



FPL UPGRADE/HARDENING PROJECT IN BONAVENTURE UNDERWAY

Florida Power & Light (FPL) has begun a hardening project in the Bonaventure area of Weston replacing 58 existing power poles. New poles will first be installed next to existing poles and then the old poles will be removed. All overhead cable lines will also be transferred to the new poles.

WHEN: March through July for completion of putting in new poles and removal phase for old poles

WHERE: Along Racquet Club Road between Saddle Club Road and Bonaventure Blvd. See map below

WHAT: Replacement of 58 existing poles along existing pole line with transfer of overhead utilities. Some of the existing poles are wood and some are concrete; all new poles will be concrete to withstand wind of over 150mph.



- The project investment is over \$1 million.
- By strengthening the feeder line, FPL is providing better reliability to critical infrastructure.
- Critical businesses and customers on this feeder line include BSO, a communication tower and Publix.
- Any damage to swales or grounds will be restored as FPL moves through the project.



IMAGINE CHARTER WESTON 2014 National School of Character Finalist

**Congratulations to Imagine Charter Weston for being named a
2014 National Schools of Character Finalist**



The Character Education Partnership (CEP), a national advocate and leader for the character education movement, has named 50 schools and districts as national finalists in the 2014 National Schools of Character (NSOC) program.

The NSOC program recognizes schools and districts that have demonstrated, through a rigorous elevation process, that character development has had a positive impact on academics, student behavior, and school climate.

Imagine Charter Weston's Principal Nadine Laham is quite ecstatic for being named a finalist. The school continues to prepare for the upcoming intensive screening process that includes site visits, conference calls, and analysis of the impact of their character-related efforts on academics, student behavior and school culture as part of the consideration to be named the 2014 National School of Character.



National Schools of Character hold their designations for five years and the honored schools earn the right to use the NSOC name and logo once nominated.

For more information on the National Schools of Character Finalists, please visit <http://www.character.org/schools-of-character/national-schools-of-character-overview/national-schools-of-character/2014-national-schools-of-character-finalists/>.



March 25, 2014

SADDLE CLUB / LAKEVIEW ROADABOUT COMPLETED

Keep it SLOW

Speed Limit is 15 mph



The roundabout located at the intersection of Saddle Club Road and Lakeview Drive has now been completed.

The Weston Broward Sheriff's Office along with the City of Weston are reminding you that the speed limit through this area is 15mph. **Please use caution and drive safely!**

If you have any question or concerns, please contact Weston Public Works Service Center at 954- 385-2600.



FEBRUARY'S HHW AND ELECTRONICS COLLECTION EVENT IN WESTON WAS A SUCCESS!



On Sunday, February 2nd, 775 customers visited Weston's **Free Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collection** event. Over 97% of the participants were Weston residents.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) refers to used or leftover contents of consumer products that contain chemicals with one of the four characteristics: *Toxic, Ignitable, Corrosive, or Reactive* as defined by the Environmental Protection Agency.

The statistics from Weston's collection date were very impressive.

- 29,342 pounds of HHW was collected
- 32,107 pounds of Electronics was collected
- 2,340 pounds of lead was removed from the Waste Stream due to the amount of items collected

The next HHW collection event in Weston will be held on Sunday, May 18th. Please visit www.westonfl.org/Events/EventsCalendar.aspx for more information.

Permanent Drop-Off Stations - Hours and Locations within Broward County

- Three permanent stations are open every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the disposal of HHW and electronics. Find Permanent Drop-Off Locations [here](#).



BROWARD COUNTY REMINDS COMMUNITY THAT CONSERVATION IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS

Businesses, nonprofits and multifamily homes may receive \$100 rebate per toilet, saving water and money!

Dozens of local businesses throughout Broward County, including local Weston businesses, are seeing substantial savings in their monthly water bills thanks to their participation in a program that rewards them for replacing water-wasting toilets with newer, water-saving models.

The program, called "Conservation Pays," is sponsored by the Broward Water Partnership, which includes Broward County and 18 local governments and water utilities. The Partnership has a 20-year goal to save 30 million gallons of water a day. In the last fiscal year alone, the program can account for 36.4 million gallons of water saved.

"These businesses have taken the proactive step of replacing older model toilets that are huge water wasters with new, water-saving models," said Barbara Powell, Broward's water resources manager. "By installing new toilets, these business owners received hundreds of dollars in rebates from the Broward Water Partnership, not to mention long-term savings on their water bills."

To find out if your business qualifies for the rebate program, visit conservationpays.com or call 800-270-9794 to check your eligibility.

