

SOUTHWEST RANCHER

The Official Newsletter of Southwest Ranches

MAY 2021 HIGHLIGHTS



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Mayor Steve Breitkreuz

Recently we have had a significant amount of misinformation circulating around the Town. When this happens, it creates a significant amount of unnecessary stress and / or anger. We live in a very special place. To enjoy this place, eliminating as much of this misinformation as possible, is always a good thing.

While I can only speak for myself, from all of the actions that I have seen, I firmly believe all of the Council Members that you elected are firmly committed to do all that they can to preserve our Rural Lifestyle,

to protect our property rights, and to support both Ag and the individual homeowners in such a way that both can live in harmony, appreciating the benefits each provide to our Town.

However, sometimes we hear things and need a direct answer. So, I want to take an additional step to improve communication. Specifically, in April, I started a new avenue of communication between the Town and me. On the second Wednesday of each month, I am having a Zoom call, where anyone can join in. This one hour call is a much less formal conversation than what we can do in a Town Council Meeting. There will not be limits on speaking time. It will not be recorded. Basically it will be similar to the conversations that I have each week when I meet many of you at Publix!

The details for the calls are shown below:

Website: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82364827686?pwd=ek5DWmxwOHIPRzRGQVRld1htY3ZrUT09>

Meeting ID: 823 6482 7686

Passcode: 721182

You can also find the link to the meeting on the Town website and click on the Calendar link from the left hand column and select the "Q &A with the Mayor - Virtual" link on the appropriate date.

Of course you don't have to wait for that monthly Zoom call. As always, if you hear something that is said that the Council is doing but which does not seem to align with preserving our Rural Lifestyle, then please call me or any of our Council Members directly, whoever you are most comfortable speaking with. Please get the direct information. That is always the best way to truly understand the issues and how the Council is responding.

It is my sincere honor to serve you and to enjoy our beautiful Town of Southwest Ranches together.

Steve (954) 296-6018

Attention Students!

The deadline is quickly approaching to submit your Town of Southwest Ranches Schools and Education Advisory Board Scholarship Application. May 21, 2021 will be here before you know it!

Please submit your completed application packet to Debra Ruesga electronically at druesga@southwestranches.org. Any questions please call 954-434-0008.



Vice Mayor Bob Hartmann

Over the past two months, disinformation has been spread at some local meetings and on Facebook concerning the Council's position on agricultural operations and Ag businesses in our Town. At the March 25th Council meeting, each Council Member addressed and re-affirmed their support of the Ag community. The video is on the Town's YouTube channel.

Each spoke about their personal experience and support provided to the Ag Community. All Council Members have worked on resolving the inequitable fire fees imposed on some of the Town's agricultural operations. Three Council Members including myself have either worked with horses or have family members who participated in the local equestrian community. One Council Member has a college degree in an agricultural discipline. I have worked as a horse groom from an early age, worked at two thoroughbred racetracks, and have ridden horses all my life. I've built two landscape nurseries: a large retailer in Coconut Creek and my own wholesale nursery here in SWR. Today, I have a poultry farm.

The common themes among the Council Member comments at the 3/25 meeting was that we all support the rights of our agricultural community and that all moved here for the lifestyle they help support. We also recognize that many of the nurseries in Town were pioneers of our Town and still maintain large tracts of open spaces. Some of our Ag operations are

second and third generation family operations. To preserve our rural lifestyle, it's important for these businesses to continue their operations regardless of what they raise or grow.

One of the significant concerns raised by members of the Ag community is that their voice as a group is not being heard. Each of the Council has reached out to members of the group to offer their support. The Comprehensive Plan Advisory Board (CPAB) is where most changes to the comprehensive land use plan are discussed between the board and members of the public before any recommendations are brought to the Council. Mayor Breitreuz advocated that the Council appoint one of the Ag community group to the CPAB. At the April 8th Council meeting, the Council decided to increase the size of the CPAB by two members, and appointed Jorge Lorenzo and Daniel Pradilla, both active in our Ag community. As mentioned in previous columns, this board and all Town advisory boards are open to the public. All boards welcome input from community stakeholders and provide a forum for respectful discussion. If you have any questions or would like to have your voice heard, attend the Town's advisory board meeting, that focus on an area of concern, to learn about their activities and participate in the debate.

