

SOUTHWEST RANCHER

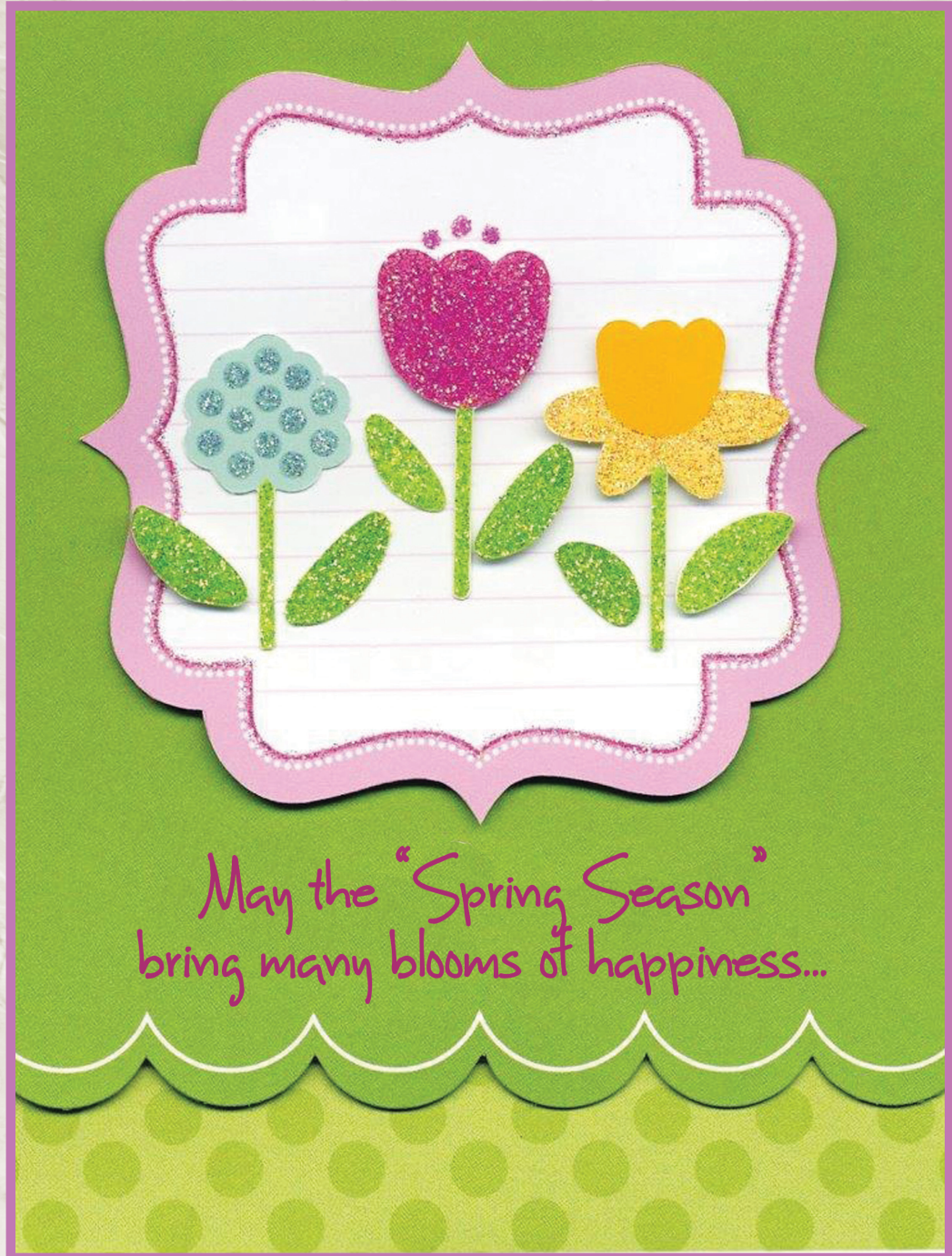
The Official Newsletter of Southwest Ranches

April 2015

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Mayor
Jeff Nelson

We are still basking in the pride of the Rolling Oaks Barn Grand Open-

ing. This facility truly is a jewel that we have in our Town, and I look forward to many years of great memories being made there. While so many people had a role in its development, I would be remiss if I didn't recognize the role that our resident volunteers played in its fruition. Specifically I would like to recognize the Rural Public Arts and Design Advisory Board, and the Recreation, Forestry, and Natural Resources Advisory Board led by their respective Chairs Ken Cimetta, and Mary Gay Chaples. These two boards were instrumental in the final product that is such a source of community pride.

