

SOUTHWEST RANCHER

The Official Newsletter of Southwest Ranches

February 2019

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Mayor
Doug McKay

Dear Neighbors,

I'd like to provide an update on the major capital projects underway around Town.

Dykes Road Drainage: Construction of the drainage improvement along Dykes Road and through Calusa Corners Park is complete. Punchlist items are being addressed.

Green Meadows Drainage Project: The Town Council authorized a purchase order for surveying during the December meeting.

SW 50th Street and SW 182nd Avenue Drainage Project: South Broward Drainage District has graciously offered to survey and design this project, which will be constructed in 2019.

Transportation Surface and Drainage Ongoing Rehabilitation Program (TSDOR) 2018 Construction: Resurfacing is completed on Appaloosa Trail, Melaleuca Road, SW 130th Avenue, SW 56th Street, and SW 128th Avenue.

Transportation Surface and Drainage Ongoing Rehabilitation Program (TSDOR) 2019 Construction: Surveying has been completed and design is underway for the FY 2019 construc-

tion project, which includes SW 188th Avenue and adjacent side streets. A charrette was held with the residents on December 18th.

Transportation Surface and Drainage Ongoing Rehabilitation Program (TSDOR)

2020 Construction: The Town Council awarded a purchase order for surveying and design services during the December Town Council meeting. The roads scheduled for FY 2020 construction include SW 202nd Avenue and its side-streets, SW 201st Terrace, SW 199th Avenue and its side-street, and SW 196th Lane.

Entranceway Signs: A sign on Old Sheridan Street near Volunteer Road facing Sheridan Street has been installed. The final sign on Griffin Road near Bonaventure Boulevard will be installed in the near future.

Frontier Trails Park Improvements: This project consists of installing a picnic pavilion, sidewalk, and parking improvement at the undeveloped Frontier Trails Park. A resolution to award the contract was considered by the Town Council at the January 24th meeting.

As always, please call me at 954-274-6508 if there is an issue I can help you with.

Doug



Council Member
Bob Hartmann

**COYOTES ARE
HERE TO STAY**

For about 6 months there have been regular reports of coyotes in Southwest Ranches. There have been a number of excited claims associated with these reports that need to be explored so people can take the appropriate actions when they see or see evidence of a coyote. Coyote 101, the Florida Wildlife Commission (FWC), and our local Florida newspapers are a good source of info on our coyote population.

In a report by Fish and Wildlife that you can Google: [coyotewhitepaperfinal.pdf](#) (the following information is provided). Coyotes are found throughout Florida; the presence of coyotes has been documented in all 67 Florida counties. Coyotes arrived in Florida as part of natural range expansion from western states; they now live in every state but Hawaii. This medium-sized canine, a close relative of the domestic dog, is extremely adaptable and can be found in rural, suburban and urban landscapes. They are typically shy and elusive but encounters between people and coyotes in Florida are occurring more often. A pair of coyotes occupy a territory of about 8 square-miles. Our town is 13 square miles. Three or four coyotes can claim our whole town. Locally, there is a family that inhabits Markham Park, they have been sited west of US27 on the levee and as far east as Dania



Beach recently.

Removing coyotes for the purpose of eradication is an inefficient and ineffective method to control populations. New coyotes move into areas where others have been removed. Removal activities such as hunting and trapping place pressure on coyote populations, and the species responds by reproducing at a younger age and producing more pups per litter; populations can quickly return to their original size.

Never feed coyotes either intentionally or unintentionally. This includes placing food outside to attract wildlife. Clean up pet food, fallen fruit, seed around bird feeders and secure garbage cans – coyotes are opportunistic feeders and will be drawn to and eat all of these potential food sources. Close off crawl spaces under porches and sheds to prevent coyotes and other animals from resting or raising their young in areas around your home. Educate your neighbors and ask them to follow these same steps.

