

# SOUTHWEST RANCHER

*The Official Newsletter of Southwest Ranches*

## SEPTEMBER 2021 HIGHLIGHTS



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## HONORS OUR FIRST RESPONDERS & FRONT-LINE WORKERS

TO ALL FIRST RESPONDERS AND FRONT-LINE  
WORKERS WHO CONTINUE TO HELP FIGHT  
THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC BY KEEPING US SAFE  
THE BEST THEY CAN...

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK, COURAGE,  
COMMITMENT AND SACRIFICES.

*Mayor Breittkreuz, Council and Staff*





Mayor Steve Breitkreuz

Just a couple of thoughts as we head into the Fall. First, historically, September is the busiest month for hurricanes. Please double check your supplies to ensure that you are stocked up and ready for any storms that are headed our way. Hopefully you purchased all the basics at the start of the Summer, and now it is just a matter of replenishing items such as water. Let's all be prepared!

It has been 20 years since the September 11th attacks. This was a tragic experience. However, it serves as a reminder that our freedoms will always need to be defended. Nothing is given. Everything of value is earned at a price. In this case the price was as high as it gets. This serves as a reminder to cherish our freedom and liberties and to recommit to never letting them be taken away.

With this significant anniversary approaching, I was contacted by a number of residents requesting we have a remembrance ceremony to acknowledge the tragedy of the day. But more than that, to acknowledge and never forget the sacrifice that was made by the first responders who gave so much in those first weeks and many who continued to suffer and sacrifice years after the actual event.

I want to thank all the residents who approached me with ideas and support, but a special recognition for Louis Gregory who first got this effort moving forward. I continue to find incredible wisdom and energy from the residents of our Town. We certainly have differing views on topics, but at the end of the day, there is so much more that we have in common. Together we have proven over and over how well we can respond to whatever is sent our way.

So, with tremendous support from our residents and our Town Administration, we will be holding an event to commemorate the sacrifice that has been made for our freedom and specifically the sacrifice associated with 9/11. Please join us on this solemn occasion. The details are:

**Sat., Sept. 11, 2021 - Town Hall - 8:30 AM**

We are blessed to live in a community that has this level of positive community involvement, and it is my sincere honor to serve you as your Mayor. Together we will preserve our beautiful Town of Southwest Ranches.

Steve (954) 296-6018

**MARTY KIAR** Broward County  
**BR** **WARD** Property  
**COUNTY** Appraiser's Office  
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**PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FILING DATES  
ANNOUNCED FOR TOWN OF SOUTHWEST  
RANCHES**

Broward County Property Appraiser, Marty Kiar has announced special 2021 homeowner sign-up dates for Homestead, Senior and other property tax exemptions at Southwest Ranches Town Hall 13400 Griffin Rd. Southwest Ranches, FL 33330

**Sept. 20th, 2021 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM**

**Documents required to file a  
Homestead Exemption include:**

- 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.
- If you are a new resident to Florida, please provide your Settlement Statement from your prior out of state property.

Qualified residents 65 years of age or older as of January 1, 2021 may also apply for the additional Senior Exemption (after January 1, 2021). Seniors must bring a copy of their 2020 Income Tax Return or a copy of their 2020 Social Security 1099 form (if no tax return was filed).



Vice Mayor Bob Hartmann

September is the culmination of the Town's budget process, which begins in February every year. The process starts with preparing a budget to cover operating costs such as repainting Town buildings, staff salaries, cutting grass on Town parks and swales, and equipment maintenance, along with new capital investments for instance: new radar guns for our police, or improvements to our parks, or a needed drainage project. Next, the Finance and Administration teams meet with each Council Member individually to review and educate the Council on forthcoming Town needs. Each Council Member provides individual guidance and feedback on the budget. My message to the Administration was, considering the pandemic, to keep the departmental budgets as flat as possible. The results of these activities are recommendations on our property tax rate, which will be adopted in September.

First, for 2022, our millage rate will stay the same at 4.25 mills. It has not been raised by the Council in three years. Next, the solid waste fees for trash and bulk will stay the same, which also have not been raised for the third consecutive year. The special assessment to pave the Town's roads, known, as Transportation Surface Drainage and Ongoing Rehabilitation (TSDOR) program funding has dropped to zero as its funding will be provided by the County's Penny Sales Tax transportation fund for next year.

Some costs that would have impacted our millage rate, such as new guardrail projects, drainage, and paving, have been offset thru the diligent work and superb grant-writing skills of Community Service Manager Emily Aceti and Public Works Director Rod Ley.

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The grants awarded to the Town come from taxes we already pay to the State of Florida and Broward County. These grants allow the Town to do more without increasing our property taxes.

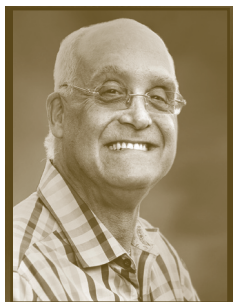
Finally, the exception to the good news above is the Fire Assessment. The prior fire assessment methodology study used to justify our fire assessment was conducted in 2011. The Council has directed the administration to make revisions annually to the study to minimize the possible swings in the fire assessments since the composition of our Town changes every time a new house is built, or a property is converted to or removed from an agricultural classification.

