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## TEMPLE DOR DORIM CAMPERS ENJOYED POLICE/FIRE COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

Life Safety Educator, Pamela Gorman and Deputy Kari Pallotto, Crime Prevention Practitioner, held a community outreach event at Station 81 for Temple Dor Dorim's summer camp. On Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, a total of 50 children, ranging in age from 3-10 years old, toured the station and learned about fire safety education.



At the Fire Station, the children were taught about the various types of equipment used. They were able to see the firefighters gear up close and learned about the importance of having working smoke alarms in their houses and why not to play with matches and lighters. The children loved getting to sit in the fire engine and in the recliners in the station.

At the Police Station, they were educated about stranger danger, gun safety and the purpose of 911. They toured the station and the holding cells along with seeing the police car, horse and motorcycles.



If you are interested in organizing a community outreach event for your group, please call Fire Station 81 at 954-389-2015 or Deputy Pallotto at 954-389-2030. You may also visit our website at [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org) for more information on the Fire and Police Departments.



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## TAX FREE WEEKEND

### Get Ready for Back to School

### August 3<sup>th</sup> – August 5<sup>th</sup>

Florida's tax free weekend has been reinstated for 2012 and is scheduled to take place from August 3-5, 2012, which is perfect for parents who need to pick up school supplies, clothing, shoes, and other back-to-school shopping items.

#### Florida's Tax Free Weekend Applies to:

- Books, clothing, and footwear (\$75 or less)
- School supplies (\$15 or less)

#### Smart Shopping Strategies:

Being a sensible shopper is the best way to save even more during tax free weekend. For example, compare prices ahead of time at several stores, which you can do online, and plan on using coupons when you can.

In addition, don't buy anything you don't really need. Since the regular sales tax rate in Broward County is 6%, that is the amount of money you'll save by shopping during the sales tax holiday. You might find that you can actually save more money by shopping at competitive sales either before or after the tax free weekend, along with using coupons or taking advantage of special promotions.



Keep in mind, too, that some items will still be taxed during Florida's tax free weekend. For example, many sporting goods are not tax exempt in Florida, such as football pads and protective helmets, but cleats and spiked shoes are. If you have any questions about what counts and what doesn't, refer to Florida's Department of Revenue website for a list of tax exempt items at <http://dor.myflorida.com/dor/>.

Don't miss this great tax free weekend and get shopping and ready for school!



## YMCA OF WESTON FALL YOUTH SPORTS



Register NOW for the YMCA's upcoming Youth Fall Sports Programs!

### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL CLINIC – Run by Hurricane Volleyball:

- Instruction in passing, hitting, setting, defense, offense and transition
- Girls ages 9-14
- Register now through August 4<sup>th</sup>
- Season runs August 5<sup>th</sup> – August 26<sup>th</sup>



### BASEBALL, T-BALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUES:

- Full replica MLB uniform, fast-paced learning environment, certified officials for ages 10 and up, 10 game season
- Boys and Girls ages 4 - 14
- Register now through August 26<sup>th</sup>
- Season runs September 8<sup>th</sup> – November 10<sup>th</sup>

### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE:

- Full volleyball uniform, volunteer coaches, game officials, learn knowledge and awareness of the game
- Girls ages 7 – 14
- Register now through September 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Season runs October 6<sup>th</sup> – December 8<sup>th</sup>



For more information and dates/pricing, contact the YMCA of Weston, at 954-424-9622, email Dan Caliento, [dcaliento@ymcabroward.org](mailto:dcaliento@ymcabroward.org) or register on-line at [www.ymcabroward.org](http://www.ymcabroward.org).



## EARLY VOTING FOR THE 2012 PRIMARY ELECTION at Weston Branch Library



**WITH CONFIDENCE**

The Broward County Supervisor of Elections' Office is prepared to be of service to voters at the 17 Early Voting Sites scheduled for the 2012 Primary Election. Voters may take advantage of Early Voting which will take place at the Weston Branch Library.

**Dates:** Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup> - Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup>

**Hours:** 11:00 am to 7:00 pm

**Location:** Weston Branch Library  
4205 Bonaventure Road  
Weston, Florida

A list of the other 16 Sites and hours is available on [www.browardsoe.org](http://www.browardsoe.org). Broward County voters may go to any of the Early Voting Sites to cast a vote. Voters with disabilities will be able to vote using a touch screen machine at an Early Voting site.

The results or tabulation of votes cast during Early Voting will not be completed until the close of the polls on Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, Election Day. Results will be reported by precinct. For more information, please call 954-357-7050 or visit the [Supervisor of Elections' website](#).





## 55 Ways to **FIND SUMMER FUN**

There's enough summer left before school starts to keep having fun!  
Click on each item below for more information.

