



## WESTON BUILDING DEPARTMENT Office Hours to Change on December 5, 2011

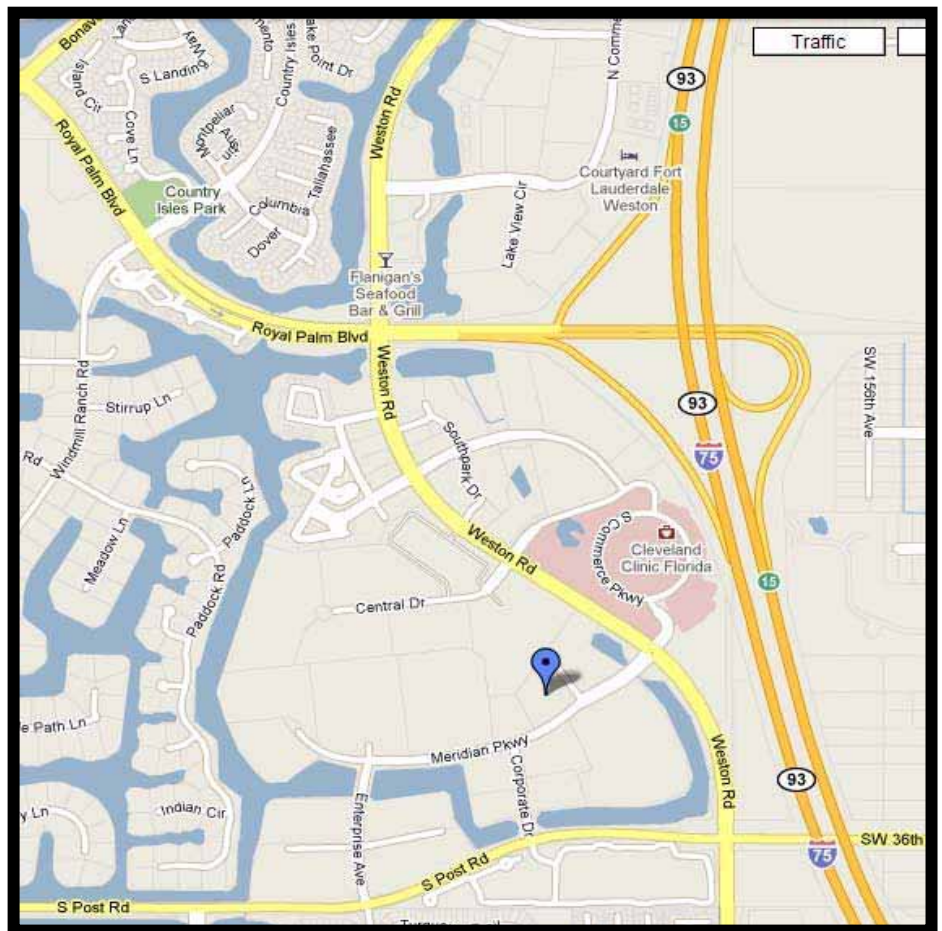
As of Monday, December 5, 2011 the Weston Building Department will have new office hours:

**Monday – Thursday: 8:00AM – 5:30PM**  
**Friday: 8:00AM – 3:00PM**

The new operation hours will mirror the hours at City Hall. The **Building Department** and **Code Enforcement** is located in the Meridian Business Campus, just off Weston Road at 3265 Meridian Parkway, Suite 100, Weston, FL 33331.

[Show on Google Maps](#)

Feel free to contact the Building Department with any questions at **954-385-0500**.





## HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

By Weston Fire Chief Harris Bouchillon

For many of us, the holiday season is a time of family togetherness, festive decorations, great food, and a time to reflect upon all that we're thankful for. Unfortunately, the holiday season can also be a time of tragedy for many families across the country. There are more residential fires during the holiday season than during any other time of the year, and those fires statistically are more costly and more deadly.

Each year, nearly 50,000 fires occur during the holiday season. These fires claim more than 500 lives, injure over 2,000 people, and cause almost 1 billion dollars in property damage. Some simple precautions can prevent you and your family from becoming a fire casualty statistic this holiday season:

**Menorahs** - Keep your menorah away from curtains or anything that can burn. Many people display their menorahs on their window sill however this can be dangerous if the window has curtains or blinds. Keeping your menorah on a counter, below a kitchen cabinet can also be dangerous. The heat from the candles can slowly heat the wooden cabinetry, causing ignition.

