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SOUTHWEST RANCHER

The Official Newsletter of Southwest Ranches



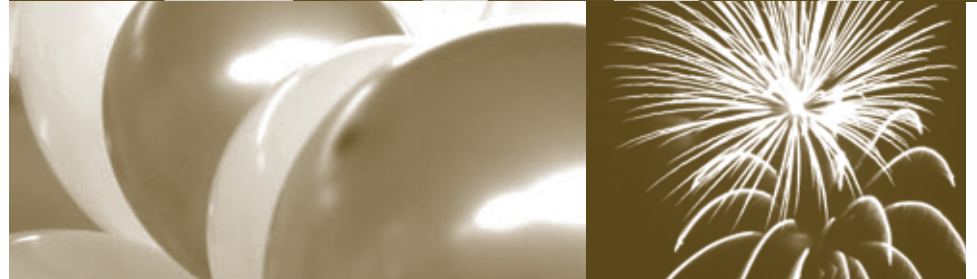
Happy New Year



...from Council Member Gary Jablonski, Council Member Doug McKay, Mayor Jeff Nelson, Council Member Freddy Fisikelli, and Vice Mayor Steve Breitkreuz (l-r).

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SOUTHWEST RANCHES

TOWN-WIDE ULTIMATE GARAGE SALE!

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2013 • 8 AM TO 3 PM

Garage Sale form on Pg. 5





Vice Mayor
Steve
Breitkreuz

I hope you had a very Happy New Year! As we start this

new year, it is time to look at the prior year's accomplishments and settle on the goals for the coming year. This past year, we did have several noteworthy accomplishments. We completed the transition to the new Town hall and made progress on the Rolling Oaks Barn as well as the 210 drainage project. We continued the agreement with South Florida Water Management District which has helped reduce the flooding in our properties out west. We brought on a new Town Administrator as well as a new Financial Administrator. We also were able to slightly lower our millage rate while still moving the Town forward in a positive direction. Overall, it has been a good year, even with the economic challenges of our time.

However, we also must recognize as a Town that we have our share of challenges ahead of us. One of the issues that I will be focused on in the coming year is that of working out a long range plan for the repaving of all of our roads. We have done some repaving in the first 12 years of our existence, but not nearly enough to keep up with the ongoing deterioration. So, it is time that we, as a Town, tackle this issue and find a solution that is universal, economical, and ongoing. We will immediately begin taking on this challenge and I am excited that both the Drainage and Infrastructure board, under the leadership of Bob Hartmann, and the Town Council, are willing to take this on.

There are several other large efforts that are under way, including the Comprehensive Planning Board,

under the leadership of Newell Hollingsworth, taking on a review of zoning for much of the Town. Also, the Town is looking at options for completing our roadway system in areas of our Town that currently do not have road access.

So, we had a challenging year last year, and while much of 2013 is still a mystery, what is known is that 2013 will also be a challenge. Fortunately we live in a Town that seems to thrive on challenges. I am excited about 2013 and looking forward to hearing from you and working with you to make sure that we have a good list of accomplishments to write about next year at this time.

Have a very happy and prosperous New Year, both for you and your entire family.



Council
Member Freddy
Fisikelli

Another year is almost over and we can look back to what we have accomplished

in life. I am very satisfied; in 1929 I was born in Miami. At that time Miami was a small Town, the boundaries were NW 27 Avenue to the West, NW 79 Street to the North, and Biscayne Bay was the Eastern and Southern boundary. As the Town grew and our family grew we moved so we would be on the outskirts of Town where we always enjoyed the open spaces. I spent most of my life enjoying hunting and fishing. At that time it was great, there was plenty of fish and wildlife. I have always had a camp in the Everglades where we spent a lot of our time and raised our family. In 1965 two of my best friends and I decided that if we want to keep enjoying this type of lifestyle we had to by some land outside of Town so we bought 40 acres in

Fort Lauderdale where we intended to spend the rest of our life. It has worked very well for us; we started raising cattle out there when the only way you could get to the property was to come out US 27 to Griffin Road.

The reason I am telling you this story, is it's traditionally the time of year to make your New Years Resolution. I am very happy we were able to form our Town which has allowed my family to continue to enjoy the type of lifestyle we set out to establish in Southwest Ranches.

Personally, I am very satisfied, I live on 10 acres which is the part of the original land we purchased in 1965. Over the years we sold part of the property to developers and both of my partners in the cattle business have passed away but their families still live on their part. My son and his son just built a new house on some of the property. This year we have been blessed with two new great granddaughters adding to our family. What I am telling you is things have worked out as I had planned and I am satisfied with our future, but you have to make that choice yourself when you make a New Year's resolution.

