



MINIMIZE LOSSES AND ENSURE SAFETY

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS – A Continuing Series

KEY WAYS TO MINIMIZE LOSSES AND ENSURE YOUR SAFETY



- **Reinforce your garage door and tracks with center supports.** About 80% of residential hurricane wind damage starts with entry through garage doors according to the Federal Alliance for Safe Homes.
- **Purchase Flood Insurance.** Your home policy does **NOT** cover damage caused by flood. Last year, one-third of all claims paid by the National Flood Insurance Program were for policies in **low-risk** communities.

- **Prepare and be very careful when putting up storm shutters.** Use gloves and dress accordingly, and don't hesitate to enlist the assistance of friends, family or professionals. Metal shutters can be heavy and very sharp on the edges.

- **Bring in anything from the yard which could become wind-borne,** and ask your neighbors to do the same. One of the greatest threats to your home in most hurricanes is not the wind itself, but wind-blown debris which can break windows and doors.



- **Be especially alert and careful after the storm passes.** More people are injured in a storm's aftermath than during the actual event. The most common culprits: downed power lines, sharp objects and dangerous debris. Never use a power generator indoors or in any enclosed area. Carefully assess any potential dangers before beginning repairs.



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SPOTLIGHT ON WESTON CITY HALL BUSINESS TAX RECEIPT INFORMATION

The City of Weston welcomes and invites new businesses within our City. Any new business is required to apply for a Business Tax Receipt, which is required before engaging in any business in the City of Weston, including home-based businesses. The purpose of the law enacted by the Florida Legislature is to prevent fraud.

STEP ONE

Obtain a Certificate of Use

A City of Weston Certificate of Use, issued by the City's Building Code Services Department, in accordance with City Code, is required prior to application for a Business Tax Receipt. Once a Certificate of Use (CU) has been obtained you may submit the Business Tax Receipt application.

STEP TWO

Submit a Business Tax Receipt Application

Download and complete your BTR application online at www.westonfl.org or pick up an application at City Hall.

City of Weston Business Tax Receipt	
Receipt Effective: 10/01/2011 - 09/30/2012	Name and Address of Business: LINDY'S SALAD LUNCH & RESTAURANT 889 Weston Road Weston, Florida 33226
Contact Information: Name: Phone:	
Business Tax Category: General Business (all other Businesses)	
RECEIPT NO. 2012-9127	
<small>1. This receipt MUST be renewed on or before September 30th of each year. Business Tax amounts are the responsibility of the business and shall occur during the 50-day period prior to September 30th of each year. Renewal notices are provided as a courtesy and are not required for renewal purposes. 2. This receipt MUST BE DISPLAYED within 10 FEET of the entrance inside your business establishment. 3. The City of Weston must be notified of any changes of name, address or ownership.</small>	
09/27/2011 Date Issued	 Daniel L. Thomas, City Treasurer
City of Weston Business Tax Receipt	
General Business (all other Businesses)	
RECEIPT NO. 2012-9127	TOTAL BUSINESS TAX:

Where Do I File the Business Tax Receipt (BTR) Application? Completed BTR applications, including required documentation copies and applicable fee are accepted and processed at Weston City Hall.

The following documents are required upon filing your Business Tax Receipt application:

- Copy of Certificate of Use (CU)
- Fictitious Name Registration
- Federal Employer Identification
- Payment

For complete detailed information regarding Business Tax Receipts, please visit <http://www.westonfl.org/Businesses/BusinessTaxReceipt.aspx>. If you have questions regarding Business Tax Receipts or the online process itself, please contact the Weston Business Tax Coordinator at 954-385-2000 or stop by Weston City Hall at 17200 Royal Palm Boulevard.



BROWARD SHERIFF'S OFFICE WANTS TO KEEP YOUR HOME SAFE



Pride in Service with Integrity

As the summer fun continues, keep in mind that thieves and burglars don't take vacations from criminal activity. Below are some tips from the Broward Sheriff's Office to help you enjoy your summer!

The best advice is to stay alert. Be aware of what's going on in your neighborhood. Never hesitate to report suspicious activity to law enforcement. Keep an eye on your neighbors' houses, community parking lots and public areas.

Lock your doors. At home, lock your doors and always lock your car doors, whether you are in your own driveway or the supermarket. It only takes a few seconds for a car burglar to grab your purse, wallet, GPS or cell phone from your car while you step away to walk your dog or pay for gas.