Neighbors, we all moved to Southwest Ranches for the rural lifestyle, the open spaces, to have animals (big and small), and to be free of government interference in our lives. If you feel that your rights are being infringed as a nursery, farm, or homeowner, please don't take it to the trolls on social media. Please contact the Mayor or any of the Council to discuss. We can help you pursue and resolve your concerns.

If you have any questions or concerns with this issue or anything related to the Town, please call me at 954-801-1758.



Council Member Jim Allbritton

It has been a very strained time in our Town with all the miscommunications being spread around.

I am speaking for myself, but I firmly believe that my fellow Council Members and our Mayor feel the same. The rural lifestyle is what makes our Town is so unique. It is not in danger of being taken away. Please listen carefully to what is being said around Town and if something does not sound right, or if you have questions, please pick up the phone, email and speak to your Council Member or Mayor. We will get you an answer and explain what is happening.

We have recently introduced a resolution that would insure if a new development were to come in, the developer would be required to see that each house plot would have enough land for a barn, if the resident chooses to have one.

We are also currently reaching out to the Agricultural community asking for their input as to how the Town and the agricultural community can work better together.

There are many concerns about the traffic throughout our Town. We now have four new laser/radar handheld units that will give the police department more ways to help slow down the traffic.

Recently Green Meadows has been hit with mailbox thefts. There are police reports ranging from burglaries to cars stolen to porch pirates. The Davie Police Department has been

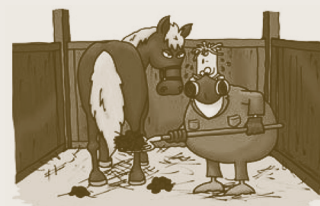
working hard following up on leads that have come in. We must keep our eyes and ears open for our neighbors. If you hear or see something you think is suspicious, please pick up the phone and report it to the police. Rolling Oaks had a license plate reader installed at the entrance Avenue as part of a pilot program. I believe this will deter people from coming in to commit crimes. The Council has agreed to investigate the possibility of having these license plate readers throughout the Town in the future.

I still have a few green and white Slow Down Signs. If you would like one, please contact me.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you as your Council Member.

Stay safe and HAVE A GREAT DAY!

Jim Allbritton, District #3
305-903-7043



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

AROUND THE TOWN



Clerk's Corner

by Russell
Muñiz

Brief legislation from the March 11, 2021 Town Council Regular Meeting:

- **Adopted Ordinance 2021-008** adopting landscape watering restrictions in conformance with South Florida Water Management District requirements.
- **Adopted Resolution 2021-031** approving an agreement with Evans Contracting Services, Inc for the Dykes Road slip lining project.
- **Adopted Resolution 2021-032** enacting a zoning in progress, to further regulate any new commercial nursery, or expansion of an existing commercial nursery for a period of time not to exceed six (6) months.
- **Adopted Resolution 2021-033** approving an agreement with Crimson Technology Products for the purchase of three handheld radar units for the police department.
- **Adopted Resolution 2021-034** amending the Town's advisory committee/board policy pertaining to meeting attendance.
- **Adopted Resolution 2021-035** approving the second amendment to the interlocal agreement with Broward County providing for the division and distribution of the proceeds of the transportation system surtax.

Brief legislation from the March 25, 2021 Town Council Regular Meeting:

- **Adopted Ordinance 2021-009** adopting regulations prohibiting veterinary clinics, veterinary hospitals and commercial boarding and breeding kennels as principal uses in certain zoning districts.
- **Adopted Resolution 2021-036** approving a settlement agreement relating to the construction of a fence and wall located within the Town's Right of Way.
- **Adopted Resolution 2021-037** enacting a zoning in progress, to further regulate any subdivision of land encumbered by a powerline transmission easement for a period of time not to exceed six (6) months.

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.

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SIGN UP FOR CODERED EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATIONS FROM THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES.

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

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Choice #1 - Phone: _____

Choice #2 - Cell: _____

Choice #3 - Email: _____

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



Youth Council of Southwest Ranches

The Town of Southwest Ranches is excited to announce the creation of its first youth council group. Youth councils help groom students to be the leaders of tomorrow. These councils offer local students an opportunity to be involved and advise on school, town, and government issues. Our Town is blessed with many wonderful and active teens. This council, which could serve in similar capacity to Town advisory boards, would ensure our young people have an active voice in their community, understand the value of public service, and advance scholarship application through evidence of community service.