Southwest Ranches has come a long way and have had some challenges along the way but we are resilient. A new Town Administrator and a new Financial Administrator have been hired and it looks like we are headed in the right direction, but now we have to choose what we want the future Southwest Ranches to be.

Where are we going as a Town, like our neighbors Weston to the North or Pembroke Pines to the South? Southwest Ranches has been able to live within our adopted budget; if you are satisfied we don't have to make any changes, if not then you have to make that decision.

I hope everyone has enjoyed a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Town of Southwest Ranches Advisory Boards

The Town's Advisory Boards are made up of citizen volunteers who are appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of the Town Council. Each Board is made up of individuals whose professional background or specific talents lends to their contributions of the Advisory Board they serve. Board recommendations to the Town Council are advisory in nature, which may be approved or denied. Listed below is a partial listing of Advisory Board actions during 2012. *Remaining Advisory Board accomplishments will appear in the February Southwest Rancher.*

Comprehensive Plan Advisory Board

Florida's Growth Management Act requires all Florida municipalities adopt Comprehensive Land Use Plans that guide future growth and development. The Town of Southwest Ranches Comprehensive Plan contains elements that address Future Land Use, Housing, Transportation, Recreation and Open Space, Conservation, Utilities, Public School Facilities, Intergovernmental Coordination, and Capital Improvements. The first page of the Town's Comprehensive Plan begins with: "The Vision of the Town of Southwest Ranches is to enhance and preserve the unique rural character of its community. The Town shall promote, maintain, and protect its agricultural, residential, and equestrian lifestyles, sensitive to the natural environment."

During 2012, the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Board had several accomplishments. Board Members Newell Hollingsworth, George Morris, David Charlip, Ken Cimetta, and Bob Hartmann dedicated their time and expertise to make the following updates and improvements the Comprehensive Land Use Plan:

- Approved the update to the 2013 Capital Improvement Element.
- Made recommendations to the Town Council to update FLUE Policy 1.17-b limiting the encroachment of water and sewer lines.

- Reviewed and approved the "Rural Roads" Ordinance.
- Updated information in the "Community Facilities" and "Parks and Open Space" land use.
- The Board made several housekeeping changes to the Comprehensive Plan.
- The Board has also discussed potential commercial uses along US 27 and Flamingo Road. These discussions will continue in 2013.

The Town's Comprehensive Plan Advisory Board generally meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM in Town Hall.

Recreation, Forestry and Natural Resources Advisory Board

The RFRNAB solicits from residents and provides input to Council regarding matters of forestry and preservation of natural resources, wildlife and the environment as well as regarding acquisition, funding, design, development, operation, maintenance and regulation of parks, trails and other recreational spaces within the Town.

- Worked to recruit residents to certify yards as part of Town's effort to Certify as a Community Wildlife Habitat.
- Supported Arbor Day and Water Matters Day.
- Recommended the following amendments to management plan commitments at FCT/BCOS Properties:

Frontier Trails: approve restroom and volleyball court as user-based amenities; delete nature trail.

Fishing Hole: approve playground and restroom as user-based amenities; fishing pier and picnic pavilion as resource-based amenities; delete nature trail, fitness trail and ball fields as commitments of development.

Calusa Corners: approve equestrian ring and volleyball court as user-based amenities;

fishing pier and picnic pavilion as resource-based amenities; delete playground, nature trail, and fitness trail as commitments of development.

Southwest Meadows Sanctuary: approve playground and restroom as user-based amenities; fishing pier and trailhead as resource-based amenities; delete nature trail and picnic pavilion as commitments of development.

- Approved Café on the Go's request for an event to raise funds for the SPCA, conditionally, at the ROCA Easter Egg Hunt or as a standalone event.

Recommended the following:

- Bounce houses to be allowed at the Equestrian park for users with reservations.
- Barbecuing to be allowed on the Town's grill at the Equestrian Park for users with reservations.
- Staff's National Urban and Community Forestry Grant application for funding for upgraded tree inventory and forestry management plan.
- Staff's Partners in Preservation Grant to remove exotics at Fishing Hole.
- Town to host the Broward County Fair Fun Horse Show event to be held in the Equestrian Park on Saturday November 10, 2012.
- Re-addressed remediation of Griffin Road West medians - planting a remediation test location and requested input from Rural Public Arts and Design Advisory Board.
- Discussed Southwest Meadows Sanctuary historical Home and requested volunteers to provide input and research on improving appearance.
- BSO Mounted Posse use of Equestrian Park for practice.
- The South Florida Trail rider's donation of water trough for wash rack.
- The Tree Memorial program

