



MORE FIRE PREVENTION MONTH ACTIVITIES



Life Safety Educator, Pamela Gorman, participated in a community outreach event at St. Paul Lutheran School in Weston. A total of 100 preschool students received fire safety education during this outing.

Topics covered included: don't touch matches and lighters, smoke alarms: what they are, the noise they make, and what to do, when and how



to dial 9-1-1, and "firefighters are our friends".

Firefighter Jim Owens dressed in his bunker gear (see photo) and showing children all of the pieces to his gear and then crawled around so they could both see and hear what his SCBA – the self contained breathing apparatus - sounded like.



Outside of the school, the kids had a "blast" getting to spray the fire water hose, meeting the crews from Engine #67 and seeing their fire equipment.



WESTON'S HALLOWEEN SAFETY EXPO

A SAFE, FUN AND EDUCATIONAL TRICK OR TREAT EXPERIENCE

Each year the City of Weston and the Broward Sheriff's Office provide kids with a super safe alternative to neighborhood trick or treating:

The Halloween Safety Expo

WHEN: Friday, October 28th
6:00pm – 9:00pm

WHERE: Tequesta Trace Park

Be sure to wear your cutest or spookiest costume and bring a bag for goodies.

Event Highlights

- There will be live entertainment and plenty of kid oriented activities including an obstacle course and arts and crafts activities.
- The Broward Sheriff's Office will have helicopters, fire engines and rescue trucks, police motorcycle units, SWAT and the presidential limousine all on display!
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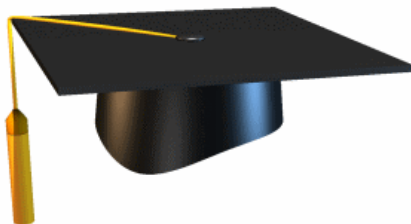


CYPRESS BAY TOUTS SIX NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP SEMIFINALISTS

Cypress Bay Seniors Jiaqi Xie, Matt Samach, Felipe Lozano-Landinez, Lauren Smith, Whitney Sikes, and Mariana Perez have been named National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists.

These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,300 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$34 million that will be offered next spring.

Students qualify based on their results from the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which is taken during the junior year. About 1.5 million students took that test last year. The National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists are the top-scoring students in each state and represent less than one-percent of the U.S. high school seniors.



Out of the 1.5 million applicants approximately 16,000 Semifinalists were selected and about 15,000 are expected to advance to the Finalist level in February 2012. Merit Scholar designees are selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies, without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, or religious preference.

Established in 1955, National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) is an independent, not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance. Since its founding, NMSC has recognized 2.9 million students and provided over 360,000 scholarships worth more than \$1.4 billion. The honors awarded by NMSC to exceptionally able students are viewed as definitive marks of excellence.

The goals of the NMSC are to identify and honor academically talented U.S. high school students; to stimulate increased support for their education; and to provide efficient and effective scholarship program management for organizations that wish to sponsor college undergraduate scholarships.



BROWARD 2-1-1 HELPING THE WESTON COMMUNITY



Knowing where to go is the first step to getting the help you need.

Since 1995, **2-1-1 Broward**, has been the community's central point of entry into the health and human services system. Dialing 2-1-1 is an easy way for people who need help to get connected with community service providers that can help them.

A report of call volume from residents of Weston for 2010 shows that **506 Weston residents were assisted** by the organization, an increase of 124% since 2006.

A startling statistic was that 23% of the calls were for Basic Needs. The next highest percentages were for Special Needs, Health and Emotional/Mental Health needs. **A copy of the report is attached at the end of this article** listing the types of calls, age group of callers, language spoken and where callers were referred for assistance.

EVERY HOUR OF EVERY DAY, SOMEONE IN BROWARD IS SEARCHING FOR HELP OR SERVICES –

Housing, food, financial assistance, relief from abuse, family issues, depression, childcare, suicide prevention, etc, but navigating the maze of city, state and non-profit agencies can be overwhelming and confusing.

2-1-1 Broward: Help Starts Here

The 2-1-1 Broward helpline is available to every individual and family in Broward County.