With the help of the Broward Water Partnership, it has never been easier, or as affordable to conserve water, and these savings are available in homes as well. Be a part of the campaign to conserve water – and you'll conserve some money in the process.





BROWARD EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT HOSTS Business Disaster Assistance Programs Workshop March 27th

The Broward Emergency Operation Resiliency Coalition (SFDRRC) is conducting a Business Disaster Assistance Program Workshop sponsored by the Broward County Emergency Management Division.

The Business Disaster Assistance Program Workshop will be held on **Thursday, March 27, at the Broward Emergency Operation Center (EOC)** located at 201 N.W. 84 Ave. in Plantation from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Disaster can strike at any time, and even the most prepared businesses and business owners can be adversely impacted.

Disaster Assistance is money provided to individuals, families and businesses in an area whose property has been damaged following a Presidential-declared disaster; and whose losses are not covered by insurance.



The guest speaker at the workshop will be Miguel E. Gonzalez, Assistant Director for Lender Relations for the South Florida District of the Small Business Administration.

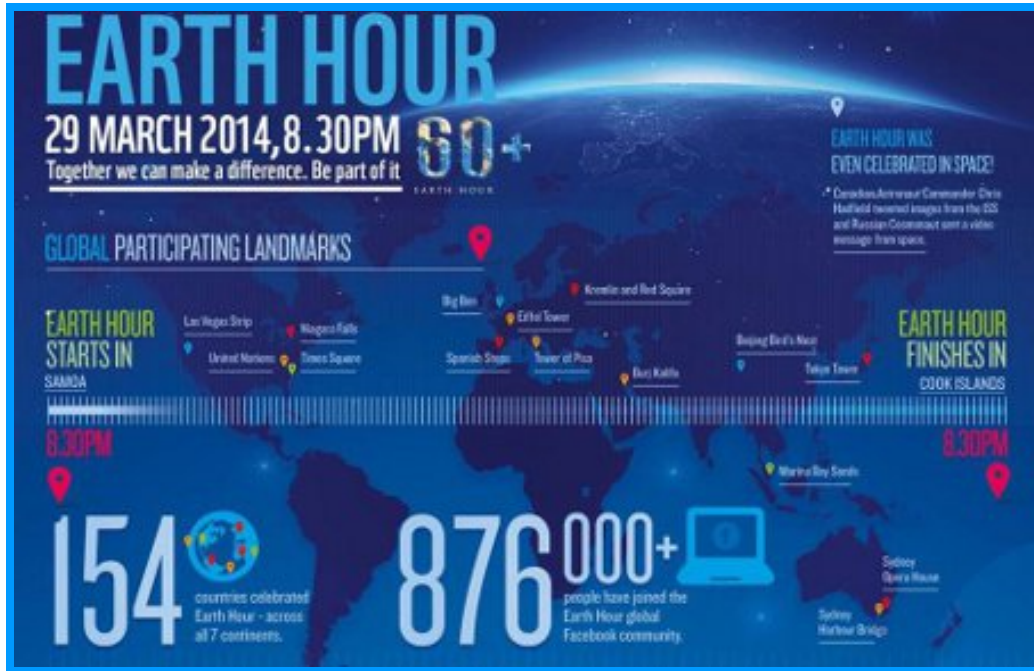
Gonzalez, a 28-year federal service professional, oversees all participant lenders, micro lenders and certified development centers in South Florida.



For additional information and to register, visit www.broward.org/emergency or contact Gary Friedman, 954-831-3345, email gfriedman@broward.org.



EARTH HOUR SATURDAY, MARCH 29th at 8:30pm



Dare the World to Save the Planet

On Saturday, March 29th at 8:30 p.m. (your local time), thousands of cities around the world will go dark for one hour during Earth Hour, World Wildlife Fund's (WWF) annual campaign to raise awareness of the environmental challenges we all face, such as climate change.

Earth Hour is a simple idea that quickly turned into a global phenomenon. Hundreds of millions of people around the world turn off their lights for one hour on the same night, to focus on the one thing that unites us all—our planet.

It is easy to forget how much we depend on the planet for so many things like food, fuel, water and fresh air and that the actions we take—from the energy we use to the food we buy—have an effect on the world. Earth Hour is your chance to make and show your commitment to protect your planet not just for one hour a year, but every day.

Learn more at <http://worldwildlife.org/pages/earth-hour>.



