



## POLO IN WESTON BIKE POLO THAT IS...

The World Hardcourt Bike Polo Championship came to Weston's Regional Park October 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> with 84 teams from across the world competing.

Bike polo has become increasingly popular in South Florida and across the globe; three person teams with a bike and a mallet, utilize roller-hockey rinks as their field of play.



The event was jam packed with participants and spectators, many captivated by a sport they were seeing for the first time.

For more information visit, <https://leagueofbikepolo.com/>.





# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PUBLIC HEARING - I-595 EXPRESS LANES THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup>



The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), will conduct a Public Hearing for tolling on the I-595 Express project on **Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 pm, at the Signature Grand, 6900 State Road 84, Davie.** The Public Hearing will begin as an open house at 5:30 pm with a formal presentation at 6:30 pm, followed by a public comment period.

**The public hearing is being conducted to give interested persons an opportunity to express their views regarding the tolling of the Express Lanes on I-595.**

Information about the tolling of the I-595 Express Lanes, including proposed rates and use, will be available for public review from October 1<sup>st</sup> to November 4<sup>th</sup>, during business hours. The information will be displayed at the FDOT I-595 Project Office located at 10368 State Road 84, Suite 203, Davie. This information will also be available at [www.i-595.com](http://www.i-595.com).

For more project information, visit [www.i-595.com](http://www.i-595.com). If you have questions about the project or scheduled hearing, please contact [Paul.Lampley@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Paul.Lampley@dot.state.fl.us).





October 22, 2013

## FIRE SAFETY MONTH WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

Fire Safety Month was a great success when Weston BSO Fire Rescue crews and the public educator presented to schools and small groups across Weston. Engine crews from Station 67 joined Life Safety Educator (LSE) Melanie Oren for "Kids in the Kitchen – Cooking Safety" and fire safety presentations at Gator Run Elementary and Eagle Point Elementary.



Eagle Point Elementary



Gator Run Elementary

Additionally, crews from Station 81 assisted LSE Oren with fire safety presentations for all of the students at St. Paul Child Enrichment Center and Lil' Rascals Academy.



St. Paul's Child Enrichment Ctr.



Lil' Rascals Academy

LSE Oren and the crew from Station 81 also hosted a fire station tour and participated in a community safety and fire safety Q & A from Weston's Girl Scout Troop. The girls' had a great time learning about the roles and responsibilities of firefighters and their positive impact on the community, while also touring the engine and rescue trucks, and topping off the

afternoon with an opportunity to spray water from the fire hose.



Girl Scouts

BSO Fire Rescue and LSE Oren look forward to continued opportunities to reach more young children and their families and educate them about fire safety. If you would like to schedule a visit from the BSO Fire Rescue Department, please call Melanie Oren at (954) 831-8210.



## SUCCESSFUL BROWARD COUNTY TOILET REBATE PROGRAM BEGINS ITS THIRD YEAR

Over the past two years, the Broward Water Partnership, a collaboration of local governments, has provided more than \$344,000 in rebates for replacing more than 3,700 outdated, water-guzzling toilets. Now, beginning its third year, many Broward County residents, including Weston, will once again have the opportunity to save money by replacing their old inefficient toilets with new high-efficiency models.

If your home was built prior to 1994, you might be eligible to participate and receive up to \$100 in rebates per toilet for the purchase and installation of up to two new water-saving models. The goal is to replace toilets that use more than 1.6 gallons of water per flush with a new, WaterSense® certified, high-efficiency model.

Broward County and 18 cities and water utilities have partnered to help residents obtain rebates and conserve water when they purchase a new, high-efficiency toilet. The Broward Water Partnership is offering rebates to qualified homeowners through its Conservation Pay\$ program.

Some residents will also be eligible to receive free low-flow faucet aerators and showerheads. The older the original fixture, the greater the potential water savings, as much as 70 – 90 percent, depending on the device.

The thousands of residents who have replaced their old toilets and installed other water saving devices have helped our community save more than 165 million gallons of water annually over the life of the program!

