



## 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!
- In addition, the Joe DeMaggio Children's Hospital will be providing activities such as a teddy bear clinic and character appearances.





## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK 2011 OCTOBER 9 – 15, 2011

Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the tragic 1871 conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began on October 8, but continued into and did most of its damage on October 9, 1871.

According to popular legend, the fire broke out after a cow - belonging to Mrs. Catherine O'Leary - kicked over a lamp, setting first the barn, then the whole city on fire. Chances are you've heard some version of this story yourself; people have been blaming the Great Chicago Fire on the cow and Mrs. O'Leary, for more than 130 years.



This year's theme according to National Fire Protection Association is, "**It's Fire Prevention Week. Protect your Family from Fire!**" This year, the campaign is centered around keeping individuals, families, and communities safer from fire.

Throughout the month of October, Life Safety Educators with the Broward Sheriff's Office will be conducting various events at Weston area schools in conjunction with on-duty fire fighters. Additionally, the Halloween Safety Expo on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> will offer equipment demonstrations and an opportunity for attendees to speak with the fire fighters that work each day to keep our community safe.

### PLAN AHEAD

Since 1922, Fire Prevention Week has been observed on the Sunday through Saturday period in which October 9 falls. Here are dates for future Fire Prevention Week campaigns:

2012: October 7-13

2013: October 6-12

2014: October 5-11

*For more information on Fire Prevention Week 2011 visit*

*<http://www.nfpa.org/index.asp>.*



## BROWARD COUNTY LAUNCHES THE CONSERVATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE (C3) CHALLENGE FOR ALL BROWARD SCHOOLS

The Broward County Pollution Prevention, Remediation and Air Quality Division in partnership with the Broward County School Board, is launching its third annual [Conservation and Climate Change \(C3\) Challenge](#), an educational competition intended to engage students, teachers, school administrators, staff and parents in practical actions to reduce their carbon footprint at school and at home.

Through improved energy efficiency, reduced consumption, increased recycling and changes in transportation behaviors, participants will learn how simple actions, taken together, can create a climate of change. Schools can use the [C3 Challenge Toolkit](#) to learn how to take the Challenge and use the educational activities to teach students, parents and school administrators about the role we all play in climate protection. All educational activities in the Toolkit are aligned with the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards and can be downloaded at no cost at [broward.org/pollutionprevention](http://broward.org/pollutionprevention).

### THERE ARE TWO EASY STEPS TO ENTER THE CHALLENGE

#### *Step 1: Take the Challenge -- School Registration and Team Building*

- Register your school by e-mailing [airoutreach@broward.org](mailto:airoutreach@broward.org).
- Teachers and students use the Conservation and Climate Change Challenge Toolkit.

#### *Step 2: Teacher Pledge Drive and Share Your Story*

- Teachers submit the online [Teacher Pledge](#) by February 3, 2012.
- Each school MUST submit a "Share Your Story" article to [airoutreach@broward.org](mailto:airoutreach@broward.org) by February 10, 2012, to be eligible.

The schools with the highest score (percentage of teachers participating, share your story submittal, and on-site evaluation) wins! Three winning schools will be selected (elementary, middle and high).

The competition ends on February 3, 2012. For detailed information about the C3 Challenge visit [broward.org/pollutionprevention](http://broward.org/pollutionprevention) and click on **C3 CHALLENGE**.







## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO HOST COMMUNITY UPDATE MEETINGS

The Florida Department of Transportation, District Four, is holding two Community Update Meetings to share information regarding the **Central Broward East-West Transit Study**. This is an opportunity for the public to review and comment on proposed routes and stations. The meetings will be held on the dates and locations shown below.

### COMMUNITY UPDATE MEETINGS

**Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.**

West Regional Library, Multi-Purpose Room  
8601 W. Broward Boulevard, Plantation, FL  
*Brief presentation - 6:00 p.m.*

**Thursday, October 13, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.**

IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame & Museum, Events Hall  
300 Gulf Stream Way, Dania Beach, FL  
*Brief presentation - 6:30 p.m.*

The purpose of these meetings is to discuss a transportation study that encompasses high-quality, high-capacity transit service on an east-west axis in central Broward County to connect the developing western side of the county to the highly dense coastal area. These meetings are necessary to aid in project development and will serve to: 1) present the results for alignments and vehicles (transit technologies) and 2) to obtain feedback from stakeholders and the public in regard to the proposed options.