- Place your menorah on a table or counter, resting on a fire retardant surface, and away from the reach of children and pets.



**Christmas Trees** - On average, one of every 22 home fires started by Christmas trees result in death. Ideally, you should purchase a flame retardant metallic or artificial tree. If you purchase a real tree, make sure the needles are green and can not be easily broken. Keep your tree stand filled with water at all times.

- Trees should be kept away from any sources of ignition (candles, portable heaters, fireplaces, etc.) and should only be placed in sturdy tree stands designed not to tip over.
- Trees that become dry, or have been up for two weeks, should be discarded.

**Holiday Lights** - Inspect your holiday lights for frayed wires, bare spots, broken sockets, and excessive kinking or wear. Do not link more than three light strands, unless the manufacturer's directions state it is safe to do so.

- Make sure you periodically check the wires; they should not be warm to the touch.
- Always unplug your holiday lights before leaving home or going to bed.





**Candles** –

Never use candles to decorate a Christmas tree!

Make sure they are in stable holders and placed out of reach from children and pets.

- Extinguish decorative candles before you leave the house or go to bed.
- The new line of battery operated “flameless” candles which look real, are a perfect, safe replacement for standard candles and many have built in on/off timers.



Finally, make sure that you have smoke detectors installed on every level of your home, near your kitchen, and by every bedroom. Test them every month and make sure they have fresh batteries.

**Smoke detectors save lives!**

***Taking some very simple precautions can mean the difference between a safe and memorable holiday season and tragedy. Be together, be safe, and have a wonderful holiday season!***



MEANS **S T O P**

Just a reminder: Slowing down or “rolling” through a stop sign is nothing less than nice terminology for running a stop sign. It is illegal, and it is dangerous. Running stop signs is a major cause of traffic accidents and fatalities.

On average there are 14,000 cars involved in **fatal** automobile accidents caused by running a stop sign each year. Stop signs are primarily installed to avoid accidents and all drivers have to come to a complete halt when they approach a stop sign, only then can they proceed further.

**Stop signs on streets in gated communities are legal traffic signs.  
Failing to stop at a stop sign in a gated community =  
traffic violation**

## **Stop means S T O P.**

### **Preventing Accidents At Stop Signs**

Always come to a complete stop at a stop sign. Count to three after stopping and check for cars in each direction.

**NOTE:** During a 20 minute period while photos were taken, **NOT ONE** vehicle came to a full stop.



**Stop sign violation =  
\$165.00 fine**

*and* 3 points on record and expect insurance rate increases



## FREE RESIDENTIAL BULK PICK-UP

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2012 THROUGH SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2012**

As the holidays approach, please remember that the first FREE residential bulk pickup collection event will take place in January. Whether you're sifting through holiday decorations or considering an early spring cleaning for the New Year, remember that bulk pickup is free, convenient and just around the corner.



### SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES:

**Wednesday, January 25; Thursday, January 26; OR Friday, January 27**

For single family homes, bulk trash collection will correspond with your regularly scheduled collection day (Wednesday-Friday) and all bulk trash must be placed curbside by 7 a.m. Do not block collection of your garbage cart. **Your bulk collection day is your regular garbage collection day only.**

*If items are not collected by the end of the day, they will be collected the following day, it is dependent upon the volume of items placed out by the community.*

### MULTI-FAMILY UNITS WITH DUMPSTER SERVICE:

**Saturday, January 28**

Place items alongside the community's dumpster by 7 a.m. (apartments and condominiums).

*Hazardous waste materials cannot be accepted*

### **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.

**For more information visit the City of Weston Bulk Pickup webpage at  
<http://www.westonfl.org/Departments/PublicWorks/BulkPickup.aspx>  
or call the Public Works Services Center at  
954-385-2600**



# IMAGINE CHARTER NEEDS YOUR VOTES!

School is currently in the contest top six

## HELP THIS WESTON SCHOOL WIN \$50,000

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 – As of November 22<sup>nd</sup> they were currently in **2<sup>nd</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

