



YOU CAN NEVER BE TOO PREPARED SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

National Preparedness Month is an annual observance sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security to help educate communities on steps to take in case of a natural disaster or national emergency. National Preparedness Month was launched nine years ago, in the aftermath of September 11th.

September is also the height of hurricane season and residents in South Florida know better than anyone, some type of storm is inevitable during this time of year. The City of Weston offers beneficial services to keep you and your family safe in any situation.

ENROLL IN CodeRED

The City of Weston utilizes the **CodeRED** emergency Notification System – an high speed telephone communication service for emergency notifications. This system allows us to send critical communications, to all or targeted areas within the City. This system is capable of dialing the entire City within minutes. You can even opt-in for text message and/or email alerts as well!

The number calling will display 866-419-5000. Your contact information remains private and will only be used for critical communications.

Registration is EASY!

<http://www.westonfl.org/Residents/Hurricane/CodeRed.aspx>

Create Your Personal Emergency Preparedness Plan



ReadyTown is a simple and fun, step-by-step tool to assist you in making an emergency plan – its perfect for everyone! Get started now – simply click on the ReadyTown logo and create an emergency plan best suited for you!

<http://www.westonfl.org/Residents/Hurricane/ReadyTown.aspx>



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NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH SKYWARN STORM SPOTTERS TRAINING

Saturday, September 22nd

As part of National Preparedness Month in September, Broward Emergency Management Division will host a training for SKYWARN Storm Spotters on Saturday, September 22nd, at the Broward County Emergency Operations Center, 201 NW 84 Avenue, Plantation, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Become a SKYWARN weather spotter and be part of a nationwide volunteer network, which reports observations of significant weather and damage resulting from severe weather to the National Weather Service. The National Weather Service then sends alerts to the public via television, radio, marine and weather radios, public safety agencies and other information sources that severe weather is approaching or has been sighted.



Since the National Weather Service instituted the SKYWARN program, there has been a significant decrease in death rates due to tornadoes and other severe weather. SKYWARN classes are ideal for Community Emergency Response Team volunteers, amateur radio operators, Red Cross volunteers, firefighters, students or anyone who is interested and wants to serve.

SKYWARN Spotter Eligibility Requirements:

- Minimum 14 years of age (responsible and accompanied by an adult)
- Able to observe the weather (though no instruments are required)
- Have access to a telephone or cell phone to call in reports, though reports are accepted through email and the amateur radio network

The class is intended for those interested in becoming a Storm Spotter or those who are spotters and want to sharpen their skills. Training is required in order to be a Storm Spotter.

Registration is required by phone or email. Space is limited; only 60 seats are available on a first come, first served basis. Deadline to register is September 19. To register, call 954-249-5343 or email: n4hhp@comcast.net.



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SEPTEMBER 11TH REMEMBRANCE

The City of Weston joins our country in honoring and remembering the victims, their families, first responders and rescue and recovery workers, the soldiers who have taken up arms to defend our freedom and safety and the volunteers who contributed their efforts in the aftermath of 9/11.



BROWARD SHERIFF'S OFFICE CEREMONY:

Join Sheriff Al Lamberti in honoring the brave men and women who lost their lives or were injured during the September 11th attacks. The event is open to the public and will take place at the Ron Cochran Public Safety Building (2601 W. Broward Blvd., Fort Lauderdale) at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 11th. It is important to continue the tradition of honoring the fallen heroes, innocent victims and the loved ones left behind. For more information on the event, please visit www.sheriff.org.

WE WILL NEVER FORGET

5th Annual Patriot Day CEREMONY

Join **Sheriff Al Lamberti** and the men and women of the Broward Sheriff's Office as we pay tribute to those who lost their lives on September 11th.

Special Guest Speaker:
Brigadier General **Linda R. Urrutia-Varhall**

When: 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 11th
Where: Ron Cochran Public Safety Building
2601 West Broward Blvd.
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

The ceremony will be followed by an unveiling of the Broward Sheriff Fire Rescue Memorial Wall in the lobby of our building.