The number of fire calls for service, based on a total for the prior 5 years, in 2011 was 266 calls, and for 2020 it was 484 or an 81% increase. The distribution of fire calls between the categories has changed based on changes in the development of our Town and impacts of the pandemic since schools and religious institutions were largely closed or in limited use for most of 2020. Additionally, a policy change made over the past two years removed non-commercial barns located on a parcel containing a residence from being charged an additional fire assessment fee. This policy was changed since it was generally viewed by the families keeping livestock as unfair and anti-agriculture to collect two fees from these residents.

At this point, residential parcels will see a \$135.30 or 21% increase in fire assessments. This may not be the final figure. Council Member Gary Jablonski is working with the administration team to reduce this increase. Many cities in Broward don't charge a fire fee separately to their property owners and fund it from ad valorem taxes, which obscures it from their tax notices. Others blend funding between a fee and ad valorem taxes while others, such as our Town Council, believe in transparency and show the costs per property.

If our property tax rate and fee changes are concerning, please call me or attend the budget meetings on the dates published in this issue of the Southwest Rancher.

Bob Hartmann 954-801-1758



## Council Member David S. Kuczenski

Friends,  
Neighbors,  
Ranchers;

I hope everyone is doing well. As I am writing you the number of Covid-19 cases are escalating primarily a result of those who have not been vaccinated. Town Hall has reinstated the mandatory face mask policy, and many local businesses are taking similar actions. Hopefully, this is a short-lived spike.

One issue that is being considered is the use of fireworks in our Town. Our Town is a rural agrarian community, and horses, farm animals, and even dogs are negatively affected from the bangs often affiliated with the exploding type of fireworks. The Council is looking at alternatives to request the Florida Legislature to adopt a local bill to prohibit the sale and use and fireworks within the Town except by permit. One option is to put the issue before the voters, while another is to simply have the Council make the request. In either case, our animals need protection from loud noises that can cause injury and even unfortunate death.

Schools are beginning to end the summer break and reopening. With schools reopening, traffic will increase. The lead complaint to Davie Police is speeding. Davie police officers have been aggressively enforcing the speed limits, and the number of violators reported each month cited is startling. Kindly be patient with the increase in traffic. Most importantly, kindly limit your speed on Town roads.

We have one Town of Southwest Ranches. It is our rural equestrian Town to protect. If we do not conscientiously

protect it, we give it up. Like you, I believe we have the best location in South Florida.

I am honored with being entrusted in this office. I thank those of you who call me to discuss the many concerns we share. If I can be of help, feel free to reach out. If I do not answer immediately, please leave a call back number.

I remain, very truly yours,  
David S Kuczenski, Esq.



### Brief legislation from the July 8, 2021 Town Council Regular Meeting:

- **Adopted Ordinance 2021-011** amending the text of the Future Land Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan.
- **Adopted Resolution 2021-060** approving an agreement with Encompass CSI, LLC for janitorial services.
- **Adopted Resolution 2021-061** approving a purchase order for the purchase of a double-sided message board from Traffic and Parking Control Co., Inc.
- **Adopted Resolution 2021-062** establishing a policy to regulate the utilization and administration of License Plate Readers (LPRs).
- **Adopted Resolution 2021-063** authorizing the purchase and installation of playground equipment and related services from Landscape Structures, Inc. for Sunshine Ranches Equestrian Park.

**To view these approved items in their entirety please visit the Town Clerk's Department page on the Town website and click on the Resolutions and/or Ordinances link.**

# AROUND THE TOWN

## PESTICIDES, HERBICIDES AND FERTILIZERS

BY PHILIP CHORATH

Pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers are commonly used in agricultural areas. However, we should take care to when using them as they can have adverse consequences. Pesticides and herbicides are typically used in the maintenance of lawns and gardens. Improper use can hurt beneficial insects, animals, as well as the applicant. Additionally, overuse of pesticides and herbicides can cause pests and unwanted vegetation to become resistant against it. Caution must be taken as pesticides and herbicides can seep through soil and contaminate the groundwater.



Fertilizers are often rich with nitrogen and phosphorus, ingredients that are beneficial for plant growth. However, if care is not taken fertilizers can run off into adjacent water bodies such as canals and lakes. This can harm water bodies by altering their composition and causing a rapid growth of algae. The increased algae will in turn reduce oxygen levels which negatively affects fish and other aquatic organisms. In addition to this, the nitrogen in fertilizer can also contaminate groundwater if it seeps through. Pesticides herbicides, and fertilizers should always be used as per their instruction label.



## Southwest Ranches FIRE RESCUE

### THE REASON FOR MEDICAL TRAINING?

So, a firefighter finishes EMT or paramedic schooling. The key question is, what have they learned? How do they apply it to the street? What have they retained from the schooling? They must learn the Fire Department protocols. These are some of the reasons why we train daily and keep up to date with the newest Emergency Medical Procedures. We want the best for our residents and our goal is to train, train and train. "Practice Makes Perfect."

The same goes for fire training. When the bell rings, one will fight the fire with a calm clear mind using all the training techniques taught through their time in service.