Coyotes that associate places where people live as an easy place to find food may gradually lose their natural fear of humans. Be aware of unusual coyote behavior. Unusual behavior could include a coyote that has lost its fear of humans and is approaching people, chasing joggers and bikers, or attacking leashed pets. One important note, it's been rumored that coyotes that are seen during the day are sick or have rabies. Coyotes typically hunt at dawn or dusk and are generally solitary hunters. Like our domesticated dogs, they take naps day and night. Coyotes that are seen during the day are usually raising pups and may hunt around the clock depending on the availability of food.

Coyotes are not pack animals like wolves. They form family packs if they can't find small animals and switch to hunting large animals like deer or to defend their territory from other coyotes.

Coyotes can and do prey on domestic cats and small dogs. In November, the neighbor over my back fence came home to find the parts of a feral cat along his fence line. During the same period a chihuahua disappeared from a fenced yard, and several free-range chickens went missing. In my neighborhood we had sightings and photographs taken of a small coyote for about three months. Most coyote attacks on pets occur either at night or in the early evening or morning hours (dusk and dawn). To protect your pets, do not allow them to roam freely. Keep cats indoors. Free-roaming cats and chickens are at a high risk of being preyed on by coyotes and other animals. Walk small dogs on a short leash that is less than six feet, especially at night, dusk or dawn. Be extra careful if you are going to walk your pet in wooded areas or areas that have heavy foliage, where coyotes may rest. If pets are kept in a fenced yard, be sure the fence is at least 6 feet high to deter coyotes from jumping over it and check the bottom of the fence regularly to ensure there are no holes where coyotes can get underneath.

Be cautious if you are going to pick up your pet when you see a coyote. Picking up a pet may stop a coyote attack, but it can also lead to a situation in which an aggressive coyote continues to go after that pet while in the arms of a person.

What should you do if you see a coyote? Coyotes are not large ani-

mals and rarely pose a threat to people, especially adults. They can be curious but are also timid and generally run away if challenged. If a coyote approaches too closely, there are methods you can use to deter it and frighten it away. Making loud noises and acting aggressively will typically cause a coyote to leave an area, but you may need to increase and continue deterrence efforts until the coyote is effectively deterred and leaves the area for good. There are several methods of deterrence that are effective with coyotes. Waving your arms in the air and yelling will usually get a coyote to retreat, unless there is a den with pups nearby. You may need to move towards the coyote and increase deterrence if the animal does not immediately run away. Once the coyote begins to move away, it is important to continue deterrence efforts until the coyote has completely left the area.

Noisemakers are often effective deterrents to coyotes, including air horns, banging pots and pans and homemade noisemakers. A "coyote shaker" made from placing pebbles or coins in an empty drink container can be an effective noisemaker.

Throwing small stones or sticks towards (but not at) a coyote will usually cause the animal to leave. Spraying water from a hose or using bear repellent can also be effective deterrence methods. Do not attempt to hurt the coyote because injured animals are more likely to defend themselves; the goal should be to scare the coyote away. Remember that wildlife will attempt to protect themselves or their young if threatened – keep your distance.

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Vary your methods of deterrence so that the coyote does not become desensitized.

If a coyote approaches a child, an adult should first yell loudly to startle the coyote and then move towards the coyote. This gives the adult an opportunity to lift the child as quickly as possible and back away. Do not run from a coyote, as this may cause the animal to chase.

Teach children to recognize coyotes. If children are approached by a coyote, have them move slowly inside and yell loudly – teach them not to run, approach, or feed coyotes.

Several residents in my neighborhood have said that if they see a coyote on their property, they will shoot it. A word of caution, through our town has agricultural and rural designations for zoning and land use purposes, we are still a residential community. Per Florida statute 790.15, it's a first-degree misdemeanor to discharge a firearm in an area residential in nature.

Finally, people have called FWC and the Town to have the coyotes sited removed. FWC's response recommends that you call a state trapper. The Town has dispatched David PD in the past, but the coyotes didn't wait for the police to arrive. If you want to contact the Town to make them aware, they will alert other neighbors in the vicinity.