1. Visit an [insect museum](#).
2. Take an Everglades excursion in an [airboat](#).
3. [Camp out in a tepee](#).
4. Learn how to give your yard an [extreme makeover](#).
5. Search for [buried treasure](#).
6. [Catch a largemouth bass](#).
7. [Go mountain biking](#) – without leaving your [chair](#).
8. Pretend to be a [pirate](#).
9. Learn how to [identify constellations](#).
10. Watch an [amateur talent show](#).
11. Go water-skiing – [without a boat](#).
12. Participate in a [sea turtle hatchling release](#).
13. Hold a [family reunion](#).
14. [Learn how to swim](#).
15. [Play detective](#) at a nature center.
16. [Explore a dog park](#) – from a dog's [point of view](#).
17. Take a [nature hike by moonlight](#).
18. Ride a [Jet Ski at the edge of the Everglades](#).
19. Find out [what's eating your back yard](#).
20. Visit an island that was once on [Al Capone's wish list](#).
21. Have a staff meeting – [away from the office](#).
22. Ride a model [steam train](#).
23. Plunge down a [450-foot waterslide](#).
24. Learn to tell a [vert wall](#) from a [mini-spine](#).
25. [See the Atlantic and the Intracoastal](#) from atop a tower.
26. Find out [what to plant](#) to attract butterflies.
27. [Play "golf" with a Frisbee](#).
28. Learn how to [ride a horse](#).
29. [Fly a radio-controlled model airplane](#).
30. Eat lunch – [away from your desk](#).
31. Learn how to [identify frog calls](#).
32. Let your kids frolic in a newly renovated [kiddie pool](#).

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33. Witness feeding time in a 3,500-gallon saltwater aquarium.
34. Go kayaking through a mangrove swamp.
35. Play miniature golf.
36. Sign up for a softball team.
37. Discover some new recipes.
38. Learn how to sit in the lotus pose.
39. Compete in a triathlon.
40. Get married in a hilltop gazebo next to a duck pond.
41. Ride a bicycle without brakes.
42. Pet a goat.
43. Watch a movie in the water.
44. Get in a few rounds of target practice.
45. Pretend you're on an archaeological dig.
46. Play in a folk music jam session.
47. Harvest air potatoes.
48. See how many burrowing owls you can spot.
49. Learn the difference between black, red, and white mangroves.
50. Wander through an art exhibit.
51. Picnic in a park you can reach only by boat.
52. Enroll your dog in an obedience class.
53. Try to figure out the game of cricket.
54. Practice your batting swing.
55. Cool off under a waterfall.

**ENJOY THE REST OF YOUR SUMMER!**



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## SUMMER ALLERGY TRIGGERS AND HOW TO HANDLE THEM

### Summer Safety Tip



For many people, summer means pool parties, barbeques and outdoor fun. However, if you are an allergy or asthma sufferer, these activities could make you cringe. Seasonal allergies can affect anyone and avoiding exposure to the potential summertime triggers and working with an allergist can help make summer more enjoyable.

The following are a few triggers and some suggestions for coping with them:

#### CHANGES IN THE WEATHER

Wind can spread pollen and stir up mold, which affects those suffering from grass or tree pollen and mold allergies. Stifling humidity may also trigger an asthma attack.

#### CAMPFIRE SMOKE

Smoke from a campfire is a common asthma trigger. Sit upwind of the fire and avoid getting too close then grab a long stick to toast your marshmallows and enjoy the campfire.



#### STINGING INSECTS

For those with allergic reactions towards insects, summertime brings plenty of opportunities to be stung. Cover up when outdoors, avoid bright clothing, do not wear perfume, and take caution when eating or drinking anything sweet.

#### CHLORINE

The smells of chlorine from pools or hot tubs may be an irritant and cause flair-ups of either allergy-like eye and nose symptoms or asthma in some people.

Be sure to check with an allergist for more information on the above items and stay healthy all year long!



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## TAKE STEPS NOW TO BE PREPARED

### CREATE ASSET INVENTORY HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS – *A Continuing Series*

#### Ensure you are protected:

Inventory your home possessions and videotape or photograph items of value. Once you have your inventory list, video and/or photographs, place them in an airtight storage container to ensure that water cannot permeate through.



Also be sure to review your insurance policies now to ensure you have adequate coverage. Once a hurricane watch has been issued, insurers will not issue new or allow you to purchase additional coverage.

When photographing an electronic, be sure to take a picture of the serial number panel on the back. This will give you all the information necessary to file it on a claim. Make sure to take the picture close enough so you can read the numbers for the most accurate information. You should have two pictures for each item, one to depict the item itself and one for the serial number panel. It also doesn't hurt to put the information down in a spreadsheet in case the photos get ruined or lost.



