida, with an average of 3.7 inches of rain over four days. Some areas in Broward and Miami-Dade counties reported more than 12 inches of torrential rain, and localized flooding was reported.

Despite the October storms, a forecast of below-average rainfall for the 2011-2012 dry season is cause for caution and **continued water conservation**. The region may still face water shortage conditions in the spring as a result.

### October Rainfall

Historical Average = 3.78 inches  
(Last 5 Years)

- 2011 – 9.98 inches
- 2010 – 0.55 inches
- 2009 – 2.60 inches
- 2008 – 3.74 inches
- 2007 – 5.02 inches

### Are You Flood Ready?

According to FEMA, floods are one of the most common hazards in the United States. However, all floods are not alike. Some floods develop slowly, but flash floods can develop very quickly, sometimes in just a few minutes. It is important to be aware of flood hazards no matter where you live, but especially if you live in a low-lying area or near water. If you must prepare for a flood, you should secure your home, bringing in outdoor furniture and moving essential items to an upper level, turn off utilities, and disconnect electrical appliances. DO NOT touch electrical equipment if you are wet or standing in water.

For more information on Flooding and Flood Insurance please visit our web page at <http://www.westonfl.org/Residents/Hurricane/Flooding.aspx>



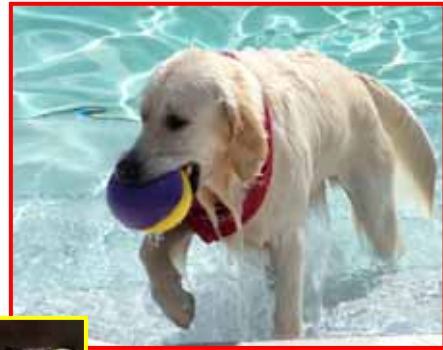
## FUN FOR YOU *AND* YOUR FOUR-LEGGED FRIENDS!

**Broward County Parks and Recreation Presents K9 Water Festivals!** For all dogs, ages 4 months and up.

**November 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>:** Castaway Island at T.Y. Park, 3300 N. Park Rd. in Hollywood.

**November 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>:** Splash Adventures at Quiet Waters Park, 401 S. Powerline Road in Deerfield Beach.

Admission is **\$5** per dog per 50-minute session, **with sessions beginning on the hour from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** (the 4:00 p.m. session is for small dogs only – 25 pounds and under.) For further information, call Quiet Waters at 954-357-5100 or T.Y. at 954-357-8811



### Calling all interested volunteers!

Do you love working with animals? Do you enjoy making them look their very best? Broward County animal adoption is looking for caring volunteers with grooming skills who are

interested in assisting at the Fort Lauderdale Adoption Center. The responsibility of a groomer is simply making adoptable pets' look and feel their very best so they can find a good home.

All interested volunteers can visit [www.broward.org/animal](http://www.broward.org/animal), click 'VOLUNTEER' and print and complete a Volunteer Application. Any questions, call the Volunteer Coordinator at 954-359-1312 ext. 9239.



The mission of Animal Care and Adoption is to provide shelter for lost and surrendered animals and promote successful adoptions that enhance the lives of companion animals and their humans. Among the many services Animal Care and Adoption provides, they provide shelter and care to stray, surrendered and impounded dogs and cats, coordinate the return of found animals to their owners, operate two adoption centers, offer programs and services that promote responsible pet ownership and much more!

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



## **"AMERICA RECYCLES DAY" SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2011**

"America Recycles Day" is celebrated nationally to encourage Americans to make a commitment to the environment by recycling and buying recycled products.

Broward County Solid Waste and Recycling Services, is leading the charge in Broward County to celebrate and encourage "America Recycles Day." Residents are encouraged to participate by properly disposing of electronics.



**On Saturday, November 12, 2011 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Broward County residents are encouraged to participate in the "America Recycles Day" Celebration and Used Electronics Drop-Off at Vista View Park (4001 S.W. 142 Ave., Davie, FL).

This festive event goes all-out green with dozens of booths showcasing ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and slow climate change. Learn about recycling and how to "Keep Broward Beautiful" through litter prevention programs, and how to garden with native plants. Highlights include a tree giveaway, fuel-efficient car show, pet adoptions, Salvation Army clothing drive, and games and prizes for kids including a bounce house, face painting and craft-making activities with recyclables. Electronics drop-off includes free admission and a chance to win a refurbished laptop computer.

***Can't make the November 12<sup>th</sup> event?*** An additional free electronics recycling drop-off event will take place on **Tuesday, November 15, from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.** at Government Center West, 1 N. University Drive, Plantation.

Items accepted are televisions, computers, monitors, laptops, keyboards, mice, printers, fax machines, video cassette recorders and digital video disc players. Do not bring batteries, stereos, microwaves, small appliances or business-generated waste. Proof of Broward County residency is required, such as current driver's license or utility bill.

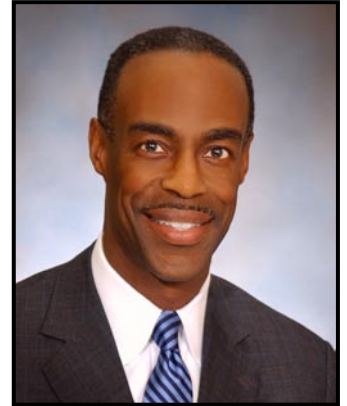
*For additional information about the America Recycles Day Celebration, call 954-765-4999 or view the complete list of events at [broward.org/WasteAndRecycling](http://broward.org/WasteAndRecycling).*



## NEW SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT TO HOLD COMMUNITY LISTENING TOURS

New Broward County Public School Superintendent, Mr. Robert Runcie, is holding Community Listening Tours. This tour is to meet parents and members of the community to discuss issues facing our schools as well as successes cities have had in providing students with resources and opportunities.

