

# SOUTHWEST RANCHER

The Official Newsletter of Southwest Ranches

## June 2020 HIGHLIGHTS

United States\*  
**Census  
2020**

Census 2020.  
Everyone Counts.  
<https://www.census.gov>

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### BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS COVID-19

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## ISSUE 2020







Mayor Doug McKay



Council Member Bob Hartmann

PREPARING FOR HURRICANE SEASON DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

During these unprecedented times it is most important that Southwest Ranches residents take extra precautions while preparing this Hurricane Season. If we experience the misfortune of a hurricane this year, how can we be prepared with the continued threat of COVID-19?

Update Your Hurricane Plan and Hurricane Kit NOW. Give yourself more time to prepare your food, water, medicinal and pet supplies as many items remain scarce due to the pandemic. Include COVID 19 supplies in your Hurricane Kits such as hand sanitizer, protective equipment including gloves and masks and disinfectant supplies.

Although Hurricane shelters are the refuge of last resort, schools may not be used for shelters this season. Discussions are underway with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Broward County Emergency Management about replacing or supplementing schools with hotel rooms due to the difficulties of maintaining social distancing at a typical school shelter. Check with Broward County, as noted in this newsletter, about the availability of general population shelters, special needs shelters and pet friendly shelters to include in your plan.

There are many good resources available to you to access Hurricane Preparedness and Covid-19 Prevention so please keep this Hurricane Edition of the Southwest Ranches newsletter for the duration of Hurricane Season which begins June 1st and ends on November 30th.

Most important - stay in touch with and provide support to your family, friends and neighbors and ensure that social distancing and practices are continued.

From my family to yours, I wish you all the best this Hurricane Season and have no doubt that together we, as Southwest Ranchers, will weather the storm together.

Public health and safety will continue to drive the Town's response to COVID-19. With sustained low case numbers (3 cases as of 5/10), testing ramping up and other key milestones improving, the Town may begin to ease restrictions in phases. This will be done gradually, intentionally, and based on data that weighs potential benefits against the threat to our community, especially to the most vulnerable residents.

Most of us have never had to wear a mask for our health before, let alone while we shop for groceries or go for a run.

So, even as businesses or states increasingly require them, rebellion is natural -- to a degree. I urge you to think of the mask guidance not as forced conformity, but as a necessary act of solidarity: Wearing a cloth mask could stop seemingly healthy people from infecting others with coronavirus if they are asymptomatic.

We are all hopeful that this pandemic disappears, then we can stop doing as much risk mitigation. But for now, we really depend on the trust and kindness of others to protect our wellbeing. And that's part of being an American.

Even though wearing masks is not compulsory in much of the US, adhering to these rules may feel like, to some, a forfeiture of their freedoms.

People naturally rebel when they are told what to do, even if the measures could protect them. People value their freedoms; they may become distressed or indignant or morally outraged when people are trying to encroach on their freedoms.

The Centers for Disease Control mask guidance is like the ban on smoking cigarettes in restaurants or schools. There are rules about not smoking in enclosed restaurants and bars because that smoke can be deleterious to someone else's health. Now we are in a situation where, if I am infected with the Covid-19 virus, my breath can be lethal to someone else. But while that smoking legislation is permanent, wearing masks will not be.

Up until this point, Americans have not

been asked to wear masks in public. It is a phenomenon they may associate with some east Asian countries, where wearing face masks in public is widely accepted and perhaps a reason why some of those countries have been successful in reining in outbreaks.

Amid all the seriousness about the pandemic our neighbors still figure out ways to have some fun. On Sunday, May 3 there was a 16-vehicle birthday parade through Rolling Oaks honoring Gary Jablonski, Ben Hogan, and Michelle Rogers. I have seen this phenomenon around Town several times. There was a parade to a neighbor's child's birthday on my street and on Saturday, and on May 9th there was a big parade lining up on SW 209th Ave. On May 10th, Bella Gregory had a visit for her birthday by Border Patrol from a good social distance.

Some outdoor recreational activities are beginning to open. The canal along Griffin Rd has had lots of people fishing and US 27 north from Griffin to South Bay has 5-10 cars parked at each canal crossing. Everglades Holiday Park reopened it's ramps for boating. The concession building is still closed.

We understand the high degree of uncertainty continues; however, I want to assure you - our priority is our community's wellbeing and safety. I want you to know that your Town is here for you and we are doing everything we can to help protect our community. To be successful, we all need to be personally responsible. Therefore I am asking you to be patient, mindful and selfless as we all continue to follow the guidelines from our Governor, the CDC, Broward County, and the Health Department.

Let's all work together to help stop the spread of this virus. We will get through this.





Council Member  
Delsa Winslow  
Amundson

Hello Everyone,

Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have taken the time to join us for our virtual Town Hall Meetings. The meetings have been a very interesting experience for everyone. Naturally, I long for the day we are all face to face.

Although we continue to sort out the COVID-19 virus, the hurricane season is something we need to prepare for and this is the time of year we start preparing. I can hear you now. You are probably saying, "Oh joy".

Should anyone have questions and need answers, please feel free to get in touch with me. Admittedly, I am no expert. However, in an effort to find the answers to your questions, I will ask your questions of all the right people, and get back with you. Remember to view our monthly Calendar at <http://www.southwestranches.org> and please know your comments are always welcome. Please feel free to email me or phone me.

Your friend and neighbor,

Delsa

**Household  
HAZARDOUS  
WASTE  
Disposal Days**

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**Household Hazardous Waste,  
Electronics & Bulk Drop Off Event**  
**Saturday, July 11th, 2020**  
**8:00am to 2:00pm**

**Location: Rolling Oaks Barn - 17630 SW 56th St.  
Southwest Ranches, FL 33331**  
Document shredding from 10 - 2pm  
Prescription drug drop off 8-2pm

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

**ACCEPTABLE HHW ITEMS**

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

**ELECTRONICS RECYCLING**

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

**UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS**

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

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



by Russell Muñiz

**Brief legislation  
from the March 12,  
2020 Town Council  
Regular Meeting:**

• **Adopted Resolution 2020-029** approving the 4th modification to the agreement with Superior Towing for Town-wide wrecker and towing services.

• **Adopted Resolution 2020-030** approving the 1st modification to the interlocal agreement between Broward County and the Town of Southwest Ranches for E911 services.