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Town of Southwest Ranches Advisory Boards

Recreation, Forestry and Natural Resources Advisory Board

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- Town's grant application to OGT program for support facilities at Fishing Hole Park.
- Recommended approval of WBHS Project Primal's edible garden beds at Town Hall site.
- Donated and planted a new Royal Poinciana tree to replace one that failed to thrive.
- A Food Truck event to raise funds for SEAB scholarship program, pending further information.
- Reviewed Follow Up and Maintenance items including donated water trough at Equestrian Park.
- Reviewed Cll tree removal issues and recommended tree replacement solutions be requested from SFWMD.
- Town to host the 5th Annual Country Roads Arts and Craft Festival at the Equestrian Park on Saturday October 20, 2012.
- Held Joint meeting with Rural Public Arts and Design Advisory Board to provide input for amenities at Fishing Hole Park to include: prefab restroom and pavilion with roof overhang and timbered design.
- Approval of site plan and location of amenities.
- Accepted a smaller restroom building in favor of a larger pavilion, if possible.
- Construction of CBS building for the restroom with a pitched roof and porch/timber detail.
- Approval of 24' x 34' prefabricated picnic pavilion.
- RPAADAB choose colors for fishing hole buildings, with opportunity to review their color selections.
- Reviewed and approved installation of Eagle Scout Project at Rolling Oaks Park.

Advisory Board members are: Mary Gay Chaples, Aster Knight, Chris Brownlow, Eileen Dunn, Debra Goff-Rose, JoAnn Hagen, Manny Hagen, John Herring, Marie Nix,

Kathy Sullivan, and Lesley Thiele. The Board meets the second Tuesday of each month.

Schools and Education Advisory Board

The Schools and Education Advisory Board goal is to be a bridge of information between our schools and the residents of the Town. Accomplishments during 2012 included:

- Formation of a Scholarship Fund. The Fund which is based solely on tax deductible donations, will benefit students from our Town. Please watch for upcoming fundraising events!
- Increased awareness of vital links and information about school events, and educational concerns with our residents through the Town newsletter and blast emails.
- Building partnerships with our schools and the Town. We are looking forward to a garden that will be built at Town Hall by West Broward High School Project Primal students.
- Arbor Day celebrations which provide our children a chance to participate in an annual art and literature contest. Entries are displayed at Town Hall and certificates are presented to the students.
- Southwest Ranches has become known for its strong voice and presence throughout the School District, thanks to the participation of our residents, Town Council and Town Administrator. Southwest Ranches as a whole is involved with our schools and advocates for children. Job well done!

Advisory members are: Chair Melissa Gleissner, Christine Brownlow, Michelle Hurst, Rosina Marrapodi, Kathy Sullivan, and Lesley Thiele. The Board meets the second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in Town Hall.



In Memoriam Marvin Clement

The Town would like to remember the passing of Marvin Clement, a Ranches resident for 28 years. He and his wife Betty settled in the Sunshine Ranches area in 1984 where they raised their three daughters Lynn Nelson, June Braccio and Lisa Gelindon. Marvin loved the lifestyle of the Ranches, which spread to his daughters, as two of them chose to raise their families in Southwest Ranches. Mr. and Mrs. Clement were married for 54 years, and have 7 Grandchildren and 4 Great-Grandchildren. Thank you to the Clement family for sharing their memories. May his memory be a blessing.

Around the Town



Success Story: HAPPIER HOLIDAYS FOR MANY MILITARY FAMILIES



THANK YOU to the Southwest Ranches Staff, residents of Southwest Ranches, Davie, Pembroke Pines, Weston and members of VFW Post 304 Dania Beach Women's Auxiliary, the Marine Corps League and Sons of American Legion members who generously donated toys, food and home goods for families of deployed military men and women. **THANK YOU** to Council Member Freddy Fisikelli and the Men's Club of St. Marks Catholic Church who donated

beautiful Carolina Pine Christmas trees to any of the military families who did not have had a tree.

Residents who are interested in continuing this effort for local families contact Forgotten Soldiers Outreach, Inc. www.forgottensoldiers.org or call Broward County Manager Karla Smiley at (954) 232-2432.



A Heartfelt Thank You for Your Generous Donations!



7TH ANNUAL ARBOR DAY IN SOUTHWEST RANCHES *By December Laurentano-Haines*

Please join us at Town Hall on Friday, January 18, 2013 when Southwest Ranches will host our 7th Annual Arbor Day celebration.

