

SOUTHWEST RANCHER

The Official Newsletter of Southwest Ranches

December 2013 HIGHLIGHTS

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This holiday season the Town of Southwest Ranches is supporting two charitable organizations and we are accepting donations honoring our Military heroes.

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Mayor
Jeff Nelson

The delivery of law enforcement services is one of the most

important services that our Town provides to our residents, and a responsibility the Council and I take very seriously. We work very hard to bring you the best policing services at a reasonable cost. Currently, the Town Administrator, Town Attorney and I have been in many hours of negotiations with both BSO and the Town of Davie. At the October 24th Council meeting, the Town Council decided to move forward with formalizing a contract with Davie for law enforcement services. The factors that helped make this decision were having more police units covering our Town limits, and the cost for services were advantageous. While the terms have not been finalized as of this writing, I know our community will be well served by this change. I can further confirm the Town will not lose its identity, as each patrol unit and officer will be dedicated to the Town and branded as Southwest Ranches.

We know the transition will be smooth and seamless, as I am reassured that it will be.

Happy Holidays!

It's an honor and pleasure to serve you.

Jeff



Vice Mayor
Gary Jablonski

I sincerely wish all of our residents a happy and healthy time

throughout the coming holidays. For many of us, this is the best month of the year; with cooler weather, holiday decorations, lots of favorite foods, and of course our families. This brings me to an interesting thought on our lifestyle we uniquely have here in Broward County. We call it "Our Rural Lifestyle", but it means so much more than that.

In some parts of the great State of Florida rural means you will not see another house unless you drive a country mile, here in the Ranches it may be a few hundred yards. In congested South Florida it is amazing that we are able to keep this open space and make it a priority. This also begs the question, "What keeps us rural?" I have some thoughts on that I would like to share with you.

Our definition of "Rural Lifestyle" is not a phrase, but something your Town Council Members & Town Staff work at every day. The long term planning we do reflects this through our policies with land use, limited commercial development, animal safety, reactive code enforcement, public safety and listening to all our resident's concerns. Our HOA's & Advisory Boards are extremely important in helping us maintain this lifestyle.

A primary reason I attend all the HOA meetings & advisory boards in our Town is to hear those concerns. In our Town it is not uncommon for a resident to voice their concerns and actually make a difference in how our Town's policies are formulated.

Great aspects that we enjoy in the Ranches are our local events put on by the HOA's. These events are run by volunteers and funded by them; they are part of the glue that binds us as a community. It takes a great deal of work to put on these events, but they are a lot of fun and foster the small town community spirit. As we bring the various parks online for the Town residents to enjoy, these events will be getting even better.

One of my Town Council colleagues has a great example of how encroachment from external areas and pressures from the county & state affect our Town all the time by using the example of "progress is the bus with no reverse; we can only stop it now to preserve what we have". As we resist these pressures which would surely have negative impacts on our neighborhoods and lifestyles others outside of our Town simply do not understand that we want to be left alone. We do not want more traffic, congestion, or density. That simply put is why we all settled out here, we are as rural as it gets in South Florida living and with your help we will be able to maintain it.

It is my honor and privilege to serve you,

Gary





Council Member Steve Breitkreuz

We are in the process of working through the options for Public Safety. Basically,

we are considering whether to continue with the Broward Sheriff's Office to contract with Davie for those services. It is one of the most significant decisions that the Town Council will have to make.

The simplest decision would be to just renew with BSO. They are a quality organization. They have provided quality service for longer than we have been a town and they are, on the surface, the straightforward choice. However, it has been a very difficult negotiation. Our Mayor, Town Administrator, and Town Attorney have formed our negotiation team. It is a strong team and I believe that they have done an exceptional job. We have been at this negotiation for over a year. Just when we thought we had a deal with BSO for renewal, the elections of a year ago came into play, the county elected a new sheriff and we had to start over. I found this to be disturbing. We should be negotiating with the Broward Sheriff's Office, not an elected official that comes and goes with the next political wind.

I will not walk through the year's frustrations as we attempted to negotiate. However, at the end of the negotiation, the dollars, while still reflecting a significant increase, were more in line with what we could afford. Unfortunately, a

couple key items were no longer included at that price, but, we did end up with a viable choice.

