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- Employee Planning (no school for students)
- Schools & Administrative Offices Closed
- Schools Closed
- Report Cards Issued
- Interim Reports Issued
- Early Release Day
- First & Last Day of School

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This year's Fourth of July holiday will definitely be more exciting than last, and is a great time to enjoy loved ones and friends as we celebrate our American lifestyle. This July, enjoy every minute you can with the kids, fly your flag proudly, and be very careful supervising everyone with anything that goes "pop" or "boom."

We are blessed beyond measure and owe it all to those who have gone before us with purpose and vision. Have an incredible day on July 4th and the rest of the month. Keep it cool, Florida friends!

To prepare for the coming school year, please cut out our back cover 2022-23 School calendar sponsored by Dr. Howard Gelb. Our prayer is for every family touched by the Spectator and every home in between.

Shellie & Scott

Brave Beginnings

By Shellie Miller-Farrugia

Mid-summer is a great time to reflect on the past and look ambitiously toward the future. More than 200 years ago, the families who ventured across the great ocean dividing our continent from theirs were fed up with the past; fleeing to begin life anew. Having absolutely no idea what the future held, they embarked with meager possessions, hearts filled with prayers and faith that would sustain them beyond their wildest imaginations. Beginning with next to nothing, they worked together and made America into a land flowing with opportunity and promise.

Today, America is a magnet to people throughout the world who feel stifled, trapped and underappreciated. This truly is a place for every man, woman and child to grow to their utmost potential, enjoy freedom without oppression and make a positive difference for themselves and others. I feel blessed beyond measure that, once upon a time, my husband's family took a boat from Italy to a new place, learned a new language, built a new store and shared the profits with their own generation and beyond.

It is amazing to me that my father's family fled oppression in Poland, built a deli in Buffalo, and then used Grandma's pickle recipe to make a very comfortable living for more than a century.

It's the spirit of leaping before you look, knowing in your heart that you were created for more and then refusing to settle for the status quo that has made Americans an indomitable people. It is Try, Try Again. It is Git R Done. It is We Can Do It! It is Hallelujah and it is "Let's bow our heads."

And speaking of prayer, where would we be without the thousands of men and women who spend their days and nights guarding America against the enemies who hate and resent her prosperity? At the recent graduation of a class of Army Nighthawkers, the ceremony concluded with scores of men reciting their creed in unison, loudly. The sheer timbre of their voices was enough to take your breath away. The impact of their volition was a force to be respected. These men who were once little boys... who had certainly gone to a fireworks show or two, attended summer picnics and crushed on a pretty girl in the neighborhood... These young men who had played baseball or chess or X-box...they looked to the future and decided that it was their job to keep America free. It is because of the Brave that we can still dare to dream about any opportunity imaginable.... and accomplish it.

God bless America.



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By Ashley Ferraro

Diabetics and their families sometimes face challenges when it comes to quick and affordable access to testing supplies. The uninsured especially run into trouble accessing necessary diabetic supplies at reasonable prices. Diabetes Store has been working to change that narrative for the past two decades by making these products nationally available at the lowest possible cost.

Just a few years after its inception, Diabetes Store moved to Coral Springs where they have now been based for the past seventeen years. One of the co-founders and owners, Dean Berry, resides in Coral Springs himself with his wife and children.

Although established locally, Diabetes Store proudly ships nationwide. Through the years, the company has nourished relationships with some of the top diabetic supply manufacturers, such as OneTouch and Accu-Chek. With a network of distribution facilities around the country, Diabetes Store is able to ship products that wind up landing on customers' doorsteps in as little as one day.

"Just about anyone in the country can get the supplies within a day or two without having to pay exorbitant expedited shipping charges," says Jim Stocksdale, a Tamarac resident and a co-founder of Diabetes Store. Having many years of experience in the industry, Jim and Dean understand how imperative it is for patients to obtain their diabetic supplies in a quick and timely manner.

Diabetes Store also stocks low-cost brands such as Embrace and Nipro True Metrix diabetic test strips, with the latter being a local Florida manufacturer.

As Diabetes Store grew, they've also branched out to sell products related to urology and wound care. To add to that, customers can order Covid-19 tests, PPE, wheelchairs, nebulizers, catheters, bed pads, adult diapers, and a wide variety of additional medical supplies. Although a lot has changed in twenty years, the mission of Diabetes Store has not. According to Jim, the goal has always been to provide low-cost diabetic supplies to the public and to the community.