Unlicensed Contractors. Thinking of making some repairs before a hurricane approaches? Be wary of unlicensed contractors. To make sure that your contractor is licensed, visit the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation's website at www.myfloridalicense.com.

Make your house look occupied. When you are out of the house, leave a television or radio on, or set some lamps on timers. If you go away, stop your newspaper delivery and have someone collect your mail.

Once you take the necessary precautions to protect yourself, your belongings and your family, you can relax and enjoy a fun and safe summer. You can stay up to date about BSO news and information by visiting our website at www.westonfl.org or www.sheriff.org.

Have a wonderful SAFE summer!



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"TAKE 5 TO STAY ALIVE DON'T TEXT AND DRIVE"

Take a break from driving and pull off the road to use your cell phone. The Broward Regional EMS Council is joining other entities across the nation to bring awareness to a growing safety concern: the risks of texting and driving. The statistics are clear. Those who text while driving are 23 times more likely to be involved in some type of safety critical event as compared to those who don't text while driving, according to a study by Virginia Tech Transportation Institute.

I'm a pretty good driver. Can't some people text or talk on the phone and drive safely?

No, they can't. Research indicates that the burden of talking on a cell phone - even if it's hands-free - saps the brain of 39% of the energy it would ordinarily devote to safe driving. Using a cell phone while driving delays your reaction time as much as having a blood alcohol concentration of .08, the legal limit for drunk driving.

Sending or reading one text is pretty quick, unlike a phone conversation - wouldn't that be okay?

Sending or reading a text takes your eyes off the road for 4.6 seconds. At 55 mph, that's like driving the length of an entire football field, blindfolded. It's extraordinarily dangerous.

For More Information visit www.broward.org/take5.





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NEW BUS PASS SALES OUTLETS PREMIUM BUS PASSES NOW SOLD AT SUNRISE DAN PEARL AND MAIN LIBRARIES



Broward County's Sunrise Dan Pearl Branch Library and Sunrise Main Library has been added to the list of Broward County libraries to sell Premium Bus Passes for those who commute on the 95 Express Pembroke Pines and Miramar and the new 595 Express Sunrise and Miami/Brickell bus services.

Other library locations include Miramar, South Regional, Southwest Regional and Pembroke Pines/Walter C. Young. Premium Bus Passes are also sold at the Main Bus Terminal.



More information about bus pass sales outlets is available at <http://www.broward.org>.



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IS YOUR HEAD IN THE STARS?

Visit the Fox Observatory at Markham Park for Free Stargazing Every Saturday

One of South Florida's best-kept secrets is the Fox Observatory at Broward County's Markham Park located at the intersection of Weston Road and State Road 84.

If you've ever paid more than passing attention to what goes on in the sky after dark, you may be interested in checking out the observatory and the South Florida Amateur Astronomers Association.



This nonprofit organization has been around since 1965 and is dedicated to "bringing the universe closer to all South Floridians." As well as volunteering on Saturday nights, the members have monthly meetings on the first Thursday of every month. Visit their website at <http://www.sfaaa.com/> for more information on SFAA.

Every Saturday night at dusk, SFAA opens the park's Fox Observatory to the public for free stargazing until midnight (weather permitting). The park's weekend gate admission of \$1.50 per person (children 5 and under free) will be in effect.



Among the telescopic equipment at the group's disposal are a pair of 16-inch and 14-inch Schmidt-Cassegrains, a Brandon refractor, three Dobson reflectors, and a 12-inch Newtonian. Both Schmidt-Cassegrains are fitted with imagers that offset the effects of light pollution.

If none of this makes much sense to you, don't worry. Members are there to help you learn about such gear and how it operates. They often even bring along their own telescopes, so that on a clear night there may be as many as 15 set up in various spots around the observatory.

For more information on the park and observatory,
please visit Broward County's website at

<http://www.broward.org/Parks/MarkhamPark/Pages/Default.aspx#observatory>.



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SUNGLASS SAFETY FOR CHILDREN What Parents Should Know

Summer Safety Tip



Sunglasses are more than a fashion statement, especially in the summer. They are protection for your child's precious eyes! Children are particularly vulnerable to the bright sunlight, the sooner they begin to protect their eyes, the better.