While this was going on, our Town Attorney requested an opinion from the Florida Attorney General's office. We recently received a response which clearly stated that we were free to negotiate with other law enforcement agencies that were adjacent with the town. Based on that, we negotiated with Davie. They were very receptive to the idea. There are many factors that naturally align Southwest Ranches and Davie, not the least of which is our contract with them for Fire and EMS protection and a portion of Davie, along the I75 corridor, is actually within Southwest Ranches. Also, since we do pay our county taxes, we still are able to draw on much of the BSO county resources should they be required in an emergency.

So, we are looking at these options and will soon be considering both the final BSO contract and the final Davie contract. Clearly as we review both of these, I recognize just how important this decision is and I welcome resident input so that we can be certain that we have considered all options and made the very best decision for our town.

One final note, we are completing the review of the traffic proposals for the area between 185th and 190th. We are planning to have a follow up workshop in January to go over these results. We felt it was important to wait until after the holidays so that all could participate. Until then, have a wonderful holiday season!



Council Member Freddy Fisikelli

I think one of the most important problems in our Town is the traffic problem and how

we are going to solve it. We held a special meeting on October 3rd to address the issue and discussed ways to help solve some of the problems. The main problem is we are in the middle of two big cities, to the south is Pembroke Pines and to the north is Weston. Both cities need to do business with each other and the shortest way is through our Town. In Broward County, like most towns or cities when they planned their cities they used the land that was on the section line or the quarter section line for their main roads going north and south and east and west. The main reason for this is there is a rule that gives them the power to do this and if your land falls on either of these lines they have the right to require an additional right-of-way so they can put in bigger roads to handle future traffic. When Pembroke Pines developed the land south of our Town they made Flamingo Road, Dykes Road, 172nd Avenue, 184th Avenue and 196th Avenue run as north/south roads and when Weston developed their city they did the same, but because of the C-11 Canal, they only crossed at Dykes Road and Bonaventure Blvd (184th Avenue) and they closed all other roads going north and south. They did this so in most cases no houses would be built on these main roads. The land between Griffin Road and Sheridan Street from Flamingo Road to US-27 was unincorporated Broward County and was developed in small parts, that's why we have the traffic problems we have today.

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COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Fisikelli article continued

After the Town formed, the Town Council decided to purchase the 40 acres south of the Bonaventure Bridge along Griffin Road, which was set aside for future green space; at the time this land was owned by Downey Equestrian Ranches. The asking price was \$1,800,000.00 and the Town agreed to name the park after Mrs. Downey. I, as a Council Member, was concerned with this land because I knew there were some problems with the right-of-way. I went to the Broward County Engineering Department and looked up the records on this land and found that the Downey's had filed for a plat on the land in December 1996 and it had been approved. It was called the Tara Plat. In the Tara Plat they had agreed to relocate the canal that was there because it was dug in the wrong place. The land to the east from Griffin Road to Sheridan Street was all Bailey Ranch and they had their own drainage system until South Broward Drainage District (SBDD) took it over, making SBDD owners of that canal. I met with Kevin Hart, Director of the South Broward Drainage District, and he said at the present time they had no plans for this canal since it no longer flows directly into the C-11 canal. He also doesn't believe it would have to be a canal, and that it might be suitable to build a different type of drainage system for that area.

At the present time, the Town of Southwest Ranches has approved two Resolutions on the construction of 184th Avenue. The first was on December 12, 2002 (Resolution No. 2003-19) authorizing the Town to request funding for a road at 184th Avenue from Griffin Road to Sheridan Street. The second was on April 14, 2005 (Resolution No. 2005-051) approving the Downey Ranches Site Plan, which constructed 184th Avenue from Griffin Road to its plat limits. I contacted the Broward County Engineering Department and they

confirmed that the Downey Plat was still valid and they had a lien on the property for \$600,000.00 for the construction of the road and other necessary work to be done when they applied for the plat.