The Coronavirus is running rampant once again. Hospitals are filling up once again. I am very sad to say, I have had a few good friends of mine pass away from this virus. Not to mention many that had hospital stays. If you have questions on Coronavirus issue, go talk to your health care professional.

**"If you have a problem with your electric - you don't call a plumber."**

Stay safe, Fire Chief Lee Bennett



## ADVISORY BOARD UPDATES

**DRAINAGE & INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY BOARD – Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Town Hall – 7 PM.** Currently, the Drainage and Infrastructure Advisory Board is working on analyzing secondary canals and coordinating with Town Staff and the jurisdictional drainage districts to see if they can be cleaned out. Additionally, the Board is looking at flow patterns from Pembroke Pines to see if there is any way for check valves to be installed to prevent municipalities to the south from flowing through Southwest Ranches to the C-11 canal.

**SCHOOLS & EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD – Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at Town Hall – 7 PM.** The Schools and Education Advisory Board (SEAB) discuss topics pertaining to the needs of the students of Southwest Ranches. The topics include safety, education, and work to fund the Southwest Ranches Scholarship fund which assists our children further their education.

**PARKS, RECREATION, FORESTRY & NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY BOARD – Meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month at Town Hall – 7 PM.** This board was established in 2003, considers and advises Council on matters regarding recreational spaces in Town. Recent subjects discussed include vandalism of parks and play-

grounds, promoting diversity of native wildlife species, maintenance projects for park buildings, and requests from park user groups.

**RURAL PUBLIC ARTS & DESIGN ADVISORY BOARD – Meets the 3rd Monday of the month at Town Hall – 7 PM.** The RPADB had a "Call to Artist" contest looking for an artist that dreamt of painting a large-scale mural on the wall at Gary Poliakoff Founder's Park. The board voted on our Town resident Laura Warren, she will start once the weather cools down.

**FIRE ADVISORY BOARD – Meets every 3rd Wednesday of the month at Town Hall – 7 PM.** The Fire Advisory Board (FAB) recently had a presentation and discussion on the Fiscal Year 2022 Volunteer Fire Dept. budget. The Board talked in detail on all items in the budget, focusing in on the Volunteer Fire Apparatus Replacement and the Fire Station location. We're happy to report that we had unanimous approval from the FAB on the budget. The next FAB is scheduled for September 15th, 2021.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ADVISORY BOARD – Meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at Town Hall - 7 PM.** The Comprehensive Plan Advisory Board is discussing how to limit extent and impact of new residential development in Southwest Ranches.

THANK YOU



**PRIOR TO THE JULY 29, 2021 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING FORMER MAYOR DOUG MCKAY WAS RECOGNIZED FOR HIS 12 YEARS OF ELECTED SERVICE ON THE TOWN COUNCIL. THE RECOGNITION EVENT WAS ALSO INTENDED FOR FORMER COUNCIL MEMBERS DENISE "DEE" SCHROEDER AND DELSA AMUNDSON, BUT UNFORTUNATELY, THEY WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND. WE THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SERVICE TO THE TOWN!**



# AROUND THE TOWN



**MARTY KIAR**  
BROWARD COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER

## 2021 TRIM Notices

The Broward County Property Appraiser's Office mails the TRIM (proposed tax) Notices in August of each year. This is NOT a tax bill but a notice showing your 2021 just value, exemptions and proposed taxes as set by the various taxing authorities. The TRIM Notice is your opportunity to review your property's 2021 just value and ensure you are receiving all the tax-saving exemptions you are entitled to.

Our office does not set or collect property taxes. If you have questions about the proposed tax rates, the contact information and public hearing dates for the individual taxing authorities are listed to the right of each agency name on this notice.

## I Recently Applied for Homestead Exemption – Why Is It Not Showing on my TRIM?

Florida Statutes require our office use January 1 as the date of assessment and to determine exemption eligibility each year. If you purchased your home after January 1, 2021, you are eligible for 2022 Homestead Exemption. The 2022 exemptions will show online in December and be included for the 2022 tax year.

## I Had Homestead Exemption Last Year - Where Did My Exemptions Go This Year?

If you purchased your home in 2020, you may have "inherited" the previous owner's exemptions last year. These 2020 exemptions would have been removed at the end of last year, so they are no longer showing on your TRIM Notice for tax year 2021. Fortunately, you can still late file for 2021 Homestead and any other exemptions you may qualify for until September 20, 2021. To apply online, please visit our website at <https://web.bcpa.net/>

## I Am a Senior Citizen – Why Isn't the Senior Exemption Showing?

The Senior Exemption is both an age and income-based exemption that is not automatically applied to a property because of the income requirement. To be eligible for this exemption, an applicant must be age 65 or older as of January 1, 2021 and have an adjusted household gross income for 2020 not exceeding \$31,100. If you believe you qualify for this additional exemption, you can still late file until September 20, 2021. To review the exemption requirements and to apply for this ex-

emption, please go to our website at <https://web.bcpa.net/bcpaclient/#/SeniorExemption>