Co-founder, Jim Stocksdale

The Diabetes Store staff embodies high-quality customer care, widely regarded as champions of customer service in their industry. "We really take pride in our customer service," adds Jim.

For those who would like to place an order over the phone, Diabetes Store is happy to take your phone call. They are also eager to offer advice about sizing or further clarification on any of their 18,000+ products.

Diabetes Store is not affiliated with any insurance companies, so being uninsured is not a concern for their customers. With years of experience and a vast network, the company can leverage low prices so that diabetics without insurance have access to medically necessary products. Test strips, prep pads, lancets, syringes, and glucose meters are just a few of the many available supplies.

First-time customers are eligible to receive 10% off their order upon signing up for email notifications. Additionally, Diabetes Store is currently running an Independence Day promotion for 25% off through July 15th.

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Meet The

Clear Family



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Amber and Michael Clear are proud of their sons, Tristyn, 12, and Ryder, 8. Their family is rounded out by many pets including their dog Junior, cats Topsy and Kiki, Sunshine the bird, and a fish named Flame.

Michael has been a court bailiff with the Broward Sheriff's Office for 18 years. Amber has worked in the box office for the Broward Center for the Performing Arts for 7 years.

Although she's lived in Coral Springs her entire life, Amber and Michael settled into their family home 13 years ago. Both of their sons were born at Broward Health Coral Springs. Amber is a graduate of Marjorie Stoneman Douglas high school class of 1997. She adds, "My family are huge Ohio State fans!! We spend a lot of Saturdays at our local Bru's room for Ohio State watch parties."

Tristyn is currently on the CSA baseball All-star team for 50/70. Amber says, "He started with CSA when he was 5 years old. He loves baseball and has grown so much with CSA. Ryder also plays baseball for CSA since he was 5 years old. The boys enjoy fishing in our local canals and playing Pokemon." Michael volunteers as needed for CSA.

When out and about, they really enjoy having dinner at Wings Plus.

The Clear family loves to travel, and try to hit the road as much as possible. Amber tells me, "We have season passes for Sea World, Aquatica, Universal and Islands of Adventure. We also take a family vacation with my entire family (13) every July. We have visited places like, Ohio, Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee, and even Colorado. This year, we are headed to Panama City Beach, Florida." Well traveled throughout the US, the kids also look forward to their camping trip every spring break, when they go to Ichetucknee Springs with even more of their extended family.

Tristyn looks forward to 7th Grade at Coral Springs Charter. Language Arts is his favorite subject. Ryder will begin 3rd Grade at Parkside Elementary, where Science is his favorite subject.

Amber & Tristyn love to attend Broadway shows at Broward Center for the Performing Arts. Tristyn has now attended 25 Broadway shows since he was 6 years old. Ryder attended his first Broadway show this year.

Favorite things that the Clears enjoy around town are our many Parks, Fishing (the boys love that they can get live bait right down the street), Schools and People. Amber says, "We love our baseball family."

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Coral Springs American Little League Baseball Hosts State Tournament and Prepares for Fall Ball

By Ashley Ferraro

Getting off the ground in 1971, Coral Springs American Little League (CSALL) is the oldest city-recognized league in Coral Springs. Currently, amid its 51st year, CSALL baseball is part of a longstanding tradition for families in the community.



Integral to local youth development, the league instills values such as leadership, character, courage, loyalty, and teamwork. Not to mention, CSALL proudly shares and fosters an unwavering love for the game of baseball with its young players.

To round out an already successful 2022 spring season, CSALL will be co-hosting two Little League state tournaments—the Senior State Tournament and the 50/70 State Tournament. This is exciting news for CSALL players, parents, and organizers, as hosting a state tournament is a massive honor in the Little League organization.

Co-hosting the tournaments alongside Coral Springs American is North Springs Little League, also based in Coral Springs. The tournaments will be held at Mullins Park the weekend of July 8th-10th.

Coral Springs will host a total of fourteen games throughout the weekend, requiring three volunteers per game to do tasks like operate the scoreboard and act as official pitch counters. Although it's a heavy lift for the volunteering board members, they are more than happy to help.

CSALL's president, Tony Juliano expresses his excitement for the big tournament, and notes the rewards that come with the hard work. "By the end of the day when it's all said and done, you sit back and really enjoy the job you did," he says. Tony is currently on his thirteenth year volunteering on the organization's board.