**Brief legislation from the  
April 9, 2020 Town Council  
Regular Meeting:**

• **Adopted Resolution 2020-031** approving a waiver of plat to subdivide 23.76 acres of property into two lots generally located at Stirling Road and SW 136 Avenue (Holatee Trail).

• **Adopted Resolution 2020-032** approving a water service agreement with the City of Cooper City and 12851 Stirling Road.

• **Adopted Resolution 2020-033** approving an agreement with HG Construction Development & Investment, Inc. for construction of the Green Meadows Drainage Mitigation Improvement project.

**Brief legislation from the  
April 23, 2020 Town Council  
Regular Meeting:**

• **Adopted Resolution 2020-034** approving the 2020 amendments to the interlocal agreements with Broward County for the distribution of local option gas taxes.

**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.**

*Congratulations!*

**Graduating  
Class of 2020!**

The Town of Southwest Ranches is proud of all our graduates and would like to express our sympathy for the lack of proper graduation celebrations and parties. The Town is proud of you and your success and wish you good health. May your graduation be the beginning of many wonderful achievements in your life.





# AROUND THE TOWN



**Southwest Ranches  
FIRE RESCUE**

## 6 HELPFUL TIPS TO PREPARE FOR A HURRICANE

### WATER

ENSURE YOUR FAMILY HAS ENOUGH WATER TO LAST SEVERAL DAYS. ONE PERSON NEEDS AT LEAST 1/2 GALLON PER DAY.

### FOOD

STORE 3-5 DAYS OF NON-PERISHABLE FOODS LIKE TUNA, CANNED BEANS, PROTEIN BARS, PEANUT BUTTER, CRACKERS, ETC.

### SUPPLIES

PACK DISPOSABLE ITEMS LIKE PAPER PLATES, PLASTIC UTENSILS, DIAPERS, TOILET PAPER, GARBAGE BAGS, ETC.

### EVACUATION PLAN

REVIEW YOUR EVACUATION ZONE, ROUTES AND NEARBY SHELTERS. HAVE A PLAN TO LEAVE QUICKLY AND EARLY ENOUGH TO AVOID SEVERE WEATHER.

### GAS

MAKE SURE TO FILL UP YOUR VEHICLE WITH GASOLINE 2 DAYS BEFORE THE IMPENDING HURRICANE. IT IS RECOMMENDED TO ALSO FILL A GAS CAN.

### MEDICATIONS

MAKE SURE TO PACK ALL OF YOUR FAMILIES PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS AND HAVE A FIRST AID KIT. PHARMACIES MAY BE OUT OF STOCK WEEKS AFTER THE STORM.

The critical/vulnerable time for residents is between **June 1 and November 30th**. In addition to these 6 helpful tips make sure you have flashlights, batteries, medications, water and non-perishable foods etc. Keep in mind, your pets need shelter, water, food and several day's supply of their medications. Make sure your yard debris is contained and trees are trimmed to assure access for emergency apparatus in time of need. Also, trees near power lines need to be trimmed so that they do not come in contact with houses and cause fires. Every year there are house fires from trees breaking power lines. Have a pre-hurricane drill with your family members on safety procedures and an emergency evacuation plan. Once the storm hits is not the time to start planning.

I would like to give a huge Thank you to

Kathy Sullivan and her daughter Madison.

They made masks for the Southwest Ranches Fire Rescue Department and for many of our Southwest Ranches residents to help protect us against COVID-19.

It was greatly appreciated by all.

Stay Safe,  
Chief Lee Bennett

CONGRATULATIONS  
Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy High School  
Silver Knight recipients...



(Left to Right) Vocational Technical: Francisco Carreras, General Scholarship: Kaylee Mendoza, Athletics: Sophia Enriquez, Speech: Myla Smith, Music and Dance: Ana Nunez, Journalism: Kayla Torres, Social Science: Nicholas Cackett, Business: Nikolas Garcia

get  
certified

Be Prepared. Get Certified.

PRO AGRICULTURAL

Community outreach for our nurseries

**PENNY FOR  
TRANSPORTATION**  
WHERE LOCAL CHANGE HAPPENS

**SURTAX Projects:**

The County is actively recruiting firms for certification and wants to increase the number of certified firms available to provide services in an array of projects funded by the Penny for Transportation. Does your business provide:

- Drainage
- Flexible Paving
- Grading
- Guardrail
- Intelligent Transportation System
- Landscaping
- Pavement Marking
- Roadway Signing
- Traffic Signal
- Sidewalk

If yes, the Town of Southwest Ranches encourages you to get certified in anticipation of projects needing these services both within our Town and throughout all Broward County.

Visit the website to learn more about [certification programs](https://www.fdof.gov) and [upcoming Surtax Projects](https://www.fdof.gov). Visit the [Florida Department of Transportation](https://www.fdof.gov) at: <https://www.fdof.gov>, [Broward County](http://www.broward.org/EconDev/SmallBusiness/Pages/Certification.aspx) website at: <http://www.broward.org/EconDev/SmallBusiness/Pages/Certification.aspx>.

Office of Economic and Small Business Development  
Address: 115 S. Andrews Avenue, A-680, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301  
Email: [EconDevInfo@broward.org](mailto:EconDevInfo@broward.org)

**BROWARD  
COUNTY  
FLORIDA**



# AROUND THE TOWN



## WHY IS THE CENSUS 2020 IMPORTANT TO THE RESIDENTS OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES?

### CRITICAL FOR FUNDING:

- Public services
- Schools
- Hospitals
- Improving neighborhoods
- And assures us proper representation upon redistricting in:
  - Tallahassee
  - Washington DC



The results of the 2020 Census will help determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding flow into communities every year for the next decade. That funding shapes many different aspects of every community, no matter the size, no matter the location. It's critical that all Southwest Ranches be counted- and we need your help to do it!