WESTON BRANCH LIBRARY APRIL ADULT AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

ADULT SERVICES PROGRAMS

Literacy Programs

Janine Rodrigues (954-357-5307)

Tuesday	English Café, Beginners	10:30a – 12:30p
	Citizenship Studies	6:00p - 7:30p
Wednesday	English Café	6:00p - 7:30p
	Spanish Café, Beginners	10:30a – 12:30p
Thursday	Spanish Café, Intermediate	10:30a - 12:00p
Friday	English Café	10:30a - 12:30p
	Spanish Café, Advanced	10:30a - 12:00p

Book Club in a Bag

Ongoing

Linda Abraham (954-357-5306)

Library Book Club

Wednesday, April 9th

6:30p - 7:30pm

The Supreme Macaroni Company by Adriana Trigiani

Priya Anand (954-357-5308)

Writers Circle

Saturday

10:30a - 12:00p

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

ART SHOWCASE – APRIL 1st – APRIL 30th

The Arts Council of Greater Weston proudly presents the 8th Annual Student Artist Showcase! For additional information, please contact info@artscouncilweston.com.

YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAMS

For more information, call 954-357-5430

Thursdays	Baby Bumblebee Lapsit	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
April 8 th	Library Chess Club	Ages 7-17 years	4:30p - 5:30p
April 17 th h	Wags & Tales	Ages 5–12 (pre-register)	3:00p - 4:00p
<u>Special Event</u>			
April 5 th	Little Red Riding Hood Puppet Show		11:00a – 11:45a

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



INSPECTION DEPARTMENT CLOSURES

On Wednesday, March 26th and Thursday, March 27th there will be **no inspections or reviews** from the following departments due to educational requirements:

Structural	Electrical
Plumbing	Mechanical

The Building Department will be open to drop off plans

NO INSPECTIONS OR PLAN REVIEWS

Wed., March 26th & Thur., March 27th

There will be no building department inspections or plan reviews on these dates due to mandated educational training. The Building Department will be open to drop off plans and other business. The Weston Building Department 954-385-0500.



STUDENT ARTIST SHOWCASE

April 4th through end of April

View artwork of Weston's most talented young artists. Each school submits up to twelve original works of art in all mediums, everything from traditional drawing, painting, photography and ceramics to works in jewelry, paper, wood, metal and recycled materials. The works are judged and presented with awards by the **Arts Council of Greater Weston**.

Location: Weston Branch Library, 4205 Bonaventure Blvd., Weston. **Hours:** M-W, 10A-8P; Th-Sat, 10A-6P



CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, April 7th 7:00PM

A regular meeting of the Weston City Commission.

Location: Weston City Hall, 17200 Royal Palm Blvd.



FREE MOONLIGHT MOVIE IN THE PARK

RISE OF THE GUARDIANS

Saturday, April 12th 8:00PM

A group of the greatest heroes – Santa, the Easter Bunny, the Tooth Fairy, the Sandman and Jack Frost band together to defeat an evil spirit bent on inspiring fear in children.

Animated feature / 1hr 37min

Location: Outdoors at the Event Stage in the Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Road, 954-389-4321.

Bring lawn chairs or blankets, the movie is on us!

CLICK ON PAGE FOR MORE EVENTS!!!



WESTON ROYAL EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 19th 10:00AM

For ages 10 and under, there will be 20,000 candy filled eggs scattered on baseball fields #1 thru #4 with age categories. Bring a basket or bag and look for some special "golden" eggs and claim a prize!

ALL EGG HUNTS GO OFF AT 10:00AM SHARP

Arrive early to park and find your age appropriate field. Bounce houses and photos with the Royal Bunny after.

Location: Weston Regional Park, Baseball fields 1-4

View video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OyD2sMHTLQw&list=UUsk894Yc5M8HaXI7LdDa0HDg>



CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, April 21st 7:00PM

A regular meeting of the Weston City Commission.

Location: Weston City Hall, 17200 Royal Palm Blvd.



QUARTERLY RESIDENTIAL BULK PICKUP

Single Family: Wednesday, April 23, Thursday, April 24, or Friday, April 25

Multi-Family: *Saturday, April 26

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



DISASTER PREPAREDNESS SYMPOSIUM

Wednesday, May 7th 6:00PM-8:00PM

Free symposium will offer residents and business the opportunity to learn about the current hurricane forecast, what you can expect during and after a disaster in Broward County and the City. Refreshments will be served.

Guest Speakers: Mr. Stacey Stewart, Senior Hurricane Specialist, NOAA, National Hurricane Center, Miami
Mr. Chuck Lanza, Broward County Emergency Management Director, and Mr. John R. Flint, Weston City Manager.

Location: Bonaventure Town Center, 16690 Saddle Club Road – Theater room. Info or RSVP: 954-389-2015



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 city news articles, information and events.

General Notifications: Updates on construction projects; media releases; sports registrations and events.

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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, visit

www.westonfl.org/Residents/Hurricane/CodeRed.aspx.