**Voting every day thru  
December 9th**

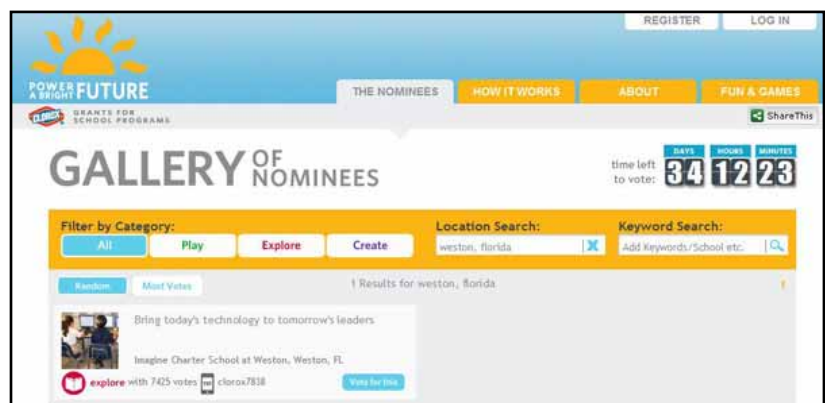
**Online:** Vote online by going to  
[www.PowerABrightFuture.com](http://www.PowerABrightFuture.com)

- 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.



## BCL WOW or Broward County Library—Without Walls a library that can be accessed anytime, anywhere



Broward County provides a virtual library that grows in popularity as our culture increasingly makes use of computers, laptops, tablets and mobile phones for just about everything. Broward County has the ability to bring a virtual library right into your own home.

The website receives 700,000 electronic visitors a month.

Library card holders can renew books online, download e-books and audio books and have instant access to a variety of journals. More than 119,000 e-books and audio books were downloaded last year, a 1000-percent increase from the year before. There is also a wide variety of downloadable music, songs that never expire and students can access help with their homework using their computer, smart phone or tablet. The library also has a free mobile application that allows you to learn 80 different languages while on the go.

Coming soon BCL WOW will offer a free application that will work on all smart phones allowing the customer to search for and reserve material, renew books and find the nearest library.



The virtual library can also help your career. For those who are looking for a job, there is access to free live expert coaches for every stage of a job search. The library provides online interactive resume writing assistance and interview coaching to help someone land that next job. This service is available from 2pm-11pm each day.

Click on: [http://www.brainfuse.com/login/csl.asp?a\\_id=255B0E42&l=](http://www.brainfuse.com/login/csl.asp?a_id=255B0E42&l=)



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Download a few tunes today and take them with you on your phone or portable music player.

For more information on Broward County libraries, visit [broward.org/library](http://broward.org/library).



## COUNTY FOOD DRIVE NETS MORE THAN 17,000 POUNDS OF FOOD – *YOU CAN STILL CONTRIBUTE!*

Broward County's 365 Food Drive has resulted in 17,004 pounds of food that has been donated to area food banks. The drive was launched in January 2010, and continues in 2011 due to the increase in demand for assistance caused by the economic downturn.



If you have extra non-perishable items that you didn't use this Thanksgiving consider donating them to the County Food Drive. Non-perishable items such as canned meat, vegetables and fruit, peanut butter, jelly or jam, soups, pasta and toiletries, are welcome at any time.

### **Collection boxes are available at the following locations:**

- ✓ Governmental Center (115 S. Andrews Ave., Fort Lauderdale, FL).
- ✓ Government Center West (1 North University Drive, Plantation).
- ✓ The Main and regional County Courthouses.
- ✓ Many Libraries

***For a complete list of collection box locations and food items needed, visit [www.broward.org/FoodDrive](http://www.broward.org/FoodDrive).***





## SHEINBERG FAMILY YMCA **UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS**



### YMCA Parent's Night Out – Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

Can't find a babysitter for date night? Children ages 5 – 12 can come out for a night of fun. Parents can drop off their children for a night out, while the kids enjoy a pizza party, swimming, arts and crafts, sports and more.

**YMCA Family Members: \$35/per child and Non-Members: \$45/child. Pre-registration required. Register on-line at [www.ymcabroward.org](http://www.ymcabroward.org) or call 954.424.9622 or stop by the Member Services Desk at the YMCA.**

### YMCA WINTER BREAK CAMP

The Y offers an action packed camp during the Winter Break! Children will swim, play sports, create crafts, and have fun! Sign up daily or weekly between December 19-23 and December 26-30. For boys and girls ages 5-12.

**Pre-registration required. Register on-line at [www.ymcabroward.org](http://www.ymcabroward.org) or contact Wendy Milordis at [wmilordis@ymcabroward.org](mailto:wmilordis@ymcabroward.org) or 954.424.9622 or stop by the Member Services Desk at the YMCA.**

### Y WINNERS NFL FLAG FOOTBALL

Sign up for NFL Flag Football which begins in January 2012! Register your child (ages 4-16) now, spaces are limited in each league. Season starts in January and runs until March.

