



## BSO WESTON ASKS ONLINE SELLERS TO MEET POTENTIAL BUYERS AT THE POLICE STATION

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Weston's Police Chief, Kevin Butler, said the City has experienced at least one case where a person was ripped off by a buyer when trying to sell something off Craigslist. The potential buyer met up with the seller and then snatched the item for sale from their hands and ran, police said.

Chief Butler said the premise is to conduct business in a relatively safe environment which would deter both sellers from ripping off potential customers and potential customers stealing from the sellers. The Police Department exchange is a growing trend nationwide.



Anyone who may have been a victim of an online sales scam may call Broward Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS or visit [www.browardcrimestoppers.org](http://www.browardcrimestoppers.org).

Weston Police Services Building is located at 17300 Royal Palm Boulevard. The parking lot is accessible 24 hours a day.





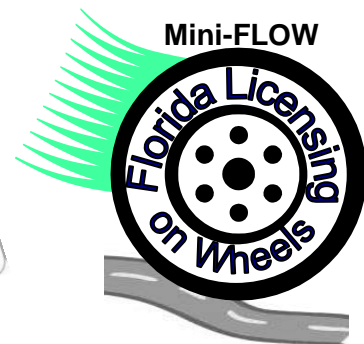
## DO YOU NEED TO RENEW OR REPLACE YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE, ID CARD OR VEHICLE REGISTRATION?

If so, the Department of Motorist Services Mini-FLOW (Florida Licensing on Wheels) will be at the Weston Community Center on **August 7<sup>th</sup>** and select dates in 2014 for your convenience.

*Out with the old,*



*In with the New!*



Take advantage of the services provided by the team of Community Outreach Specialists. Please visit [WWW.GATHERGOGET.COM](http://WWW.GATHERGOGET.COM) to learn about the License and ID Requirements.

The Mini-FLOW will be located at the Weston Community Center on the following dates:

**Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup>,**  
October 2<sup>nd</sup> and December 4<sup>th</sup>

**Between 9:30am and 2:30pm**  
Weston Community Center, 2020 Saddle Club Road, Weston

For more information, please visit <http://www.flhsmv.gov>.



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## HOME DAMAGE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM FROM BROWARD COUNTY

### HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS – A *Continuing Series*

**Don't let a slow hurricane season fool you!** Emergency officials are warning residents to stay prepared for before, during, and after a natural disaster such as a tornado, flooding or hurricane.

The new and improved Home Damage Assessment tool is designed to help first responders know where the hardest hit areas of the County are and who needs the most help.

If disaster strikes, residents are urged to wait until after the emergency passes, and once it's safe to go outside, to perform an assessment of their home and report any damaged property to the County.

The Home Damage Assessment tool is very EASY to use. All Broward County residents are encouraged to go online now to bookmark the new tool created for easy reporting following disasters.

Home damage can also be reported by calling Broward County Call Center at 311 or 954-831-4000.

Filing a report does not constitute a request for individual assistance, nor does it replace the normal grid-by-grid damage assessments performed by the County.

**The Home Damage Assessment tool can be found at  
<http://gis.broward.org/ReportHomeDamage>.**



## SUMMERTIME FIRE SAFETY PRESENTATIONS

### Fire Rescue and LSE Melanie Oren



As the summer is amongst us, the Broward County fire rescue crew from Engine 81, came together with Life Safety Educator Melanie Oren to conduct important summertime fire safety presentations for children of all ages.

The first presentation was held for the preschoolers at Bnai Aviv and the next was for the summer camp group at Midtown Athletic Club.

All the kids are given the opportunity to learn about fire safety, summertime safety tips including the dangers of extreme

outdoor temperatures, as well as learn and try on all the firefighter protective gear and equipment.

The children were also able to fully interact with the firefighters, ask questions, and tour the fire truck.



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.



## TAX FREE WEEKEND

### GET READY FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

### Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup> – Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>



Florida's tax free weekend will take place from August 1<sup>st</sup> – August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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:

- Clothing and footwear (\$100 or less)
- School supplies (\$15 or less)
- Personal computers and certain related accessories for personal use (\$750 or less)
- Books are not tax exempt

#### 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 to get ready for school!**



# COMMITMENT 2040 BROWARD COUNTY'S METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

The Long Range Transportation Plan for Broward



move people • create jobs • strengthen communities

**Commitment 2040** is an investment plan that allocates available federal, state and local funds to maintain and improve our transportation system over the next 26 years.

