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SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS WEEK MARCH 3rd THROUGH MARCH 9th



Be a Force of Nature this year with National Severe Weather Preparedness Week, March 3-9, 2013. During this week, NOAA and [FEMA](#) are highlighting the importance of planning and practicing how and where to take shelter before severe weather strikes. Being prepared to act quickly can be a matter of life and death. During this week we are asking our employees and members of the community to *Be a Force of Nature* and better prepare for severe weather threats in our area.

Sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Severe Weather Preparedness Week is a nationwide effort to increase awareness of severe weather and to motivate individuals, families, businesses, and communities to take actions that will prepare them in the event of severe weather.

Each year, individuals are killed or seriously injured by tornadoes and other types of severe weather, despite advance warning. In 2012, there were more than 450 weather-related fatalities and nearly 2,600 injuries. Severe weather knows no boundaries and affects every individual.

Know Your Risk: The first step to becoming weather-ready is to understand the type of hazardous weather that can affect where you live and work, and how the weather could impact you and your family. Every state in the United States has experienced tornadoes and severe weather, so everyone is exposed to some degree of risk.

Pledge and Take Action: Be a Force of Nature by taking the ***Pledge to Prepare*** at www.ready.gov/severe-weather. When you pledge to prepare, you will take the first step to making sure that you and your family are prepared for severe weather. This includes filling out your family communications plan that you can email to yourself, putting an emergency kit together, keeping important papers and valuables in a safe place, and getting involved.

Obtain a NOAA Weather Radio, and check to see if your cell phone is equipped to receive Wireless Emergency Alerts and sign up for localized alerts from emergency management officials. Subscribe to receive alerts at <http://www.weather.gov/subscribe>.

More information and ideas on how you can *Be a Force of Nature* can be found at www.ready.gov/severe-weather.



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BROWARD COUNTY 11TH ANNUAL WATER MATTERS DAY ON SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH Preserve. Protect. Conserve.

"Preserve. Protect. Conserve." is the theme of the **11th Annual Broward Water Matters Day** event to be celebrated on **Saturday, March 9 at Tree Tops Park in Davie.**

Water Matters Day is Broward County's signature water conservation event where residents can learn about local and regional water resources, how water is managed and how Broward County is planning for future water needs.

Residents will receive tips on water conservation, find out about rebates and incentives for upgrading to water-conserving devices and learn how to create "Florida friendly" and drought tolerant landscapes.

Activities include face painting, crafts and a bounce house for children; rain barrel workshops; the music of environmental folk singer Grant Livingston; and a variety of giveaways and raffles. One lucky person will win an irrigation system upgrade (installation not included) courtesy of Rainbird. **Activities will begin at 9 a.m. and run through 3 p.m.**

Admission to Water Matters Day is free, but the park's weekend and holiday admission fee of \$1.50 per person will be in effect. Children five and under are free. **Tree Tops Park is located at 3900 S.W. 100th Ave. in Davie.**



For more information on Water Matters Day or water conservation, visit www.broward.org/watermatters.

11th Annual Broward Water Matters Day

Preserve
Protect
Conserve

Saturday, March 9, 2013
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Tree Tops Park
3900 SW 100th Ave., Davie

Highlights
Interactive educational displays/booths
Water conservation tips
Landscaping for water savings
Eco-friendly ideas
Musical entertainment

Children's Activities
Clowns and face painting
Children's crafts
and more!

Giveaways
Free plants and trees (2 per family)
Free rain gauges
Educational materials

Park Admission \$1.50 FREE for children 5 & Under
For more information, call 954-519-1270
or visit broward.org/watermatters



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BROWARD EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION HOSTS SKYWARN STORM SPOTTERS TRAINING SATURDAY, MARCH 9th

Volunteers help the National Weather Service alert residents to local weather emergencies

The Broward County Emergency Management Division is sponsoring a SKYWARN Storm Spotters training class to be hosted by the City of Sunrise on Saturday, March 9th from 10:00am - 2:30pm at the Public Safety Building, 10440 West Oakland Park Blvd. in Sunrise.