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BUILDBOTS ROBOTICS ACADEMY Part of the Weston Community Center Fall Class Schedule



Explore the magic of **Lego® Robotics** and apply your knowledge to design, build and program robots that can solve the most amazing challenges. The Buildbots program combines creativity, design, logic, teamwork, scalability and problem solving skills, the main building blocks for an exciting future in tomorrow's high-tech world.

The class provides a step-by-step progression from beginner to advanced levels, accommodating individual abilities. With the aid of Lego®'s programmable bricks along with sensors, motors and more, children can create robots limited only by their imagination.



Class Details:

Where: Weston Community Center
Dates: Runs Weekly
Days/Times: Tuesday 4:30pm – 6:30pm
Friday 5:30pm – 7:30pm
Ages: Boys and Girls ages 7-14
Cost: \$30 per class
More Info: Please visit www.buildbots.com

For information on other Weston Community Center classes, please visit www.westonfl.org/Departments/ParksAndRecreation/ParksAndRecreationHome.aspx or contact the Weston Community Center at 954-389-4321.



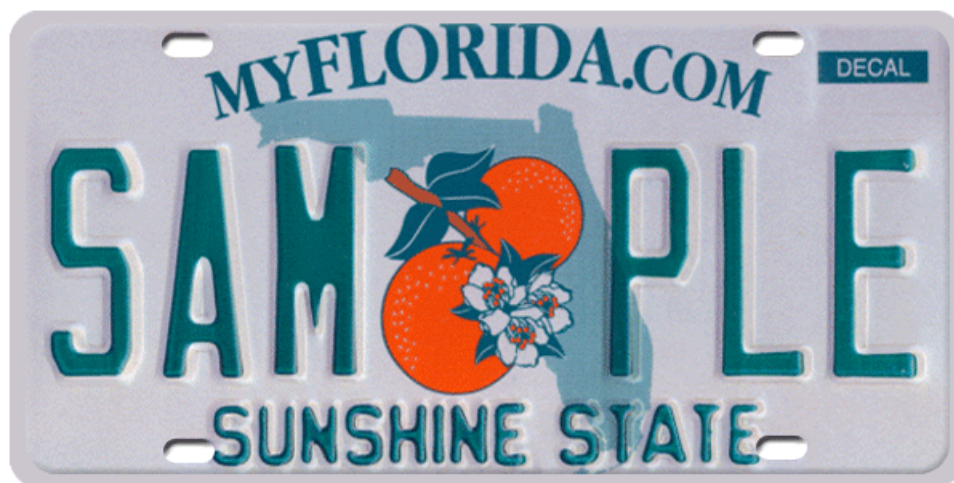
TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF MOTOR VEHICLE AGENCIES September 7th – 9th

All of Broward County's [motor vehicle registration agencies](#), including the private auto tag offices, will be closing at 4:30 p.m. Friday, September 7, and will resume business at 9 a.m. Monday, September 10.

The closure is to allow the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) Department to consolidate online data services to one location in Tallahassee. This closure also affects the state's online renewal option, [GoRenew.com](#) and Broward County's auto tag agencies that are open on Saturday, September 8.

While the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles plans to have the systems operational by 9 a.m. September 10, it is possible some services will not be restored at that time, which can affect business operations in the Broward County's tax collector's office. **Broward County customers who are aware that their license plate will expire on or before September 7, should visit an office or [GoRenew.com](#) before 4:30 p.m. September 7.**

As an agent of the DHSMV, Broward County Records, Taxes and Treasury Division issues state motor vehicle license plates and parking placards, and processes applications for titles on automobile, trucks, mobile homes and boats. Visit [broward.org/RecordsTaxesTreasury](#) for details.