Youth Council Members may also compete in the annual Florida Conference, Legislative Days, video competitions, and community service contests.

For information email

Madison Sullivan: maddssullivan@gmail.com or
Kathy Sullivan: kathysullivan18@gmail.com



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.

AROUND THE TOWN

MEET YOU at the PARK...

by December Lauretano Haines and Aster Knight

🌿 A few months ago, Birdie and I departed Southwest Ranches to join our son, Stephen in northern Florida. While we are getting out to the local parks in our new area, I can't help thinking of the park spaces where I spent time with dear friends in Southwest Ranches. I am delighted to know that the Aster Knight Southwest Ranches Parks Foundation has become the embodiment of what I once dreamed of: to introduce a legacy that will carry on into the future.

🌿 As we went about our lives in the "new normal" of COVID-19, it has never been more apparent just how important is our Foundation's mission. Through this difficult time, Southwest Ranches parks provided places for people to be, to meet, to get out into nature. Our parks stayed open through it all for passive use. Not playgrounds or restrooms. We have not yet returned to our beloved events, but when we do, it will be in our Southwest Ranches' parks where we come together as dear friends once more.

🌿 There are so many people who have helped achieve our mission through their commitment. It was at our Town's Birthday party in 2008 that I suggested we form this Foundation. FPL's Ben Wesley responded with his pledge to give one thousand dollars to begin its funding and he has done so faithfully every year since; a few years ago, raising the donation to fifteen hundred dollars. That is a magnificent commitment to our foundation. Thanks, Ben.

🌿 There are a few people I would like to mention. Ron Bergeron, who gave us a great start with our fundraising in many ways, not the least was by providing us with his beautiful Green Glades Ranch Saloon as a venue for our galas the first two years.

🌿 Joe Huppert who, even from afar in Georgia, still makes time to keep our business affairs on track and guides us through important decisions.

🌿 Gay Chaples, who helped initiate the arrangement for the Town to rent land to an outside company, with rental money of over one hundred thousand coming to the Foundation for the benefit

of our parks.

🌿 We all have contributed in many ways to make our foundation what it is. However, if you want to get something done, ask a busy person. I do not know where we would be today without Rick Bell's vision for the car show and chili festival. Since its inception, Rick Bell and Winston Simmonds have made this the Town's main attraction and our main fundraiser. Winston Simmonds has risen to every challenge, tempering everything with his calm and easy way.

🌿 December Lauretano Haines, our Town Staff Liaison, has been a wonderful person to have on board and she has been from the very start.

🌿 Dehlia Franklin and her husband Collin have been wonderful contributors over the years.

🌿 Marie Nix and her family have done so much in so many ways as an angel of power and generosity, adopting the foundation and bringing style to everything we do.

🌿 George Morris has stepped up and has brought his skills and his sense of humor and fun to all we do.

🌿 Chris Brownlow, founder of our popular Bingo nights. Looking forward to hearing that these have started back up again.

🌿 Franklin Tse's generosity and eye for things being "just so" made our early chili cookoffs the success they became.

🌿 Keith Poliakoff has guided us. His generosity has been like a rock the foundation was built upon. When I look at him, I think of how proud his father, Gary must be of the man Keith's became.

🌿 Doug McKay led our Town before he was elected and then shouldered the heavy burden of doing so officially. I salute him for his service and support!

🌿 The Foundation's Board members Tere Ramirez, Diana Hawes, Barbara Lester, Barbara Gonzalez, Elizabeth Eskenazi, Stuart Yadgaroff have each brought their precious energy and unique abilities to our work and I am grateful they choose to do that!

🌿 I acknowledge the commitment of the Town Council who have made our mission and events possible. Many past and present members of Council have supported the Foundation. I dearly wish that Steve, Bob, Gary, Jim, and David all will continue to commit to the continued development and enhancement of Southwest Ranches' parks. The future is in your hands now. I know you recognize the partnership you have in your Parks Foundation and I trust you will do your part to make sure the Town parks thrive.

🌿 Lastly, dear friends and neighbors, the Foundation's purpose is to raise funds for enhancement and development of Southwest Ranches parks. The success we have experienced is exciting for me, and I'm hoping each of you will commit to the parks you love by supporting the Aster Knight Southwest Ranches Parks Foundation -- YOU can make sure its mission continues!