Web site: <https://www.census.gov/>  
 Call Center: 301-763-INFO (4636) or 800-923-8282



## DO YOUR TRIMMING NOW... NOT BEFORE A STORM!

**REMEMBER...**  
 12 cubic yards **ONLY**,  
 approximately the size  
 of a Volkswagen Beetle which =  
 8 feet wide x 14 feet long x 4 feet tall



### TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FL Council Adopted Budget Calendar for FY 2020-2021

Monday, February 03, 2020	Town Financial Administrator meets with Town Administrator for General Direction
Thursday, February 13, 2020	Memo to Town Council- Proposed Budget Calendar for FY 2020-2021 presented at regular Council meeting
Tuesday, February 18, 2020	Budget Kick-Off with Department Heads and Staff/Advisory Bd Liaisons
March 9th to May 22nd, 2020	Town Administrator and Town Financial Administrator to meet individually with Town Council members to obtain policy direction
Monday, March 09, 2020	Department Descriptions, Accomplishments, Goals and Objectives Due from Department Heads
Monday, March 16, 2020	Departmental and Advisory Boards Capital Improvement (> \$24,999) and Program Modification Requests Due
Monday, March 23, 2020	Departmental and Advisory Boards operating and capital outlay (\$1,000 but < \$25,000) requests and justification due
Friday, April 03, 2020	Department Revenue Estimates Due from Department Heads
Wednesday, April 08, 2020	Departmental Meetings (9:30-11:00 am; 1:00-2:30PM; 3:00-4:30PM)
Thursday, April 09, 2020	Departmental Meetings (9:30-11:00 am; 1:00-2:30PM; 3:00-4:30PM)
Friday, April 10, 2020	Departmental Meetings (9:30-11:00 am; 1:00-2:30PM; 3:00-4:30PM)
Friday, May 15, 2020	Town Financial Administrator meets with Town Administrator and Town Attorney (preliminary condition assessment/recommendations/modifications) - post council direction
Monday, May 18, 2020 to ongoing	Draft Proposed FY 2020-2021 Departmental Sectional worksheets Distributed
Monday, June 01, 2020	Estimated Tax roll information available from Property Appraiser
Monday, June 01, 2020	Comments/Corrections Due on Draft-Administrators/Attorney/Departments
Wednesday, July 01, 2020	Certified Taxable Values Received from Property Appraiser
Monday, July 13, 2020	Final Proposed Budget finished, printing begins & distribution commences
Thursday, July 23, 2020	TBD: First Budget Hearing for Broward County School Board
Thursday, July 30, 2020	TBD: Preliminary Millage Rate and Initial FY 2020-2021 Fire Protection and Solid Waste (SW) special assessment Adoption at July Regular Council Meeting (all via resolutions)
Tuesday, August 04, 2020	Deadline to send the Preliminary Millage Rate and Initial FY 2020-2021 Fire Protection and SW special assessment to the Broward County Property Appraiser Office and the Broward County Treasury Division
Tuesday, August 18, 2020	Budget Workshop on Proposed Budget (7 PM)- Mayor and Town Council (Community Invited)
On or prior to August 21, 2020	TBD: Notice for First Public Hearing through TRIM notice sent by Property Appraisers' office
On or prior to August 25, 2020	TBD: Town advertises its non-ad valorem Special Assessments. Advertisement must run at least 20 days prior to final public hearing for assessment adoption
Thursday, August 27, 2020	August regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 09, 2020	TBD: Second Budget Hearing for Broward County School Board
Thursday, September 10, 2020	TBD: First Budget Hearing for Broward County Government
Monday, September 14, 2020	TBD: First Public Hearing for Tentative Millage and Budget Adoption introduced for FY 2020-2021 (via ordinances). Final Fire Protection and SW special assessment Adoption (via resolutions) @ 6:00PM. September Regular Council meeting @ 7:30PM
Tuesday, September 15, 2020	Deadline to send the adopted Final Fire Protection and SW special assessment to the Broward County Property Appraiser Office and the Broward County Treasury Division
Tuesday, September 15, 2020	Deadline for Newspaper advertisement submission
Saturday, September 19, 2020	First Date: advertisement can run for second public hearing
Tuesday, September 22, 2020	Last Date: advertisement can run for second public hearing
Tuesday, September 22, 2020	TBD: Second Budget Hearing for Broward County Government
Thursday, September 24, 2020	TBD: Second Public Hearing for Final Millage and Budget Adoption (via ordinances) @ 6:00 PM. September Regular Council meeting @ 7:00PM

We would like to wish the following Southwest Ranches residents a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY...**

**Katerina "Kat" Garcia ~ May 2nd**  
**Bella Gregory ~ May 10th**  
**Nikolas "Niki" Garcia ~ May 23rd**

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)

## ATTENTION Social Media Student Experts!

- Are you a SWR Resident in high school or attending college?
- Are you savvy with social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube?
- Are you interested in receiving much needed volunteer hours?
- Are you interested in making a difference in your community?

If the answer to all of these questions is yes, then we have a great opportunity for you. The Town is currently seeking a social media/public information intern to assist the Town with its outreach efforts. If you are interested or have any questions please contact **Assistant Town Administrator Russell Muniz at (954) 434-0008 or [rmuniz@southwestranches.org](mailto:rmuniz@southwestranches.org)**.





# HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS GUIDE

**PRE-RECORDED EMERGENCY MESSAGE FOR  
SOUTHWEST RANCHES RESIDENTS 954-343-7455**

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR RESIDENTS

Before an emergency threatens, all Broward County residents should have a plan in place to help ensure their safety, including those who have disabilities and/or health issues that put them at risk in an emergency. All residents should be prepared before basic services such as water, gas, electricity or telephones are cut off for an extended period of time.

If you are unable to prepare an emergency plan for yourself, ask a family member or friend to help you. Before a weather emergency or other disaster strikes, you should know what you need to do and where you need to go to be "Ready. Set. Safe."

## BEFORE THE STORM

### DEVELOP A HURRICANE PLAN

Just as every home should have a smoke alarm, every home should have an emergency supply kit packed and ready. Being prepared doesn't have to cost money.

Follow these steps to create a family hurricane plan.

- ☑ Charge your cell phones, ensure you have a car charger
- ☑ Fill up your vehicles with gas
- ☑ **IMPORTANT:** Trim your trees and vegetation early in the season. **Do not trim trees when a storm is imminent. These items can be missiles during a storm and can cause severe damage or worse!**
- ☑ Keep important documents in a sealed plastic bag.
- ☑ Document Assets... Make a visual and written record of your assets for insurance purposes. Also, photograph the interior and exterior of your home.
- ☑ Turn off circuit breakers before the power goes. Leave one circuit breaker on with a lamp so you will know when power is restored.
- ☑ If possible, purchase a generator and an ample supply of fuel to power the generator in the event of power outages. Safely store your generator outside when running it. Do not run your generator in an enclosed area.
- ☑ Please remember to prepare ahead for your medical needs such as dialysis, insulin, oxygen, and any prescription drugs.
- ☑ The emergency refill law allows you to obtain a 30-day supply of medications when an emergency is announced. Pregnant women who are two weeks from their due date, at high risk, or otherwise concerned should contact their physician.
- ☑ Make a plan for your pets and animals.