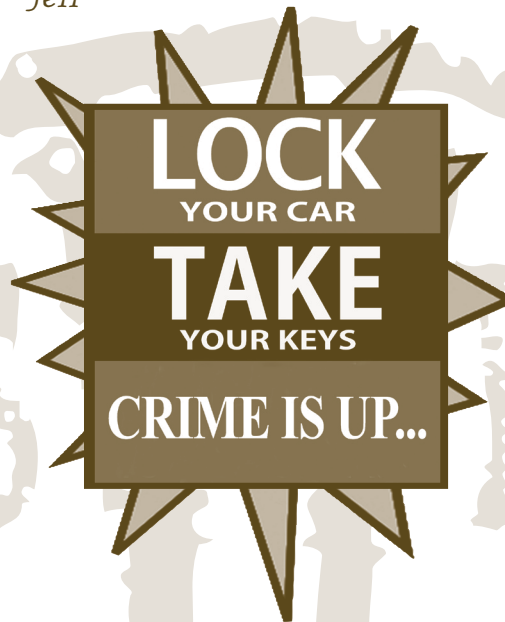
As I've mentioned in previous articles, service to one's neighbors is one of the highest forms of virtue. I urge you all to seek opportunities to serve your fellow residents in one form or another. The Town of Southwest Ranches honors the commitment and time dedicated by its resident volunteers. To exemplify the appreciation we have for our volunteers, Town staff is currently in the planning stages of developing a display that will appear in our Council Chambers which will recognize Advisory Board members.

Town staff is also in the process of developing a web page for each Advisory Board that will be accessed from the Town web site. Each page will contain current agendas and minutes for each board, as well as a

list of board members. The goal is to keep you all informed about issues central to the Town, and provide an opportunity for all of you to become involved. We hope to see you at a future meeting, or Town event.

It is an honor and pleasure to serve you!

Jeff



**FOR TRASH,
RECYCLE AND
BULK PICK
UP ISSUES**

Please Call SWS at
1-888-800-7732.
If you are not
satisfied, please call
SANDY at Town Hall
954-343-7476.



Council Member
Steve Breitkreuz

One of the areas that are most critical to everyone, regardless of where they live in

our Town, is our Fire and EMS coverage. We are indeed very fortunate to have a great partnership with the Town of Davie. They have now been our single provider for both Fire / EMS as well as Police protection services for over a year. It has not only been a very smooth transition, and they have also provided exceptional service in both of these areas.

However, because of where our fire stations are currently located, and how the contract was written, the coverage for Fire / EMS on the western side of town is not as deep as I would like. That is where our SWR Volunteer Fire Department has become so very important. They provide a backup option should multiple calls be going on at the same time.

To further increase the benefit of the Volunteers to our Town, recently the Council voted to move the Volunteers from the location they are currently sharing with Davie at the corner of Griffin and 172nd, to a property that the town owns on the western side of town near US 27. If you are familiar with that side of town, it is the eastern section of the property that is located north of Griffin Road where the road jogs to the south just before you get to US 27. While it may not be the perfect location, it will allow for a major improvement in response times for those living in the most western parts of our town. If you live west of 195th, this is very good news!

While this transition will take several months to complete, it is already underway. It is one more way that we can work with the contracted services from Davie to provide the best possible service to all of Southwest Ranches at a cost that we can all afford.



**Vice Mayor
Freddy Fisikelli**

One of the main purpose of these newsletters is to keep our residence informed of what is taking place in our town. I am usually late with my article for it and I woke up early this morning so I decided to write my article and I was in the process of doing this when my doorbell rang. It was a police officer from Pembroke Pines and she asked me if I had a lasso because there was a loose horse in my yard and they were trying to catch it. When I went out see what was going on I say one of our Town residence Josh Dykes who the police usually call when they have a stray animal loose because of his experience with handling cows, horses and other animals. It wasn't long before he was able to get the horse to eat some feed he had brought with him so he was able to get a halter on the animal so he could get the horse in his trailer he had and then he would take it to his house until they could find the owner. When I think about what was happening I thought where else could you live and have this happen. This is one of the things we enjoy by forming our Town and make the rules we live by so that we can enjoy the life style we want. When I started writing this newsletter I thought what am I going to write about but I found out just start writing something will happen like it did. So with that I will close and I hope I was able to give you some information to enlighten you as to what is going on in our Town.

