



DEPUTY JOE SOLIS MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL RBI WORLD SERIES CHAMPION

When baseball fans hear the term RBI, they most often consider it to mean “runs batted in”. But not BSO Deputy Joe Solis, an RBI World Series Champion.

RBI stands for Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities, and the RBI program is a Major League Baseball youth initiative designed to provide opportunities for kids to play baseball and softball, encouraging excellence and achievement in education and teaching the value of teamwork and life lessons to youths ages 5 to 18, from underserved and urban communities.



Deputy Solis is an RBI alum and 1997 World Series Champion. He was recently interviewed on-camera by Major League Baseball Productions for a special segment in celebration of the upcoming 20th Anniversary of RBI. The special will feature three alumni, which includes Deputy Solis, highlighting life after baseball and what playing in the RBI can lead to.

Deputy Solis was in the program out of Miami which he says provided him the ability to participate in a baseball league at no cost, providing excellent equipment, fields and uniforms and afforded him the ability to travel which he would not otherwise have been able to do. Joe was a member of the team that traveled to Colorado that year for the World Series and came away with the championship. He was later drafted out of Broward Community College by the White Sox but made the decision to go into police work.

Joe mentioned that one of the other alumni that will be interviewed is now the Executive Chef at the White House. Well that individual may be cooking for the leaders of nations, but Deputy Solis is a veteran law enforcement officer providing protection for the Weston community and a role model to every child he comes into contact with. We congratulate Deputy Solis on his past *and* present accomplishments.





TAKE STEPS NOW TO BE PREPARED

GENERATOR SAFETY

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS – *A Continuing Series*

Generators are useful when temporary or remote electric power is needed, but they also can be extremely dangerous. Hazards include carbon monoxide poisoning from toxic engine exhaust, electric shock, electrocution, and fire.



Heed these important safety tips:

- When installing a permanent generator, be sure to obtain the necessary permits and have a licensed electrician do the installation.
- Use the generator according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Place portable generators outside in a well-ventilated area, NEVER inside a home including garages, basements or crawl spaces.
- You cannot see or smell carbon monoxide. If you start to feel sick, dizzy or weak while using a generator, get outside to fresh air immediately and call 9-1-1.
- Install battery-operated or plug-in carbon monoxide alarms with battery back-up in your home.
- Do not refuel a generator while it is running.
- Do not store fuel indoors.
- Do not connect a portable generator directly to your house because the power you generate may flow back into power lines and cause damage or injure power workers.

Prepare, stay safe and be ready for an emergency;
register for **CodeRED** to receive emergency notifications from the City of Weston.



**FREE EVENTS FOR CHILDREN
AT THE WESTON PUBLIC LIBRARY**



Stop by your Public Library this summer for these great FREE programs for children!

Thursday, June 28

Musical Puppet Show - 11:00am-12:00pm
Ages: Infant – 5 years old (with caregiver)

Saturday, June 30 and Saturday, July 28

Movie Based on a Book – 2:00pm-4:00pm
Ages: All ages (with parent or guardian)
See a great movie and check out the book!

Thursday, July 5 and Thursday, July 19

Sing Our Way to Spanish – 11:00am-12:00pm
Ages: Infant – 5 years old (with caregiver)

Thursday, July 12

Fire Safety – 11:00am-12:00pm
Ages: Infant – 5 years old (with caregiver)

Friday, July 20

Wags & Tales – 3:00pm-4:00pm
Ages: 5 – 12 years old (with parent or guardian)
Children read to an Animal Assisted Therapy Dog

Saturday, July 21

Midnight Magic Show – 11:00am – 12:00pm
Ages: All Ages (with parent or guardian)

Thursday, July 26

Yoga for Children – 11:00am – 12:00pm
Ages: Infant – 5 years old (with caregiver)



Weston Public Library:
4205 Bonaventure Blvd.
954-389-2098
www.broward.org/Library

Hours:
Monday-Wednesday
10am to 8pm
Thursday- Saturday
10am to 6pm
Sunday: Closed





Christmas In July Seeks New Clothing Items for Homeless Children



Donation priorities for the County's homeless children, ages infant to 18, include new socks, shoes and underwear for boys or girls, to be presented at the annual *Christmas In July* Event coordinated by Kiwanis Divisions 23 and 24 and Broward County. The event brings over 1,000 area homeless children together to enjoy a day away from the harsh reality of being homeless.

Collection boxes will be at all Broward County libraries including the Weston Branch Library, county governmental buildings, courthouses and additional locations.

For all donation box locations, visit the [Christmas In July website](#).

The donation drive continues through July 6.