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HOMWORK HELP TIPS FOR A GREAT SCHOOL YEAR

The word "homework" usually evokes feelings of dread for both students and parents. A lot of times, the process of doing homework involves parents yelling at kids to "Get your homework done!", and kids finding anything and everything else they can do rather than the homework. When they finally do sit down to do it, there is a lot of whining that takes place, and parents are too busy doing other things to sit down with their kids and make sure the homework gets done correctly.

Why not turn homework time into a time of bonding with your child that makes the experience more pleasant for everyone? Here's a good way...

Have a set time that homework occurs everyday. It could be before dinner, after dinner, before bath-whatever works for your family. Try not to make it as soon as they get home from school. They've been in school all day. They need a break!

Do homework in the same location every day. Make sure it is as free from distractions as possible (not in front of the TV!). A table or desk is best. It gives them room to spread out and work. It also provides a level of comfort because that is the way they are used to working at school.



Give the kids a five-minute warning that homework time is about to begin. Use this time to check out the homework before the kids do. Make sure you have the supplies they will need available before you have the child sit down to begin. It's a good idea to keep a "homework box" that holds common supplies needed for homework.

When it's time to begin, have the child(ren) sit down and explain what they are expected to do. As they do the work, make sure you are available to answer questions. When they are done, check over their work and make sure it's complete. Have them put supplies back in the "homework box" and homework in their backpacks, ready to take back to school.

The key to a pleasant homework experience is an involved parent! Visit Broward County's School Board website for more information:

<http://beep.browardschools.com/ssoPortal/Students/research.htm>.



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 27TH ANNUAL COASTAL CLEANUP IN BROWARD COUNTY

Saturday, September 15th

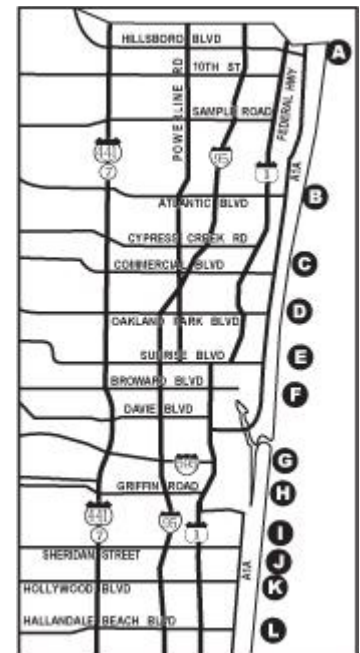


Join your Broward County neighbors and help protect Florida's oceans. Volunteers are needed from throughout Broward County to participate in the Annual International Coastal Cleanup, sponsored by the [Ocean Conservancy](#) and coordinated by Broward County Natural Resources Planning and Management.

This year's event will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, September 15.

Participants can sign up on the event day at any of the 13 cleanup locations throughout the County: Deerfield Island Park, Deerfield Beach, Pompano Beach, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Fort Lauderdale Earl Lifshey Park, Hugh Taylor Birch State Park, Fort Lauderdale South Beach Park, John U. Lloyd State Park, Dania Beach, Hollywood North Beach Park, Hollywood Beach Central at Oceanwalk Mall, Hollywood Beach South at Keating Park and Hallandale Beach.

All volunteers can register at signuptocleanup.org. Last year, 2,344 volunteers collected 4,545 pounds of garbage in Broward County during the cleanup. Worldwide almost 600,000 volunteers collected more than 9 million pounds of litter and marine debris from the shores, lakes and rivers in 36 countries.



The International Coastal Cleanup is the first step in year-round efforts to finding solutions for the problem of marine debris, which damages sensitive coastal habitats and kills thousands of wildlife and fish each year. Cleanup volunteers also assist by collecting information on found items and providing them to the Ocean Conservancy which educates the public about the debris problem and possible solutions.

For additional information and site map, visit the [Coastal Cleanup website](#) or call 954-519-1270.



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BECOME A VIP AT BROWARD COUNTY PARKS "Volunteers Improving Parks"



Everybody knows VIP stands for "very important person." At Broward County Parks and Recreation Division, volunteers have always been exceptionally important people, and with that in mind they have introduced the **Volunteers Improving Parks** program.