The winners of the State Tournament will move on to Regionals, and then those winners will compete in the Little League World Series in August.

While the spring season is still wrapping up, CSALL is already preparing for Fall Ball. "It's a full-time commitment," adds Tony.

Online registration for the fall season opens July 1st, and in-person registration will take place July 30th. By the first day of August, CSALL will be back in full swing putting teams together and coordinating practices.

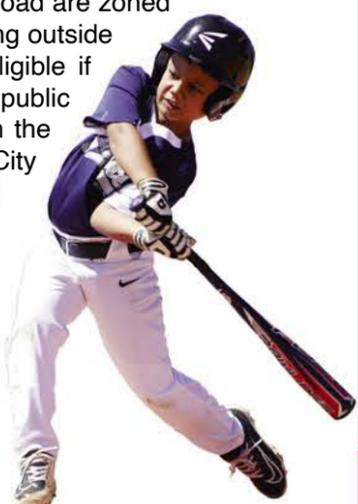
Little League is constantly exploring ways to evolve. New rules, new strategies, and of course, new players willing to give the game of baseball a shot are instrumental in the organization's growth.

In fact, CSALL's Tee Ball program is the perfect way to introduce children ages four to six to a sport they will learn to love and develop their skills with. In addition to Fall Ball and Tee Ball, the league runs various skills training programs.

Children between the ages of four and sixteen residing in Coral Springs south of Wiles Road are zoned for CSALL. However, anyone living outside these boundaries may still be eligible if they attend one of the local public schools (a full list is available on the league's website) or purchase a City of Coral Springs Sports Card.

For more information on Coral Springs American Little League or to register your child, please visit www.csall.com. See ad on opposite page

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Lessons in Lemonade

By Rosemarie, Brianna & Royce Rutecki, with Ayla & River Thornton

What started with “what to do with \$40” ended as a summer week business experience. My kids and their two neighbors' friends decided to start their first business, a lemonade stand.

What the kids learned doing this activity

1. Planning, how to start a business from scratch
2. Materials needed to build stand and products
3. Location, how to find the right place to get more traffic
4. Marketing, using social media to let the community know
5. Communication, talking and offering products to the costumers
6. Math, adding and giving change back
7. Manners, being kind to customers
8. Responsibility, showing up on time and having everything ready for the day
9. Enjoying the process, they had a lot of fun
10. Grateful for their neighbor's and parents' support

It was an excellent experience for the kids, and we are so thankful to live in the Parkland Ranches; we got to learn more and meet new neighbors.

The Spectator Magazine loved what the kids did and how supportive the community was that they wanted us to write an article. The kids were so excited about the opportunity of being in a Magazine, and I told them, how about you guys write the article? They jumped on board quickly—what an excellent opportunity for creative writing.

Now hear from the kids:

A couple of weeks ago, we went to Sky Zone when we stumbled upon \$40 in the foam pit. On the drive home, we were discussing what to do with the money and how we could turn it into more. "How about a Lemonade Stand?" River said. We all thought it was a great idea, but we couldn't come up with anything else.

The next couple of days, we hammered out a plan. What the stand should look like, what to sell, and who will be in charge of what. At the Rutecki construction, we found quite a few wood scraps we could use for the stand. Brianna and Royce's dad helped us build the frame. After a few trips to Home Depot, a few bottles of spray paint, tons of nails, and four wheels later, our masterpiece was finished.

Now, it was time to get the products done. Rainbow loom bracelets and stress balls came first. Then we moved into Ayla and River's kitchen and baked up a storm. Gluten-free pumpkin muffins, gluten-free chocolate chip cookies, snickerdoodle cookies, and regular chocolate chip cookies. We made sure everything tasted delicious and tried the dough and the finished products.

On Sunday, it was time to make the lemonade. We added some blood oranges to make it pink. We squeezed and squeezed and added sugar and maple syrup until we had the perfect mix.

With that, we opened our stand. Many neighbors stopped by to get a cup of lemonade or a cookie. One of our favorite customers was a horse who also seemed to enjoy the lemonade. We are grateful for this neighborhood and the support it showed us.