Mini-Flow: Florida Licensing on Wheels

If you need to renew or replace your Florida Driver's License, Identification Card or Tag and Registration, then come on down to Town Hall. If so, the Department of Motorist Services Mini-FLOW Florida Licensing on Wheels will be at Town Hall.

**April 23rd
From 9:30 - 2:30**



Highly Visible Day or Night

REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKERS

**ORDER TODAY...
IT MAY HELP SAVE YOUR LIFE
OR SOMEONE YOU LOVE.**

**IF WE CAN'T
"FIND YOU"**

\$20.00

**WE CAN'T
"HELP YOU"**

Make checks payable to:
Southwest Ranches
Volunteer Fire Rescue
17220 Griffin Rd., S.W. Ranches, FL 33330

For Additional Information Call
Leslie (754) 224-0877



by Russell Muñiz

Brief legislation from the February 12, 2015 Town Council meeting:

- **Adopted Resolution 2015-024** approving an agreement with Prestige Property Maintenance for ROW Maintenance Services.
- **Adopted Resolution 2015-025** approving an agreement with Prestige Property Maintenance for Parks Maintenance Services.
- **Adopted Resolution 2015-026** approving an agreement with Prestige Property Maintenance for Irrigation Maintenance Services.
- **Adopted Resolution 2015-027** approving an agreement with Reliance Contractors for Facilities Maintenance Services.
- **Adopted Resolution 2015-028** approving an agreement with Lee Lester, Inc. for drain field repair.

Brief legislation from the February 26, 2015 Town Council meeting:

- **Adopted Resolution 2015-029** approving an agreement with Winningham and Fradley for TSDOR surveying services.
- **Adopted Resolution 2015-030** approving an agreement with Erdman Anthony for TSDOR engineering services.
- **Adopted Resolution 2015-031** authorizing the purchase of bunker gear from Bennett Fire Products, Inc.
- **Adopted Resolution 2015-032** establishing a usage policy for Country Estates Park.

AROUND THE TOWN

A MESSAGE FROM OUR TOWN ADMINISTRATOR...

Andy Berns

The recently completed Rolling Oaks Barn project is fast becoming a source of pride to the community, as it should be. The success of this project is an excellent example of where we are today as a Town. First of all, the project team, comprised of Town staff Emily McCord, December Lauretano-Haines and Clete Saunier did an excellent job. But, they didn't do it by themselves- everything was done under the watchful eyes of the Mayor and Council, who provided funding, oversight and support for this project.

That said, this project would never have happened without the vision and drive of our residents and volunteers. Only a few short years ago, the future of the Barn was up for debate, and there were many ideas on what should be done. Although some advocated to tear it down, a committed group pushed ever forward, recognizing the possibility of what could be.

During the design and throughout the renovation, there were countless decisions to be made. Through it all, the Rural Public Art and the Recreation, Forestry, and Natural Resources (Parks) Advisory Boards provided input and made numerous recommendations. Their involvement and support made it easy for the staff, as it was very clear what our residents envisioned for the final product. Input and financial assistance from the Aster Knight Parks Foundation also proved invaluable. This high level of frequent communication also enabled the Council to feel comfortable the project would remain "on track".

One of the joys of serving as Town Administrator is that I never have to wonder what people think. Town residents are always happy to let me know! This 'participatory' form of government makes it much easier to do my job, and direct Town staff in serving our community. Like the legs on a stool, the residents, Council and staff are all working together to ensure the future of our Town is everything it can be!

DAVIE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officer Cherie Wastenev began her law enforcement career with the Cooper City Police Department after completing the Broward County Police Academy #192. Officer Wastenev then began her career with the Davie Police Department in April, 2002. During her tenure, she has been a Road Patrol Officer, a member of the department's Field Force Team and Crisis Response Team (as a negotiator) and was a property crimes and special victim's Detective for several years. Officer Wastenev is a graduate of St Thomas High School and obtained her bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Mississippi (Ole Miss). During her career she has been awarded the Officer of the Month award twice and was a recipient of the 2014 "Wes Griffin Humanitarian Award," which is awarded to members of the department who go above and beyond to provide service to the community. In her off time Officer Wastenev enjoys fishing, boating, horseback riding, cross fit, and attending sporting events.