E-mail: AKPF@southwestranches.org



SOUTHWEST RANCHES TAKES THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION'S



MAYORS MONARCH PLEDGE

Southwest Ranches is taking action to help save the monarch butterfly, an iconic species whose eastern populations have declined by 90% and western populations by 99% in recent years. Through the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge, our Town is committing to create habitat for the monarch butterfly and pollinators, and to educate residents about how we can make a difference at home and in our community.

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DID YOU KNOW?



Our new monthly Town Department Corner that will feature an article from each particular department.

FILL, EXCAVATION AND SITE GRADING PERMITS

Did you know that any activity or project involving fill, excavation, dredging or grading will change the topography of a property and will require a Fill, Excavation and Site Grading Permit? This is in accordance with Chapter 4 of the Town of Southwest Ranches Code of Ordinances. Addition of fill or an excavation will have the ability to change the amount of pervious area available and the topographic elevations of a parcel. This may affect the flow of stormwater as well as the drainage pattern associated with the respective property and can negatively impact adjacent parcels. Therefore, it is essential for the Town of Southwest Ranches, Broward County and your Drainage District (either Central Broward Water Control District or South Broward Drainage District) to be able to review and monitor such activities.

There are three levels of Fill Permits – Level One, Level Two, and Level Three. The level is determined by the amount of fill being brought in and the size of the property. Please note that one large truck of fill is approximately 18 cubic yards.

• **A Level One Permit** is free from the Town and requires the application, a sketch showing where the fill is being applied, and the Broward County Environmental Approval.

• **A Level Two permit** will additionally require the Drainage District Approval and will have a fee of \$75.00.



• **A Level Three permit** will additionally require a topographic survey before and after, a site plan, and a fee of \$150.00.

Some examples of activities that require a permit include the construction of a berm or retaining wall, excavation to create a pond, site grading, any activity that can impact a wetland, and filling in low areas. Please note that fill will not be allowed in any surface water management areas or within the swales in the Town's right of way.

Fill material brought in shall not contain any pollution or toxic chemicals as it will adversely affect the land and ground water. Fill material that is not sufficiently permeable is not recommended.

There are several exceptions where a project will not require a Fill, Excavation and Site Grading Permit. A project with an active development permit will not require a Fill, Excavation and Site Grading Permit. This includes the construction of a new home, residential addition, pool, and deck. Routine maintenance activities such as fill for an existing horse arena or stall, tree planting, and water well repair will also not require a Fill, Excavation and Site Grading Permit. However, properties that have Agricultural Classification are not exempt and will require a Fill, Excavation and Site Grading Permit for material brought in.

For more information please view the application packet for a Fill, Excavation and Site Grading Permit available on the Town website at <http://www.southwestranches.org/departments/town-engineering/development-permits-2/> or contact **Philip Chorath** at (954) 343-7441 or pchorath@southwestranches.org.

This packet was created to make it easier to obtain the necessary permit by providing step-by-step instruction on what to do and what documents are necessary for approval.

COVID-19 IMPORTANT RESOURCES AND CONTACTS

BROWARD COUNTY

www.broward.org/coronavirus
954-831-3900
954-357-9500 (Broward County Call Center)
954-743-9779 (Senior Citizen's Elder Hotline)

BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

www.browardschools.com/coronavirus
www.browardschools.com
754-321-0000 (Main Switchboard)
754-321-0911 (Emergency Hotline—Live Person)
754-321-0321 (BCPS & Rumor Control Hotline)

STATE OF FLORIDA

FOOD PROGRAMS

www.myflorida.com/accessflorida (SNAP)

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 www.floridadisaster.biz

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN'S AFFAIRS

877-741-3400 (Veteran Clinical Contact Center)

CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL (CDC)

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



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Flood Safety: Know your Risk

- **Do not walk through flowing water.** If you must walk in standing water, use a pole or stick to ensure the depth of the water ahead.
- **Do not drive through a flooded area.** Do not drive around road barriers; the road may be washed out.
- **Stay away from power lines and electrical wires.** Electrical current travels through water. If possible, report downed powerlines to FPL. Do not use appliances or motors that are wet unless they have been taken apart, cleaned and dried.
- **Look out for animals, especially snakes.** Small animals that have been flooded out of their habitat may take shelter in your home.
- **Look before you step.** After a flood, the ground and floors can be covered with debris. Surfaces that have been covered with mud can be very slippery.
- **Be alert for gas leaks.** If your house is serviced by gas, do not smoke, use candles or open flames unless you know the gas has not built up. Make arrangements to turn off your electricity and gas.