The mission: To increase community involvement with Broward County Parks by providing a variety of volunteer opportunities for individuals, corporations, and organizations in order to assist in the beautification, maintenance, and programming of the County's park system.



The VIP Program offers short-term and long-term opportunities for individuals, families, students, corporations, and groups both large and small to share their time and talents with the community. For many projects, no experience is required – they will provide the necessary training and assistance to accompany any opportunity chosen, along with any special equipment needed.

The first step is to find a project that's in line with your talents and interests and the amount of time you're willing to commit.

Potential volunteers may download the [volunteer application](#) and bring the completed forms to the park where you would like to volunteer. If you prefer, you may pick up an application at the park. Those who are volunteering for a special event or a workday should download and fill out the [Workday Volunteer application](#) prior to your arrival at the park.

For additional information, contact the Parks and Recreation Division's Volunteer Coordinator at 954-357-8153, stop by your local park or visit <http://www.broward.org/PARKS/GETINVOLVED/Pages/Volunteers.aspx>.



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FALL ADULT AND YOUTH CLASSES AT THE LIBRARY



Weston Branch Library
954-389-2098

September
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Programs

Adult Services Programs

Literacy programs - Call: Janine Rodrigues - Ext. 247

- Mondays* English Café, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
- Tuesdays* Citizenship Studies, 6 - 7:30 pm
- Wednesdays* English Café, 6 - 7:30 pm
- Thursdays* Spanish Café, Intermediate, 10:30 am - 12 pm
- Fridays* English Café, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
Spanish Café, Advanced, 10:30 am - 12 pm

Book Club in a Bag – Ongoing, Call: Linda Abraham - Ext. 249

Book Clubs

September 12 6:30 – 7:30 pm - Call: Priya Anand - Ext. 245
Book Discussion: *Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern

For more information on these and more classes, please contact the Weston Branch Library
4205 Bonaventure Blvd. Weston, FL
954-389-2098
www.broward.org.

Youth Services Programs – Ext. 253

- Sept. 6 - Family Storytime, Ages 0 - 5, 11 to 11:30 am*
- Sept. 10 - Anime Club, Ages 13 - 18, 3:30 - 5:30 pm*
- Sept. 13 - Family Storytime, Ages 0 - 5, 11 to 11:30 am*
- Sept. 20 - Family Storytime, Ages 0-5, 11 to 11:30 am*
- Sept. 2 - Wags & Tales*, Ages 5 - 12, 3 to 4 pm*
- Sept. 22 - Movie Based on a Book, (children w/parents), 2 pm*
- Sept. 27 - Yoga for Children, Ages 0 - 5, 11 to 11:30 am*
- Sept. 29 - Musical Puppet Show:*
Mr. Brian and the Boppets, All ages, **11 am**

** Pre-register at Youth Services Desk*



UPCOMING EVENTS/PROGRAMS

WATER METER REPLACEMENTS: Mallard Landing community

Water meters in residential communities are being systematically replaced. For more information: www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/2012_Residential_Water_Meter_Replacement.pdf



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CITY COMMISSION MEETING/BUDGET HEARING

Wednesday, September 12, 2012 – 7:00PM

The first monthly meeting of the City Commission, usually the first Monday of the month is moved to Wednesday, September 12th as this meeting is also the first Budget Hearing and the date must be coordinated with the Broward County School Board and Broward County Commission budget hearings in accordance with Florida Statutes.

The meeting is in the Weston City Hall, 17200 Royal Palm Blvd., Weston.



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- **General Notifications:** Updates on construction projects; media releases; sports registrations and events. Subscribe at www.westonfl.org/EmailSubscriptions.aspx.



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.



CPR SAFE COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

BSO Weston Fire Rescue – This program offers FREE CPR classes to residents, organizations and businesses and their employees. Convenient weeknight and weekend CPR classes are offered as well as training right at your own location at a time convenient for you (min. 8 persons). **Call 954-389-2015** today.