Officer Wastenev was chosen to serve the Town of Southwest Ranches as a Road Patrol Officer beginning April 2, 2015. She is excited about the opportunity and looks forward to continuing her service to the community!

LET'S NOT FORGET OUR MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES...

The Town of Southwest Ranches will continue to collect donations for our TROOPS and their FAMILIES throughout the year.

THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS ARE NEEDED...

- Toys
- Beef Jerky, Slim Jims, pepperoni or similar dried meats
- Boxes of Granola Bars or similar individual bags of nuts, dried fruit, trail mix or sunflower seeds
- Boxed and /or individual drink packets (Crystal Light, Walmart or Target brand, Kool-Aid, hot chocolate, etc.)
- Foil packed tuna and chicken
- Crackers
- Baby wipes (no bigger than 2 1/2" wide packages)

Please drop off your contributions to Town Hall between the hours of 8:30 am - 5:00 pm or call (954)434-0008



SHOW YOUR TOWN SPIRIT

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

TOWN HALL NEWS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON YOUR FARM STRUCTURE

Horses, chickens, goats, sheep, and even domesticated pigs. Southwest Ranchers enjoy livestock and engaging in other agricultural activities. Many residents have barns, chicken coops, greenhouses, or other agricultural structures. Some may have been built without building permits, some may have been placed in the setback, and some may have exceeded the zoning height limit or zoning limitation on maximum amount of roofed building area on a property ("plot coverage limit").

Prior to 2013, State law allowed construction of agricultural structures on "farms" without obtaining building permits. The question remained however, "What is a farm?"

Since the definition of "farm" was left ambiguous, the Town created its own regulations to define "farm" and to give farms in the Town additional protections.

In 2013, a resident in a single family area of Loxahatchee Groves put a beehive directly on his property line. His neighbor complained, but the resident contended he was a "farm", and he could keep bees wherever he liked. Loxahatchee Groves sought a legal opinion from the State Attorney General, who confirmed the property could be considered a "farm."

As a result of this opinion, and the uncertainty of the law, the State Legislature decided to take up this matter. The Town of Southwest Ranches attempted to exempt itself from this process, and proposed a local bill to maintain the Town's definition of a "farm". As a result of local op-

position, however, the Town's local bill was not approved.

As such, during the 2013 legislative session, the Florida Legislature finally defined the term "farm", and in doing so limited the statute to apply only to agricultural structures on properties or portions of properties with an agricultural property tax exemption ("Ag Exemption"), or properties capable of obtaining an Ag Exemption. An Ag Exemption can only be granted by the county property appraiser, and the Town has no say in the matter.

Nearly all of the casual agricultural activities (also called "hobby farms") in the Town lack an Ag Exemption, and are not eligible for an Ag Exemption. This means that residents who constructed agricultural structures without permits and without complying with the Town's zoning regulations now have illegal structures on their property unless they have an Ag Exemption or the property appraiser has approved an Ag Exemption for the forthcoming calendar year.

Florida law does not grandfather in these pre-2013 non-conforming agricultural structures. Nor, does it obviate the need for these structures to obtain a building permit, and to be built in conformity with the Florida Building Code. The law does however, enable the Town to help its residents as it relates to zoning issues. As such, the Town has established a grandfathering process for agricultural structures that do not comply with the Town's zoning regulations, on lots that are not

AG Exempt. If affected residents follow this new procedure their agricultural structures could be considered legal under the Town's zoning code even though they do not comply with the current zoning setback, plot coverage and/or height regulations.

In order to take advantage of this process, affected residents must complete forms available at Town Hall or on the Town's website no later than June 30, 2015*. Once the deadline passes, any agricultural structure that does not comply with a zoning regulation will be considered illegal unless, of course, the property is AG Exempt.

It is important to note that if the structure is no longer used for agricultural purposes regardless of the Town's process, the structures will be deemed in violation of the Town's Code. In addition to the application process, the owner of a property with a pre-2013 agricultural structure, will be required to complete a written acknowledgement that will then be recorded as a deed restriction in the public records to ensure that future purchasers are made aware of the agricultural structures on the property, and the need for them to reapply for the Town's exemption and be maintained as agricultural if they are to remain on the property.

If you have any pre-2013 agricultural structures on your property, and would like more information, please call (954) 434-0008, or visit our website (www.southwestranches.org) to obtain the forms.

*Council may consider an extension of this deadline.