In January 2010, the Downey Equestrian Ranches applied to the Department of Army Corps of Engineers for a permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33uscs1344). The applicant proposed to construct a single-family residential development known as Downey Ranches to include an internal road, mitigation area, canal relocation and retention area. I called the Army Corps of Engineers and spoke to Tracy E. Hurst, she said that the Downey company did not reply so that they would have to reapply for the permit.

In 2009, our Comprehensive Plan Advisory Board and Town Council recommended to change TE Policy 1.2-g to read: *"All existing and future traffic way and local streets within the Town of Southwest Ranches, other than arterial roads bordering the Town (Griffin Road, Sheridan Street, US-27 and Flamingo Road) and the existing four lane section of Stirling Road, shall be constructed and maintained as two lane facilities. It is the policy of the Town of Southwest Ranches that streets and roads wider than two lanes are inconsistent with the Town's rural lifestyle and character and are therefore prohibited."* The Department of Community Affairs (DCA) replied was that the proposed amendment is inconsistent with the proposed four-lane of SW 184th Avenue, which is a parallel facility to corridors I-75 and US-27. The roadway facility is intended to assist in creating a grid network and provide for alternate travel routed for local trips. DCA recommended that the Town retain the SW 184th Avenue as a four lane facility consistent with the Broward County

Comprehensive Plan and the Broward County MPO Long Range transportation plan.

Therefore, the Town Council made the following changes to the proposed language, which were then approved by DCA and officially adopted in the Town's current Comprehensive Plan: *"All existing and future traffic way and local streets within the Town of Southwest Ranches, other than arterial roads bordering the Town (Griffin Road, Sheridan Street, US-27 and Flamingo Road) the existing four lane section of Stirling Road and SW 184th Avenue, shall be constructed and maintained as two lane facilities. However, It is the policy of the Town of Southwest Ranches that streets and roads wider than two lanes are inconsistent with the Town's rural lifestyle and character and are likely to thwart efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector, and are therefore strongly discouraged. Therefore, the Town will continue to advocate for changes to the policies of other units of government that would result in additional roads wider than two lanes through the interior of the Town's jurisdiction. This shall not affect the Town's responsibility to enforce right-of-way reservations per the Broward County Trafficways Map."*

So now where are we and what are our options? In my opinion we have two choices. The first is we know that the Broward MPO has on its long range transportation plan to change the two-lane part of 184th Avenue from Sheridan Street to Miramar Pkwy. from two lanes to four lanes, and to construct a new four lane 184th Avenue Road from Sheridan Street to Griffin Road, but it will not be funded until 2026-2035. If Miramar can build a two lane road on 184th Avenue in its City (assuming they paid for it) then we should be able to put in 184th Avenue as a two lane road now and

Around the Town

Council Member Fisikelli article continued

see if we can halt the Broward MPO from changing it to four lanes in 2026. I have talked to a builder that is in the process of building a similar road on 208th Avenue now and he said it is just a ballpark figure for around \$3,000,000.00. There is a chance that the Downey plat would have to pay part of that cost to fulfill its plat requirements. Our second choice would be to do nothing and wait until 2026 and try to stop Broward from building the four lane road at a proposed cost of \$28,000,000.00.

In this article, I have attempted to explain the history of what I know about 184th Avenue since I have been involved from the beginning. This is for informational purposes only and ultimately the decision is up to the residents.



Brief legislation from the October 10, 2013 Town Council meeting:

- **Adopted Resolution 2014 – 001** approving the Rolling Oaks Sign Maintenance Agreement.
- **Adopted Resolution 2014 – 002** approving the Holiday Park Sign Maintenance Agreement.
- **Adopted Resolution 2014 – 003** approving a Lobbyist contract with Southern Strategies.

Brief legislation from the October 24, 2013 Town Council meeting:

- Discussion on Law Enforcement services, potentially seeking contract terms with Davie.
- Discussion on the Transportation Surface and Drainage Ongoing Rehabilitation (TSDOR) Program/ Assessment Study Implementation.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR TOWN ADMINISTRATOR...