Commercial and multifamily properties, along with nonprofit organizations, are also eligible, with the total number of allowable rebates determined on a case-by-case basis. High efficiency pre-rinse spray valves are available for commercial kitchens. Each replacement can save up to 400,000 gallons per year, the equivalent of 27 residential swimming pools.

All participants must be pre-approved and [other restrictions apply](#). For more information, visit [ConservationPay\\$.com](http://ConservationPay$.com) or call 800-270-9794 for more information.





## HALLOWEEN Costume Safety

The right costume for your child can make all the difference for a fun and safe Halloween. Whether store bought or homemade, costumes should be cute, funny or scary, yet safe. Below are some ideas to hazard- proof your Halloween fun.



## HALLOWEEN Candy Safety

Kids are counting down the days until they get a "free pass" to eat all the candy they want! Some safety tips should be considered below allowing your child to consume any candy are below.

### COSTUME SAFETY:

- ✓ Only purchase costumes that are made of flame retardant material. If they are homemade, make sure fabrics used are flame resistant.
- ✓ Try to work reflector strips into the costume, a flash light or light stick to make them more visible at night.
- ✓ Make sure that the costume fits properly and is comfortable to avoid any accidents like tripping over a long dress or cape.
- ✓ If the children are carrying a prop such as a sword or wand, make sure they are made out of a flexible plastic that will bend if fallen on.
- ✓ Be sure to pre-test any makeup you plan to use a few days in advance.
- ✓ Choose or make the costume a unique one, so it can be spotted easily in a crowded area. Use flashing lights or jewelry to stand out.
- ✓ If the child is wearing a mask, make sure that it is comfortable, has adequate eye holes and proper ventilation.

### HANDING OUT CANDY:

- ✓ Give out candy that isn't easily unwrapped.
- ✓ Do not give out homemade or unwrapped treats.
- ✓ Avoid handing out candy that could be a choking hazard such as gum, hard candies or small toys to young children.
- ✓ Remember that some children have food allergies when handing out certain candies.

### WHEN CANDY GETS HOME:

- ✓ Instruct children not to open the candy until they get home.
- ✓ Inspect all candy for tampering and accept only wrapped and packaged candy.
- ✓ If you should find an object in the candy or anything unusual, contact the police department.

**Happy and Safe Trick-or-Treating!**



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## IT'S TIME TO PICK YOUR PUMPKIN! FIND A PUMPKIN PATCH NEAR YOU

Whether you're looking for the perfect pumpkin to carve or a location for a harvest-themed family photo shoot, there are bunches of pumpkin patches popping up around town. Some are up for the whole month of October, while others are only for a week. Be sure to call ahead before heading out to ensure the patch is open and stocked. Also note that many pumpkin patches only accept cash.

### Flamingo Road Nursery

1655 Flamingo Road  
Davie (954-476-7878)

### Fuller's Farmers Market

7250 Griffin Road  
Davie (954-583-5037)

### Pine Island Park Multipurpose Center

3801 S. Pine Island Road  
Davie (954-327-3941)

### New Horizon United

5741 S. Flamingo Road  
Southwest Ranches (954-434-7400)



### RECIPE FOR YUMMY ROASTED PUMPKIN SEEDS:



Once you bring home the perfect pumpkins, have fun and be safe carving your favorite faces. Be sure to save the pumpkin seeds and roast them for a great snack! All you need is a pinch of salt and 2 teaspoons of melted butter. Pre-heat your oven to 300 degrees. Toss the seeds in a bowl and mix in the melted butter and salt. Spread the seeds in a single layer on a baking sheet and bake for about 45 minutes or until golden brown; stir occasionally and....

# ENJOY!!!!!!



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## VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR BROWARD COUNTY PARKS' ECOACTION DAYS

Broward County Parks and Recreation Division announces its schedule of **EcoAction Days**, various Saturday volunteer workdays that teach participants about environmental stewardship while they help clear nature centers and natural areas of garbage and invasive plants that continually plague our environment.