## PREPARATION KIT

A family preparedness kit is one of the most important tools at your disposal to keep your family safe in a disaster.

- ☑ **COVID-19 SUPPLIES:** Masks, Gloves, Hand Sanitizer
- ☑ **DRINKING WATER:** At least one gallon, per person, per day for five days (preferably for two weeks). Extra water is needed for food preparation and personal hygiene. Use food-grade containers to store drinking water. You can use clean, airtight containers such as two-liter soda jugs, but no milk containers. If you re-use disposable plastic bottles do not keep them more than a month.
- ☑ **FOOD:** At least enough for five days, per person per day, including nonperishable packaged or canned food, canned or shelf milk, cereal, snack foods, etc.
- ☑ A five-day supply or more of special items such as formula, food, wipes, diapers for babies, and special foods for the elderly; toiletries and extra toilet paper
- ☑ Manual can opener/bottle opener
- ☑ Paper goods including plates, bowls, napkins, towels, plastic eating utensils, re-sealable plastic storage bags, heavy-duty aluminum foil and disposable aluminum pans
- ☑ Unscented household bleach and medicine dropper
- ☑ Extra bedding such as blankets, pillows, sleeping bag, etc. (in case you must evacuate)
- ☑ Clothing including rain gear and sturdy shoes
- ☑ First aid kit and hand sanitizer
- ☑ Medicines/prescription drugs: at least a two-week supply
- ☑ Flashlight and extra batteries
- ☑ Battery-operated or hand-crank radio
- ☑ Disposable batteries, car chargers or solar charger for your cell phone
- ☑ Hardline telephone with jack (not cordless)
- ☑ Books and games or toys
- ☑ Pet food, cat litter and other pet care items
- ☑ Tool kit including cord, rope, hammer, wood nails, saw, hatchet or axe, crowbar, chainsaw blades, tarp, duct tape, plastic trash bags/ties and heavy working gloves
- ☑ Extra charcoal or propane gas for outdoor cooking. Sterno can also be used. Never cook with any of these items inside your house. The smoke and fumes are deadly.
- ☑ Fire extinguisher (ABC type)
- ☑ Matches in a waterproof container
- ☑ Mosquito repellent with DEET, and sunscreen
- ☑ Any special equipment or items you may need





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## SHELTER OPTIONS

### GENERAL POPULATION SHELTERS

**Lyons Creek Middle School**

4333 Sol Press Blvd., Coconut Creek 33073

**Coral Glades High School**

2700 Sportsplex Dr, Coral Springs 33065

**Monarch High School**

5050 Wiles Road, Coconut Creek 33073

**Pompano Beach High School**

1400 N. E. 6th St., Pompano Beach 33060

**Park Lakes Elementary School**

3925 N. State Road 7, Lauderdale Lakes 33319

**Rock Island Elementary/Atlantic Technical (Arthur Ashe)**

1701 N. W. 23rd Ave., Fort Lauderdale 33311

**Plantation Elementary School**

651 N. W. 42nd Ave., Plantation 33317

**Fox Trail Elementary School**

1250 Nob Hill Road, Davie 33324

**Falcon Cove Middle School**

4251 Bonaventure Blvd., Weston 33332

**New Renaissance Middle School**

10701 Miramar Blvd., Miramar 33025

**Watkins Elementary School**

3520 S. W. 52nd Ave., Pembroke Park 33023

**Everglades High School**

17100 SW 48 Court, Miramar, FL 33027

**West Broward High School**

500 NW 209 Avenue, Pembroke Pines, FL 33029

**Not all shelters may be open during a state of emergency. In the event of an evacuation order, monitor news reports or call the Broward County Emergency Hotline, 311 or 954-831-4000, for specific shelter openings. Emergency shelters are a service of the Broward County Commission, American Red Cross, Broward County School Board and Florida Department of Health in Broward.**

### PET-FRIENDLY SHELTERS

A pet-friendly shelter operated by Broward County and the Broward County Humane Society is available to residents with pets on a first-come, first-served basis. Advance, in-person registration is recommended, but not required. Call the Humane Society at **954-989-3977**.

## SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTER

If you have a medical condition that requires a greater level of care than provided at a General Population Shelter, but you do not require hospitalization or a medical institution, a Special Needs Shelter may be appropriate for you. These shelters offer basic medical assistance and monitoring. Pre-registration for the Special Needs Shelter is open throughout the year, and requires your physician's involvement. To request or obtain an application for a Special Needs Shelter, call Broward County Emergency Management at **954-831-3902 (TTY 954-831-3940)**. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged to ensure the shelter will be adequately prepared to meet your needs.

- Talk to your physician or health care provider about a realistic plan for your safety. Know what you can and can't do and medicines you need to remain healthy.
- If you undergo routine treatments administered by a physician's office, clinic or hospital (such as dialysis), are a home healthcare client, or require oxygen supplies, call your service provider to discuss their plans for continuing service to you in an emergency.
- Consider your sheltering options and decide on a sheltering plan that is appropriate for your needs. You should have a plan, even if your plan is to shelter at home.

## VULNERABLE POPULATION

• Vulnerable Population Registry is a program that allows people who would be at risk following an emergency to register in advance so that emergency workers may plan a better response during a recovery effort. The Registry is a joint partnership between municipalities and Broward County. Each municipality may use the Vulnerable Population Registry list in a different way, based on their local recovery effort.

### WHO SHOULD REGISTER

• You should register in the Vulnerable Population Registry if you elect to stay at home during an emergency and have a disability, frailty or health issue that would make you vulnerable in an emergency. If you live in an evacuation zone, you should plan to evacuate. Registration does not guarantee that you will be provided services or placed on a priority list for emergency responders. However, it will help your community be better prepared to respond.

### HOW DO I REGISTER?

• The easiest way to register is online at [Broward.org/Atrisk](http://Broward.org/Atrisk). You can register yourself, or a family member or caregiver can register for you, if you authorize them to do so. If you don't have access to a computer, you can also register by calling Town Hall, or the





# HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS GUIDE

## PRE-RECORDED EMERGENCY MESSAGE FOR SOUTHWEST RANCHES RESIDENTS 954-343-7455

(Continued)

Broward County Call Center at **311** or **954-831-4000 (TTY 954-831-3940)**.