To sign up to be notified via voice message, text and email for important public safety information during a storm visit <http://southwextranches.org/rapid-notify/> and Broward.org/Emergency/Pages/AlertBroward.aspx.



Financial Assistance Advice

If your home or business is damaged by a flood, you may be required to meet certain building requirements to reduce further flood damage by coming into compliance with local, state, and federal criteria. To help with these costs, financial assistance such as grants, loans, rebates and the NFIP's Increased Cost of Compliance Coverage may be available.

For assistance regarding financial assistance options, please contact the Town's Engineering Department at (954) 434-0008, Broward County's Mitigation Coordinator at (954) 831-3900 or visit Disasterassistance.gov.



National Flood Insurance Program Changes

In accordance with 2014 Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is continuing to gradually phase out flood insurance premium subsidies on certain policyholders. The changes have and will have the greatest impact on properties located within a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) that were built prior to the adoption of Broward County's first FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) on October 26, 1972, or prior to December 31, 1974, without elevation certificate information. For more information on the National Flood Insurance Program changes visit FEMA.gov/flood-insurance-reform.



Get a Flood Insurance Policy

Replacing household contents damaged by floods could place a significant financial burden on a homeowner or renter without flood insurance. Just a few inches of water from a flood can cause tens of thousands of dollars in damage. Homeowner's insurance policies do not generally cover damage from floods. However, because the Town of Southwest Ranches participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), you can purchase a separate flood insurance policy from an insurance agent and benefit from the premium discount available to all Southwest Ranches residents. Flood insurance is backed by the federal government and is available to everyone, even for properties that have been

flooded previously. Please note that unless there is a special condition of the mortgage, there normally is a 30-day waiting period between the time flood insurance is purchased and the time coverage is in force. Though all home and business owners in these areas with mortgages from federally regulated or insured lenders are required to buy flood insurance, all residents should consider flood insurance to protect against significant financial losses.

If your property is in the SFHA and you have a mortgage from a federally regulated or insured lender, flood insurance is required. Even if you do not have a mortgage and you live in the SFHA or you live outside of the SFHA, all property owners and renters should carefully consider the benefits of flood insurance to protect against significant financial losses from floods. For more information visit the following sites: Floodsmart.gov and FEMA.gov/national-flood-insurance-program.

If you would like to know if your property is in a SFHA you can use the interactive map viewer. Visit <http://southwextranches.org/departments/town-engineering/flood-insurance-information/> and select Flood Maps. You can also call (954) 434-0008, provide your address and zip code, and Town staff will assist you in determining SFHA information specific to your property.



Elevation Certificate Information

Elevation certificates for buildings are on file and may be obtained by visiting <http://southwextranches.org/departments/town-engineering/flood-insurance-information/>.



Water Quality and Flood Control Effects of Drainage Systems

The success of the drainage system in your neighborhood depends on proper maintenance of the system. The swales that are commonly located between your yard and street are part of the neighborhood's storm water management system.

Gutters, storm drain pipes, lakes, wetlands, swales and canals should be kept free of debris. It is against Town Code to dump trash in waters. The drainage system may provide both water quality and flood control benefits. Lakes, wetlands, swales and canals filter pollutants from runoff or allow pollutants to settle out. Check with the Town's Engineering Department before paving, re-grading or altering swales.



Protect Property from Flooding

Losses due to floods can be reduced by implementing property protection measures. Furniture, appliances, clothing, and other movable items can be elevated within the structure or relocated away from potential flooding if time permits. You should also make an itemized inventory of your belongings including costs, dates of purchase and serial numbers.

There are several ways to protect a building from flood damage if feasible. One way is to make sure your lot is graded in a manner that will direct runoff away from your building. Another approach is to make your walls waterproof and place watertight closures over the doorways. This method is not recommended if water will rise to a depth of two feet or greater. A third approach is to raise the house above flood levels. Prior to making these modifications, consult with a certified contractor.