Volunteers are asked to bring gloves, a hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, and have drinking water on hand as they tackle the weeds and trash accumulating in different areas of the county. Volunteer are required to wear closed-toe shoes, and long pants and sleeves are suggested. Preregistration is required, and all participants must fill out a workday form before participating. For volunteers under 18, parental signatures are required. Other dates and times can be arranged by contacting the site of your choice. Corporate and student groups are welcome. Participation can be used toward high school community service hours.



Please call the nature center of your choice for day and time details and to pre-register. Bring the signed work day [application](#) on the day you volunteer.

### WHERE:

- \* Anne Kolb Nature Center, 751 Sheridan St., Hollywood; 954-357-5161
- \* Deerfield Island Park, 1720 Deerfield Island, Deerfield Beach; 954-357-5100
- \* Fern Forest Nature Center, 201 Lyons Rd. South, Coconut Creek; 954-357-5198
- \* Long Key Nature Center, 3501 S.W. 130th Ave., Davie; 954-357-8797
- \* Miramar Pineland, 3600 S. University Dr., Miramar; 954-357-8776
- \* North Broward Natural Areas, 954-357-5100
- \* Quiet Waters Park, 401 S. Powerline Rd., Deerfield Beach; 954-357-5100
- \* Secret Woods Nature Center, 2701 W. State Rd. 84, Dania Beach; 954-357-8884
- \* Snake Warrior's Island Natural Area, 3601 S.W. 62nd Ave., Miramar; 954-357-8776



For more information, please visit  
[www.broward.org/Parks/GetInvolved/Pages/EcoActionDays.aspx](http://www.broward.org/Parks/GetInvolved/Pages/EcoActionDays.aspx).



## BROWARD EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION Hosts SKYWARN Storm Spotter Training

Broward County Emergency Management Division is sponsoring a SKYWARN Storm Spotter training class on:

**Date:** RE-SCHEDULED FOR Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>  
(Old Date, October 12<sup>th</sup>)

**Location:** Broward Emergency Operation Center (EOC)  
201 N.W. 84<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Plantation, FL

**Time:** 10AM-2:30PM



- This class is intended for those interested in becoming a Storm Spotter or current spotters who want to sharpen their skills.
- Interested participants must be at least 14 years old.
- **Pre-register by Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> by calling Robin Terrell (Broward County Skywarn Coordinator at 954-249-5343 or email [n4hhp@comcast.net](mailto:n4hhp@comcast.net).)**
- 50 seats are available and attendees under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Attendees need to make their own lunch arrangements.



Training is required in order to become a recognized Storm Spotter. SKYWARN classes are ideal for amateur radio operators, Red Cross volunteers, firefighters, students or anyone who is interested and wants to serve.

Classes for beginners and advanced Storm Spotters will be taught in a combined class by a meteorologist with the National Weather Service.

SKYWARN Storm Spotters are a nationwide network of volunteers who report 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.

**If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Broward County Emergency Management Division at 954-831-3909.**





## DID YOU KNOW THAT THERE ARE GREAT AUTUMN COLORS ABUNDANT IN FLORIDA?



Believe it or not, the Sunshine State serves up a spectrum of fall colors, if you know where to go. It comes as a surprise to many people that we have a glorious autumn with red maples trees, glowing goldenrod and crimson sourwood trees.

**Alexander Springs in Ocala National Forest** – Visit these amazing springs which are pools of crystal water surrounded by a flood-plain forest of colorful maples and sweetgum trees. Bicycle trails are abundant in the area and lined with fall scenes. Visit [www.fs.usda.gov](http://www.fs.usda.gov) and [www.visitflorida.com](http://www.visitflorida.com) for more information.



**Scenic Highways** – Travel on A1A for fantastic fall colors. The area of St. Augustine, Ponte Vedra and area

beaches have unique dunes that can be up to 20 feet high and sometimes covered with sea oats that have turned to a dazzling bronze color. In Northeast Florida, drive State Road 13, the Bartram Trail, starting in mid-to-late November. Live oak trees remain green, setting a backdrop for farm fields turned golden with wheat, corn and hay. Visit [www.floridascenichighways.com](http://www.floridascenichighways.com) for more information.