Hopefully this information will help you avoid or deal with if approached by our new mostly unwelcome neighbors. –

Bob Hartmann 954-801-1758



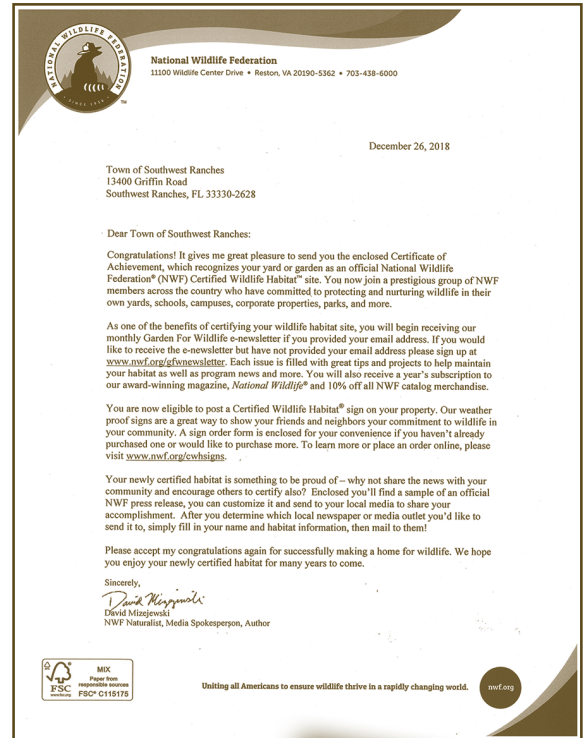
COMMUNITY WILDLIFE HABITAT CALUSA CORNERS PARK THE TOWN'S MOST RECENTLY CERTIFIED WILDLIFE HABITAT!

Newly established as a Certified Wildlife Habitat in 2018, the 11-acre Calusa Corners Park, located at Dykes and Griffin Road, is the Town's newest haven for wildlife and nature-lovers alike.

The park gained the prestigious certification by providing native plants which wildlife use for food, places for breeding animals to nest, raise young and find cover, plus an extensive water element hosting many aquatic species.

Families, schools and other groups will soon be able to follow signs with QR Codes for a self-guided "tour" around the new filter marsh, with abundant native species of plants and animals to learn about and enjoy.

We hope visitors to the park will come away with a new understanding of the wonderful gift wetlands provide, educationally and inspirationally!



Bottom row, left to right: **December Lauretano-Haines, Chris Brownlow, Debbie Green, Nancy Hartmann, Rose Bechard-Butman, Debra Goff Rose, Patrick Fitzgerald**
Top row left to right, SWR Town Councilmembers: **Bob Hartmann, Freddy Fisikelli, Dee Schroeder, Mayor Doug McKay, Gary Jablonski**



AROUND THE TOWN

HISTORICAL SOCIETY BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Do you reside, lease or rent in the Town of Southwest Ranches and want to advertise your business?

Have your business added to ...

The Southwest Ranches Historical Society Directory.

For additional information contact:
Mara Semper (954) 434-0008



I should have checked the Historical Society Business Directory

The directory is intended to provide information only. The Town of Southwest Ranches does not endorse any businesses.



The Town has created its own official Youtube Channel and will feature:

- Town Council meetings
- Town events and other appropriate content.

Additionally, we established a Twitter account: @SWR_Gov that will be used to provide:

- Quick notifications to "followers" of the Town's account
- Emergency management issues
- Scheduled Town events