SWRVFD Corner

During the month of February your Southwest Ranches Fire Rescue has been training weekly on Air Consumption Drill at the Broward Fire Academy with Davie Fire Rescue. The A.C.D. is very labor intense with many firefighting objectives. During the training fire fighters are wearing full bunker gear and self-contained breathing apparatus. The training is a measure of one's ability to work hard at a fire/emergency scene and to see at

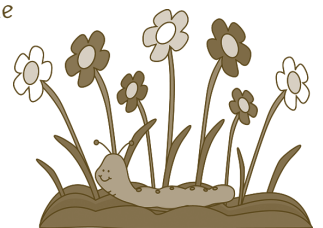
the end of the drill how much air is left in the breathing apparatus.

The month of March will be dedicated to "May Day Drills". The May Day Drills are designed for a lost or trapped fire fighter. If a fire fighter becomes trapped or lost or in a dangerous situation, this training may help to save their life. There are several different training scenarios that will be conducted during this tough training. The Southwest Ranches Training Division built special props for

the end of the drill how much air is left in the breathing

the May Day Training and change the design at each training session. The Southwest Ranches Training Division takes pride in what they do and come with a lot of experience. All Training Officers are retired from different departments and each served from 25-34 years in the fire service.

Stay safe,
Fire Chief
Lee Bennett



AROUND THE TOWN

WANTED

THE BEST CHILI IN TOWN

The Aster Knight Parks Foundation 3RD ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF WHAT A SUCCESS!

On February 28th, the Aster Knight Parks Foundation continued the tradition started in 2013 by hosting the Town's 3rd Annual Chili Cook-off at the Sunshine Ranches Equestrian Park.

A spirit of fiercely fun competition surrounds the contest. Planned as one of the Foundation's major annual fundraisers, this year's event included 10 contestants with a wide range of chili recipes, all homemade and delicious! Recipes introducing both traditional and innovative flavors vied for Contestants' right to claim theirs as "Best Chili in Town."

Judging was by the public with a \$10 donation, and several hundred people proceeded through the line of chili pots. With the pressure on, determined chili contestants smiled and served up delicious tastes with an ever-present spirit of amusement and hopeful anticipation. At 4 PM, the votes were tallied.

1. Joe Huppert - Pepito's Cantina Chili
2. No show entry
3. Walter & Liz Rivera - Gina's original Feta Chili
4. Winston Simmonds - Jamaican Jerk Chili
5. Jason Kapit - J's Hoppin' Jalapeno Chili
6. Rick Bell - Landmark Black Cherry Bison Chili
7. Karen Parkerson - Mammaw's Finest Chili
8. Council member Gary Jablonski - Triple 5 Chili
9. Mike & Marjorie Ventura - Smoked Oklahoma Chili
10. Council member Steve Breitkreuz - Rhory's "Once in a Lifetime" Chili
11. Elaine and the Ringger family / Alegria Mango Farm Chili



AROUND THE TOWN



This year's winner was #8: **Triple 5 Chili** by Council member Gary Jablonski.

In Runner Up for Best Chili in Town was #11: **Alegria Mango Farm** (2014's first place winner)

Winston Simmonds remained a strong contender with his Jamaican Jerk Chili recipe, which received honorable mention and the 3rd place prize for the 2nd year in a row.

The prizes: three one-of-a-kind trophies created from silver mercury glass vessels: hurricane, decanter, and chalice with custom-beaded engraving plate and chains.

In addition to the contest, the event included lunch served by Southwest Ranches' Boy Scout Troop #224, musical entertainment by DJ Jack "Flash" Gonzalez, bake sale items from residents' kitchens, the wonderful petting zoo by Hapi Farm, a raffle, and offerings from local corporate sponsors including Live Well Chiropractic, HealthChoice of Weston, Live Fit Connect Gym, and Ellen's Ultimate Workout.

Folks turned out in force to enjoy the wonderful day! The Aster Knight Parks Foundation is an IRS designated 501 3 c organization dedicated to the mission of developing Southwest Ranches' Parks for all to enjoy! We look forward to next year—whose recipe will take the title?!



All photos courtesy of BOB HARTMANN

AROUND THE TOWN

**AARP
DRIVER SAFETY**



AARP DRIVER SAFETY CLASS AT SOUTHWEST RANCHES:

AARP will provide a Driving Safety Course for non AARP members and active AARP members here at Town Hall.