**Register on-line at [www.ymcabroward.org](http://www.ymcabroward.org) or contact Dan Caliento at [dcaliento@ymcabroward.org](mailto:dcaliento@ymcabroward.org) or 954.424.9622 at the Sheinberg Family YMCA of Weston.**



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

*It is a 42,500 sq. foot family center dedicated to enhancing healthy lifestyles through programs that build mind, body and spirit. The staff and volunteers are committed to helping children and youth deepen positive values, their commitment to service and their motivation to learn.*



## UPCOMING EVENTS



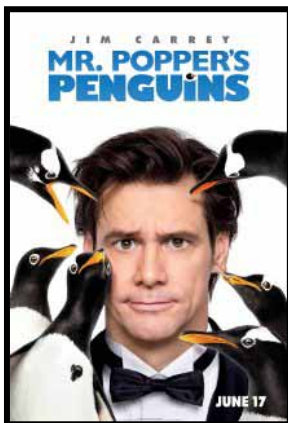
**Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 1:30PM**

### **Santa's Holiday Revue**

*Professional theater for children*

Santa's Holiday Revue is a fast-paced rollicking musical that takes a joyous 'round the world tour of the dances, songs and stories from Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and many more. Kids will sing, clap and tap along as they learn new and old traditions, customs and folklore that instill the magic of the season. A heart-warming experience that celebrates the spirit of cultural diversity.

**Tickets are \$5.00 in advance, \$10 at the door.** Pre-sale tickets are sold at the Weston Community Center. The performance is held at Cypress Bay High School.



**Saturday, December 10, 2011 – 7:30PM**

### **Moonlight Movie in the Park – MR. POPPER'S PENGUINS**

The life of a businessman begins to change after he inherits six penguins, and as he transforms his apartment into a winter wonderland, his professional side starts to unravel. FREE event.

Bring lawn chairs or blankets and relax. Full-length feature films are projected onto a giant inflatable screen.

The movie will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the event stage in **Weston Regional Park**, 20200 Saddle Club Road. For more information, please call 954-389-4321.



**Sunday, December 11, 2011 – 6:30AM**

### **Run for Tomorrow**

### **Half Marathon & 5K Run/Walk**

This annual Half Marathon and 5K Run/Walk sponsored by the Rotary Club of Weston and Billy Beck III is co-sponsored by the City of Weston begins at 6:30AM at the Weston Town Center

**5K Run:** 8 and under, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-19 with 5 year groupings to 80 and over

**Half Marathon:** 19 and under, 20-24 with 5 year groupings to 80 and over.

Click link to register: <http://www.active.com/running/weston-fl/weston-rotary-run-for-tomorrow-2011#Summary>



**Sunday, December 11, 2011 – 9:00AM**

**Mayor's Get Fit Challenge Cup Walk**

All Weston elementary students are invited to participate in a special 1-mile *Mayor's Challenge Walk*. The "Mayor's Get Fit Challenge Cup" and a \$500 check will be awarded to the school with the most participants. **Register online today** at [www.getfitweston.com](http://www.getfitweston.com) The Mayor's Challenge Walk takes place at the Weston Town Center.

**How can students walk?**

\$15 registration fee includes numbered race bib, T-shirt and after-walk breakfast. *\*Parent or guardian is permitted to walk with their child for free but will not receive a race packet or breakfast*

**How can adult family & friends walk?**

\$20 registration fee includes numbered race bib, T-shirt, after-walk breakfast **AND** the Get Fit Program benefits.



**Sunday, December 11, 2011 9AM-2PM**

**Get Fit Fest**

**Weston Town Center**

Stay for the Fun! Weston's Health & Wellness Festival. A day full of free activities for kids, adults & families, including over 40 exhibitors, demonstrations and live entertainment.



**Monday, December 12, 2011**

**Weston Foreign Film Series – Si Puo Fare**

Nello loses his job and ends up managing a group of ex-mental patients. When they are denied psychiatric help, he invents new occupational roles for each of them. This film walks a fine line between farce and compassion, and comedy and drama. Italy/2008/110 Minutes.

**Movies will be at 5:00 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. at the Weston 8 Cinema.**

**Tickets are \$7 per film. All foreign Language films have English subtitles.**

**Ticket Sales:** 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.**