Build Responsibly

Strict regulations govern substantial improvements to structures in the flood plain. According to NFIP, "substantial improvement" means the cost of any repair, reconstruction, or improvement of a structure which equals or exceeds 50 percent of the market value of the structure either before the improvement is

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started or if the structure has been damaged and is being restored.

Please be advised that any new development or improvement on a property will be subject to current Town regulations and may also be subject to state and federal regulations. Please contact the Southwest Ranches Building Code Services Division at (954) 434-0008 for specific information and to report unpermitted construction activities.



Flood Risk Specialist Available to Assist Residents

The Town of Southwest Ranches wants to ensure that residents who have questions about flood risks, flood insurance, and retrofitting techniques, get answers in a timely manner. The Town Engineer is available to assist in the following areas:

1) Flood Insurance; 2) Flood Zone interpretation including base flood elevation and/or flood depth; 3) Additional FIRM information; 4) Problems not shown on FIRM; 5) Special flood related hazards; 6) Historical flood-related data; 7) Natural floodplain functions; and 8) Property protection measures. Please call the Engineering Department at (954) 434-0008 and ask to speak to the Town Engineer. You may also schedule a site visit to review flooding, drainage, and storm sewer problems, and to obtain advice on retrofitting techniques to provide additional protection. Go to <http://southwestranches.org/departments/town-engineering/flood-insurance-information/> for additional information.



Local Flood Hazards

Floods resulting from prolonged, heavy rainfall can occur in rivers and canals that drain inland areas into the Atlantic Ocean when waterway capacities are exceeded. Flooding from heavy rainfall occurs in low-lying areas and areas near rivers and canals.

The severe flooding that occurred as a result of the exceedingly wet summers and the hurricanes of 1947 was the basis for creating what is now the South Florida Water Management District. South Florida's five-month rainy season brings more than two-thirds of the region's annual rainfall. The rainy season can also bring flooding, which may occur when large amounts of rain fall over a short period of time or from a single heavy storm, tropical system or hurricane.



Since portions of Southwest Ranches have been designated as a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), it is advisable to check the interactive map viewer to see the location of your property with respect to the SFHA. Visit <http://southwestranches.org/departments/town-engineering/flood-insurance-information/> and select Flood Maps. You can also call (954) 434-0008, provide your address and zip code, and Town staff will assist you in determining SFHA information specific to your property.

Protect Natural Floodplain Functions

Although much of the natural flood plain system in South Florida has been altered and is frequently over-drained, efforts are being made to enhance many historical wetlands and canals to restore them to a more natural state. These flood plain and wetland areas buffer flood flows, remove pollutants from our surface waters, recharge groundwater and create diverse habitat systems for plants and animals. The Southwest Ranches Comprehensive Plan includes policies pertaining to flood plains and wetlands. The plan provides for protection and creation of surface waters, protection and wetlands preservation.



Map Services

Maps are an effective method of communicating information about flood hazards. Residents and businesses

that are aware of potential flood hazards can take steps to avoid problems and reduce exposure to flooding. Therefore, the Town offers complementary maps to supplement and clarify the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) with information on additional hazards, flooding outside mapped areas, development regulations that affect floodplain properties, flood insurance, natural floodplain functions, and property protection measures.

A GIS mapping application for Southwest Ranches that is publicly available includes information you will need for a flood insurance policy including whether your property is in a SFHA, the community number, panel number and suffix, FIRM date, FIRM zone, base flood elevation and the elevation datum used. Additional FIRM information is also available showing areas of concern such as whether your property is located within a floodway.

The Town has mapped local drainage problem areas within the Town. In addition, the Town has a map providing information about past floods that have occurred. If you live in one of these areas, we would like to have a discussion with you regarding potential remedies.

A GIS mapping application for Southwest Ranches that is publicly available includes layers related to natural floodplain functions, specifically wetlands and fish and wildlife habitat. The map includes Broward County's wetland data to provide a comprehensive picture of where wetlands are located within the Town.

To view these interactive maps, please visit the Town's website. For more information regarding the flood maps and the Town's floodplain management program or if you would like assistance reading the maps, please call Town Hall at (954) 434-0008 or email rley@swranches.org.