By federal law, the plan must be "financially feasible," meaning only revenues that can be reasonably expected, such as existing gas taxes, can be considered in funding the recommendations documented within **Commitment 2040**.

Beginning July 21<sup>st</sup>, a list of recommended projects will be made available to the public for review and input before the Broward County's MPO adopts Commitment 2040. Providing feedback on proposed transportation improvements will help shape the future for Broward County.

## New MPO Programs

**Commitment 2040** consolidates eligible classes of non-major capital projects into one (1) program with (4) primary classifications: **Complete Streets, Safety and Security, Sustainability Initiatives, and Technology Advancement**. This program is intended to "fast track" delivery of projects that typically qualify as categorical exclusions (CE) or 4(f) conditions under the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA). A periodic (annual or biannual) process will evaluate and fund these projects based on consistency with the plan's goals and objectives.

**Enabling Legislation:** 23 USC § 134 (j)(3)(B)(ii) and 23 USC § 134 (i)

**Funding Source(s):** Approximately \$571.6 million (\$27.2 million/yearly) of discretionary Federal and State funds allocated to the Broward MPO.

### Examples of Candidate Projects

- Complete Streets: Bicycle, pedestrian, transit facilities and amenities, etc.
- Safety and Security: Education, traffic calming, safe routes to schools, etc.
- Sustainability Initiatives: Mobility hubs, greenways, quiet zones, etc.
- Technology Advancement: Signalization, Transit Signal Priority (TSP), etc.

**Match Requirement:** None

**Eligible Uses:** Planning, design, right-of-way, construction

**Eligible Recipients:** Local governments, regional transportation authorities, transit agencies, natural resource or public land agencies, school districts, local education agencies, schools and tribal governments

To view these projects and provide comments, please visit and click the **Investment Priorities** button on [www.commitment2040.org](http://www.commitment2040.org).



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## FREE BACK TO SCHOOL IMMUNIZATIONS

# Florida Department of Health in BROWARD COUNTY

# FREE

## Back to School Immunizations

### Broward County Public Schools start on August 18, 2014!

Inside the

## LAUDERHILL MALL

1299E NW 40th Avenue • Lauderhill, 33313

**MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY**

August 4, 5, 6 & 8 – 9 am-3 pm

August 11, 12, 13 & 15 – 9 am-3 pm

**THURSDAY**

August 7 & 14 – 9 am-7 pm

**MONDAY & TUESDAY**

August 18 & 19 – 9 am-3 pm

**COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR & IMMUNIZATIONS\***

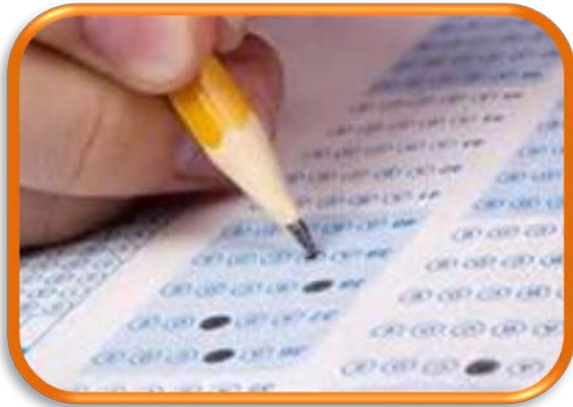
\*Free bicycle helmets for the first 150 children vaccinated!

Saturday, August 16th – 10 am-2 pm

*Each child must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Parent or legal guardian should remember to bring the child's immunization records.*



## SAT PREP COURSE BEGINS IN AUGUST FOR THE **OCTOBER 11<sup>th</sup> TEST**



The Weston Community Center offers 8-week SAT Preparatory Courses. The next session begins in August and will prepare you for the **OCTOBER 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **SUMMER/FALL CLASS OFFERINGS FOR THE OCTOBER 11<sup>th</sup> TEST**

SUNDAY CLASSES:	Begins August 17 <sup>th</sup>	(morning) 10:30am – 1:00pm (afternoon) 1:30pm – 4:00pm
TUESDAY CLASS:	Begins August 19 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm – 9:30pm
THURSDAY CLASS:	Begins August 21 <sup>st</sup>	7:15pm – 9:45pm
CLASS LOCATION:	Weston Community Center, 20200 Saddle Club Road	
AGES:	15-20 years old	

**Class cost is \$475 for entire 8 week course and all materials.**

For more information or to enroll, please contact Jeff Steinberg,

For a complete list of Classes and Events at the Community Center,  
please visit [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org) or call 954-389-4321.