Southwest Ranches' Arbor Day, observed yearly on the 3rd Friday in January (mirroring Florida's Arbor Day) is a very relevant occasion for our community. Highlighting the importance of our Town's tree canopy, this informal lunchtime event encourages residents to enhance and nurture trees in our Town. The event will feature a ceremonial tree planting, giveaways, and refreshments.

Southwest Ranches Town Hall
13400 Griffin Road
Southwest Ranches, Florida
33330-2628
Friday, January 18, 2013
12:00 noon to 1:30 PM

Founded in Nebraska in 1872 by Sterling Morton, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the Nation and the world. The Town of Southwest Ranches began our Arbor Day celebrations in 2007, and is now celebrating our 7th year observance. We hope that you'll be with us!



*Slash Pine
January
2013*



Planting on SWR Arbor Day January 2012

What a difference a year makes!



VOLUNTEERS MAKE IT HAPPEN IN 2013

Fishing Hole Park fence
assistance provided by
Mike Schroeder and
Council Member
Freddy Fisikelli

Around the Town

Education News

Schools and Education Advisory Board Update

Congratulations go to Southwest Ranches resident, Miss Annabelle Juin, who attends West Broward Senior High School. She is a Silver Knight nominee for Science. Way to go Annabelle!

We are excited to announce that Hawk's Bluff Elementary will kick-off its bilingual program in Spanish for grades K-1. Que maravilloso!

In an effort to assist families with their children's education, the board would like to share educational strategies. These techniques are provided through university training in the education field.

January: The ABC List-a writing technique to enhance comprehension in the content area. After reading the text lesson, students choose significant words or phrases for each letter of the alphabet. This selection process strengthens their ability to find significant details and refine their critical thinking skills (Knipper & Duggan, 2006).

STAY IN TOUCH WITH TOWN EMAILS

Have you changed your email address? Would you like to be part of the Town Email list? Recent Town-wide emails have resulted in returns and unknown addresses.

Receive up to the minute information on time sensitive issues affecting the Town of Southwest Ranches.

Please take a moment to update our list or add your name to be in the know! Thank you! **(Please Print)**

Name: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

Submit to Lee Rickles at lruckles@swranches.org or fax to (954) 434-1490 with your information.

Please note that Florida has a broad public records law. All correspondence via email may be subject to disclosure. Your signature denotes your approval to receive Town Emails.

Town of Southwest Ranches Procurement REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

BID NUMBER/RFP	ITEM/DESCRIPTION	MANDATORY PRE BID DATE	DUE DATE	CONTACT
RFP 12-014	Turnkey Telephone Replacement System and Hosted VOIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol)	January 11, 2013, 11:00 am @ Town Hall		Juanita Romance Deputy Town Clerk (954) 343-7477 jromance@swranches.org
RFP 13-001	Installation, Testing and Repair of Fire Protection Water Wells	To be advertised – coming soon.		Juanita Romance Deputy Town Clerk (954) 343-7477 jromance@swranches.org

The Town publishes this monthly solicitation of bids as a service to our residents. These are current at the time of newsletter publication.

For additional information or to Request Bid Package contact Juanita Romance at: 954-434-0008 or jromance@southwestranches.org

Check the Town of Southwest Ranches website www.southwestranches.org for additional information or updates.

Town of Southwest Ranches Waste Collection Map and Schedule

See Waste Collection Map and schedule below to find your solid waste collection days and bulk collection service dates.



Weekly **SOLID (GARBAGE)** Waste Days

Area 3	Area 2	Area 1
Wednesday & Saturday	Tuesday & Friday	Monday & Thursday

BULK Collection Service Dates by Area

Month	Area 3 (Wednesday Only)	Area 2 (Tuesday Only)	Area 1 (Monday Only)
Jan-13	1/9/13 & 1/23/13	1/8/13 & 1/22/13	1/7/13 & 1/21/13
Feb-13	2/6/13 & 2/20/13	2/5/13 & 2/19/13	2/4/13 & 2/18/13

RECYCLE collection occurs once per week:

- Area 1 every Monday
- Area 2 every Tuesday
- Area 3 every Wednesday



Show Your Town Spirit

SWR stickers are made for residents by the Country Estates Homeowners Association. Sticker's are \$1 each and are available at Town Hall, 13400 Griffin Road.

* Scheduled meetings at time of publication. Items subject to change.