The health and well-being of our community continues to be of great importance. If you would like to schedule virtual conference, our Mobile Exemption and Information Team will gladly assist you. To schedule an appointment, please call 954-357-5579 or visit our website at <https://web.bcpa.net/ExemptionsExpress/calendar>

If my office can ever be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at [martykiar@bcpa.net](mailto:martykiar@bcpa.net)

## Questions About Your 2021 Property Assessment or Exemptions?

Our office recently mailed over 776,000 TRIM (proposed tax) Notices to Broward County property owners. Florida law requires the property appraiser to assess every parcel of real and tangible personal property in Broward County as of January 1, 2021. The 2021 just values are based on the 2020 market data. The TRIM Notice you received shows your 2021 just value, exemptions you are receiving, and the proposed tax amounts as set by the various taxing authorities listed on the notice. It is important to remember the Property Appraiser's Office does not set or collect taxes.

If you believe you are entitled to a Homestead Exemption or any other exemptions not shown on your TRIM Notice, you may still late file for any 2021 exemption until September 20, 2021. For a list of all the available tax-saving exemptions and to apply for exemptions online, please visit our website at <https://web.bcpa.net/bcpaclient/#/Homestead> or call us at 954-357-6830.

If you have any questions regarding your property's just value or exemptions, please contact my office directly at the following numbers:

<b>Property Tax Exemptions &amp; General Questions</b>	<b>954-357-6830</b>
<b>Residential Property Condo, Co-op &amp; Timeshare</b>	<b>954-357-6831</b>
<b>Property Commercial Real</b>	<b>954-357-6832</b>
<b>Property/Duplexes</b>	<b>954-357-6835</b>
<b>Tangible (Commercial) Personal Property</b>	<b>954-357-6836</b>
<b>Agricultural Property/Classifications</b>	<b>954-357-6822</b>
<b>Report Homestead Fraud</b>	<b>954-357-6900</b>

*If you have questions or concerns about any of the proposed tax rates or non-ad valorem fees, including fire assessments, please contact the*

*taxing authority listed on the TRIM Notice.*

The ABSOLUTE deadline to file an application for any 2021 exemption or appeal your property's just value is September 20, 2021.

## Value Adjustment Board

The Value Adjustment Board (VAB) is an independent quasi-judicial review board. If you believe your property assessment is not what a buyer would have reasonably paid for your property on January 1, 2021, you should first contact our office. If after speaking with one of our appraisers, you still do not agree, you can file an appeal with the Broward County Value Adjustment Board. If you were denied an exemption, you may also file an appeal with the Value Adjustment Board challenging this denial. The absolute filing deadline for Value Adjustment Board petitions is September 20, 2021. If you would like to file a petition online, please visit the VAB website at <https://bcvab.broward.org/axiaweb2021>. Should you have any questions for the Value Adjustment Board, they can be reached at [vab@broward.org](mailto:vab@broward.org) or 954-357-7205.

If my office can ever be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at [martykiar@bcpa.net](mailto:martykiar@bcpa.net).

Take care,

*Marty Kiar*



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@MartyKiarBCPA

Marty Kiar, CFA  
Broward County Property Appraiser



## Sign up for CodeRED Emergency Notification System to receive notifications from the Town of Southwest Ranches.

You will receive CodeRED alerts for emergency updates such as evacuation notices, weather warnings, hazardous traffic or road conditions, and other Town events.

You can self-register on the Town's website: [www.southwestranches.org](http://www.southwestranches.org). to receive notifications by either phone call, text or email.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Choice #1 - Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Choice #2 - Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Choice #3 - Email: \_\_\_\_\_



# AROUND THE TOWN



OUR DEEPEST THANKS TO THE SOUTHWEST  
DAVIE POLICE, DAVIE FIRE RESCUE AND  
TO PROTECT

*Thank*



# AROUND THE TOWN



RANCHES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT,  
ALL TOWN RESIDENTS WHO WORK EVERYDAY  
OUR COMMUNITY.

*You*



# AROUND THE TOWN

THE RURAL PUBLIC ARTS AND DESIGN BOARD  
PRESENTS...

## "4th Annual December Holiday Lights Contest"




ENTRY FORM DUE  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

JUDGING WILL COMMENCE  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

AWARDS WILL BE  
PRESENTED  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10TH



THE 3 MOST FESTIVE HOLIDAY DECORATED  
HOMES IN SOUTHWEST RANCHES  
WILL BE THE WINNERS  
OF THIS CONTEST.