[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 with the information provided by the volunteers.

Classes for beginners and advanced Storm Spotters will be taught in a combined class by a meteorologist with the National Weather Service. **Pre-registration by Thursday, March 7, is required** as only 60 seats are available. The class is scheduled from 10:00am to 2:30pm. Attendees must be at least 14 years old and those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Attendees need to make their own lunch arrangements.

To pre-register, please call Robin Terrell, Broward County Skywarn Coordinator, at 954-249-5343 or email n4hhp@comcast.net. Registration is required by phone or email. Space is limited; only 60 seats are available on a first come, first served basis.

For more information about Skywarn, please visit
www.qsl.net/broward/weatherindex.



BROWARD COUNTY Bike Month

Saturday, March 9th

Mountain Bike Trail Maintenance Day

Quiet Waters Park (Deerfield Beach)

For ages 13 and up



Cost: Free (Parks Entrance Fee- \$1.50 per person will be in effect)

- The park's mountain bike trails will be cleaned up by volunteers. Participants must be registered park volunteers and present a valid photo ID.
- Volunteer applications are available at the park or at www.broward.org/parks/getinvolved/pages/volunteers.aspx.

Sunday, March 10th

Markham Park 100 Race

Markham Park (Sunrise)

For adults

Race begins at 9AM



Cost: \$25 per adult. (Parks Entrance Fee- \$1.50 per person will be in effect)

- Mountain bike trails and road races. Pre-registration required.
- To pre-register or for more information, visit www.markhamparktrailbuildingfund.org.



TIME CHANGE- SPRING AHEAD!


SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2013



Daylight Savings Time begins on the second Sunday in March at **2:00 am local time.**

On Sunday, March 10th turn your clocks ahead by one hour, **ideally at bedtime on Saturday night before.**

- Manually adjust any timepieces and timekeeping technological devices that do not automatically adjust.



The purpose of DST—also known as Summer Time—is to extend daylight by an hour in the afternoons during spring, summer, and much of the fall.

The return to Standard Time begins at 2:00 am local time on the first Sunday in November, which in 2013 is November 3. Turn clocks back by one hour, ideally at bedtime on the Saturday night before.

This is the perfect time to also test and replace batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors!





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WESTON FOREIGN FILM SERIES LAST SHOWING

Tell No One **Monday, March 11th**

The 7th Annual Weston Foreign Festival continues with its fifth and last film, ***Tell No One***. This year's lineup had comedy, tragedy, family life, mystery and satire.

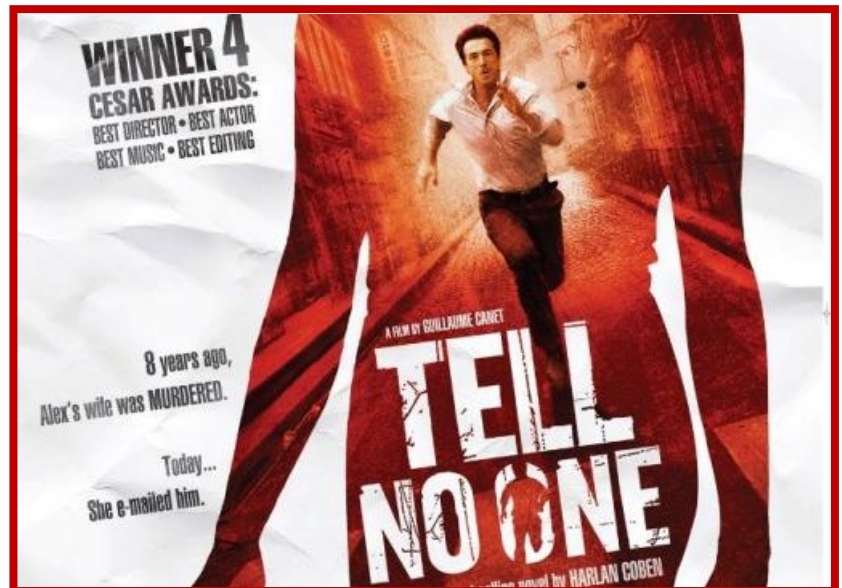
The pediatrician Alexandre Beck misses his wife who was brutally murdered 8 years ago when he was the prime suspect. When two bodies are found near where her body was dumped, police reopen the case and Alex again becomes suspect. The mystery increases when Alex receives an email showing his wife older and alive... This French film will be shown with English subtitles.