### REMEMBER . . .

- Register only once. If you move, or no longer want to be included in the Registry, call your Town Hall or the Broward County Call Center to update or delete your registration.
- Registration is not a guarantee that you will be provided services or placed on a priority list for emergency responders, but it will help Town Hall better respond during a recovery effort.
- All information will be held in the strictest confidence as required by State law.

### PREPARE IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

- Make a list of your Personal Support Network – the people you can count on to help you before, during and after an emergency. Document contact information (home, work and cell phone numbers) for each person on the list, including family members, friends, coworkers and neighbors. The individuals in your Personal Support Network should be familiar with your functional abilities and limitations.
- Create a Personal Information Card with all your health information (doctors, insurance policy numbers, hospital preferences, current medications, medical conditions, etc.) Identify your disability-related or special medical needs.

### PREPARE EQUIPMENT AND COLLECT SUPPLIES

- Place identification labels on any medical-support equipment you would take to the shelter with you, such as wheelchairs, walkers and nebulizers.
- Collect your emergency supplies early. Supplies will vary, depending on whether you choose to go to a shelter or stay at home. Broward County has created a convenient shopping guide that can help you spread the expense of purchasing emergency supplies over eight weeks.
- Keep ample supplies of prescription and non-prescription medications on hand, especially during hurricane season, June 1 through November 30.

## TIP FOR LARGE ANIMALS

As pet owners we need to make preparations for our four-legged family members.

No one can guarantee where your animal will be safe. The decision is yours. If you cannot make your property safe because of the condition of the barn, trees, power lines, low lying land prone to flooding, or general condition of the neighboring properties, plan on evacuating your horse at least 48 hours before the storm.

- ☑ Review all tips provided and implement as many as possible.

- ☑ Remove tools and loose objects.
- ☑ Board up barn windows
- ☑ Whether you decide to keep your animals in the barn, the pasture, or trailer them out of the area, it is very important that you have them haltered, preferably with a leather halter, and have them well identified.
- ☑ Attach a fetlock or mare band to your animal with your contact information written in permanent ink on the band.
- ☑ Place the animal's identification and contact information on a waterproof luggage tag and braid it close to the base of the horse's tail.
- ☑ Attach identification and contact information to the halter. Secure it tightly in a plastic bag and affix it to the halter with packing tape.
- ☑ If your animal is tattooed or has a microchip, make sure that the ownership information is current in the registration database.
- ☑ Spray paint you area code and telephone number on the side of the animal in a contrasting color. Use acrylic paint because it should wear off in 1-2 weeks.
- ☑ Shut off electricity to the barn before the storm. Unplug any appliances inside the barn so that they will not become energized by an electrical surge due to a lightning strike. This minimizes the chances of a fire.

### ANIMAL SUPPLIES:

**Water:** Have enough water for up to 5 days.

**Food:** Be sure you have adequate supplies of hay and grain prior to the storm. You may not be able to get out for several days or longer. Grain should be stored in water-proof containers, and if possible be up off the floor. Hay should be at least 2 feet off the floor and covered well, in the event of leaks.

### PET SUPPLIES:

- ☑ Large dogs need ½ gallon of water per day
- ☑ Treats
- ☑ Kitty litter
- ☑ Current photo of your pet for identification
- ☑ Tattoo number or microchip
- ☑ Make sure your pet is wearing its animal license tag with identification
- ☑ Medical records
- ☑ Rabies certification with tag

## SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLE PICK UP

Once winds exceed 40 mph, garbage trucks are taken off the regular collection routes to protect the drivers. After the storm, as soon as roads are accessible, a first priority is to collect raw garbage. The Town's





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contracted hauler will collect garbage on the regular scheduled days. Raw garbage poses a public health threat because bacteria and odor can attract scavenging animals. Do not place your raw garbage with hurricane-generated debris. The second priority will be the removal of storm-related debris.

## \* DO NOT PLACE BULK OUT BEFORE STORM

### DURING THE STORM

Once the storm arrives, there are some additional measures you can take to keep everyone as safe as possible.

- Remain calm
- Stay indoors in a secure location, or your "safe room." The strongest part of a house is usually away from windows and exterior doors.
- Place towels along window sills and at the bottom of the door heading outside to keep water from coming in.
- Use flashlights, not candles or kerosene lamps, during the storm.
- Elevate valuables to table tops or higher places if flooding occurs.
- Be aware that tornados can appear anytime during a hurricane. Monitor your local radio stations and if a tornado warning is issued, take cover in an interior hallway or "safe room."
- Stay indoors till the storm has passed. A calm period during the eye of the storm may cause some people to think the storm has passed. Remain indoors until the news stations say it is safe to move about the area.
- If your house starts to break apart, cover yourself with a mattress. If your safe room is a bathroom with a bathtub, get in the tub under a mattress.
- Use the phone for urgent calls only.

### AFTER THE STORM

Some of the greatest hurricane dangers present themselves after the storm has passed. Keep these important tips in mind:

- Treat all downed power lines as if they were live. If a power line is sparking or arcing, stay away and call 911, if possible.
- Walk cautiously and avoid standing water, which may hide downed power lines or hazardous objects.
- Don't venture out in the dark because you may not see a power line that could still be energized.
- Do not drive unless it is an emergency. If power is out, traffic lights will not be working. Stop signs and street signs may have blown away. Streets will be littered with debris. Treat each intersection as a four-way stop.

### STORM DEBRIS GUIDE

1. Separate hurricane vegetative and structural debris items.
2. Debris must be in front of your residence or it will not be removed.
3. Do not place debris near power poles.
4. Do not obstruct fire wells and hydrants with debris.
5. Do not place debris on utility boxes.
6. Place debris away from mailboxes.
7. Do not place debris in the street, causing a public safety hazard.

**NOTE: VACANT LOTS, COMMERCIAL PROPERTY, NURSERIES, NURSERY DEBRIS AND LAND CLEARING ARE NOT APPROVED FOR GOVERNMENT-FUNDED DEBRIS PICKUP. DEBRIS PILED ON VACANT LOTS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP.**

The town will post debris pickup information on the town website, social media, emergency notification, message boards and pre-recorded emergency message for Southwest Ranches residents **(954) 343-7455**. Please call Town Hall if you have questions about the disaster clean-up process: **(954) 434-0008**.