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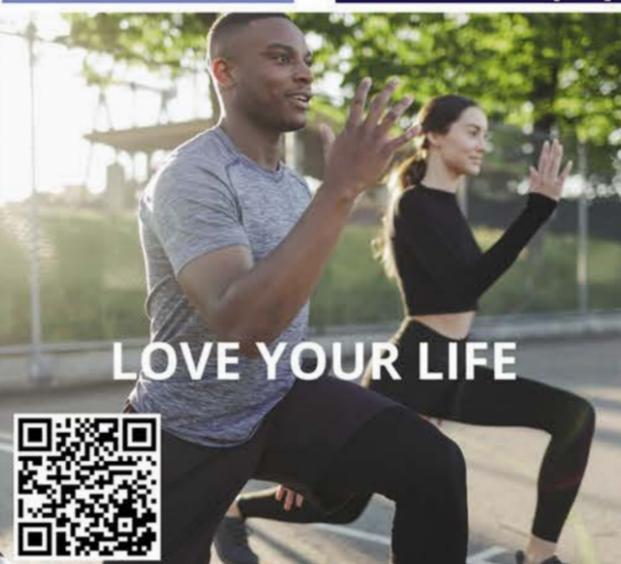


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Knee Injuries: The ACL

By Dr. Howard Gelb

Anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) injuries are increasingly common in younger athletes, especially in female athletes. The ACL is one of four major ligaments that stabilize the knee. Its main function is to prevent injury to the knee cartilage (meniscus-cushions and articular surface). Without an ACL, the knee becomes unstable with twisting turning sports. Injury to the ACL is usually associated with a non-contact twisting injury. ACL tears are usually diagnosed by a combination of history and physical exam. In a majority of the cases, the patient reports planting the foot while twisting the knee and falling to the ground. Most people recall hearing a pop in the knee at the time of injury. Usually the patient cannot return to the sport the same day as the initial injury and the knee swells within the first 24 hours. The Lachman test is the most important physical exam finding that aids in the diagnosis of a tear. There can be associated injuries to other ligaments as well, such as the MCL. An orthopedic surgeon trained specifically in sports medicine is usually more experienced and accurate in this diagnosis. MRI can be useful to confirm the diagnosis and assess the meniscal cartilage. The meniscus is damaged almost 50% of the time in association with an acute ACL tear. Treatment of an ACL tear is patient specific but includes reconstruction of the injured ligament using one of several arthroscopic surgical techniques. It is essential that the meniscus be repaired if possible in the young athletic patient in order to prevent future damage to the knee. Certified in Sports Medicine, Dr. Gelb specializes in the treatment of ACL injuries in both adult and pediatric patients.



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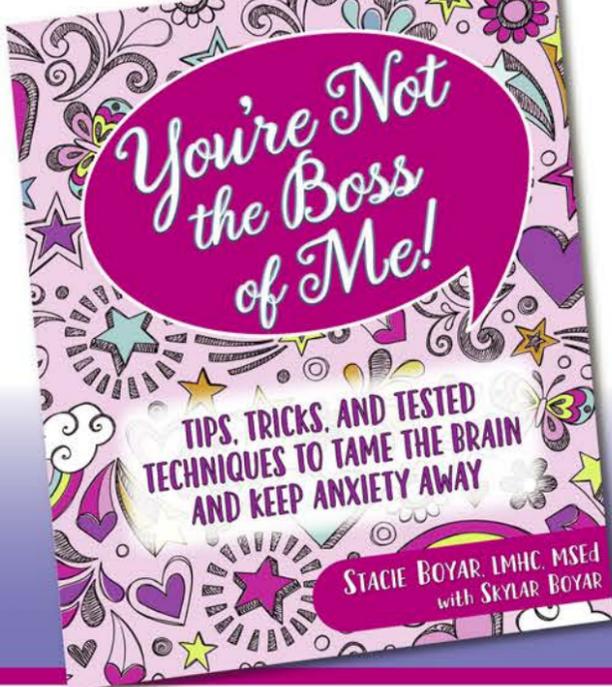
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By Stacie Boyar, Licensed mental health counselor

When the world turned upside down in March of 2020 and everything was shutting down, many therapists began charting the unknown territory of therapy via telehealth. Engaging in therapy from the comfort of your own home became comforting and crucial for many individuals. It quickly became apparent that people who had never experienced anxiety before were now undoubtedly struggling. I soon decided to start a podcast, Namastacie, offering tips, techniques, and strategies to help people who were having difficulty combating anxiety and anxious thought patterns.