Call Susan: 954-434-0008 or  
email: [SKutz@southwestranches.org](mailto:SKutz@southwestranches.org)

## COVID-19 IMPORTANT RESOURCES AND CONTACTS

**BROWARD COUNTY** [www.broward.org/coronavirus](http://www.broward.org/coronavirus)  
954-831-3900  
954-357-9500 (Broward County Call Center)  
954-743-9779 (Senior Citizen's Elder Hotline)

**BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
[www.browardschools.com/coronavirus](http://www.browardschools.com/coronavirus) [www.browardschools.com](http://www.browardschools.com)  
754-321-0000 (Main Switchboard)  
754-321-0911 (Emergency Hotline—Live Person)  
754-321-0321 (BCPS & Rumor Control Hotline)

**STATE OF FLORIDA**

**FOOD PROGRAMS** [www.myflorida.com/accessflorida](http://www.myflorida.com/accessflorida) (SNAP)  
[www.feedingsouthflorida.org](http://www.feedingsouthflorida.org)  
Text: FLKIDSMEALS to PH# 211-211


**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ELDER AFFAIRS**  
800-963-5337 <http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/index.php> (SHINE)

**SMALL BUSINESS & NON-PROFIT ASSISTANCE**  
[www.floridadisaster.org](http://www.floridadisaster.org) [www.floridadisaster.biz](http://www.floridadisaster.biz)

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN'S AFFAIRS**  
877-741-3400 (Veteran Clinical Contact Center)

**CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL (CDC)**  
Call: 800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636), TTY: 888-232-6348.  
<https://www.cdc.gov/DCS/ContactUs/Form>

## DECEMBER HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST ENTRY FORM



### Town of Southwest Ranches

Rural Public Arts & Design Advisory Board  
13400 Griffin Road • Southwest Ranches, Florida 33330

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

I UNDERSTAND, ACKNOWLEDGE, AND AGREE THAT THE SUBMISSION OF THE PHOTOGRAPH OF MY HOME, WHICH I HAVE TAKEN, TO THE TOWN CONSTITUTES A "WORK MADE FOR HIRE," AND I HEREBY WAIVE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS TO THE WORK AND THE WORK PRODUCT, INCLUDING MORAL OR OTHERWISE. THIS STATEMENT SHALL CONTROL OVER THE PROVISIONS OF 17 U.S.C. SECTION 106A(G), AND SHALL CONSTITUTE A WAIVER BY ME OF ANY RIGHTS IN THE WORK SET OUT IN OR OTHERWISE GRANTED BY 17 U.S.C. SECTION 106A(A), VISUAL ARTISTS RIGHTS ACT OF 1990. ALL OTHER RIGHTS IN AND TO THE WORK, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ALL RIGHTS IN THE NATURE OF "DROIT MORAL" RELATING TO ANY CONTINUING INTEREST I MAY HAVE IN THE MAINTENANCE OR MODIFICATION OF THE WORK, ARE EXPRESSLY WAIVED AND, INsofar AS SUCH RIGHTS ARE TRANSFERABLE, ARE ASSIGNED TO THE TOWN. MY WORK IS ORIGINAL AND IT COMPLIES WITH ALL APPLICABLE PATENT, TRADEMARK AND COPYRIGHT LAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND CODES. I UNDERSTAND, ACKNOWLEDGE, AND AGREE THAT THROUGH THE CONVEYANCE OF MY SUBMISSION THE WORK WILL REMAIN THE PROPERTY OF THE TOWN AND MAY BE USED, REPRODUCED, SOLD, OR MODIFIED BY THE TOWN IN THE TOWN'S SOLE DISCRETION.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

SIGNATURE OF GUARDIAN FOR CHILDREN UNDER 18: \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

## MEET YOU at the PARK...



~ CALL FOR ENTRIES ~

### COUNTRY ESTATES PARK ENTRANCE DESIGN CONTEST

Do you have what it takes to design and create a large scale, functional artwork?



The Town of Southwest Ranches is seeking designs for an artistic entrance feature for Country Estates Fishing Hole Park. Our current chainlink fence and gates are not beautiful! So, put on your thinking cap and get inventive!

The entrance feature should reflect the Town's rural lifestyle, recreational fishing and/or equestrian activities, wildlife, or natural beauty of Southwest Ranches. The entrance feature should include gates spanning the park's vehicular entrance and exit lanes as well as equestrian and pedestrian access. The feature should contain elements of the Town's Rural Identification Program standards for any signage to be included.

Country Estates Park Fishing Hole Park is located 18900 Griffin Road. The entrance is on the West side of the property, accessed via SW 190th Ave.

Everyone is encouraged to get creative. For further information and to submit entries: email [dlauretano@southwestranches.org](mailto:dlauretano@southwestranches.org) or call 954-343-7452.

Deadline: November 15th, 2021



Want to stay in touch and receive information on TOWN EVENTS?  
Send your email address to:  
[druessga@southwestranches.org](mailto:druessga@southwestranches.org)



# AROUND THE TOWN

Broward County School Calendar  
September 2021

SEPTEMBER				
M	T	W	T	F
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6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
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27	28	29	30	

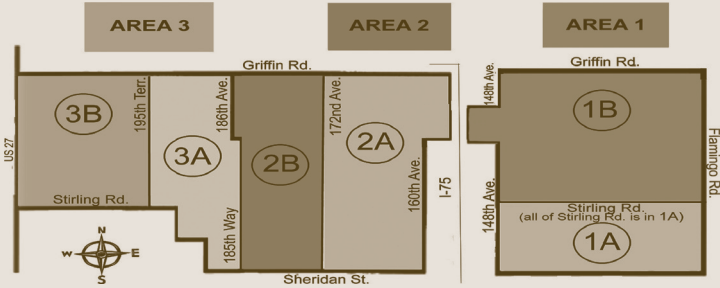


September 6th, 7th and 16th - Schools Are Closed  
September 20th - Interim Reports Issued

## Waste Collection

**MAKE SURE YOUR GARBAGE, BULK AND RECYCLE ARE OUT BEFORE 7 AM**

**TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES - Waste Collection Map & Schedule**



TO ALL OUR RESIDENTS ON STIRLING ROAD...Please remember you are in AREA 1A for your bulk schedule.