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER



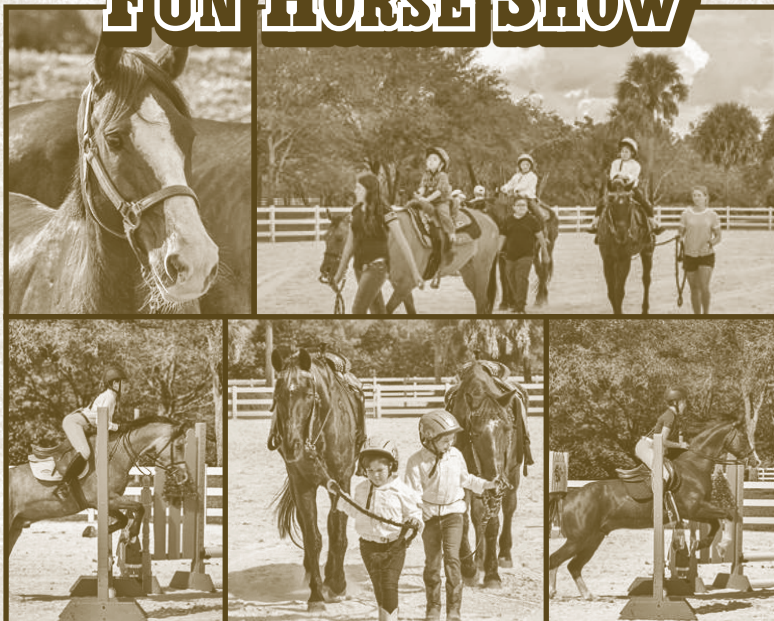
Mini-Flow: Florida Licensing on Wheels



Come to Town Hall if you need to renew or replace your Florida Driver's License, Identification Card or Tag and Registration. The Department of Motorist Services Mini-FLOW Florida Licensing on Wheels will be at Town Hall:

Thursday, January 24th from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Thursday, February 28th from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

8TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY FUN HORSE SHOW



SAVE THE DATE

The Town of Southwest Ranches in conjunction with the Youth Club of the Sikh Society of Florida are organizing a **5K Run/Walk** which will benefit the **Town's College Scholarship Fund.**

The 5K is scheduled for Saturday, March 30, 2019 beginning at 7:00 a.m. (Registration), 8:00 a.m. (Start of 5K)

Contact person: **Ivette Solera**
@isolera@southwestranches.org
(954) 434-0008

AROUND THE TOWN



Broward County Property Appraiser's Office
 115 S. Andrews Avenue, Room III
 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301
 (954) 357-6830 • Fax: (954) 357-8474
 www.bcpa.net

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FILING DATES ANNOUNCED FOR TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, SOUTHWEST RANCHES

Broward County Property Appraiser, Marty Kiar has announced special 2018 homeowner sign-up dates for Homestead, Senior and other property tax exemptions at **Southwest Ranches Town Hall 13400 Griffin Road, Southwest Ranches, FL 33330**

January 28th, 2019 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

February 25th, 2019 10:30 am - 12:30 pm (4th Monday of the month)

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, 2018 may also apply for the Low-Income Senior Exemption. In order to qualify for the Low-Income Senior Exemption for 2018, an applicant must be 65 or older as of January 1, 2018, receive the Homestead Exemption on the property and have a combined household adjusted gross income for 2017 not exceeding \$29,454. Seniors must bring a copy of their 2017 Income Tax Return or a copy of their 2017 Social Security 1099 form (if no tax return was filed).

****DEADLINE for any 2018 EXEMPTIONS is September 18TH, 2018***

Susan Kung, CFE

M.E.I.T. (Mobile Exemption & Information Team) Specialist II
 Office of Marty Kiar, Broward County Property Appraiser
 Broward Governmental Center

115 S. Andrews Ave Room 111 • Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
 (954) 357-7541 • E-Mail skung@bcpa.net
 Fax (954) 357-6312



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 Rd.

Household HAZARDOUS WASTE Disposal Days

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE, ELECTRONICS & BULK DROP OFF EVENT

Saturday, March 9, 2019 . 8:00am to 2:00pm

Location: Rolling Oaks Park - 17630 SW 56th Street, Southwest Ranches

Document shredding: from 10-2pm (4 box limit)

Prescription drug drop off: from 8-2pm

This service is provided for Town residents only. Proof of residency is required.