A year later as the pandemic dragged on, I learned that Skylar's friends were still listening to the podcast. During a camp reunion, one friend shared that 'it helps when I feel stressed' and another said 'it helps me fall asleep'. It was then that we decided to put the podcast into book format so we could share the information with others. We wanted to make the book inviting, interactive, and fun by including mindfulness quick tips, worksheets, and journal entries. We encourage the reader to write inside, skip chapters, highlight ideas, and include your own thoughts.

As the days, weeks, and months of the pandemic dragged on, talks of summer began. Much to my daughter Skylar's delight, we learned that sleepaway camp was going to be open that summer. Each camper followed a strict protocol and had to remain exclusively with their bunkmates for the first two weeks. Camp proved to be a wonderful reprieve from the reality of a global pandemic. Engaging with peers, forming new friendships while nurturing others, and limited social media was the key to the mental well being for many children. However, countless others still experienced anxiety, depression, and confusion about what their futures might look like. Navigating the unknown while masked or confined to a small area created a scary scenario for many children. Engaging with teachers, family members, and friends on zoom proved to be draining and lonely. Although they may express it differently than adults, teens were certainly struggling with covid related anxiety too. During that first summer it was brought to my attention that the children in my daughters cabin were listening to and enjoying my podcast to help them relax, ease their anxiety, and alleviate their stress.



Skylar & Stacie Boyar

My hope is that one day deep breathing tips, mindfulness techniques, and meditation will be taught to children in schools as a way to 'tame their bossy brains'. By utilizing each tried and true tip and thought-provoking exercise within this book it is possible to keep those negative thoughts away and replace them with accurate, positive, and helpful thought patterns.

The pandemic was a bizarre time for each and every one of us, yet we were so grateful that it gave us the time affluence to write and share this book with you. Its initial target audience was teens, but anyone struggling with anxiety can benefit from the tips described in the book. We hope you enjoy reading it and learn how to 'tame your bossy brain', reduce anxiety, and become your authentic, fabulous self!

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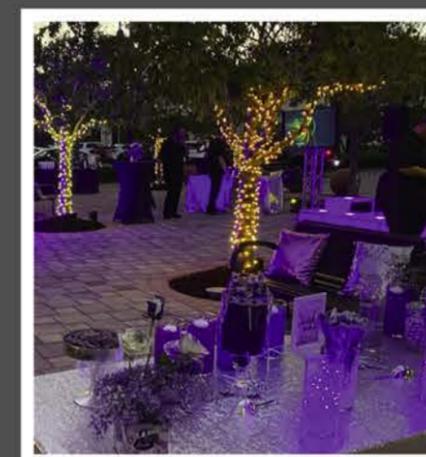
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2. A 1-degree rise in temperature is a big deal for this business. But the service stations do not have temperature compensation at the pumps.
3. When you're filling up, do not squeeze the trigger of the nozzle to a fast mode. If you look, you will see that the trigger has three (3) stages: low, middle, and high. You should be pumping on low mode, thereby minimizing the vapors that are created while you are pumping. All hoses at the pump have a vapor return. If you are pumping on the fast rate, some of the liquid that goes to your tank becomes vapor. Those vapors are being sucked up and back into the underground storage tank so you're getting less worth for your money.
4. One of the most important tips is to fill up when your gas tank is HALF FULL. The reason for this is the more gas you have in your tank, the less air occupying its empty space. Gasoline evaporates faster than you can imagine. Gasoline storage tanks have an internal floating roof. This roof serves as zero clearance between the gas and the atmosphere, so it minimizes the evaporation. Unlike service stations, here where I work, every truck that we load is temperature compensated so that every gallon is actually the exact amount.
5. Another reminder, if there is a gasoline truck pumping into the storage tanks when you stop to buy gas, DO NOT fill up; most likely the gasoline is being stirred up as the gas is being delivered, and you might pick up some of the dirt that normally settles on the bottom.
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By Broward County Office of Public Communications.

Lightning strikes north of Florida typically peak in the spring, but the danger of lightning strikes in South Florida are more likely throughout the summer months. In fact, lightning killed one Florida man and injured nine other Floridians earlier in June.

In fact, we live in the state that is known as the lightning capital of the United States. On average, the state receives nearly 1.45 million cloud-to-ground lightning strikes per year. This averages out to 25 flashes per square mile but the National Weather Service reports that Broward County's average is even higher – between 20 and 30 cloud-to-ground lightning strikes.