**RESIDENTIAL BULK MAY BE PLACED IN THE SWALE THE SATURDAY BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED BULK COLLECTION DAY. (Ord 2008-07) PAGE 6**

**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	WEDNESDAY Only	Area	TUESDAY Only	Area	MONDAY Only
SEPTEMBER 2021	3-A	9/08 - 9/22	2-A	9/07 - 9/21	1-A	9/06 - 9/20
	3-B	9/01 - 9/15 - 9/29	2-B	9/14 - 9/28	1-B	9/13 - 9/27
OCTOBER 2021	3-A	10/06 - 10/20	2-A	10/5 - 10/19	1-A	10/04 - 10/18
	3-B	10/13 - 10/27	2-B	10/12 - 10/26	1-B	10/11 - 10/25

**RECYCLE** collection occurs once per week: Area 1 every Monday • Area 2 every Tuesday • Area 3 every Wednesday

## FLHSMV

FLORIDA HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES



Florida Licensing On Wheels mobile offices brings motorist services directly to the customer. FLOW mobiles offer the following services:

- First time license (\$48.00)
- Convert out of state license (\$48.00)
- Renewals (\$48.00 for Class E; fees vary for CDL)
- Replacements for lost or stolen license (\$25.00)
- Address/name changes (\$25.00)
- ID cards (\$25.00)
- No FEE Poverty Level ID Card.
- Reinstatements (fees vary)
- Emergency Contact Information Registration (free)
- Vehicle Registration Renewals (fees vary)
- Disabled Parking Placard Issuance and Renewals (Permanent- free; Temporary- \$15.00)



EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Visit us at <https://www.flhsmv.gov/locations/florida-licensing-wheels-flow/> to find out how you can take advantage of the services provided by our team of Community Outreach Specialists who are committed to excellence.

Let DHSMV assist you with scheduling a community event. Please visit us at <http://www3.flhsmv.gov/ddl/FlowMobile/index.cfm> for a schedule of events in your area or submit your Request for a Flow at your next event.

### Obtaining a Florida Driver License or Identification Card

Florida has new documentation requirements for residents renewing or obtaining a driver license or identification card. Please visit our [WhatToBring](http://www3.flhsmv.gov/ddl/FlowMobile/index.cfm) website for a complete listing of documents needed and other information related to obtaining your driver license or ID card.

For your convenience the FLOW Units accepts the following methods of payment:  
Cash, Check, and Credit Cards.



**SEPTEMBER 22, 2021 - BY APPOINTMENT ONLY  
BETWEEN 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - NO WALK-INS  
- CALL TOWN HALL (954) 434-0008**

## TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES PHOTO CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Rural Public Arts & Design Advisory Board

13400 Griffin Road, Southwest Ranches, Florida 33330

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

I UNDERSTAND, ACKNOWLEDGE, AND AGREE THAT THE SUBMISSION OF PHOTOGRAPHS TO THE TOWN CONSTITUTES A "WORK MADE FOR HIRE," AND I HEREBY WAIVE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS TO THE WORK AND THE WORK PRODUCT, INCLUDING MORAL OR OTHERWISE. THIS STATEMENT SHALL CONTROL OVER THE PROVISIONS OF 17 U.S.C. SECTION 106A(a) AND SHALL CONSTITUTE A WAIVER BY ME OF ANY RIGHTS IN THE WORK SET OUT IN OR OTHERWISE GRANTED BY 17 U.S.C. SECTION 106A(A), VISUAL ARTISTS RIGHTS ACT OF 1990. ALL OTHER RIGHTS IN AND TO THE WORK, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ALL RIGHTS IN THE NATURE OF "DROIT MORAL" RELATING TO ANY CONTINUING INTEREST I MAY HAVE IN THE MAINTENANCE OR MODIFICATION OF THE WORK, ARE EXPRESSLY WAIVED AND, INsofar AS SUCH RIGHTS ARE TRANSFERABLE, ARE ASSIGNED TO THE TOWN. MY WORK IS ORIGINAL AND IT COMPLIES WITH ALL APPLICABLE PATENT, TRADEMARK AND COPYRIGHT LAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND CODES. I UNDERSTAND, ACKNOWLEDGE, AND AGREE THAT THROUGH THE CONVEYANCE OF MY SUBMISSION THE WORK WILL REMAIN THE PROPERTY OF THE TOWN AND MAY BE USED, REPRODUCED, SOLD, OR MODIFIED BY THE TOWN IN THE TOWN'S SOLE DISCRETION.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF GUARDIAN FOR CHILDREN UNDER 18: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

## TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES BUDGET HEARINGS AND WORKSHOP

The following publicly held Budget meetings/workshop will be in Council Chambers:

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021** First Public Hearing for Tentative Millage and Budget Adoption introduced for FY 2021-2022 (via resolution and ordinance, respectively). Final Fire Protection and SW special assessment adoption (via resolutions) @ 6:00 PM. September Regular Council meeting @ 7:30 PM

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2021** Second Public Hearing for Final Millage and Budget Adoption (via resolution and ordinance, respectively) @ 6:00 PM. September Regular Council meeting @ 7:00 PM





PHOTO BY:

**Frank Espinosa** "Rancho El Ensueño, living the dream in Southwest Ranches."

(From the 2021 Photo Contest Calendar)

# CALENDAR

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
September			1	2	3	4
	5	6	7	8	9	10
	12	13	14	15	16	17
	19	20	21	22	23	24
	26	27	28	29	30	

**All Town Council Meetings and Advisory Board meetings will be held in person at Town Hall unless explicitly stated otherwise.**

## KIDS UNDER 13 BEST SHOT CONTEST.

PHOTO TAKEN BY:  
**ELLA PIRIE, AGE 7**

"BIRDS AND BANANAS"



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY...

*Kyle Bennett ~ September 14th*  
*Zachary Swait ~ September 24th*



*We hope your special day is filled with happiness and that all your wishes come true.*

Have a birthday you would like to share with us in a future Town newsletter? Send your name and birthday to: [Skutz@southwestranches.org](mailto:Skutz@southwestranches.org)

## BULK RULES



- **AVOID A FINE OF \$500.00** - Bulk cannot be placed out earlier than the Saturday prior to your scheduled bulk pick up date.
- **AVOID A FINE OF \$500.00** - Landscaper or Contractor generated waste on your property must be removed by that vendor for disposal.
- Bulk Piles over-the-limit of **12 Cubic Yards** per household will be picked up and the vendor will bill the resident the additional yardage at the rate of \$17.50 per cubic yard.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT 12 CUBIC YARDS IS EQUIVILANT TO THE SIZE OF A VOLKSWAGON BEETLE (APPROXIMATELY 8 FEET WIDE BY 10 FEET LONG AND 4 FEET TALL).

If you have a request or complaint, please click on the Waste Pro button on our website: [www.southwestranches.org](http://www.southwestranches.org) or call: (954) 967-4200.



# IN TOUCH

**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 HALL TWITTER ACCOUNT:** @SWR\_Gov • **YOUTUBE:** Town of Southwest Ranches Official Channel • **FACEBOOK:** facebook@SWRGOV

## **ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Mayor Steve Breitreuz	(954) 343-7462	sbreitreuz@southwestranches.org
Vice Mayor Bob Hartmann	(954) 343-7447	bhartmann@southwestranches.org
Council Member Gary Jablonski	(954) 343-7456	gjablonski@southwestranches.org
Council Member Jim Allbritton	(954) 343-7461	jallbritton@southwestranches.org
Council Member David S. Kuczenski	(954) 343-7472	dkuczenski@southwestranches.org

## **TOWN STAFF**

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Danielle Caban, <i>Executive Assistant to the Town Administrator</i>	(954) 343-7474	dcaban@southwestranches.org
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Martin Sherwood, <i>Town Financial Administrator</i>	(954) 343-7473	msherwood@southwestranches.org
Rich Strum, <i>Town Controllor</i>	(954) 343-7442	rstrum@southwestranches.org
Venessa Redman, <i>Senior Procurement &amp; Budget Officer</i>	(954) 343-7467	vrredman@southwestranches.org
Gina Lawrence, <i>Town Accountant</i>	(954) 343-7477	glawrence@southwestranches.org
Keith Poliakoff, <i>Town Attorney</i>	(954) 909-0580	kpoliakoff@southwestranches.org
Rod Ley, <i>Public Works Director</i>	(954) 343-7444	rley@southwestranches.org
Philip Chorath, <i>Engineer I</i>	(954) 343-7441	pchorath@southwestranches.org
Emily McCord Aceti, <i>Community Services Manager</i>	(954) 343-7453	eaceti@southwestranches.org
December Lauretano-Haines, <i>Parks, Recreation &amp; Open Space Manager</i>	(954) 343-7452	dlauretano@southwestranches.org
Melinda Stringer, <i>Administrative Assistant</i>	(954) 343-7454	mstringer@southwestranches.org

## **TOWN SERVICES**

### **BUILDING DEPARTMENT PERMITTING – (CAP GOVERNMENT) M-F 8:30 am - 4:00 pm**

Brian Dillon, <i>Building Official</i>	(954) 343-7446	bdillon@capfla.com
Joyce Marques, <i>Permit Technician</i>	(954) 343-7446	jmarques@capfla.com
Derlin Guevara, <i>Permit Technician</i>	(954) 343-7445	dguevara@capfla.com

### **PLANNING – (MELGREN PLANNING GROUP)**

Jeff Katims	(954) 475-3070	michele@tmpgplanning.com
	(954) 435-3070	jeff@floridaplanning.net