DATE: Monday, March 11th

TIMES: Two show times:
5:00 pm and 7:15 pm

LOCATION:
Weston 8 Cinemas
1338 SW 160th Avenue,
Sunrise

TICKETS: \$7 for Individual Tickets



Single tickets are available the day of the show. These may be purchased one hour prior to the movie at the Arts Council table, located inside the Weston 8 Cinema.

Please visit www.westonfl.org/Departments/ParksAndRecreation/ArtsCouncil.aspx for more information and enjoy the film.



WINTER STORM NAMES FIRST SEASON WINTER STORMS RECEIVE NAMES

For the first time in the U.S., severe winter storms are being named. The Weather Channel began the initiative in October for the 2012-2013 winter season.

While hurricanes and tropical storms have been given names since the 1940's, there was no national center such as the National Hurricane Center, to coordinate and communicate information about large winter storm events. The Weather Channel is the first national organization to do so and has the meteorological ability, support, technology and communication ability for the new naming system.

WINTER STORM CENTRAL		WINTER STORM NAMES 2012-2013	
ATHENA	HELEN	ORKO	VIRGIL
BRUTUS	IAGO	PLATO	WALDA
CAESAR	JOVE	Q	XERXES
DRACO	KHAN	ROCKY	YOGI
EUCLID	LUNA	SATURN	ZEUS
FREYR	MAGNUS	TRITON	
GANDOLF	NEMO	UKKO	

How The Names Were Selected

Senior meteorologists chose 26 names, one for each letter of the alphabet. The only criteria were that a name could not be on or have ever been on, any of the hurricane lists produced by the National Hurricane Center or National Weather Service.

Why

It raises awareness; is easier to follow a storm's progress; it takes on a personality which again enhances awareness; is easier to remember and refer to; and lastly, is much easier to reference in communications in all medias including social media.

What Storms Will Receive Names

Naming of a storm will occur no more than three days prior to a system that is expected to have a significant effect on large populations.

It is hoped that the naming of significant storms will raise public awareness and planning to mitigate its impact and inconvenience – very much in the same way that hurricane preparedness is stressed in South Florida.



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

Fostering a pet is a wonderful way to help a dog or cat in need of some extra loving care so they can eventually find a "forever home". Such pets include those with temporary medical needs, behavioral needs, or puppies and kittens who are too young to be placed in adoption. Broward County Animal Care is asking residents with time on their hands to consider fostering.

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 and click under the Program/Service link.

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.



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WESTON YMCA SPRING BASKETBALL BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 4 – 16 BEGINS APRIL 6TH

The Weston YMCA now has 3 options for basketball participants (ages 8 and up)!

Don't miss this fun, fast and exciting league!

- ✓ FULL Basketball Uniforms
- ✓ Learn knowledge and awareness of game
- ✓ Certified Official for Ages 8 and Up

Option 1: Non-Competitive (Ages 4-13)

- Player and Coach request available
- Teams will be created by YMCA staff
- No scores, standing or playoffs
- YMCA staff will officiate games

Option 2: Competitive (Ages 8-13)

- No Player or Coach request available
- Players must be evaluated
- Coaches will create teams through draft process
- Score, Standing and Playoffs
- Certified officials at games

Option 3: Division 6 (Ages 14-16)

- Can register as a team and individual players will be placed accordingly.



