

SOUTHWEST RANCHER

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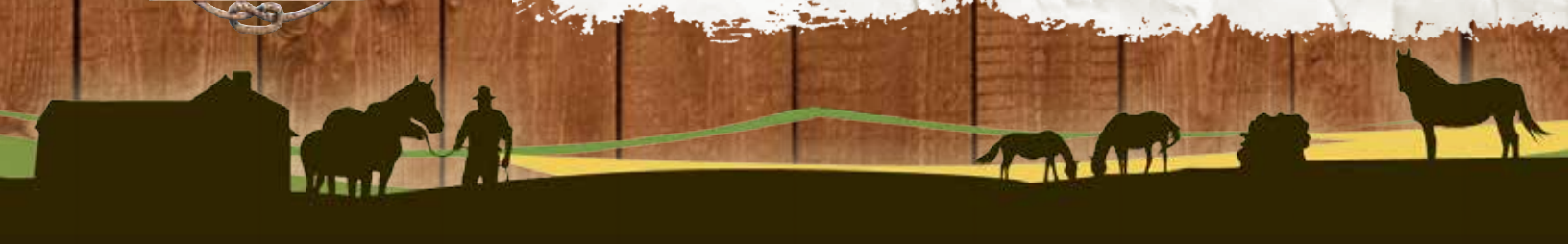
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SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY
June 27TH
10:00AM ★ 12:00PM

Come one...Come all
to the
Grand Opening of
COUNTRY ESTATES PARK
"Fishing Hole Park"

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





**Mayor
Jeff Nelson**

The Town of Southwest Ranches has followed the recent articles in the Sun Sentinel relating to the City of Pembroke Pines' border patrol wall and the City's new check point gate, which is only accessible to Pines residents.

The Town would like to shed some light on the actual facts concerning this matter, which clearly seem to have been lost or forgotten.

The western portion of the Town shares a common border with the City of Pembroke Pines. In December of 2004, Pines, without notice to the Town, removed its longtime permanent gate located at the intersection of SW 199th Avenue and Stirling Road, in order to funnel its traffic directly through the Town. A once quiet country road, closed since it was first built in 1978, was suddenly a noisy and dangerous thoroughfare. Imagine that, one night you go to sleep to be awoken suddenly to rumbling sound of tremendous traffic outside your home. The rural streets that you were accustomed to riding your horses and bicycles on were no longer safe. In response to Pines unilateral action, and the tremendous resident outcry from both Pines and Ranches residents, the Town re-closed SW 199th Avenue at the Town's border with Pines.

As a direct result of the Town's re-closure of SW 199th Avenue, Pines attempted to block the Town's Jail Facility plat and grant funding which

had been promised to the Town. Based on the economic pressures placed upon the Town through Pines' actions, the Town was forced to enter into an agreement with Pines whereby it agreed to re-open SW 199th Avenue in consideration of Pines agreeing to not interfere with the development of the Jail Facility.

In 2012, when a federal civil detention facility became a reality, Pines openly opposed the facility's development, and it eventually killed the project through its continued interference including the refusal to provide the facility with water and sewer services, despite its contractual obligation to provide such services.

In an attempt to avoid further liability for its interference with the Jail Facility, Pines terminated the agreement that had required SW 199th Avenue to remain open so that it could continue to oppose the Jail Facility.

After numerous resident demands, and without an agreement being in effect to prohibit the road's closure, the Town put SW 199th Avenue back to its pre-2004 condition, which helped to restore the original peace and tranquility of this entire area. Such action was in fact lauded by Pines and Town residents alike, and we are confident that it has tremendously benefitted the entire community.

The Town agrees with Pines that the safety of our citizens is of paramount importance.

When the Town re-closed SW 199th Avenue, it did so using a remote accessible emergency access gate. The Town thereafter gave to Pines over one-hundred gate openers to be distributed to Pines' first responders for emergency purposes. Shortly thereafter, the Town discovered that

many of these openers were given to Pines residents who lived in the area, which clearly defeated the intended purpose.