### **CODE, ZONING, and PERMITTING**

Code Enforcement Hotline	(954) 343-7440	zoninginfo@southwestranches.org
Julio Medina, <i>Code Enforcement Director</i>	(954) 343-7449	
Concepcion Campos, <i>Code Enforcement Officer</i>	(954) 343-7458	jmedina@southwestranches.org
Marlon Gonzalez, <i>Code Enforcement Officer</i>	(954) 343-7457	ccampos@southwestranches.org
Jenna Anderson, <i>Administrative Coordinator</i>	(954) 343-7440	mgonzalez@swranches.org
	(954) 343-7459	janderson@southwestranches.org

### **WASTE/BULK/RECYCLING SERVICES (Residential & Commercial)**

Waste Pro	(954) 967-4200	
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### **REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKERS – Chief Bennett**

<b>MOSQUITO CONTROL</b>	(954) 868-2057	lbennett@southwestranches.org
<b>LOST AND FOUND ANIMALS</b>	(954) 765-4062	
	(754) 224-0877	Facebook@SWRLostandFoundAnimals

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

### **EMERGENCY**

<i>Non-Emergency</i>	<b>911</b>	
<i>Davie Police Department</i>	(954) 764-4357 (HELP)	
Jeff Hobales, <i>Detective</i>	(954) 693-8200	
Cheryl Danner, <i>Police Services Coordinator</i>	(954) 693-8293	jeffrey_hobales@davie-fl.gov
<i>Davie Fire Rescue Station 112</i>	(954) 693-8352	cdanner@southwestranches.org
<i>Volunteer Fire Rescue - Chief Bennett</i>	(954) 680-0020	
	(954) 868-2057	

### **TRAFFIC AND ROADWAY SERVICES**

Potholes and Signs Down - Philip Chorath	(954) 343-7441	pchorath@southwestranches.org
Illicit Discharge - Environmental Response Line:	(954) 519-1499	online complaint form at <a href="http://www.broward.org/Environment/Resources/Pages/EnviroComplaint.aspx">http://www.broward.org/Environment/Resources/Pages/EnviroComplaint.aspx</a>

## **OTHER**

### **WATER DISTRICTS - CANALS**

Central Broward Water Control District	(954) 432-5110	www.centralbrowardwcd.org
<i>East of SW 148 Avenue (Volunteer)</i>		
South Broward Drainage District	(954) 680-3337	www.sbdd.org
<i>West of SW 148 Avenue (Volunteer)</i>		
John De los Santos, <i>Newsletter Layout and Design</i>	(954) 292-8850	johndelossantos@rocketmail.com



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The Town of Southwest Ranches  
Rural Public Arts & Design Advisory Board presents

**9th Annual Photo Contest**

*When was the last time you visited one  
of our beautiful Parks?*

The theme for 2022 Photo Contest Calendar is...

**SOUTHWEST RANCHES PARKS**

Pictures must be submitted no later than September 13th, 2021

- One photo per person in household.
- Please provide a photo caption (limit 74 characters).
- Photos must be at least 8 x 10 (landscape).
- Must be a resolution of at least 300 DPI.
- No previous photos will be accepted.
- To be considered, all entries must be submitted with the Town's Entry Form.

Email your photo to: Skutz@southwestranches.org

**Town of Southwest Ranches Park Sites**

- Sunshine Ranches Equestrian Park - 5840 SW 148th Avenue
- Southwest Meadows Sanctuary Park - 16290 Griffin Road
- Calusa Corners Park - 4701 Hawke's Bluff Avenue
- Rolling Oaks Park - 17630 SW 56th Street
- Country Estates Fishing Hole Park - 18900 Griffin Road
- Frontier Trails Park - 19300 SW 51st Manor
- Founder's Park - 12498 Griffin Road

**SEE PAGE 9 FOR ENTRY FORM**

**Household  
HAZARDOUS  
WASTE  
Disposal Days**

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE, ELECTRONICS &  
BULK DROP OFF EVENT**

**Location: Rolling Oaks Barn - 17630 SW 56th St., Southwest Ranches, 33331**  
**Saturday, September 11th, 2021 . 8:00am to 2:00pm**  
**Document shredding - 10:00am to 1:00pm (4 boxes)**  
**Prescription drug drop off 10:00am to 2:00pm**

*This service is provided for Town residents only. Proof of residency is required.*  
*NOTE: Event may be canceled due to rain, excessive winds or other hazardous conditions as determined by the Town.*

**ACCEPTABLE HHW ITEMS**

Aerosol Cans Antifreeze/Coolant/Paint  
Batteries & Auto Batteries  
BBQ & Camp Size Propane  
Cleaners  
Fluorescent Tubes/Bulbs  
Garden Chemicals  
Latex/Oil-Based Paint  
Pesticides  
Pool Chlorine  
Tires - 4 tires (no rims) per household  
Used Oil & Filters

**ELECTRONICS RECYCLING**

Computers, Cables DVD Players,  
Key Boards, Mice, Adapters,  
Monitors, Printers/Scanners,  
Radios, Stereo Components, TVs,  
Tape Players, VCRs

**UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS**

Appliances  
Asbestos  
Explosives or Ammunition  
Medical/Infectious Waste  
Non-Residential Waste

*For more information call Town Hall (954) 434-0008*