People everywhere may disagree about different things, and people here in Southwest Ranches are no different. However, one thing all residents agree on is the amazing quality of life in our rural community. In many ways, that wonderful sense of place has been a very well-kept secret. Here in Broward County, all municipalities bump up against each other, it's very hard to know where one town stops and the next town begins.

Thanks to the hard work of the Rural Public Art Advisory Board, that's about to change! Currently in the works is a new "Welcome to Southwest Ranches" sign. The first sign will be located in the median on Griffin Road, west of Flamingo Road and will greet people entering our Town. Future signs will be located on Griffin Road, east of US 27, as well as along Griffin Road just east and west of I-75.

These signs will help provide a sense of identity and let people know when they enter the wonderful Town of Southwest Ranches!

HALLOWEEN 2013 AT ROLLING OAKS PARK



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND



Mini-Flow: Florida Licensing on Wheels is Back in 2014

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 for your convenience on the every fourth Thursday of each month in 2014:

January 23rd, February 27th, March 27th, April 24th, May 22nd, June 26th, July 24th, Aug 28th, September 25th, October 23rd

All credit cards are now accepted. For a complete list of document requirements visit: www.gathergoget.com
For additional information please call Town Hall (954) 434-0008.

Around the Town

SOUTHWEST RANCHES Holiday Fun Horse Show



Saturday, December 14, 2014

**Sunshine Ranches Equestrian Park
5840 SW 148 Avenue (Volunteer Road)
Southwest Ranches, FL 33330**

**8:00 am Check in / Registration
Classes Begin at 9:00 am**

FREE Horse show for youth up to Age 18

**Western, English, Hunter, Speed and Fun Classes
(limit 15 entries per class)**

**All levels welcome!
Registration Required**

Contact: December Lauretano-Haines

**954-343-7452
dlauretano@southwestranches.org**

**Visit our event page on FACEBOOK:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/445117978941649/>**

**CLASSES: Western, English, Hunter
Speed Challenges, Fun Classes**



Southwest Ranches residents are being rallied to assist in the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots program to collect new, unwrapped toys during the month of December and distribute those toys during the holidays as gifts to less fortunate children in the community. The objective of Toys for Tots are to help less fortunate children throughout the community experience the joy of the holidays during the annual toy collection and distribution campaign. Your contribution can be dropped off at Town Hall through January 14, 2014 at 13400 Griffin Road. For more information on Toys for Tots, visit the Town website or call Town Hall at 954-434-0008. Thank you and Happy Holidays!

TOYS FOR TOTS

Toys for Tots is a recognized 501 (c) 3 organization in partnership with Marine Corps League

WINTER SOLSTICE IN THE SADDLE

Friday, Dec. 20th from 5 -6 at the Sunshine Ranches Equestrian Park

Free to the public - all are welcome. Light refreshments served. Lovely, casual late-afternoon get-together at the park. Come join us to chat with neighbors and old and new friends, enjoy the late afternoon and watch the sun set over Richard Medlock's beautiful Equestrian Oasis public art feature.

THANK YOU The Town would like to thank **BOB HARTMANN** for many photos taken and submitted over the course of the year. His pictures help make our **SOUTHWEST RANCHER** that much better, and we appreciate his ongoing support.

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Thank You Boy Scouts Troop #224 for all your hard work

All photos courtesy of BOB HARTMANN

HOLIDAY FOOD & TOY DRIVE BENEFITING MILITARY FAMILIES WILL BE COLLECTED AT TOWN HALL THROUGH JANUARY 15, 2014

"NEVER LET A HERO STAND ALONE" ... Help by supporting our Military Hero's

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NEEDED: 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, chicken, crackers, baby wipes (no bigger than 2 1/2" wide packages)

If you have any questions please call Town Hall 954-434-0008.



Around the Town

FALL FOOD TRUCK EVENT



PHI THANK YOU

Southwest Ranches Volunteer Fire-Rescue would like to acknowledge and thank George Morris of PHI Construction for the new kitchen in our fire station! The original cabinets which came with the trailer were falling apart and had water damage. He was kind enough to renovate our entire kitchen at his cost!