**Corn Mazes** - Corn mazes challenge you to get lost in a sea of stalks. Visit [www.pumpkinpatchesandmore.org](http://www.pumpkinpatchesandmore.org), where Florida fall farm events are listed by county including some of the most interesting mazes.



**Ravine Gardens State Park in Palatka** – This park's formal gardens and nature paths turn colorful in the fall. Laced with deep ravines, the craggy terrain is unusual for Florida. Visit [www.floridastateparks.org](http://www.floridastateparks.org).

**St. Augustine and the Historic Coast** – This area celebrates with seasonal menus based on local harvests from land and sea ([www.historiccoastflavors.com](http://www.historiccoastflavors.com)). The gardens at the Oldest House are still in bloom. Petunias and hurricane lilies bloom through October. Estuarine marshes turn golden in autumn, extending up the coast to Georgia's Golden Isles. Visit [www.floridashistoriccoast.com](http://www.floridashistoriccoast.com) for more information.



## **BROWARD HEALTH** **Healthcare Reform**

Broward Health's M.O.P.E.D (Medical Options for Patients Eligibility Department) program was established originally to assist patients with determining eligibility for health coverage assistance such as Medicaid or tax-funded assistance.

Broward Health is taking on a new role as an official Certified Application Counselor organization. The enrollment time period for health insurance purchased on the marketplace has begun. Approximately 65 new staff members called Certified Application Counselors or CACs are being added to Broward Health hospitals and Community Health Service locations to assist patients with information gathering and enrollment.

The goal of M.O.P.E.D is to improve access to medical care for those living within Broward Health service area, and is achieved by enrolling those that qualify into Medicaid and other financial assistance programs. The M.O.P.E.D Program offers the following support in eligibility processing for:

- Medicaid, including Medicaid PSN and Medicaid HMOs
- Florida KidCare, Healthy Kids
- Tax funds/Charity
- Grants
- Other State and Federally funded programs
- Application assistance for food stamps, utilities, discounted phone service, and temporary cash is also available for qualifying applicants

All paperwork and forms for application process are conveniently done in the M.O.P.E.D. office, which allows for faster processing. Patients are supervised by a staff member throughout the entire process and are required to bring their medical bills, personal forms, documents, and identification with them in order to complete the application process.



**For more information on the Healthcare Reform or MOPED program, please visit [www.BrowardHealth.org/Marketplace](http://www.BrowardHealth.org/Marketplace).**



## UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS



### **QUARTERLY RESIDENTIAL BULK PICKUP**

**Single Family:** Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> or Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Multi-Family:** \*Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>

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. *For more information, call 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.



### **CALLING ALL RUNNERS - Training for the big race**

**Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:00pm-9:00pm**

Free seminar providing information on how to train safely & effectively to achieve your personal best whether training for a marathon or 5K. BMI and Blood Pressure screenings before and after the program.

**Speakers:** Dr. Jesse Shaw, Dr. Lina Peterson, Physical Therapy and Lucette Talamas, R.D.

**Location:** Cypress Bay High School, 18600 Vista Park Blvd., Weston.

**Pre-registration required:** Free event and limited space. Call 954-837-1130.



### **PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FILING DATES-2013**

#### **Special sign-up dates within Weston**

No need to drive downtown. The Broward County Property Appraiser is providing dates for homeowner sign-up at two Weston locations for Homestead, Senior and other property tax exemptions. For information visit [www.bcpa.net](http://www.bcpa.net).

**Weston Community Center** 20200 Saddle Club Road 4:30PM – 6:00PM

Mondays: October 28 ■ November 25 ■ December 16

**Bonaventure Town Center Club** 16690 Saddle Club Road 4:30PM – 6:00PM

Tuesdays: November 5 ■ December 3 ■ January 7 ■ February 4

**Weston Branch Library** 4205 Bonaventure Blvd. 4:30PM – 6:00PM

Mondays: January 27 ■ February 24

**Documents required to file a Homestead Exemption:** A current Florida driver's license or Florida identification card, AND A current voter registration card or declaration of domicile (Non-US citizens must also provide proof of legal residency).