The study is being conducted in partnership with Florida Department of Transportation, Broward County Transit, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization and South Florida Regional Transportation Authority. In addition to the Community Update Meetings, beginning Friday, October 14, 2011, the presentation will be available online at [www.centralbrowardtransit.com](http://www.centralbrowardtransit.com). **For more information please call 954-677-7898.**



## NEW FEATURES OFFERED BY THE BROWARD COUNTY LIBRARY DIVISION



### FREE DOWNLOADABLE BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE AT THE AIRPORT

The Broward County Library and the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport have partnered to offer Airport visitors the opportunity to download free books from Broward County Library. Visitors to the Airport can now access thousands of [free downloadable books](#) via quick response (QR) codes, displayed on LCD screens in the Airport's baggage claim area.

The screens allow airport visitors to access 15,000 free book titles by scanning the QR code with their smart phone or e-Book reader. It is not necessary to have a County Library card to access the free downloadable books, and the book titles never expire. For more information, contact Catherine McElrath at [cmcelrath@browardlibrary.org](mailto:cmcelrath@browardlibrary.org), or 954-357-7402.



### NEW DATABASES OFFER LIVE ONLINE ASSISTANCE FOR STUDENTS, JOB SEEKERS AND ADULT LEARNERS



Through *brainfuse*, Broward County Library now offers new databases that provide live chat and other assistance for students, job seekers and adult learners through access to Adult Learning Center, HelpNow and JobNow.



## ADOPT A SHELTER DOG MONTH OCTOBER 2011

During national Adopt a Shelter Dog Month in October, Broward County invites residents to drop by the [Animal Care and Adoption Center](#) to visit with all the wonderful animals looking for a new home. While you're there, you can pick up pet supplies, including food bowls, toys and other merchandise, at the brand new Pawtique Retail Shop.

Those interested are encouraged to [sign up to become a foster care parent](#). Animal Care is always looking for responsible individuals, over age 18, to be temporary caretakers for some of the many orphaned puppies and abandoned kittens received each month at the shelter.



The [monthly series of rabies clinics](#) continues on Friday, October 7, from noon to 5 p.m., at the Fort Lauderdale Adoption Center, 1870 S.W. 39 Street, Fort Lauderdale. Get your pets vaccinated against rabies and receive a Broward County pet license for just \$15 per pet; cash only payment accepted.

Pet owners must prove Broward County residency by producing a valid Florida driver's license or current utility bill. No appointment is necessary and customers are taken on a first come, first served basis. All dogs must be on leashes and all cats must be in carriers.



## SHEINBERG FAMILY YMCA



**JOIN THE SHEINBERG FAMILY YMCA OF WESTON TO CELEBRATE  
NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30 FROM 11:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.**

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 folkloric dance from many Latin American countries and various Latin American arts & crafts. Delicious ethnic Latin American dishes will be available from local vendors.



Proceeds from this event provide financial assistance to those in need throughout our community. Last year over 17,000 children and families were served by this financial assistance called the Y-Partners Annual Campaign. ***This is a fun, free, family event open to the community.***

**BREAK THE GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORD'S largest Zumba  
class record with the YMCA!**

Whether you know how to Zumba or not, bring your friends and family to the FIESTA for this fun and free class.

**Pre-register on-line at [www.ymcabroward.org](http://www.ymcabroward.org) or on-site registration begins at 11am. The ½ hour class will take place at 3 p.m. Don't miss out on being part of world history!**

**For more information, please call 954-424-9622  
The Sheinberg Family YMCA of Weston is located at 20201 Saddle Club Road**





## UPCOMING EVENTS



**Saturday, October 8, 2011 8:00 p.m.**

### **Moonlight Movie in the Park – Toy Story 3**

#### **Weston Regional Park Event Stage**

Kick back and relax – the movies are on us! The City of Weston presents **FREE Monthly Movies in the Park**. On Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

### **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 19<sup>th</sup>***

***Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>***

***Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>***

***\*Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> (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.





**Friday, October 28, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Halloween Safety Expo**

**Tequesta Trace Park, 600 Indian Trace**

Sponsored by the City of Weston and the Broward Sheriff's Office this entertaining, action-packed, safe Trick-or-Treating event is **FREE** and don't forget to wear your cutest or spookiest costume. Be sure to bring a bag for goodies! There will be entertainment, bounce houses and plenty of kid oriented activities such as an Obstacle Course, Arts and Crafts activities and much more! Public Safety vehicles include helicopters, fire engines and rescue trucks, police motorcycle units, SWAT and marine units.



**Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

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