Benefits of 2-1-1:

- Dial an easy three digit number: 2-1-1
- Accessible 24 hours a day, 365 days a year
- Free, confidential and anonymous
- Available in any language
- Get connected to health & human services
- Every call answered by a trained, degreed counselor
- No call goes unanswered

Services offered by 2-1-1:

- Empathetic listening
- Emotional support
- Needs assessment
- Information
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The 2-1-1 Broward website offers a wealth of information
www.211-broward.org



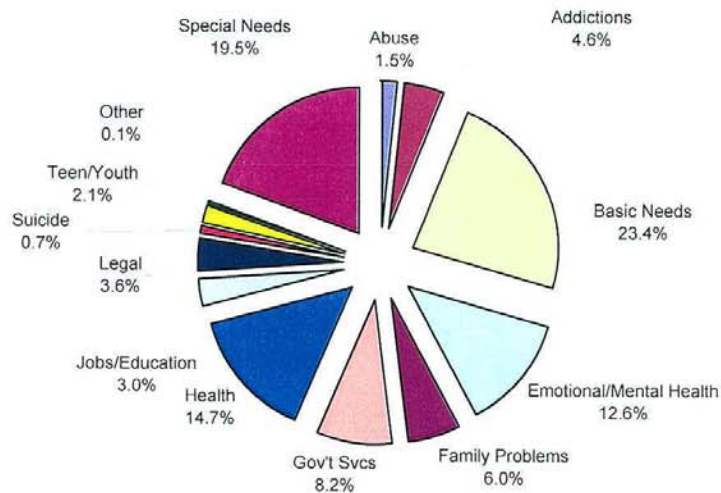
City of Weston 2010 Report

2-1-1 Broward Information Services (954) 390-7601

Call Volume from Residents of Weston to 2-1-1 in 2010:	506
Five Year Average of Weston Call Volume:	513
Percent Increase of 2010 Call Volume over 2006 Call Volume:	124.8%

Problems and Needs Reported by Callers from Weston:

Major Need Groups 2010



Specific Need Count: (See Appendix One)

Call Characteristics for Weston 2010:

Type of Call

Not Specified	0
Agency Services	51
Information & Referral	283
Information Only	38
Listening Only	28
Listening & I&R	106
Total	506

Language Spoken on Call

English	427
Creole	0
Spanish	79
Other	0
Total	506

Gender

Female	362
Male	144
Total	506

Will this information / call help you resolve your problem / need?
Asking only of eligible callers excluding inappropriate calls, chronic callers etc.

Satisfaction Survey

NO	0
Not Asked	111
Don't Know	2
YES	393
Total	506
% Responding YES:	99.5%

Households w/ Children	305
Households w/ Seniors	53
Households w/ Both	1
Households w/ Neither	98
Not Indicated	51

Age Group of Caller

00-10*	26
11-15	57
16-20	42
21-54	335
55+	46
Total	506

*Parent call for child



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Top 10 Specific Needs Reported by Weston Callers in 2010

NEED	Count
DD - Autism	46
Rent/Mortgage/Foreclosure	43
Information - Govt/Public	40
Y - Returned Call	40
Health Clinics	39
Housing	38
Food Stamps	28
Anger/Anxiety/Stress	28
Day Care-Child	27
Food	22
FPL/Utilities	22

Top 10 Specific Referrals provided to Callers from Weston

NAME	COUNT
BC FSA - Family Success Center - South Region	20
HPRP - HOP (Housing Options Program)	19
Salvation Army - Emergency Assistance	18
Community Action Agency	17
Catholic Charities - Emergency Services	14
DCF ESS - ACCESS Partners - South	14
Legal Aid Service - Central Office	14
Area Agency On Aging - Aging and Disability Resource Center	12
FCFH - Hotline for Children with Special Needs	10
BC FSA - Family Success Center - Davie Region	9
MHS - Primary Care - Pembroke Road	9
FCFH - Homeless Helpline	9



BARK IF YOU LOVE WATER! Annual K-9 Water Festivals are Back

Broward County Parks and Recreation continues its popular K-9 Water Festivals, for dogs ages 4 months and up, at two of its water parks during October and November.

- **October 15, 16:** Castaway Island at T.Y. Park, Hollywood
- **November 12, 13:** Castaway Island at T.Y. Park, Hollywood
- **November 19, 20:** Splash Adventure at Quiet Waters Park, Deerfield Beach



Admission is \$5 per dog per 50-minute session, which will run on the hour from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The 4 p.m. session is reserved for small dogs 25 pounds and under only.

Dogs will be off leashes and free to play in the water parks. Balls and Frisbees will be provided; no outside toys or dog food/treats will be permitted.

All dogs must be up to date on all vaccinations and have proof of current rabies vaccination.

Residents will have the opportunity to help homeless pets living at the Broward County Animal Care and Adoption centers by donating pet food and treats along with new or gently used towels, collars, leashes, dog/cat beds or cash. All donations are 100 percent tax-deductible. For more information, contact Quiet Waters Park (954-357-5100) or T.Y. Park (954-357-8811).

October is also Adopt a Shelter Dog Month: Things have gotten off to great start and the fun still continues! TWO free bags of dog treats when you adopt a puppy or adult dog from us are still up for grabs. Plus your name will be submitted in our weekly drawing for fabulous prizes! So come by and visit us, or check on our new adoptable dog webpage. The website allows you to search all of our adoptable dogs and learn more about the personality of your new best friend.