One of the meeting locations is **Cypress Bay High School on January 17, 2012 at 6:30 PM**. Parents and community members are invited to attend any meeting that is convenient.



*The full list of dates and locations are:*

November 14, 2011 - Fort Lauderdale High School  
November 29, 2011 - Blanche Ely High School  
December 5, 2011 - Coral Glades High School  
December 12, 2011 - Hollywood Hills High School  
January 4, 2012 - Coconut Creek High School  
January 9, 2012 - Flanagan High School  
**January 17, 2012 - Cypress Bay High School**  
January 19, 2012 - Dillard High School

### **Background on Superintendent Runcie:**

Robert W. Runcie is Superintendent of Broward County Public Schools (BCPS), the nation's sixth largest public school system. Runcie was appointed by the School Board to become the 20th Superintendent of the BCPS on October 5, 2011.

Runcie was the first member of his family to attend college. He holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Harvard College and a master's degree in business administration from Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management. He is a Broad Fellow and graduate of the 2009 class of The Broad Superintendents Academy.

Runcie formerly served as Chief of Staff to the Board of Education, Chicago Public Schools in Illinois, the third largest school district in the nation, with over 430,000 students. During his tenure in Chicago, he also served as Chief Area Instructional Officer and Chief Administrative Officer. He also served as the district's Chief Information Officer where he provided leadership in implementing the largest web-based student information system in the country, guiding the district's performance management strategies and transforming business process to drive more effective collaboration at all levels of the district. Prior to joining the Chicago Public Schools, Runcie served as president and founder of a management consulting and technology service company specializing in project management, large-scale systems implementations and organizational strategy. He began his career as a staff consultant for Arthur Andersen (now Accenture).

Runcie firmly believes that dramatically transforming public education is among the most important work to be done in this country, so that all children can receive the quality education they deserve. He has successfully applied the best business practices acquired in the private sector to improving public education operations and instructional strategies.



## UPCOMING EVENTS



### NOW – December 10, 2011

#### **Get Fit Weston**

Get Fit Weston is back for the second year and better than ever. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Weston and the City of Weston this fitness initiative is amazing but true, and for a good cause too! You can choose from 44 workout programs every week provided by 11 great fitness centers. Choose one class or take them all!

**Fitness Partners:** The YMCA of Broward County, Ultimate Sports Institute, Midtown Athletic Club, Orange Theory Fitness, Billy Beck III, CrossFit Ripped, Weston Yoga, Z's Bike and Fitness, The Gridiron Club, Kidokinetics and Fitness 21.

**Classes offered include:** Cardio training, boot camp, water fitness, spinning, circuit training, family training, fight club, body pump, Zumba, bike ride, yoga, Step class and more! Sign up today at [www.getfitweston.com](http://www.getfitweston.com).



### Friday, November 11, 2011 – City Offices Closed

#### **VETERAN'S DAY**

All City Administrative Offices will be closed in observance of Veterans Day.

*Veterans Day is the day we set aside to honor the members of our military, past and present. Please take a moment to pause and give thanks to all of our men and women who have served in uniform, and for those that are protecting our country today.*

All city parks will be open and there is regular garbage collection.

### Saturday, November 12, 2011 10AM-4PM

#### **AARP 55 Alive/Safe Driving Course for Mature Adults**

This is a six (6) hour classroom session designed as a refresher course in safe driving. The course is designed especially for older motorists dealing with age related physical changes, and available to anyone 50 and over. A reduction in automobile insurance premium is allowed to those 55 and over by most insurance companies when the course is completed and the driver has a safe driving record. Advance registration is required.

***To register, call Sonny at 954-385-9920.***

Location – The Weston Community Center, 20200 Saddle Club Road, Weston, FL 33327

COURSE COST: \$12.00 members/\$14.00 non-members

***\*\*For this session only, there will be NO FEE for Veterans!***

***Please bring proof of veteran status. All should bring a bagged lunch.***





**Monday, November 14, 2011 4:00PM-7:45PM**

**FEMA Open House to view revised Preliminary Flood Maps**

South Regional Library, 7300 Pines Blvd., Pembroke Pines  
*Representatives from the City of Weston will be available at this open house to answer any questions that you may have in regards to this new information\**

The open houses will provide Broward County residents the opportunity to see the preliminary maps, learn about their risk of flooding and ask questions about what the new maps will mean for their property. Residents can meet one-on-one with a variety of specialists who will be available to talk about flood insurance, engineering, building permits and more.



**Monday, November 14, 2011**

**Weston Foreign Film Series – Queen To Play**

Helene is resigned to her life of making up hotel rooms, caring for her family, and keeping house for an American doctor. At the hotel she becomes aware of a couple on holiday, who, when not between the sheets, play Chess. Will her obsession with the game change her life? France/2009/96 minutes.

Shows will play at **5:00 p.m.** and **7:15 p.m.** at the Weston 8 Cinema. Tickets are \$7 per film or \$30 for the series of 5. All foreign Language films have English subtitles.

Ticket Sales: Only series tickets sold through 11/14/11, available at the Weston Community Center (checks only), Community Bank of Broward (cash/checks), and the Friends Book Store (cash/check) in the Weston Branch Library. For information on single tickets, please visit [www.artscouncilwestonfl.com](http://www.artscouncilwestonfl.com) or call 954-389-4321.