For more information visit: [www.westonfl.org/Residents/Hurricane/Default.aspx](http://www.westonfl.org/Residents/Hurricane/Default.aspx)





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# BROWARD AIDS

## Broward is Greater than AIDS

### Broward County Health Department Campaign Promotes HIV Testing

The Broward County Health Department, along with its community partners, launched **Broward is Greater than AIDS**, a new and innovative social marketing campaign. The message of the campaign is to promote routine HIV testing to all community members. Currently, it is estimated that 21% of adult Americans infected with HIV are unaware of their status. Early diagnosis, entry into care and continued engagement in healthcare can significantly improve health outcomes and decrease transmission.

Broward is Greater than AIDS is about individuals working together to achieve a greater goal – reducing the spread of HIV and the stigma associated with the disease. The program encourages Broward County residents to “Know Your HIV Status” as well as the status of their partner.

Broward County has a real opportunity to address the challenge of HIV and AIDS. About 16,000 Broward County residents are currently living with HIV and AIDS. This number has steadily increased over the last decade due to increased testing and improved treatment. HIV/AIDS in Broward County continues to disproportionately affect men who have sex with men of all races and ethnicities (MSM) and women of color.



Broward County is a great place to live, work and play. Working together, we can prove that “Broward is greater than AIDS.” For more information, please visit the County’s Health Department website at [www.broward.org](http://www.broward.org) or call 954-467-4700.



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## TAKE 5 TO STAY ALIVE Distracted Driving – Facts and Figures

The following Distracted Driving Facts are provided by the American Trauma Society, HRSA's Emergency Medical Services for Children Program and the Society of Trauma Nurses as part of the National Trauma Awareness Month "[Decide to Drive – Arrive Alive](#)" campaign.

- Text messaging creates a crash risk 23 times worse than driving while not distracted
- 16% of fatal crashes in 2009 involved reports of distracted driving
- Drivers who use hand-held devices are 4 times more likely to get into crashes serious enough to injure themselves
- Using a cell phone while driving, delays a driver's reaction as much as having a blood alcohol concentration at the legal limit of .08
- Sending or receiving a text take a driver's eyes off the road for an average of 4 to 6 seconds, the equivalent of driving 55 mph over the length of a football field blindfolded
- Teen drivers are more likely than other age groups to be involved in a fatal crash where distraction is reported
- 16% of all distracted driving crashes involve drivers under the age of 20
- At any given moment during the day-light hours, over 800,000 vehicles are being driven by someone using a hand-held cell phone

These are just a few of the facts and figures, for more information, please visit <http://www.broward.org/Take5/Pages/Default.aspx> and stay safe and arrive alive.





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## ANIMAL CARE IN NEED OF FOSTER CARE PARENTS Orphaned Puppies and Kittens in Need of Help

Orphaned kittens and puppies need your help. Broward County Animal Care is asking residents with time on their hands to lend a helping hand to very young kittens and puppies that have come into the shelter without their mother.

Animal Care will teach prospective Foster Parents how to bottle feed and will provide the necessary formula and bottles. Foster Parents must be able to commit the time and care to ensure the health and survival of the foster pet. In addition, parents are also required to bring the litter into the shelter's clinic for any scheduled veterinary visits.



Foster Parents who are interested in adopting any of the pets in their care may do so once the foster care process is complete and the puppy or kitten is deemed healthy and old enough to be adopted.

Applicants must be 18 years of age and a Broward County resident to apply to become an Animal Care Foster Parent. To learn more about the Foster Care Program, visit [broward.org/animal](http://broward.org/animal).

Broward County Animal Care and Adoption is dedicated to providing shelter for lost and surrendered animals as well as the successful adoption of pets. The agency also coordinates the registering of dogs and cats and provides rabies vaccinations in order to encourage a healthier pet population.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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**Water Meter Replacements:**      **Sierra Falls – Current**  
   **San Sebastian - Begins in August**

- Water meters in residential communities are being systematically replaced.
- For more information:  
[www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/2012\\_Residential\\_Water\\_Meter\\_Replacement.pdf](http://www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/2012_Residential_Water_Meter_Replacement.pdf)

### Back to School – Tax-Free Shopping

- Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>
- Visit <http://dor.myflorida.com/dor> for a list of the tax exempt items

### Early Voting

- Stop by the Weston Branch Library between Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup> - Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup> to take advantage of Early Voting.

## E Notifications

Weston now delivers the latest news direct to your inbox.  
Select from two options (*we recommend BOTH*):

- **Newsday Tuesday:** sent each Tuesday, these are a collection of city news articles, information and events.
- **General Notifications:** Updates on construction projects; media releases; sports registrations and events. Subscribe at [www.westonfl.org/EmailSubscriptions.aspx](http://www.westonfl.org/EmailSubscriptions.aspx).