FEMA Hosting Open House for the Community *Flood Insurance Rate Map Updates for 2012*

The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is in the process of revising and updating its existing data on its Flood Insurance Rate Maps for Broward County as of 2012.

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is a program enabling property owners in participating communities to purchase insurance as a protection against flood losses in exchange for state and community floodplain management regulations that reduce future flood damages. As a participating community in the NFIP, the City of Weston is responsible for making sure that its floodplain management regulations meet or exceed the minimum requirements of the NFIP.

The maps are not yet final and there will be an open house for the public for the south and west communities of Broward County including Weston where FEMA will provide the community with a preliminary flood map and flood study for review, and explain and obtain comments on this as well.

Meeting Date, Time & Location

Monday, November 14, 2011 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm.

At the South Regional Library

(7300 Pines Boulevard, Pembroke Pines, Florida, 33024)

Representatives from the City of Weston and FEMA will be available to answer any questions that you may have in regards to this new information.

Property owners, realtors, lenders and insurance agents are encouraged to attend the open house to learn more about flood risks. Attendees will be able to view the new preliminary flood maps. Informational tables will be available where federal and local government representatives will be able to address questions on flood insurance and the appeals process.

Broward County is in the process of preparing a searchable online database of the new flood information. They will be posting updated information and how residents may comment or appeal their floodplain designation in the coming weeks on their website at www.broward.org/emergency/Pages/Default.aspx



SHEINBERG FAMILY YMCA UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS



YMCA Fiesta – Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

Sunday, October 30th from 11AM – 4PM

The celebration includes performances of folkloric dance from many Latin American countries and various Latin American arts & crafts. Delicious ethnic dishes will be available from vendors. Also join us in trying to break the Guinness Book of World Record's largest ZUMBA CLASS.



YMCA AQUATICS PROGRAMS

Join the YMCA Swim Team and/or Water Polo team for the fall! Also, check the website for information on our monthly Flick 'n Float movies which are free to members!

Register on-line at www.ymcabroward.org or contact Scott Hendry at shendry@ymcabroward.org or 954.424.9622 or stop by the Member Services Desk at the YMCA.

YMCA PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

Children ages 5 -12, join us on the **third Saturday of each month** from 6pm-10pm 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 or contact Wendy Milordis at wmilordis@ymcabroward.org or 954.424.9622 or stop by the Member Services Desk at the YMCA.

**Sheinberg Family YMCA of Weston is located at
20201 Saddle Club Road, 954-424-9709
www.ymcabroward.org**





UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, October 19th – Saturday, October 22nd

FREE Bulk Pick-Up

Bulk Pick-Up will take place on your regularly scheduled garbage collection day only. Items should be curbside by 7:00 AM on your collection day.

Wednesday, October 19th

Thursday, October 20th

Friday, October 21st

**Saturday, October 22nd (multi-family units with dumpsters)*

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 questions regarding bulk pick-up please call the City of Weston Public Works Services Center at 954-385-2600 or click on 'Public Works' on the homepage of the City's Website.



Saturday, October 22, 2011 7:30 p.m.

Moonlight Movie in the Park – Toy Story 3

Weston Regional Park Event Stage

RESCHEDULED AFTER ORIGINAL DATE RAINED OUT

Kick back and relax – the movies are on us! The City of Weston presents **FREE Monthly Movies in the Park**. On Saturday, October 22nd, we will present Toy Story 3. Your favorite toys are mistakenly delivered to a day-care center instead of the attic right before Andy leaves for college, and it's up to Woody to convince the other toys that they weren't abandoned and to return home. Bring lawn chairs and relax.

Full-length feature films are projected onto a giant inflatable screen. At the event stage in Weston Regional Park

located at 20200 Saddle Club Road.



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Saturday, October 29th at 8PM

Symphony of the Americas - Cirque de la Symphonie

Cypress Bay Theater, 18600 Vista Park Blvd., Weston

The Symphony of the Americas Orchestra performs familiar classics with internationally-acclaimed cirque performers.

Tickets \$20 in advance / \$30 at the door
Students: \$10 in advance / \$15 door

Available now at the Weston Community Center, 954-389-4321.





Sunday, October 30, 2011 at 11:00AM – 4PM

YMCA Fiesta – Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

Sheinberg Family YMCA, in the Regional Park



People of all ethnicities will come together to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month. The diverse Hispanic-Latino Community will assemble to celebrate their wide-ranging traditions. The celebration includes performances of folklore dance from many Latin American Countries and various Latin American arts & crafts.

Then at 3 p.m. help break the **Guinness Book of World Record's largest Zumba class record!** Whether you know how to Zumba or not, bring your friends and family to the FIESTA for this fun and free class.

Delicious ethnic Latin American dishes will be available from local vendors.