### PERSONAL PROPERTY

It is important to take photos of damaged areas and possessions. Make temporary repairs to protect your home or property from further damage. Cover holes in the roof or walls with plywood and use heavy-duty plastic to cover broken windows. Keep records, bills and paid invoices until your insurance representative visits. Notify your insurance agent as soon as possible. If you have a downed tree in your yard, and it is not blocking a road, and has not downed a power line, it is your responsibility to remove the tree. Downed trees on private properties are the responsibility of the homeowner. Clean up the premises and remove debris within the time limits imposed by the Town and FEMA if applicable.

### CANAL ISSUES

#### East of Volunteer Road

- Central Broward Water Control District **954-432-5110**

#### West of Volunteer Road

- South Broward Drainage District **954-680-3337**

#### C-11 Canal Only

- South Florida Water Management District **954-452-4814**

#### DISCLAIMER

The Town makes every effort to be both complete and accurate, however COVID-19 data can change daily. We are now also facing the beginning of hurricane season. This newsletter contains information about both COVID-19 and Hurricane Awareness, information on one or both may change at any time. The Town will make every effort to ensure all information is correct at the time of publication. Please recognize this may change upon later review. Please contact Town Hall with any questions (954) 434-0008, or visit the Town's emergency hotline at (954) 343-7455.





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## A MESSAGE FROM FEMA

The federally backed National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) does cover flood damage for homeowners, renters and business owners. This protection is available to anyone in a community that participates in the NFIP.

Southwest Ranches participates in the National Flood Insurance Program. Go to [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov), there you can find out the flood risk where you live by simply typing in your address. A wealth of flood facts and protection tips are available at the easy to navigate flood smart website.

**More information is also available at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov).**

1. Emergency Preparedness Is a Matter of Priorities
2. Hurricane Season: June 1 – November 30
3. Hurricane WATCH – A hurricane may pass near or through the area within 48 hours
4. Hurricane WARNING – A hurricane is expected in 36 hours or less; all precautions should be taken immediately.
5. Special Needs Registry
6. Who should register?

\* If you have a special medical need, you are strongly encouraged to register for Broward County’s Special Needs Shelter. Registration should be in advanced, before a storm threatens. To register for a Special Needs Shelter and/or transportation to the shelter, call Broward County Human Services Department at 954-357-6358 (TTY 954-357-5608). There are some limitations, so be sure to inquire about your specific situation when you call to register.

## IMPORTANT CONTACTS

- Emergency **911**
- Davie Police Department **954-693-8205**
- Monday-Friday, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm
- Non-Emergency **954-764-4357**
- Broward County Hurricane Hotline & Emergency Shelters **954-831-4000 or 311**  
**TTY 954-831-3940**
- Broward County Human Services Department  
Specials Needs Shelter Registration **954-831-3902**  
**TTY 954-831-3940**
- Broward County School District Hotline **754-321-0321**
- Broward County Animal Care & Regulation **954-359-1313**
- Insurance – State of Florida Department of Financial  
Services Hurricane Helpline **1-800-22-STORM**  
**TTY -711**
- American Red Cross, Broward Chapter **954-797-3800**

- Florida Power and Light **1-800-468-8243**
- Southwest Ranches Town Hall General Information **954-434-0008**
- Southwest Ranches Recorded Emergency Message **954-343-7455**

- facebook** [facebook@SWRGOV](https://www.facebook.com/facebook@SWRGOV)
- YouTube** [Town of Southwest Ranches Official Channel](https://www.youtube.com/TownofSouthwestRanchesOfficialChannel)
- Twitter** [TWITTER: @SWR\\_Gov](https://twitter.com/SWR_Gov)

## OTHER HELPFUL WEB LINKS

- Broward County Chapter American Red Cross: **[www.browardredcross.org](http://www.browardredcross.org)**
- FEMA: **[www.fema.org](http://www.fema.org)**
- Broward County Hurricane Preparedness Guide: **[www.broward.org/hurricane](http://www.broward.org/hurricane)**

## PORTABLE, GASOLINE-POWERED GENERATORS

- ✓ Thoroughly read and follow the manufacturer’s instructions to avoid dangerous shortcuts and ensure the safe operation of your generator.
- ✓ Set it up outside, away from all open windows, including neighbors’ windows, to prevent deadly exhaust from entering a home or business.
- ✓ Use a heavy-duty extension cord rated for outdoor use to keep the generator safely outdoors. If the appliance has a three-prong plug, always use a three-prong extension cord.
- ✓ Consider using a battery-operated carbon monoxide alarm to be alerted if carbon monoxide levels become dangerous.
- ✓ Connect appliances directly to it. Do not wire your generator directly to your breaker or fuse box, because the power you generate may flow back into power lines and cause severe injuries, or even kill a neighbor or utility crew working to restore power.
- ✓ Turn off all connected appliances before starting your generator.
- ✓ Turn connected appliances on one at a time, never exceeding the generator’s rated wattage.
- ✓ Don’t touch a generator if you are wet or are standing in water or on damp ground.
- ✓ Never refuel a hot generator or one that is running – hot engine parts or exhaust can ignite gasoline.
- ✓ Ensure you have plenty of gas for operation stored safely in gas containers.
- ✓ Don’t leave a running generator unattended; turn it off at night and when away from home.



# AROUND THE TOWN

## Town Action Plan for COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

Town is closely monitoring developments related to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak.

We are following protocols established by the Florida Department of Health.

Town sponsored events including the Town's 20th Birthday party has been postponed until further notice. All Advisory Boards and Community Outreach Meetings are cancelled until further notice.

We urge all residents to monitor developments on the action plan by visiting the Town website and our social media accounts on Facebook and Twitter.

If you have symptoms that you suspect might be COVID-19 (Coronavirus) please contact the Florida Department of Health at 954-412-7300 prior to visiting your health care provider. Remember to advise your health care provider that you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 when you make an appointment.

### SOCIAL DISTANCING

WHY KEEPING YOUR DISTANCE HELPS KEEP OTHERS SAFE

Social distancing only works if we all participate.

And slowing down or preventing the spread of the virus will save lives

We are all responsible for protecting those at higher risk.



As the spread of COVID-19 continues, communities are being asked to reduce close contact between people. This is called social distancing, and it's an important and effective way to slow down the spread of this virus. Here's why.