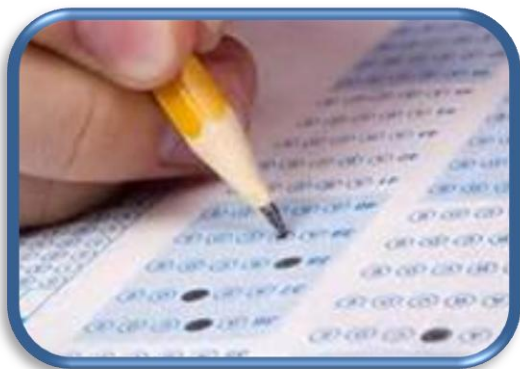
Regular Registration: \$135 Y Member; \$185 Regular
(March 4th – March 17th)

Season Dates: April 6th – June 8th

For more information, please contact the Weston YMCA Family Center at 954-424-9622, 20201 Saddle Club Road, Weston or visit www.ymcabroward.org.



WESTON COMMUNITY CENTER CLASSES SAT PREP COURSE FOR **JUNE 1st TEST**



The Weston Community Center offers SAT Preparatory Courses. The next session begins Sunday, April 7th or Thursday, April 11th and will prepare you for the **JUNE 1st 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!*

SPRING 2013 CLASS OFFERINGS FOR THE JUNE 1st TEST

SUNDAY MORNINGS: Begins April 7th for 8 weeks 10:30 am – 1:00 pm

THURSDAY EVENINGS: Begins April 11th for 8 weeks 7:15 pm – 9:45 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/PROGRAMS



SUPER CLINIC – Weston Tennis Center

Saturday, March 9th 9AM-11AM

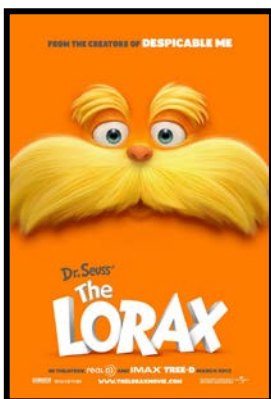
Intense, action-packed tennis. Refreshments included after tennis. \$25 fee for members, \$35 non-members. For registration or information, call 954-389-8666.



PUPPET SHOW: Jeremy's Jungle Adventure

Saturday, March 9th 1:30PM & 3:30PM

Free event for kids. In this original adventure, a young boy and his father embark on a jungle safari. Jeremy befriends a lion cub and they each learn something about prejudice as well as each other. *Best for children ages Pre-K-2nd grade.* **Location:** Weston Community Center, 20200 Saddle Club Rd.



MOONLIGHT MOVIE IN THE PARK – Free!

Saturday, March 9th 7:30PM

DR. SEUSS' THE LORAX

A 12-year old searches for the one thing that will enable him to win the affection of the girl of his dreams. To find it he must discover the story of the Lorax, the grumpy yet charming creature who fights to protect his world. **Location:** Event Stage next to the Community Center in the Weston Regional Park. Bring lawn chairs or blankets, then relax!



SPRING FORWARD! DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

Sunday, March 10th at 2:00AM

Clocks should be set ahead one hour at bedtime on Saturday night, March 9th.



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[Click on this page for additional pages of Events](#)



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CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, March 18th 7:00PM

A regular meeting of the Weston City Commission.

Location: Weston City Hall, 17200 Royal Palm Blvd.



WESTON ROYAL EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 30th 10:00AM sharp!

Egg Hunts for ages 10 and under. There will be over 20,000 candy-filled eggs! The Royal Bunny will be available for photos and bounce houses open after the egg hunts until 12 noon. **Location:** Weston Regional Park, baseball fields #1-4, 20200 Saddle Club Road.



9TH ANNUAL FREE CONCERT IN THE PARK

Saturday, March 30th 7:00PM

CHRISTOPHER CROSS & STARSHIP: Featuring Mickey Thomas

This year's concert is on track to be the biggest and best to date with performances by two iconic top #1 hit makers and their bands. This free, family friendly concert draws all ages, bring chairs or blankets and enjoy a fabulous show under the stars, right in your own hometown. **Location:** Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Road. Presented by the Rotary Club of Weston and the City of Weston. 954-389-4321



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Select from two options (*we recommend BOTH*):

- **Newsday Tuesday:** 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.



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.