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 (Up to 4)
 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

See next months newsletter for updated scheduled HHW events at the Rolling Oaks Barn

Call Waste Pro (954) 967-4200 for additional information

NEW BULK RULES

WASTE PRO®

(954) 967-4200

• **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 EQUIVALENT TO THE SIZE OF A VOLKSWAGON BEETLE. (8 FEET WIDE BY 14 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 or call: (954) 967-4200.

AROUND THE TOWN

*We would like to thank
the SIKH TEMPLE
for their generous
support and contributions
to our Military and
their families.*



*Santa
at Rolling
Oaks Barn*



COMMUNITY WILDLIFE
HABITAT™

Southwest Ranches Earns National Wildlife Federation (NWF) Community Wildlife Habitat Certification

Southwest Ranches is proud to announce our certification as a Community Wildlife Habitat. The Certification was presented to Council at their meeting in December 2018 by Patrick Fitzgerald of the National Wildlife Federation.

This achievement is the result of years of cumulative effort from staff and volunteers, who have worked to certify Town parks and public spaces as well as to create awareness for residents to Certify their properties.

WHY SHOULD I CARE?

Certifying Southwest Ranches as a wildlife habitat community makes a difference for wildlife, the environment, and ourselves! These actions are important for today and for

future generations of Southwest Ranchers.

The health of our wildlife populations tells much about the health of our overall environment and how well the same environment can support our own life.

HOW DID IT HAPPEN?

To become certified, a community must commit to creating and preserving habitat, register to participate and take other actions such as identifying a team to work on Certification, keep records of steps taken, and even get residents, businesses, schools, and public buildings, to be certified, as well.

The Town has certified Town Hall and four of the Town's parks as habitats. Advisory Board and Council Members have certified their own properties to set an example for residents.

What can residents do to support the effort?

Create habitat and certify! It's easy. Provide the basics wildlife needs to live: food, water, cover and places to raise young, and you'll find them flocking to your yard. Keep the habitat you've created healthy by practicing sustainable gardening using native plants, conserving water, and not using pesticides or herbicides.

Once you have a healthy and sustainable wildlife habitat, you can register your yard and earn the distinction of being a Certified Wildlife Habitat. Visit <http://www.nwf.org/How-to-Help/Garden-for-Wildlife/Create-a-Habitat.aspx> to learn more or call the Parks Recreation and Open Space Department at (954) 434-0008.

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Southwest Ranches FIRE RESCUE

I would like to wish you and your family a wonderful New Year. I would also like to thank all of our residents that participated in the Southwest Ranches Fire Rescue Santa runs. As always our residents were very generous giving donations for this special event and we appreciate it. The smiles on everyone's face as we rolled up in the fire truck with lights and sirens and jolly Santa exiting the fire truck. "There is no price I can put on that." **Enjoy the new year!!!!**

Chief, Lee Bennett



2019 School Calendar Broward County Public Schools*



FEBRUARY				
M	T	W	T	F
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4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	

Tuesday, February 12th - Interim cards issued
Monday, February 18th - Schools are closed
Thursday, February 21st - Early release day

PROTOTYPE BARN

In furtherance of the Town's goal of preserving its rural lifestyle, the Town Council has given residents a simpler mechanism to build a barn that is in compliance with Florida statutory requirements. As such, the Town contracted with an architect who agreed to create a prototype barn drawing, in compliance with the Florida Building Code, which can be permitted for residents throughout the Town. The plans are for a three stall barn with a tack room.



A Town resident looking to build a barn can simply purchase a pre-drafted architectural plan from the Town, which they then can submit, at a reduced cost, and on an expedited basis, to get a permitted barn that will be in compliance with both state and local regulations.

Please call or email Emily Aceti for more information: eaceti@swranches.org.

STAY IN TOUCH WITH ENGINEERING

Fill for horse stalls does 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 a property owner 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 Philip at pchorath@swranches.org**

BE AWARE

Residents, please be vigilant and lock your car doors... We have had some car burglaries in our area. BE SAFE, lock your car doors and make sure you don't leave anything in your car that you don't want stolen!