Source: Broward County Flood News, Summer 2018, Volume 24, Issue 1



Southwest Ranches FIRE RESCUE

COVID-19 VACCINES

Johnson & Johnson



moderna

Fire Fighters, Police and Emergency Medical Personnel who work in a confined and uncontrolled environment while interacting with the public, treating, and transporting patients are at greater risk of contracting Covid-19. So, we are still taking it seriously and keeping all safety precautions in place. With the roll out of the Johnson & Johnson, Pfizer and Moderna vaccines First Responders were given high priority to receive the Covid-19 vaccination. Not only do we need to protect our First Responders, but we have a duty to protect the citizens we serve.

The Southwest Ranches Fire Rescue have been training a select few for Officer Development and Driver Engineer on their own time and coming out for classroom instruction and hands on training. This shows the dedication your Southwest Ranches Fire Personnel have and want to keep the Town of Southwest Ranches a safe and better place to live.

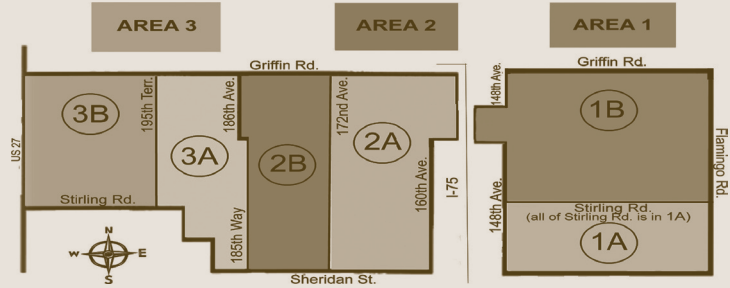
Stay safe, Fire Chief Lee Bennett

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.

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

Weekly SOLID (GARBAGE) Waste Days

Area 3	Area 2	Area 1
Wednesday & Saturday	Tuesday & Friday	Monday & Thursday

BULK Collection Service Dates by Area

Month	Area	WEDNESDAY Only	Area	TUESDAY Only	Area	MONDAY Only
MAY 2021	3-A	5/05 - 5/19	2-A	5/04 - 5/18	1-A	5/03 - 5/17 - 5/31
	3-B	5/12 - 5/26	2-B	5/11 - 5/25	1-B	5/10 - 5/24
JUNE 2021	3-A	6/2 - 6/16 - 6/30	2-A	6/01 - 6/15 - 6/29	1-A	6/14 - 6/28
	3-B	6/09 - 6/23	2-B	6/08 - 6/22	1-B	6/07 - 6/21

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

Broward County
Public Schools

MAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

MAY				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13*	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

Monday, May 31st
Schools are closed

FLOCK YOUR FRIENDS TO BENEFIT THE SWR SCHOLARSHIP

call Debra @ Town Hall to surprise your friends with a flock!
THE COST IS A DONATION TO THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND SO DON'T FORGET TO DONATE!

For more info, call 954-434-0008

FLOCKING A FRIEND ORDER FORM

Name of Friend "Victim" to be flocked: _____

Friend's Physical Address: _____

NOTE: Flamingos are not allowed to flock on public property or apartment complexes

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: _____

_____ Flocking a friend donation. (Please make checks payable to the "Town of Southwest Ranches". In the comments please write, "Flocking Fundraiser – Scholarship".)

Do you want your friend to know it was you who ordered the flamingo flocking?

Your Name _____ Your Phone _____

Other Info _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Sold By _____

Your flamingo should be removed within 24 hours. Please secure your donation and your friend to be flocked request inside the plastic sheet protector tied to a flamingo.

TOWN HALL CLOSED TO PUBLIC

Following the direction of Governor 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 Town's website www.southwest ranches.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 (8:30 AM - 5:00 PM)
954-434-0008

TOWN EMERGENCY HOTLINE
954-343-7455

TOWN EMAIL:
webmaster@southwest ranches.org

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



PHOTO BY:
Patricia Hooten
 (From the 2021 Photo Contest Calendar)