CALENDARS

January

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
		New Years Day Town Hall Closed	Drainage & Infrastructure Advisory Board Town Hall 7 - 9 pm			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aster Knight Parks Foundation Town Hall 7 - 9 pm Country Estates Homeowners Mtg. Town Hall 7 pm AREA 1 BULK		Code Hearing Town Hall 9 am SWRVFD Meeting Town Hall 7 - 9 pm Recreation, Forestry, Natural Resources Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm AREA 2 BULK	Fire Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm AREA 3 BULK	Special Town Council Meeting Town Hall 6 pm		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Schools & Education Advisory Board Town Hall 7 - 9 pm		Rural Public Arts & Design Advisory Board Meeting Town Hall 7 - 9 pm		Comprehensive Plan Advisory Board Town Hall 7 - 9 pm	SWR Arbor Day Observance Town Hall Noon - 1:30 pm	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Martin Luther King Day Observance Town Hall Closed AREA 1 BULK		Rolling Oaks Civic Assn. Town Hall 7 pm AREA 2 BULK	AREA 3 BULK	Town Council Meeting Southwest Ranches Council Chambers Town Hall 7 pm		
27	28	29	30	31		
			Sunshine Ranches Homeowners Assn. Town Hall 6:30 pm			

February

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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Schools & Education Advisory Board Town Hall 7 - 9 pm Rec., Forestry, Natural Resources Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm			Fire Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm	Town Council Meeting Southwest Ranches Council Chambers Town Hall 7 pm		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Presidents Day Observed Town Hall Closed AREA 1 BULK		Rural Public Arts & Design Advisory Board Meeting Town Hall 7 pm AREA 2 BULK	Comprehensive Plan Advisory Board Town Hall 7 - 9 pm AREA 3 BULK	Town Council Meeting Southwest Ranches Council Chambers Town Hall 7 pm		
24	25	26	27	28		
			Sunshine Ranches Homeowners Assn. Town Hall 6:30 pm			

RESIDENTIAL BULK MAY BE PLACED IN THE SWALE THE SATURDAY BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED BULK COLLECTION DAY. (ORD 2008-07)

Town Hall: 13400 Griffin Road / Southwest Ranches, FL 33330 • **Phone:** (954) 434-0008 • **Fax:** (954) 434-1490
Town Hall Office Hours: Monday - Friday / 8:30 am - 5:00 pm • **Town Website:** www.southwestranches.org
Town Council Group E-mail Address: town_council@swranches.org

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Council Member Gary Jablonski	(954) 343-7456	gjablonski@swranches.org
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Customer Service Specialist, Jane Feary	(954) 343-7440	jfeary@swranches.org
Administrative Specialist, Susan Kutz	(954) 434-0008	skutz@swranches.org
Administrative Specialist, Danielle Miller	(954) 343-7474	dmiller@swranches.org

Planning, Zoning, Permitting & Occupational Licenses

Building Department/Permitting	M-F 8:00 am - 4:00 pm	
Lisa Reices	(954) 888-9882/Fax: (954) 888-9860	lreices@capfla.com
Building Director, Dave Tringo	(954) 888-9882/Cell: (954) 605-0127	dtringo@swranches.org
Planning and Zoning M-F	M-F 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	
The Mellgren Planning Group	(954) 475-3070 ext 803	

Code Compliance:

Code Compliance Official, Robert Solera	(954) 343-7440	rsolera@swranches.org
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Police/Fire/Rescue Services

Emergency	911	
Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO)		
Law Enforcement District 9	(954) 680-0010	
Davie Fire Rescue Station 112	(954) 680-0020	
Southwest Ranches Volunteer Fire Rescue	(954) 343-7466	

Traffic and Roadway Services (To Report Signs Down - Pot Holes)

Pot Holes and Signs: Emily McCord	(954) 343-7453	emccord@swranches.org
Paving: Willie Nabong, PE	(954) 343-7444	wnabong@swranches.org

Waste/Bulk/Recycling Services (Residential & Commercial)

Southern Waste Systems, (SWS) LLC	(888) 800-7732	
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Water Districts - Canals (Permits)

Central Broward Water Control District	(954) 432-5110	www.centralbrowardwcd.org
East of SW 148 (Volunteer) Avenue		
South Broward Drainage District	(954) 680-3337	www.sbddd.org
West of SW 148 (Volunteer) Avenue		

Well and Septic

Broward County Health Department	(954) 467-4700 ext 4233	
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Around Town



**LEADERS OF ST. MARKS
CATHOLIC CHURCH AND
CHABAD OF SOUTH BROWARD
WERE AT TOWN HALL, TO
DEDICATE THE NATIVITY
SCENE AND MENORAH.**

**MAYOR NELSON IS SEEN
LIGHTING THE MENORAH.**