AROUND THE TOWN



TALKIN' TRASH

Please make sure when your landscaper trims your yard, they take away all your vegetation, so you don't get a code violation.



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

FRAUDULENT ACTIVITY IS RISING...

A TIP TO HELP PROTECT YOUR MAIL!

- Pick up your mail regularly.
- Don't leave letters in the mailbox for several days, over the weekend or even overnight.
- If possible make checking your mailbox part of your daily routine.
- Look into purchasing a mailbox with a lock.



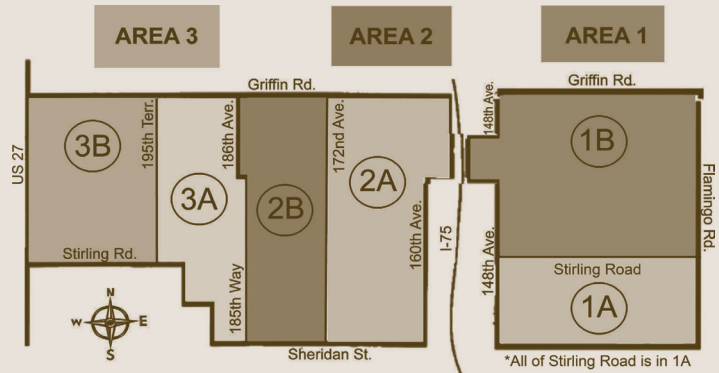
Town Talk

Want to stay in touch and receive information on TOWN EVENTS?

Send your email address to:
isolera@southwestranches.org.

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	WEDNESDAY Only	Area	TUESDAY Only	Area	MONDAY Only
Feb. 2019	3-A	2/13 -- 2/27	2-A	2/12 -- 2/26	1-A	2/11 -- 2/25
	3-B	2/6 -- 2/20	2-B	2/5 -- 2/19	1-B	2/4 -- 2/18
Mar. 2019	3-A	3/13 -- 3/27	2-A	3/12 -- 3/26	1-A	3/11 -- 3/25
	3-B	3/6 -- 3/20	2-B	3/5 -- 3/19	1-B	3/4 -- 3/18

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

ANY QUESTIONS CALL (954) 967-4200 www.wasteprousa.com



LET'S NOT FORGET OUR MILITARY

The Town of Southwest Ranches continues to collect donations for our troops and their families throughout the year. Let's show our troops the appreciation we share for their dedication to our country by helping the families of those in need.

The following items 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.)
- Non-perishable food items
- Foil packed tuna and chicken
- Crackers
- Baby wipes (no bigger than 2 1/2" wide packages)


Please drop off your donations to Town Hall between 8:30 - 5:00 PM . (954) 434-0008. Thank you.

* 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)

February

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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3	4 • SWR Parks Foundation Meeting Town Hall - 7 pm • Country Estates HOA Meeting Grace Baptist Church 19200 Griffin Road - 7 pm AREA 1B BULK	5 • Code Hearing Town Hall - 9 am AREA 2B BULK	6 • Drainage Infrastructure Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 3B BULK	7	8	9 • National Prescription Drug Day 8 - 2 pm • Household Hazardous Waste 8 - 2 pm • Shred-A-Thon 10 - 2 pm at Rolling Oaks Park
10	11 • School & Education Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 1A BULK	12 • Parks, Recreation & Open Space Advisory Board - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 2A BULK	13 • TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - 7 pm AREA 3A BULK	14 <i>Happy</i> VALENTINE'S —DAY—	15	16 • Garage Sale at Your Home 8-2
17	18 PRESIDENT'S DAY GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY • Town Hall Closed AREA 1B BULK	19 • Rural Public Arts & Design Advisory Meeting Town Hall - 7 pm AREA 2B BULK	20 • Fire Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm AREA 3B BULK	21	22	23 • Comprehensive Planning Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm
24	25 • Broward County Property Appraisers - Town Hall - 10:30 am - 12:30 pm AREA 1A BULK	26 • Rolling Oaks Civic Association Meeting - Rolling Oaks Barn 17630 SW 56 Street 7 pm AREA 2A BULK	27 • Sunshine Ranches Homeowner's Association - Town Hall 7:30 pm AREA 3A BULK	28 • TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - 7 pm • Flow Mobile DMV Services Town Hall 10 am - 2 pm		