Although lightning is a year-round threat in Florida, most victims are injured or killed during the summer months of June through August. This is due to the combination of Florida's nearly daily thunderstorm activity and the plethora of outdoor activities held during this time in which children are out of school and families are vacationing. To stay safe this summer, it's good to understand facts from the myths.

Lightning Myths

Perhaps one of the greatest contributors to lightning fatalities is the misconception that if it is not raining, lightning can't strike. In fact, lightning has been known to strike up to 10 miles or more away from the main thunderstorm core, almost appearing from "clear blue sky," and frequently occurs more than three miles from the center of the thunderstorm.

Myth: Rubber tires on a car protect you from lightning by insulating you from the ground.

Fact: Most cars are safe from lightning, but it is the metal roof and metal sides that protect you, NOT the rubber tires. Convertibles, motorcycles, bicycles, open-shelled outdoor recreational vehicles and cars with fiberglass shells offer no protection from lightning. When lightning strikes a vehicle, it goes through the metal frame into the ground.

Myth: Structures with metal, or metal on the body (jewelry, cell phones, Mp3 players, watches, etc.), attract lightning.

Fact: Height, pointy shape, and isolation are the dominant factors controlling where a lightning bolt will strike. The presence of metal makes absolutely no difference on where lightning strikes. Mountains are made of stone but get struck by lightning many times a year.

Myth: If trapped outside and lightning is about to strike, you should lie flat on the ground.

Fact: Lightning can spread out some 60 feet after striking Earth. Lying flat increases your chance of being affected by

potentially deadly ground current. If you are caught outside in a thunderstorm, you keep moving toward a safe shelter.

Lightning: What You Need to Know

- No place outside is safe when thunderstorms are in the area.
- If you hear thunder, lightning is close enough to strike you.
- When you hear thunder, immediately move to safe shelter: a substantial building with electricity or plumbing or an enclosed, metal-topped vehicle with windows up.
- Stay in safe shelter at least 30 minutes after you hear the last sound of thunder.

Protect Yourself and Your Loved Ones

The Broward County Emergency Management Division offers the following safety tips:

Outdoor Lightning Safety

If you are caught outside with no safe shelter anywhere nearby, the following actions may reduce your risk:

- Never lie flat on the ground.
- Never seek shelter under an isolated tree.
- Immediately get out and away from pools, ponds, lakes and other bodies of water. If at the beach, head to shelter immediately. If no immediate shelter is available, head to your car.
- Many Broward County Parks have Lightning Prediction Systems in place. In the event of a warning being sounded (one long 15-second blast), you have between eight to 15 minutes to take shelter, depending on the speed of the storm.
- Stay away from objects that conduct electricity such as chain link or metal fences and power lines.
- If you are in a group, spread out to avoid the electric current traveling between group members.

Indoor Lightning Safety

- Stay off corded phones, computers and other electrical equipment that put you in direct contact with electricity.
- Avoid plumbing, including sinks, baths and faucets.
- Stay away from windows and doors, and stay off porches.
- Do not lie on concrete floors, and do not lean against concrete walls.

For more information, visit Broward County's A-Z Planner for Emergencies

Up & Coming

Coral Springs Independence Day Celebration Mon., July 4

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for prizes and have a great time hooking a "Big One" at Pine trails Park, 10555 Trails End. For further info, call 954.757.4105

Parkland Library Family Movie: Shark Tale- Saturday July 9

At 2 p.m. Oscar is a fish who lives a quiet life in the downtown ocean. He works at the Whale Wash with his "friend" Angie, dreaming of living large in the uptown. One day Oscars boss, Mr.Sikes demanded that Oscar pay him 5000 clams of overdue loans. Oscar makes friends with a nice shark named Lenny, who is swimming with his brother Frankie. Oscar has to watch his back because the other sharks want to eat him. Poor Oscar has to be careful and think of ways not to be eaten. Can he think of a plan? Parkland Library card required to register. To register visit www.cityofparkland.org or call (954)757-4214.

Parkland Teen night at Xtreme ActionPark - Friday, July 29

If you're ready for some fun, teens from 12 to 15 are invited to join friends for a big night out! Limited to 40 participants that must sign up IN PERSON at the Parkland P-Rec, 10559 Trails End, the bus will leave the P-rec promptly at 5 PM and return at 8:30 PM. While the teens are at the action park, they will be able to enjoy unlimited arcade games, a ropes course, laser tag, roller skating, and go carts. Cost for residents is \$10, and non-residents may attend for \$12. For more info, call 954-757-4105.

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