#### "Social distancing" for all families

Because COVID-19 spreads from person to person, reducing the ways people come in close contact with each other is essential. Social distancing means staying home as much as possible and avoiding crowded, public places where close contact with others is likely. This is why stay at home orders are in place in so many communities, canceling events and gatherings of more than 10 people and closing shops, restaurants and bars. It's also why many schools have moved to online learning. For essential trips like grocery shopping, the CDC recommends wearing a cloth face covering and staying at least 6 feet away from others.

#### Self-isolation

COVID-19 can spread from person to person even before symptoms start. So, if someone in your family starts to feel even slightly ill, run down, tired, or achy, it's important to stay home and practice "self isolation." This means limiting contact with others. If more severe symptoms develop, like a fever, cough or shortness of breath, call your doctor. They will let you know if a COVID-19 test is needed, and what the next steps should be. If it is believed someone in your family has COVID-19, quarantine will likely be recommended.

#### Quarantine

Self-isolation and quarantine both mean you have no contact with the public. However, quarantine is the term used for those who were exposed to a person with COVID-19 but have yet to test positive. These people are asked to stay away from others

for 14 days or longer, to make sure they do not spread the virus during this "pre-illness" or incubation period.

#### Why social distancing is important

Social distancing is an essential way to slow down the spread of COVID-19. And it's important that you follow the social distancing recommendations in your community, whether you're in one of the high-risk groups or not.

With schools closed and people working from home, it may be tempting to get kids together for playdates or sleepovers, or to think that gatherings of more than 10 people are safe. But social distancing only works if we all participate. And slowing down or preventing the spread of the virus will save lives.

#### Remember

The spread of COVID-19 has been rapid and federal, state, and local governments are doing whatever is necessary to protect all of us from getting sick. While most people who become infected will have symptoms similar to a cold or the flu, and children seem less affected by the virus than adults, we all are responsible for protecting those at higher risk. Steps like social distancing may feel like an inconvenience, but it's the best way right now to protect our family, friends, and neighbors who may be vulnerable.

If you are concerned that someone in your family may be at higher risk, you can contact your doctor to discuss what preventative measures may be appropriate for you.

### 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 EQUIVALENT TO THE SIZE OF A VOLKSWAGEN BEETLE (APPROXIMATELY 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](http://www.southwestranches.org) or call:

**(954) 967-4200.**

### TOWN HALL CLOSED TO PUBLIC

Following the direction of Gov. DeSantis, Town Hall is taking numerous proactive steps to reduce the potential spread of COVID-19. Town Council Meetings will be virtual until further notice. Please go to the Towns web site [www.southwestranches.org](http://www.southwestranches.org) to get information on how to attend meetings. Town Hall is closed to the public until further notice and Events are postponed until further notice. However, most Town Services will continue remotely unless circumstances have changed.

For more information please call or contact the Town as follows:

**TOWN HALL (8:30AM-5:00PM)  
954-434-0008**

**TOWN EMERGENCY HOTLINE  
954-343-7455**

**TOWN EMAIL:**

**[webmaster@southwestranches.org](mailto:webmaster@southwestranches.org)**

We thank you for your patience and understanding while we take proactive steps to ensure the safety of the public and staff.



# AROUND THE TOWN

SOUTHWEST RANCHES  
CARING NEIGHBORS  
PHONE CALL PROGRAM  
CALL (954) 546-2599



During this time of COVID-19, we are a group of concerned Southwest Ranches residents who would like to get in touch and stay in touch with our neighbors who are senior citizens, live alone, or have special needs.

If you would like a regular check in phone call, please leave a message at (954) 546-2599, and one of our volunteers will get in touch with you.

## SUPPORT SOUTHWEST RANCHES PARKS...

The Aster Knight Southwest Ranches Parks Foundation Donor Tree



Have your name engraved on one of the leaves of the "THE DONOR TREE" in Council Chambers for \$100.00

Not pictured at this time are acorns, rocks and branches with limited availability:  
**Acorns \$500 • Rocks \$1000 • Branches \$750**

For more information contact December:  
**(954) 343-7452** or  
email: [Dlauretano@southwestranches.org](mailto:Dlauretano@southwestranches.org)

## COVID 19—IMPORTANT RESOURCES AND CONTACTS

### BROWARD COUNTY

[www.broward.org/coronavirus](http://www.broward.org/coronavirus)

954-831-3900

Broward County Call Center

954-357-9500

Senior Citizen's Elder Hotline

954-743-9779

### BROWARD COUNTY

#### PUBLIC SCHOOLS

[www.browardschools.com/coronavirus](http://www.browardschools.com/coronavirus)

[www.browardschools.com/](http://www.browardschools.com/)

learningnevercloses

Main Switchboard

754-321-0000

Emergency Hotline—Live Person

754-321-0911

BCPS & Rumor Control Hotline

754-321-0321

### 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

Veteran Clinical Contact Center

877-741-3400

#### CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL CDC

Call: 800-C DC-INFO 800-232-4636,

TTY: 888-232-6348.

<https://www.cdc.gov/DCS/ContactUs/Form>



Keeping Citizens Informed

**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.

CodeRED is the FREE community notification system available to Town residents that will send you alerts concerning time-sensitive and /or emergency information that may impact your area.

The Town encourages you to actively participate in emergency preparedness by remaining informed. Safety is a two-way street, so be sure to register today to receive the information you need when it matters regarding events such as:

**HURRICANES/NATURAL DISASTER SHELTER IN PLACE/LOCKDOWNS  
INCLEMENT WEATHER WARNINGS BOIL WATER ADVISORIES  
EVACUATION NOTICES ROAD CLOSURES/TRAFFIC ALERTS**

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: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Mobile provider: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Or all the above. Any questions contact Town Hall: (954) 434-0008.**

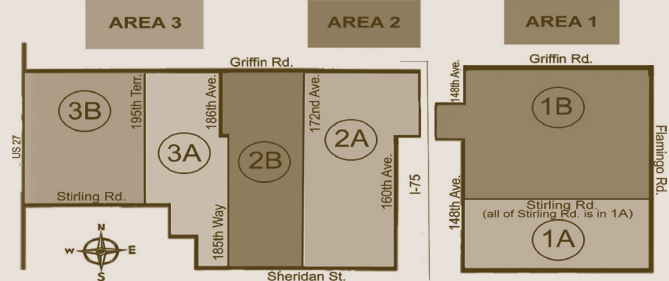


# AROUND THE TOWN

## 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.

#### 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
June 2020	3-A	6/3 - 6/17	2-A	6/02 - 6/16 - 6/30	1-A	6/01 - 6/15 - 6/29
	3-B	6/10 - 6/24	2-B	6/09 - 6/23	1-B	6/08 - 6/22
July 2020	3-A	7/01 - 7/15 - 7-29	2-A	7/14 - 7/28	1-A	7/13 - 7/27
	3-B	7/08 - 7/22	2-B	7/07 - 7/21	1-B	7/06 - 7/20

**FOLLOW US ON THE TOWN'S OFFICIAL SOCIAL MEDIA**

- Facebook page: @SWRGOV
- Twitter account: @SWR\_gov
- YouTube: Town of Southwest Ranches Official Channel

Watch Town Council meetings  
Get updated information on Town events  
Quick notification to followers on emergency management issues

## CODE ENFORCEMENT AND YOU!

ARE YOU READY?