After the Town's re-closure of SW 199th Avenue, Pines purchased a large piece of property, and utilized a portion of it to build SW 207th Avenue, a roadway that would be completely within Pines' jurisdiction. Pines plans were simple, it would purchase a large piece of property, flip the majority of it to a charter school for more money, and use some of the excess proceeds to build SW 207th Avenue.

After building its road however, Pines plans to sell its property to a charter school fell through, in part, according to some, due to the Town's objections to a school at this location.

In an apparent direct retaliation to the Town's opposition to this charter school, Pines placed a barricade straight down the middle of SW 54th Place to prevent the three Town residents who have properties there from accessing Pines' new roadway. One of these residents, as reported, is an 85 year old woman with significant medical issues.

The Town is rightfully concerned that Pines' new border patrol wall creates an unconscionable threat to the health and safety of our residents. As a direct result of Pines' actions, fire and emergency vehicle apparatus no longer have any access to this location. Pines is putting the lives and safety of these residents at risk solely to further its personal and political agenda.

The Town, on several occasions, has requested the opportunity to sit down with Pines to address our concerns. Unfortunately, however, Pines has not been open to such dialogue, and has rejected our requests to meet.

For those unfamiliar with this specific situation, we invite you to visit the location in question and to draw your own conclusion. We believe that Pines' actions speak for themselves.

Jeff



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.



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17220 Griffin Rd., S.W. Ranches, FL 33330

For Additional Information Call
Leslie (754) 224-0877



**Council Member
Steve Breitkreuz**

Believe it or not Hurricane Season is here again! So buy those supplies, run through the drills, and remind yourself of the difference between a Hurricane Watch and a Hurricane Warning. They always seemed a little backward to me, but in either case the important thing is to be prepared long before you encounter either of those conditions.

This past spring I had the opportunity to participate in the Davie Citizen's Police Academy. It gave me a new appreciation of the challenges that law enforcement has when encountering a regional wide safety issue such as a hurricane. So the best thing that we can do is be prepared ahead of time. To get our supplies. Run through the drill with our family. Make it a fun event but also a learning event. Nothing like faking a hurricane and hiding under a mattress with the rest of the family to get the kids laughing! But it is also something that they will learn and pick up on. Test out the generator at the start of the season and then once a month during the season.

If each of us is prepared, then those in law enforcement, EMS, and Fire can focus on the true emergencies. All of our preparation may be nothing more than a drill in a quiet hurricane season. However, having gone through many hurricanes including Andrew and Wilma, it is much better to be prepared and confident then it is to be scrambling at the last minute. Then when the storm has passed we will all be in a good position to get our lives back to normal as quickly as possible.

Let's be safe and prepared this hurricane season.



**Vice Mayor
Freddy Fisikelli**

The most important items we are working on is what we are going to do with the volunteers fire department. It seems that the fire truck they are using now is not adequate to do the job so they are asking us to approve a new truck which will cost around \$500,000. Dollars. At the present time they are working on a budget of \$500,000. A year. Which is not adequate to purchase the truck, and there is no money for it in the present budget. We are in my opinion at the point where we have to make a decision on how much do we need them we have been told many times by the officials of the Davie Fire department who we have a contract with to provide fire protection for our town they are not needed for them to provide that service. The volunteer fire dep't has been a part of our Town ever since we have been a Town and they have helped in many ways but now we have to make a decision on can we afford to purchase them a new truck if we do we have to change our budget to do it.

I hope everyone had a good Easter the Easter egg hunt was a great success and the Rolling Oaks HOA did a great job running it. I didn't get to see the Easter Bunny but all the kids did and they were happy. We are at the point where we're completing a few projects at the Fishing hole park and then we will be able to have the grand opening.

AROUND THE TOWN



by Russell Muñiz

Brief legislation from the April 23, 2015 Town Council meeting:

• **Adopted Resolution 2015-043** entering into a lease agreement with Toshiba America Business Solutions for (3) copier/printer/scanners.