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
May 2 • SWR Parks Foundation Meeting Town Hall - 7 pm • Country Estates Grace Baptist Church 19200 Griffin Road - 7 pm AREA 1A BULK	3 • Code Hearing Town Hall 9 am AREA 2A BULK	4 • Drainage Infrastructure Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 3A BULK	CINCO MAYO 5 • Drainage Infrastructure Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 3A BULK	6	7	8 HHW Event - Saturday, May 8th 8-2 pm Waste Pro Facility 17302 Pines Blvd., Pembroke Pines
HAPPY MOTHERS DAY 9	10 • Schools & Education Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 1B BULK	11 • Parks, Recreation, Forestry & Natural Resources Advisory Board - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 2B BULK	12 AREA 3B BULK	13 • TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - 7 pm	14	15
16 • Rural Public Arts & Design Advisory Board - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 1A BULK	17 AREA 2A BULK	18 • Fire Advisory Board Meeting Town Hall 7 pm AREA 3A BULK	19 AREA 3A BULK	20 • Comprehensive Planning Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm	21 • SEAB Scholarship Application Due	22
23 AREA 1B BULK	24 • Rolling Oaks Civic Association Meeting Rolling Oaks Barn 17630 SW 56 Street, 7 pm AREA 2B BULK	25 AREA 2B BULK	26 • Sunshine Ranches Homeowners Association Town Hall - 7:30 pm AREA 3B BULK	27 • TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - 7 pm	28	29
30 MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBER & HONOR • TOWN HALL CLOSED AREA 1A BULK	31					

Due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) we reserve the right to cancel or postpone meetings in order to protect the safety of our residents and staff. Updates will be posted on our website www.southwestranches.org and all Town social media, or call Town Hall (954) 434-0008 for updates.

All Town Council and Advisory Board meetings will be held virtually until further notice. Thank you.

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 Southwest Ranches Fire Rescue
 17220 Griffin Rd,
 Southwest Ranches, Fl. 33331

For additional information contact
 Chief Bennett at 954.868.2057

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Have a birthday you would like to share with us in a future Town newsletter?

Send your name and birthday to:
Skutz@southwestranches.org

TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES

PUBLIC WORKS AND

WASTE PRO
 (954) 967-4200

LOW WIRES AND BULK PILES

If you place your bulk pile under low lying wires, call AT&T, Comcast, or FPL and the agency responsible will address the issue and raise the lines to a safe height. Waste Pro can not use their regular trucks to service these locations. If the lines above your bulk pile are too low, Waste Pro will have to come back at a later date with a smaller truck to ensure safe service.

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

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Council Member David S. Kuczenski	(954) 343-7472	dkuczenski@southwestranches.org

TOWN STAFF

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Melinda Stringer, <i>Administrative Assistant</i>	(954) 343-7454	mstringer@southwestranches.org

TOWN SERVICES

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

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
Derlin Guevara, <i>Permit Technician</i>	(954) 343-7445	dguevara@capfla.com
PLANNING – (MELLGREN PLANNING GROUP)	(954) 475-3070	michele@tmpgplanning.com
Jeff Katims	(954) 435-3070	jeff@floridaplanning.net

CODE, ZONING, and PERMITTING

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

WASTE/BULK/RECYCLING SERVICES (Residential & Commercial)

Waste Pro	(954) 967-4200	
REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKERS – Chief Bennett	(954) 868-2057	lbennett@southwestranches.org
MOSQUITO CONTROL	(954) 765-4062	
LOST AND FOUND ANIMALS	(754) 224-0877	Facebook@SWRLostandFoundAnimals

PUBLIC SAFETY

EMERGENCY

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

TRAFFIC AND ROADWAY SERVICES

Potholes and Signs Down - Philip Chorath	(954) 343-7441	pchorath@southwestranches.org
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OTHER

WATER DISTRICTS - CANALS

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



Town of Southwest Ranches

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Southwest Ranches, FL 33330

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TO ALL
SOUTHWEST RANCHES
FIRST RESPONDERS AND
FRONT LINE WORKERS



The Town's
Rural Public Arts and Design Board

would like to invite you to
Rolling Oaks Park
July 13, 2021 at 5:00pm
to get together for a socially
distanced drone photo.

We can never thank you enough
for all you do but the memory of
all Southwest Ranches First
Responders and Front Line
Workers together for a photo,
will be a cherished moment that
will be remembered.



Please contact Susan, Staff Liaison for the
Rural Public Arts and Design Board (954) 434-0008 or
email: Skutz@southwestranches.org
to RSVP before July 6th.

HAPPY
Mother's Day

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| DEVOTED | HOLIDAY | LOVE | RESPECT |
| FAMILY | HOME | MEMORIES | SPECIAL |
| FLOWERS | HONOR | MOMMY | SWEET |
| GIFTS | HUGS | MOTHER | THOUGHTFUL |