In preparation for the hurricane season, residents are advised to comply with the following Code Enforcement guidelines:

#### **RESIDENTS SHOULD:**



- Trim trees which may cause property damage; for example: dense canopies, dead, dying and diseased branches, branches that rub together, branch stubs, and excessive tree limbs.
- Comply with bulk waste guidelines for tree trimmings. The maximum allowed per bulk pickup is 12 cubic yards. Household items must be counted toward the maximum allowed pickup, if included. In addition, branches cannot be larger than four feet in length to be eligible for pickup.



- Adhere to the collection schedule and rules. Bulk may be placed for pickup on the Saturday prior to collection week. Please note that residents may be fined if bulk is placed before this time frame.

#### **RESIDENTS SHOULD NOT:**

- Trim trees or perform yard work once a hurricane watch or warning has been announced which would require a scheduled bulk pickup. Residents run the risk of creating dangerous, flying debris if their bulk is not picked up before the storm.
- Over-trim trees. "Hat-racking" a tree occurs when it is trimmed more than 20% of its original canopy. This form of pruning is illegal, and residents may be cited and required to replace damaged trees.

Code Enforcement works with all residents to make sure that all their needs are met. Let us all work together to help preserve the beauty of the Town and safeguard our properties.

**Julio Medina**  
Code Enforcement Director



\* 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
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**Due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) we reserve the right to cancel or postpone meetings due to the safety of our residents and staff. Updates will be posted on our website [www.southwestranches.org](http://www.southwestranches.org) and all Town social media, or call Town Hall (954) 434-0008 for updates. Thank you.**

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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

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Doug McKay	954) 343-7462	dmckay@southwestranches.org
Vice Mayor Dee Schroeder	(954) 343-7472	dschroeder@southwestranches.org
Council Member Gary Jablonski	(954) 343-7456	gjablonski@southwestranches.org
Council Member Bob Hartmann	(954) 343-7447	bhartmann@southwestranches.org
Council Member Delsa Amundson	(954) 343-7461	damundson@southwestranches.org

## TOWN STAFF

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## TOWN SERVICES

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

Lisa Reices Nicasio, <i>Broward Operations Office Manager</i>	(954) 655-3721	lreices@capfla.com
Brian Dillon, <i>Building Official</i>	(954) 343-7446	bdillon@capfla.com
Joyce Marques, <i>Permit Technician</i>	(954) 343-7446	jmarques@capfla.com
Marisol Tammero, <i>Permit Technician</i>	(954) 343-7445	mtammero@capfla.com
<b>PLANNING – (MELGREN PLANNING GROUP)</b>	(954) 475-3070	michele@tmpgplanning.com
Jeff Katims	(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	jmedina@southwestranches.org
Yanni Marin, <i>Administrative Coordinator</i>	(954) 343-7458	ymarin@southwestranches.org
Blair Bublely, <i>Code Enforcement Officer</i>	(954) 343-7459	bbublely@swranches.org
Marlon Gonzalez, <i>Code Enforcement Officer</i>	(954) 343-7457	mgonzalez@swranches.org

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

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

MOSQUITO CONTROL	(954) 868-2057	lbennett@southwestranches.org
LOST AND FOUND ANIMALS	(954) 765-4062	Facebook@SWRVFRLostandFoundAnimals
	(754) 224-0877	

## PUBLIC SAFETY

### **EMERGENCY**

*Non-Emergency*

*Davie Police Department*

Jeff Hobales, *Detective*

Tim Weimann, *Police Services Coordinator*

*Davie Fire Rescue Station 112*

*Volunteer Fire Rescue - Chief Bennett*

### **TRAFFIC AND ROADWAY SERVICES**

Potholes and Signs Down - Philip Chorath

### **911**

(954) 764-4357 (HELP)

(954) 693-8200

(954) 693-8293

(954) 693-8352

(954) 680-0020

(954) 868-2057

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(954) 343-7441

pchorath@southwestranches.org

## OTHER

### **WATER DISTRICTS - CANALS**

Central Broward Water Control District

*East of SW 148 Avenue (Volunteer)*

South Broward Drainage District

*West of SW 148 Avenue (Volunteer)*

(954) 432-5110

www.centralbrowardwcd.org

(954) 680-3337

www.sbddd.org





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**HELP FIGHT  
THE  
SPREAD OF  
ILLNESS**



**WASH HANDS OFTEN**

WITH WARM WATER AND SOAP FOR AT LEAST 20 SECONDS.  
HAND SANITIZER IS GOOD IN A PINCH.

**KEEP HANDS AWAY**

FROM MOUTH, NOSE OR EYES TO AVOID  
TRANSFERRING GERMS.

**CLEAN AND DISINFECT**

FREQUENTLY USED SURFACES LIKE COUNTERS, LIGHT  
SWITCHES, DOORKNOBS, AND REMOTES.

**COVER COUGHS & SNEEZES**

WITH A TISSUE, THEN THROW  
TISSUE AWAY AND WASH YOUR HANDS.

**IF YOU FEEL SICK, STAY HOME**

FROM WORK, SCHOOL, OR OTHER ACTIVITIES AND AVOID  
CLOSE CONTACT WITH OTHERS.



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

**8th Annual Photo Contest**

The theme for 2021 Photo Contest is...

**A CHANGE  
OF THEME... FARMS &  
BARNES**

Pictures must be submitted not later  
than September 7th., 2020.

- 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.



*This could be your picture!*

Call Susan for additional  
information (954) 434-0008  
or email:  
Skutz@southwestranches.org