Next Class: **April 15th**

Barbara Diamond: 954-442-0574

Non AARP - \$20.00

AARP Members - \$15.00

Payments will only be accepted in check or money order.



2015 School Calendar - Broward County Public Schools*

APRIL				
M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

FRIDAY, APRIL 3 - NO SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15 - REPORT CARDS

THURSDAY, APRIL 30 - INTERIM REPORTS ISSUED

Hurricane make-up days in order of preference: 2/26/15, 3/19/15 *Year-Round Schools Follow Different Calendar.



STAY IN TOUCH WITH CODE

Fill for horse stalls do not require a fill permit. In addition, a permit may not be required if a small amount of sand is required to replenish a horse arena. However the Town recommends that property owners or leasee contact our office to assure that the type of work being performed falls under this criteria prior to performing the work. A phone call to us will help prevent a possible warning from Code Enforcement and double fees when it comes to acquiring the required permit.

Please call: (954) 434-0008 or email Emily at emccord@swranches.org or Robert at rsolera@southwestranches.org

THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES AND SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD PRESENTS...
The College Scholarship Fundraiser and Food Truck Event



**Saturday,
May 30th
4:00 - 8:00**

**Sunshine Ranches Equestrian Park
5840 Southwest 148th Avenue, Southwest Ranches**

ENTERTAINMENT

Music by D.J. Flash
Live Music
Silent and Chinese Auction
Petting Zoo
Scavenger Hunt
Giveaways

The Town of Southwest Ranches Education Advisory Board in conjunction with the Town of Southwest Ranches will be awarding scholarships to deserving Southwest Ranches students. Your help and support are needed to make this fundraiser a success! For more information on applying for a scholarship, or the opportunity to create a legacy by donating to the scholarship fund, please contact:
Ivette: (954) 434-0008 or isolera@southwestranches.org



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Household Hazardous Waste, Electronics & Bulk Drop Off Event & Shred-A-Thon



NOTE: Event may be canceled due to rain, excessive winds or other hazardous conditions as determined by the Town.

A new service provided for Town Residents only!

Location: Rolling Oaks Park, 5600 SW 178 Ave., SW Ranches. **Proof of Residency is required**

SAT., APRIL 11, JULY 11
8 AM - 2 PM

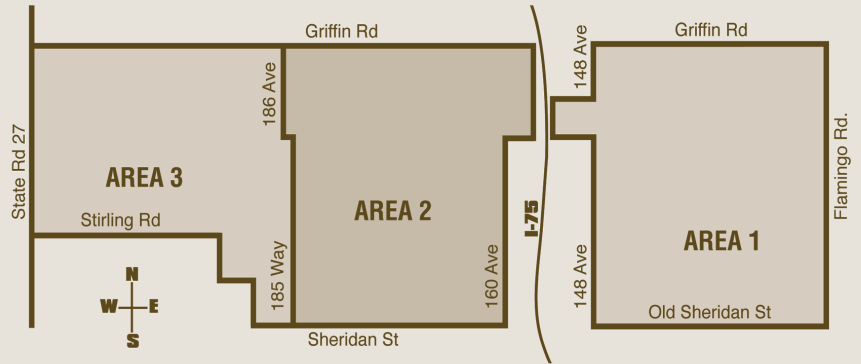
SHRED-A-THON 10 AM - 2 PM
(LIMIT 4 BOXES)

For more info call Town Hall (954) 434-0008

Waste Collection

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

TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES - Waste Collection Map & Schedule



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)
Apr 15	4/1/15 - 4/15/15 - 4/29/15	4/14/15 - 4/28/15	4/13/15 - 4/27/15
May 15	5/13/15 - 5/27/15	5/12/15 - 5/26/15	5/11/15 - 5/25/15

RECYCLE collection occurs once per week:

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

HELP SUPPORT WOMEN IN DISTRESS
DONATE YOUR CELL PHONES AT TOWN HALL

HELP KEEP FAMILIES SAFE

Cell phones play an integral role in safety by allowing to dial 911 in case of emergencies. In addition, they can be recycled and turned into a donation to help fund programs and services.

Please drop off your old cell phones at Town Hall: 13400 Griffin Road Southwest Ranches.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN SAVING LIVES!



WOMEN IN DISTRESS
OF BROWARD COUNTY, INC.