How children are selected

Each county homeless shelter or facility is contacted repeatedly to provide the name, age, gender, underwear size, clothing size, and shoe size of every single homeless child, so that the gift packages can be personalized for each child. It takes the planning committee about seven to eight months to prepare adequately for this event. Preparation includes working closely with shelters and facilities, seeking sponsorships and donations from local organizations and businesses (whether monetary or in-kind), locating a packing facility, shopping for the items, storing the goods in a central location, preparing labels with the children's names and relevant information, packing the personalized bags, transporting them to the facility, and arranging for entertainment and food for the event day. **The children only receive new items.** Santa and his helpers are on site to distribute the gifts to the children. On the event day, at the very end, families can also obtain additional items for the children in a specified grab bag area.



The 2011 event: This was a day of food, fun, and gift giving and the children were provided with new underwear, clothing, shoes, toys, games, book bags, toileteries, and school supplies. The book bags filled with supplies were sent back to the facilities for the children who were unable to attend. Additionally, Broward County Health Department coupons for free immunizations and vaccinations were provided to all kids at the event.

<http://www.christmasinjulync.com/>



BROWARD COUNTY'S ANIMAL CARE CENTER NEEDS YOUR HELP

Special Volunteers Needed!

Broward County's Animal Care and Adoption is looking for volunteers to help them win the ASPCA \$100K Challenge, which begins August 1 through October 31. Volunteers will assist with events and activities at the animal shelters and off-site locations. The Shelter that save the most dogs, cats, puppies and kittens (beyond the 300 animals they already saved to qualify to compete) receives a \$100K Grant.



What is the \$100K Challenge?

The ASPCA launched a national competition in 2010 to inspire animal shelters—and those who support them—to go above and beyond to save more animals. Broward County's Animal Care is one of the 50 finalists in this competition.

The goal was to help shelters to find new ways to increase pet adoption, reunite lost pets with their families and decrease euthanasia rates nationwide. Sadly, five to seven million companion animals enter animal shelters every year, and roughly three to four million are euthanized due to a lack of space or resources.



The Challenge seeks to make a real dent in those numbers. The first year, it was a hit: Shelters engaged in a little friendly rivalry and saved thousands of animals along the way. ASPCA repeated it all over again in 2011, and this year, for the third year in a row, the Challenge is back, bigger and better than ever. For more information on the Challenge, please visit <http://challenge.aspcapro.org>.

If you are interested in helping, please visit www.broward.org/Animal or contact the volunteer coordinator at the Animal Care and Adoption Center at 954-359-1313 ext. 9239.



June 26, 2012

FLORIDA DRIVER LICENSE & ID CARD INFO

"COMMUNITY UPDATE / INFORME COMUNITARIO"



The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) is continuing its effort to inform customers about motorist services and highway safety issues. The DHSMV has "Community Update/Informe Comunitario" versions in English and Spanish.

Florida residents are encouraged to learn about the outreach initiative by visiting www.GatherGoGet.com in English, www.ReunaVengaObtenga.com in Spanish, or www.RasanbleAlePran.com in Creole.

The State of Florida is issuing REAL ID compliant driver licenses and identifications and you should be aware of the documentation requirements in place, in order to prevent having to return with additional documentation.

The links above are the best source of personalized information regarding what documents to bring to a DHSMV office when renewing or replacing a driver license or identification card.

The screenshot shows the GatherGoGet website interface. At the top, there are navigation links for 'Checklist', 'Document Help', 'Office Locations', 'Renew Online', 'FAQs', and 'News'. The main heading is 'Starting Jan 1, 2010: NEW DRIVER LICENSE & ID CARD REQUIREMENTS'. The page is divided into two columns. The left column contains text about documentation requirements for renewing or obtaining a new license, including a list of documents to bring and a note about online renewal. The right column is a form titled 'If you need to come in...' with fields for 'Citizenship', 'Date of Birth', 'Current license/ID Expires On', and 'County or Zip'. There are also checkboxes for 'Have you legally changed your name due to marriage or a court order?' and a 'START' button.



CONSUMER COMPLAINT DATABASE

Have you ever wanted to be able to complain about a mortgage, credit card, bank or loan service? Well the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau just made it easy to do.

Submit a complaint



The newly launched site at <http://www.consumerfinance.gov/complaint/> allows you to easily submit a complaint regarding a mortgage, credit card, bank account or service, vehicle loan or consumer loan and student loans.

Their Consumer Complaint Database website will post grievances against credit card companies, without releasing information about the consumer who lodged the complaint) and will in the future include the complaints regarding mortgages and student loans: <http://www.consumerfinance.gov/complaintdatabase/>

The thought process behind posting the grievances is to improve transparency and efficiency.