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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](https://facebook.com/SWRGOV)

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Council Member Gary Jablonski	(954) 343-7456	gjablonski@swranches.org
Council Member Dee Schroeder	(954) 343-7472	dschroeder@swranches.org

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Accounting Clerk, Venessa Redman	(954) 434-0008	vredman@southwestranches.org
Town Attorney, Keith Poliakoff	(954) 434-0008	kpoliakoff@southwestranches.org
Town Engineer, Rod Ley, PE, LEED AP, CPESC	(954) 343-7444	rley@southwestranches.org
Engineer I, Philip Chorath, E.I.	(954) 343-7441	pchorath@southwestranches.org
Community Services Manager, Emily McCord Aceti	(954) 343-7453	eaceti@southwestranches.org
Parks, Recreation, Open Space, Manager December Lauretano-Haines, CPRP	(954) 343-7452	dlauretano@swranches.org

CAP Government

Building Department/Permitting

David Tringo	M-F 9:00 am - 4:00 pm (954) 888-9882	dtringo@capfla.com
Lisa Reices Nicasio	(954) 655-3721	lreices@capfla.com
Joyce Marques	(954) 343-7446	jmarques@capfla.com

Planning

The Mellgren Planning Group	M-F 9:00 am - 5:00 pm (954) 475-3070
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Code Services, Inc.

Zoning, Permitting & Certificate of Use

Enforcement Director, Robert Solera	(954) 434-0008	zoninginfo@swranches.org
Assistant Code Enforcement Director, Julio Medina	(954) 343-7440	rsolera@swranches.org
Administrative Coordinator, Yanni Marin	(954) 343-7458	jmedina@swranches.org
Code Enforcement Officer, Manfred Velette	(954) 343-7459	ymarin@swranches.org
	(954) 343-7457	mvelette@southwestranches.org

Public Safety

Emergency

Non-Emergency	911 (954) 764-4357 (HELP)
Davie Police Department	(954) 693-8200
Davie Fire Rescue Station 112	(954) 680-0020
Southwest Ranches Volunteer Fire Rescue	(954) 434-8232
Detective Paul Williams	(954) 693-8303

Police Services Coordinator

Thomas Squarini at Town Hall	8:30 am - 5 pm (954) 693-8352
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Traffic and Roadway Services (To Report Signs Down - Potholes)

Potholes and Signs: Philip Chorath	(954) 343-7441	pchorath@southwestranches.org
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Waste/Bulk/Recycling Services (Residential & Commercial)

Waste Pro	(954) 967-4200
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Water Districts - Canals (Permits)

Central Broward Water Control District	(954) 432-5110	www.centralbrowardwcd.org
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East of SW 148 Avenue (Volunteer)

South Broward Drainage District	(954) 680-3337	www.sbddd.org
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West of SW 148 Avenue (Volunteer)

Illicit Discharge

Broward County

Mosquito Control	(954) 519-1499
Lost and Found Animals	(954) 765-4062 (754) 224-0877

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8:00AM TO 2:00PM**

**Maps will be available at
the Equestrian Park
5840 SW 149th Ave,
Southwest Ranches, 33330
Saturday at 7:30AM**

**The Volunteer Fire Rescue
will be serving breakfast
from 7:30 to 10:30**

**Any questions call Town Hall:
954-434-0008**

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Valentine's Day Word Search

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cupid	hugs	flowers
hearts	chocolate	sweetheart
love	pink	kisses