JIM & JAN MORAN FAMILY CENTER



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

CALENDARS

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

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
			<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drainage: Infrastructure Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm <p>AREA 3 BULK</p>	2	<p>3</p> <p>PASSOVER Begins</p> 	4	
<p>5</p>  <p>Happy EASTER</p>	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aster Knight Parks Foundation Town Hall 7 pm • Country Est. 7 pm Grace Baptist Church 19200 Griffin Road 	7	8	9	10	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Household Hazardous Waste Event 8 - 2 Shred-A-Thon 10-2 Rolling Oaks Park 	
<p>April</p>	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools & Ed. Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm <p>AREA 1 BULK</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rec., Forestry, & Natural Resources Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm <p>AREA 2 BULK</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AARP - 9 am • Fire Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm <p>AREA 3 BULK</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive Planning Advisory Town 7 pm 		
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural Public Arts & Design Advisory Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm 	28	29	30		
26	27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rolling Oaks Civics Assn. 7 pm Rolling Oaks Barn 17630 SW 59th Street <p>AREA 1 BULK</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rolling Oaks Civics Assn. 7 pm Rolling Oaks Barn 17630 SW 59th Street <p>AREA 2 BULK</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunshine Ranches Homeowners Assn. Town Hall 7:30 pm <p>AREA 3 BULK</p>			
<p>May</p>	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aster Knight Parks Foundation Town Hall 7 pm • Country Est. 7 pm Grace Baptist Church 19200 Griffin Road 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code Hearing Town Hall 9 am 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drainage: Infrastructure Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm 			
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24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30	
	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Hall Closed <p>AREA 1 BULK</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rolling Oaks Civics Assn. 7 pm Rolling Oaks Barn 17630 SW 59th Street <p>AREA 2 BULK</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunshine Ranches Homeowners Assn. Town Hall 7:30 pm <p>AREA 3 BULK</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flow Mobile DMV Services 9:30 am - 2:30 pm • Town Council Meeting 7 pm 			

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

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Accounting Clerk, Mara Semper	(954) 434-0008	msemper@southwestranches.org

Planning, Zoning, Permitting & Certificate of Use

Building Department/Permitting	M-F 8:00 am - 4:00 pm	
Lisa Reices	(954) 888-9882/Fax: (954) 888-9860	lreices@capfla.net
Building Director, Dave Tringo	(954) 888-9882/Cell: (954) 605-0127	dtringo@swranches.org
Planning M-F	M-F 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	
The Mellgren Planning Group	(954) 475-3070, ext 803	
Zoning & Permitting	(954) 434-0008	zoninginfo@swranches.org
Code Services, Inc.		

Code Compliance:

Enforcement Director, Robert Solera	(954) 343-7440	rsolera@swranches.org
Code Enforcement Officer, Julio Medina	(954) 343-7458	jmedina@swranches.org

Police/Fire/Rescue Services

Emergency	911	
CSA Bill Gallagher at Town Hall	8:30 am - 5 pm	(954) 693-8352
Non-Emergency		(954) 764-4357 (HELP)
Davie Police Department		(954) 693-8200
Davie Fire Rescue Station 112		(954) 680-0020
Southwest Ranches Volunteer Fire Rescue		(954) 343-7466

Traffic and Roadway Services (To Report Signs Down - Potholes)

Paving, Potholes and Signs: Emily McCord	(954) 343-7453	emccord@swranches.org
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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.sbdd.org
West of SW 148 (Volunteer) Avenue		

Well and Septic

Broward County Health Department	(954) 467-4700, ext 4233	
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Environmental Complaint Hotline, Broward County	(954) 831-1499	
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Lost and Found Animals

http://www.facebook.com/swrdrflostfoundanimals



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BE ON OUR TOWN CALENDAR!

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

3rd Annual Photo Contest

This year the board will be creating a calendar with the winning photos.

The Photo Contest theme is "ANYTHING IN OUR TOWN" (excluding people)...

ONE PICTURE PER PERSON.

The photos can be emailed, must be a high resolution at least 300 DPI to size and due September 1, 2015.

For additional information please call Susan at Town Hall (954) 434-0008 or email: Skutz@southwestranches.org.

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spring word search



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|---|---|--------------|
| A | E | grass |
| T | A | joy |
| O | T | kite |
| O | O | puddle |
| N | K | rain |
| K | E | Resurrection |
| E | M | seeds |
| M | E | spring |
| E | G | sprouts |
| N | U | sunshine |
| U | T | tree |
| T | Y | umbrella |
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