All photos courtesy of BOB HARTMANN and MELISSA GLEISSNER

THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES & SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD

SINCERELY THANKS THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATIONS AND SUPPORT FOR THEIR SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAISER

1. Bergeron Land Development
2. FPL
3. Dairy Queen – Regency Square
4. Superb Pressure Cleaning – 954-610-3788
5. Alex Day Spa – Weston Road Shopping Center
6. Sea Breeze Grille & Barista Bar – Regency Square
7. Linda Church from Princess House
8. Venetian Nails
9. Melting Pot
10. Justin Seedman
11. Romeu's
12. ACE Educational
13. Bob Hartmann – Photo Package
14. Condee Farms
15. Shorty's Bar-B-Q
16. DJ Flash
17. Animal Kingdom
18. Keith Poliakoff
19. Kathy Sullivan
20. Marola's Restaurant
21. AC Moore
22. Hop Won Restaurant
23. South China Restaurant
24. Abitta Designs
25. Elvis Barry Porter Ministries (Dinner & Show)
26. TLC Creations
27. Broward Christian School
28. Fine Spirits
29. Angie's Pet Spa
30. Euro Chic
31. American Top Team
32. Avanti Education
33. Marrapodi Tutoring
34. Majestic Detailing
35. TLC Creations
36. Lloyd Goradesky Photo Package
37. Marie Nix
38. Publix at Weston Commons
39. Nancy Juin
40. James Jones from the Miami Heat

IF ANY SPONSORS WERE INADVERTENTLY OMITTED, WE APOLOGIZE. PLEASE LET US KNOW SO WE MAY CORRECT OUR RECORDS.

Code Corner

Household Hazardous Waste, Electronics & Bulk Drop Off Event

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., Southwest Ranches.

Proof of Residency is required

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2014.

8 AM – 2 PM

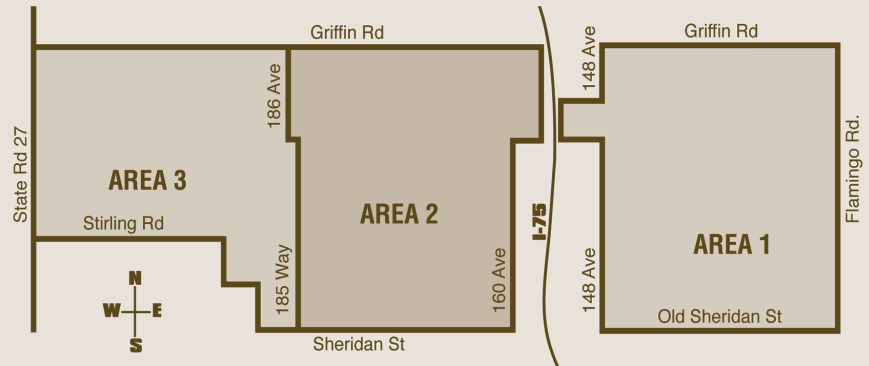
For more information call Town Hall (954) 434-0008

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S TRAFFIC MEETING UPDATE

On October 3rd, Vice Mayor Breitkreuz hosted a public meeting to address traffic concerns of residents living between SW 185 Terrace and SW 190 Avenue. Approximately 60 people were in attendance, and the floor was opened so they were able to share their thoughts and concerns. The majority of those present spoke, and detailed notes were taken of all comments made. The Town is now working with Traf Tech Engineering, Inc. on formulating a course of action. Their recommendations will be broken into four alternatives: immediate, short, medium, and long-term solutions. Immediate solutions are those ideas identified as inexpensive and easier to implement, generally in under 6 months. At the other end of the spectrum are long-term ideas, which will be identified as 4 years or longer. These ideas are typically complicated by funding, right of way issues, etc. that may take more time to fully resolve.

As we are coming into the holiday season, we all have many other distractions this time of year. In order to ensure maximum participation in the process, in January the Town will host a meeting with our traffic engineer, so he may present his preliminary suggestions in a public meeting. Feedback will again be taken from the audience, and he will use that information to adjust the plan as needed, before completing and sharing his final report with the Town Council.