FREE STORIES OF THE WEEK

We are always scouting for free, educational activities, events or programs to put out to our residents and here is a great one for reading enthusiasts. A free **Story of the Week** sent straight to your email every Monday from the Library of the America.



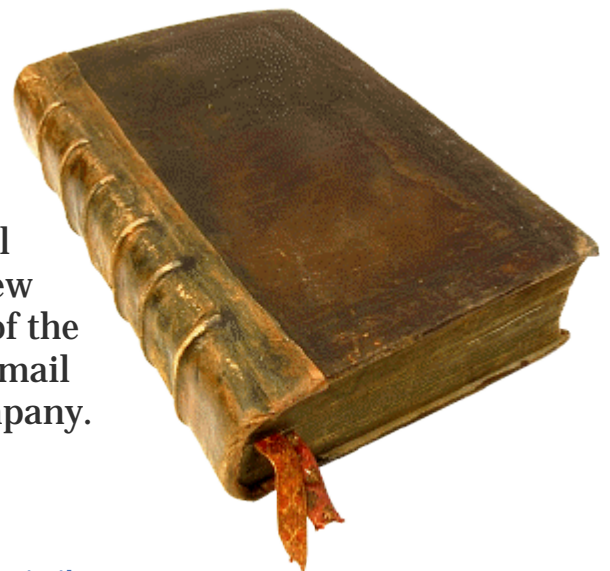
Every Monday, The Library of America will feature a free Story of the Week. It could be anything: a short work of fiction, a character sketch, an essay, a journalist's dispatch, a poem. What is certain is that it will be memorable, because every story is from one of the hundreds of classic books of American literature published by The Library of America.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE - Water Meter Replacements in Heritage Lake, Stanton Lake, and Carrington Lake. Water meters in residential communities in the Indian Trace portions of Weston are being systematically replaced. For additional information:
http://www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/2012_Residential_Water_Meter_Replacement.pdf

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES CLOSED

Wednesday, July 4, 2012

All City Administrative offices will be closed for the Independence Day holiday.

All City parks will close at 6:00PM.

There will be regular garbage collection and recycling services.



JULY 4th EVENTS

Wednesday, July 4, 2012

7:00AM – 5K RUN/Walk: On Wednesday, July 4th the morning festivities kick off with a **5K Run/Walk**, sponsored by the City of Weston and Broward Health Weston, beginning at 7 a.m. at Weston Town Center. Registration: www.splitsecondtiming.com

10:30AM – PARADE: Join us later that morning for the **City of Weston 4th of July Hometown Parade!** **Grand Marshal(s):** ***This year the Grand Marshals will be picked from the crowd!*** At approximately 10AM, staff will be scanning the crowd for a family or group of up to 6 people who are showcasing the spirit of holiday in how they are dressed or made up. We also suggest a sign or poster stating "pick me" or "I want to be a Grand Marshal" so we know you are interested. Those selected will ride on the Grand Marshal float.

The Parade begins promptly at 10:30 am at the corner of Town Center Blvd. and Three Village Road, continuing east on Three Village Road to Bonaventure Blvd. heading south briefly to Bell Tower Lane, and winding through Town Center to the heart of Main Street.

24-HOUR CLOSURE OF I-595 AT UNIVERSITY DRIVE – EAST & WEST BOUND

11:30 p.m. Saturday, July 14 until 11:30 p.m. Sunday, July 15. Closures include:

Eastbound I-595 lanes will be detoured to eastbound SR 84 prior to University Drive for the 24 hour period.

The ramp from southbound University Drive to eastbound I-595.

Northbound and southbound University Drive at I-595.

Westbound SR 84 from SR 7/ US 441 to Pine Island Road (no access to Florida's Turnpike).

Westbound I-595 from University Drive to Pine Island Road.

Eastbound I-595 on-ramps from Weston Road to University Drive.

Florida's Turnpike to westbound I-595 and westbound SR 84 will be closed.

SR 7 / US 441 to westbound I-595 and westbound SR 84 will be closed.



QUARTERLY RESIDENTIAL BULK PICKUP

Wed., July 25, Thur., July 26, Fri., July 27. Multi-Family: *Sat, July 28TH, 2012
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). *Occasionally bulk trash is not collected on its regularly scheduled collection day due to heavy volume, if this occurs it will be collected the following day.* For more information, call Weston Public Services at 954-385-2600.

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 even 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...

Don't forget pet shelters, many are in need of sheets and towels on a regular basis.



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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