## WESTON BRANCH LIBRARY

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# AUGUST ADULT AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

### ADULT SERVICES PROGRAMS

#### Literacy Programs

*Nuzhat Alam (954-357-5304)*

<i>Monday</i>	English Café	Beginners I	10:30a – 12:30p
<i>Tuesday</i>	English Café	Beginners II	10:30a – 12:30p
	Spanish Café	Beginners I	12:30p - 1:30p
	Citizenship Studies		6:00p - 7:30p
<i>Wednesday</i>	English Café	Intermediate I	6:00p - 7:30p
	Spanish Café	Beginners II	10:30a - 12:00p
<i>Thursday</i>	Spanish Café	Intermediate	10:30a - 12:00p
<i>Friday</i>	English Café	Intermediate II	10:30a - 12:30p
	Spanish Café	Advanced	10:30a - 12:00p

#### Book Club in a Bag

Ongoing

*Linda Abraham (954-357-5306)*

#### Writers Circle

Saturdays

10:30a - 12:00p

*Jumpstart, Structure & Share Your Gems Astrid (954-389-2245)*

#### Special Events

Tuesdays

*Knitting Club*

3:00p - 4:00p

*Nuzhat (954-357-5304)*

Thursdays

*Tech Talk*

12:00p - 2:00p

Technology session

*Computer Ctr. (954-357-3577)*

Thursdays

*Surf & Watch*

3:30p - 6:00p

Film and Work session

*Computer Ctr. (954-357-3577)*

Monday, Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>

4:30p - 6:00p

Property Tax Exemption Filing Assistance *(954-357-5579)*

### YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAMS

*For information (954-357-5430)*

<i>Thursdays</i>	Baby Story Time	Ages 3 mos–11 mos	10:30a - 11:00a
	Toddler Story Time	Ages 12 mos–35 mos	11:30a - 12:00p
	Preschool Story Time	Ages 3–5 years	12:30p - 1:00p
<i>Monday, Aug. 4<sup>th</sup></i>	Library Chess Club	Ages 7-17 years	4:30p - 5:30p
<i>Thursday, Aug. 21<sup>st</sup></i>	Wags & Tales	Ages 5–12 (pre-register)	3:00p - 4:00p

#### Special Events

*Saturday, Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>* Bobby the Balloon Guy! All Ages 11:00a – 12:00p

For more information and additional classes and events, please call 954-357-5420 or visit <http://www.broward.org/Library/EventsClasses/Pages/ProgramsWE.aspx>.



## UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS



### **QUARTERLY RESIDENTIAL BULK PICKUP**

#### **Single Family and Multi-Family Units with Curbside Collection:**

Wednesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, or Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>

#### **Multi-Family Units with Dumpsters:**

Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>

Bulk trash will be picked up **on your regularly scheduled collection day**. For more information, call 954-385-2600.



### **PARK CONSTRUCTION UPDATES**

View photos and narratives of the progress on both Peace Mound and Emerald Estates Parks' renovations.

#### **Peace Mound Park:**

[http://www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/Peace\\_Mound\\_Park\\_Blog.pdf](http://www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/Peace_Mound_Park_Blog.pdf)

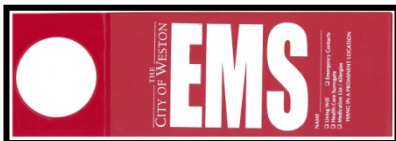
#### **Emerald Estates Park:**

[http://www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/Emerald\\_Estates\\_Park\\_Blog.pdf](http://www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/Emerald_Estates_Park_Blog.pdf)



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### **EMS GO PACKET INITIATIVE**

**BSO Weston Fire Rescue** – The EMS Go Packet is being offered for free to residents. It is designed to contain all of your important medical information and legal documents to place in an accessible spot such as bedroom or inside of front door so that EMS and hospital personnel can be immediately aware of your medical conditions and adhere to your rights as a patient. Call Fire Station No. 81 at 954-389-2015.

**CLICK HERE FOR MORE EVENTS!!!**



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### **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.



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

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

**Newsday Tuesday:** A collection of weekly 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**

All residents and businesses should register with the City's CodeRED Emergency Notification System. The City will only send out a message on CodeRED in an emergency situation. To register, please visit:

[www.westonfl.org/Residents/Hurricane/CodeRed.aspx](http://www.westonfl.org/Residents/Hurricane/CodeRed.aspx).

**Enjoy a safe and FUN summer!**