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)
Dec-13	12/11/13 & 12/26/13	12/10/13 & 12/24/13	12/9/13 & 12/23/13
Jan-14	1/8/14 & 1/22/14	1/7/14 & 1/21/14	1/6/14 & 1/20/14

RECYCLE collection occurs once per week:

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



Christmas Day, WEDNESDAY 12/25

There will be no Solid Waste or Recycling pick up. Bulk pick up is rescheduled for Thur., 12/26.



NEW YEAR'S DAY, WEDNESDAY 1/1/2014

There will be no Solid Waste, Recycling or Bulk pick up.



SWRVFD Corner

The SWRVFD has been busy working on the Fire Station, repairing, cleaning, pressure cleaning and painting. We are also preparing for the Holiday Santa Runs and community events with BIG RED, the SWR's Fire Truck.

Keeping safety in mind, here are a few tips and precautions to consider:

- In place of candles, use flameless or electric candles
- Do not leave any holiday

lights on when the house is unattended

- Turn off all holiday lights and decorations, when going to bed
- Position all extension cords, out of the way to prevent a tripping hazard
- Use only exterior rated extension cords for outside use

Stay safe,

Chief Lee Bennett

* 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		
December	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
	29	30	31					
	January	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19		20	21	22	23	24	25	
26		27	28	29	30	31		

• Fishing Hole Trailhead Meeting 7 pm
• Aster Knight Parks Foundation Town Hall 7:15 pm

• Code Hearing Town Hall 9 am
• SWRVFD Meeting Town Hall 7 pm

• Drainage & Infrastructure Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm

• Schools & Education Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm
AREA 1 BULK

• Rec., Forestry, & Natural Resources Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm
AREA 2 BULK

• Sunshine Ranches Homeowners Assn. Town Hall 7:30 pm
AREA 3 BULK

• Town Council Mtg. Council Chambers Town Hall 7 pm

• Holiday Fun Horse Show Sunshine Ranches EQ Park 8 - 5 pm

• Sunshine Ranches Holiday Party EQ Park 2 - 8 pm

• Rural Public Arts & Design Advisory Meeting Town Hall 7 pm

• Fire Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm

• Winter Solstice in the Saddle 5-6 pm Sunshine Ranches Equestrian Park

• Flow Mobile Town Hall 9:30 am - 2:30 pm
AREA 1 BULK

AREA 2 BULK

Christmas
Town Hall Closed

AREA 3 BULK

New Year's Eve

New Year's Day
Town Hall Closed

• Aster Knight Parks Foundation Town Hall 7 pm
AREA 1 BULK

• Code Hearing Town Hall 9 am
• SWRVFD Meeting Town Hall 7 pm
AREA 2 BULK

AREA 3 BULK

• Household Hazardous Waste Rolling Oaks Park 8 am - 2 pm

• Schools & Education Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm

• Rec., Forestry, & Natural Resources Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm

• Fire Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm

• Comprehensive Plan Advisory Bd. Town Hall 7 pm

• SWR Arbor Day

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Town Hall Closed
AREA 1 BULK

• Rural Public Arts & Design Advisory Meeting Town Hall 7 pm
AREA 2 BULK

AREA 3 BULK

• Town Council Mtg. Council Chambers Town Hall 7 pm

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Planning, Zoning, Permitting & Occupational Licenses

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

Code Compliance:

Code 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
Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) non-emergency	(954) 765-4321
Law Enforcement District 9	(954) 680-0010
Davie Fire Rescue Station 112	(954) 680-0020
Southwest Ranches Volunteer Fire Rescue	(954) 343-7466

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

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

Waste/Bulk/Recycling Services (Residential & Commercial)

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

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

Well and Septic

Broward County Health Department	(954) 467-4700 ext 4233
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See how many of these words you can find in the puzzle. The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

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| 1. Snow | 5. Shovel | 9. Slippery | 13. Scarf |
| 2. Snowman | 6. Cold | 10. Slide | 14. Hat |
| 3. Winter | 7. Freezing | 11. Sledding | 15. Earmuffs |
| 4. Weather | 8. Snowflake | 12. Skating | 16. Mittens |



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Better not pout I'm telling you why
Santa Claus is coming to town...
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