The American Academy of Ophthalmology offers these tips to protect the whole family's eyes from the sun:

Don't focus on color or darkness of lenses

Select sunglasses that block UV rays. The ability to block UV light is not dependent on the darkness of the lenses. Make sure the glasses block 99 to 100 percent of UVA and UVB rays.

Choose wrap-around styles

Ideally, sunglasses should go all the way around to the temples, so the sun's rays do not enter from the side.

Wear a hat

In addition to the sunglasses, a broad-brimmed hat can also help shade your child's face and protect the eyes.

Don't be fooled by clouds

The sun's rays can pass through haze and thin clouds. Just because the sun is not shining brightly, doesn't mean it can't damage your family's eyes.



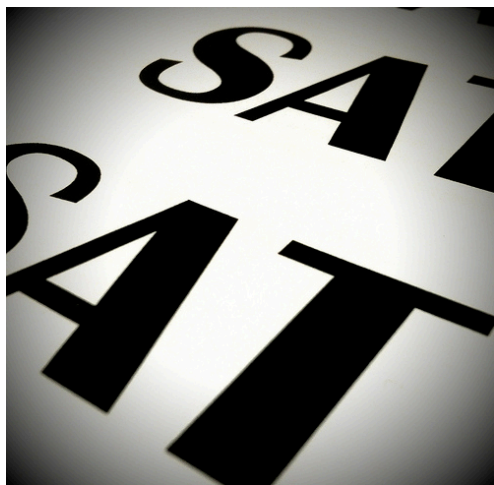
Protect your eyes during peak times

Sunglasses should be worn whenever you are outside, and it is especially important to wear them in the early afternoon when the UV light is more intense.

Luckily, getting children to wear sunglasses is not that tough, especially if you let them pick out their own shades. And parents don't forget to always wear your sunglasses too!



WESTON COMMUNITY CENTER CLASSES **SAT PREP COURSE**



The Weston Community Center offers SAT Preparatory Courses. The next session begins either Sunday, August 12th or Thursday, August 16th and will get you ready for the **October 6th SAT test**. Instructed by Jeff Steinberg, this course prepares students for all facets of the College Board exam. The class thoroughly reviews content of what is tested and exposes students to numerous insightful strategies for scoring well on the SAT.

Jeff Steinberg is a former University of Miami SAT Preparation Course Developer, instructor and teacher trainer as well as a former full time advisor and instructor of college preparatory and study skills courses and recipient of excellence award at Miami Dade College. *Results from this course have produced an overall average increase of 200 points; 330 points for students who complete all homework!*

BACK TO SCHOOL CLASS OFFERINGS

SUNDAY DATES: August 12 – September 30
10:30 am – 1:00 pm or 1:30pm - 4:00pm

THURSDAY DATES: August 16 – October 4
7:00 pm – 9:30 pm

Class cost is \$475 for entire 8 week course and all materials.

For more information or to enroll, please contact Jeff Steinberg,
at 954-478-0792 or email jeffly1968@yahoo.com

For a complete list of Classes and Events at the Community Center, please visit www.westonfl.org and select 'Parks and Recreation' and then 'Programs'.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Water Meter Replacements in **Sierra Falls; San Sebastian to begin in August.**

Water meters in residential communities in Weston are being systematically replaced.

For additional information:

http://www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/2012_Residential_Water_Meter_Replacement.pdf

FREE QUARTERLY RESIDENTIAL BULK PICKUP

Wednesday, July 25

Thursday, July 26 –or–

Friday, July 27

Multi-Family: *Saturday, July 28

Bulk trash will be picked up **on your regularly scheduled collection day**. Bulk trash must be placed curbside by 7 a.m. For residences with dumpster service, place items alongside dumpster. *Indicates pick-up for multi-family units (condominiums & apartment complexes). *For more information, call Public Services at 954-385-2600.*

THINK BEFORE YOU THROW – Consider donating before tossing. Several national organizations will even pick-up directly from your residence – you don't even have to wait for bulk pick-up day! There are many local, well-established charitable organizations that readily accept donated items.



SMOKE ALARM AND BATTERY REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

BSO Weston Fire Rescue - This program is designed to reach resident seniors or the disabled who are unable to safely install smoke alarms and/or replace the batteries in existing alarms. Please call 954-389-2015 to schedule this FREE service for our Weston residents.

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