## TURN CLOCKS BACK

**Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> before going to bed**

The end of Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 3, 2013. This is an excellent time to change the batteries in any smoke alarms, smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.



## CITY COMMISSION MEETING

**Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm**

A regular meeting of the Weston City Commission.

**Location:** Weston City Hall, 17200 Royal Palm Blvd.



## MY AFTERNOONS WITH MARGUERITTE - France

**First Film in Foreign Film Series—Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**

220 pounds and 40 years separate the unhappy Germain who is illiterate, and the gentle Margueritte, who is passionate about reading.

**Location:** Weston 8 Cinema, 1338 SW 160 Ave, Sunrise

**Show Times:** 5:00PM & 7:15PM

**Tickets:** \$30 for series of 5, available thru November. 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Series tickets:** Weston Community Center, Community Bank of Broward and Friends Book Store in the Weston Library.

**Single tickets:** \$7 at the door if available or call 954-389-4321.



## MAGIC SHOW

**Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> 1:30PM & 3:00PM**

Don't miss this free family event! Coins, cards, ropes, scarves & rings... the magic happens right before your eyes!

*Suggested Age Level: Pre K – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade. Info: 954-389-4321*

**Location:** The Weston Community Center, 20200 Saddle Club Rd.



## FREE MOONLIGHT MOVIE IN THE PARK *The Croods*

**Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm**

This prehistoric adventure follows a family as they embark on the journey of a lifetime after their cave that shielded them from danger is destroyed.

**Location:** Event Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Road.

Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. 954-389-4321.

**Bring lawn chairs or blankets .the movie is on us!**



**HOLIDAY GIFT GIVING SUGGESTION.....***Concert tickets on sale now!*

**Fabulous upcoming symphony concert event:**

Saturday, February 8, 2014 – Symphony of the Americas – Celebrating Romance, A Concert. Performance is at 7:30PM at the Cypress Bay Theater. Advance tickets are on sale now at the Weston Community Center for just \$20. *Get your tickets early!*



**Mayor's Get Fit Challenge Cup Walk  
Elementary Students - Register Now! Sunday,  
December 8, 2013 – 9:00AM**

All Weston elementary students are invited to participate in a special 1-mile *Mayor's Challenge Cup Walk*. The "Mayor's Get Fit Challenge Cup" and a \$1500 check will be awarded to the school with the most participants (\$1000 to 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and \$500 to 3<sup>rd</sup>

place schools). **Register at school today** or visit [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org). *The Mayor's Challenge Walk takes place at the Weston Town Center during the Run For Tomorrow 1-Mile Family Health Walk.*



**Sunday, December 8, 2013 – 6:20AM**

**Rotary Run for Tomorrow  
Half Marathon & 5K Run/Walk**

This annual Half Marathon and 5K Run/Walk sponsored by the Rotary Club of Weston and co-sponsored by the City of Weston begins at 6:30AM at the Weston Town Center. Early

registration pricing. **Online Registration:** [www.westonrotary.com/run-for-tomorrow](http://www.westonrotary.com/run-for-tomorrow)



**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.



**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. Call **954-389-2015** to schedule this FREE service for our Weston residents.



## Notifications

### **WESTON DELIVERS THE LATEST NEWS DIRECTLY TO YOUR INBOX**

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](http://www.westonfl.org/EmailSubscriptions.aspx).



### **REGISTER FOR CodeRED TODAY**

**Hurricane Season began June 1<sup>st</sup> – be prepared!**

All residents and businesses should register with the City's Code**RED** Emergency Notification System. The

City will only send out a message on Code**RED** in an emergency situation or to update residents after an emergency. To register, please visit <http://www.westonfl.org/Residents/Hurricane/CodeRed.aspx>.