**SWRVFD
Corner**

The Southwest Ranches Fire Rescue, are continuing to get lost animals (Dogs) that are found in our town. It is very sad to see how trained, well behaved and loving these animals are. We know that the owners are missing them. Please make sure your pets are secured properly in your home or yard. Also, the summer is here and your pets need lots of shade and extra water when outside. We have also seen animals left inside vehicles with just a window cracked open. It takes a very short

time for your pet to overheat and it can be fatal. When



exercising with your pet, stop often and give it extra water. If you have a lost or found animal, you can contact Southwest Ranches Town Hall to report it. Southwest Ranches Fire Rescue has a website for lost or found animals. The facebook page is [https:// www.facebook.com/SWRVFRLostandFoundAnimals](https://www.facebook.com/SWRVFRLostandFoundAnimals).

Stay Safe,
Fire Chief Lee Bennett

CODE ENFORCEMENT AND YOU: BULK/HURRICANE SEASON APPROACHING

By: Robert C. Solera, Code Enforcement Director / Code Services Inc. President

The Hurricane Season is rapidly approaching. At the time this article was written a potential small storm was beginning to form. This article is to remind you of the do's and don'ts that our residents need to be aware of:

DO'S

1). **Remove excessive branches**

and tree limbs which can damage your residence is one of the many precautions that one needs to be aware of and take action prior to the Hurricane Season. After all we are "Tree USA" which makes us a very unique Town. We are very proud of our trees, but at the same time they can be detrimental to your property and possibly to adjacent properties as well.

2). **Place cuttings**

under the guidelines of bulk is also encouraged. One must remember that the maximum amount allowed per bulk pickup date is 12 yards. If you are including household items as part of the pickup, they must be counted towards the maximum allowed. In addition, the branches cannot be larger than 4' in length or our contractor SWS will not be able to provide a pickup.

3). **Adhere**

to the correct collection date and week. As a reminder, bulk can be placed out for pickup on the Saturday prior to collection week. Any items that are placed before this date may be subjected to warnings and possible fines.

DON'TS

1). **DO NOT** wait until we are under a **Hurricane Watch or Warning** to begin any yard work that would require a bulk pickup.

The date may not coincide with the collection date or week and the Town will not provide a special pickup to collect these items. The items will remain in place creating flying debris that will damage your property and others.

2). **DO NOT KILL THE TREES** –

many times in an effort to prevent damage to our properties we tend to cut the trees way too much during cutting, becoming a hat racking scenario. Hat racking occurs when we cut more than 20% of the original tree canopy. This type of **action is illegal** and you will be cited accordingly. There is even the possibility that you will be required to install a replacement tree or more on the property.

Code Enforcement works with all residents to make sure that all their needs are met. In addition, let's have a safe and not sorry Hurricane Season, we all depend on your help with this issue, to keep our trees and to protect our neighbor's properties.

TOWN HALL NEWS

2015 NATIONAL ARBOR DAY STUDENT ART EXHIBITION

GREAT NEWS: Through artistic expression, Southwest Ranches School kids are communicating a message of hope for the future of our planet! Celebrating National Arbor Day (Friday April 24th, 2015), the Southwest Ranches Schools and Education Advisory Board once again invited students of all ages to participate in its National Arbor Day Student Art Exhibition. This year, the Town began receiving artwork prior to formally issuing the invitation!

During the month of April, a total of 51 entries were delivered to be displayed at Town Hall, including essays, drawings, photographs, and multimedia artwork. The Town Council was thrilled to recognize the unique and creative contribution offered by our youth and to share the Town's special appreciation for these efforts in a photo with students present at the

Council's April 23rd, meeting.

All contributing students receive a certificate of participation and the Town's gratitude for increasing our awareness about the importance of trees in our community!

Participants included Southwest Ranches resident children as well as Students from Apple Tree Montessori School and Hawke's Bluff Elementary School 4th grade classes. The artwork will be on display in Town Hall through mid-May.

The Arbor Day message is catching on! Our school children are becoming environmental ambassadors, presenting an understanding of environmental stewardship practices and the importance of trees. We couldn't be prouder and happier to be part of this timely tradition!



Savanna Hodgers, Matthew Morris, Makenna Cunningham, Madison Sullivan



A MESSAGE FROM OUR TOWN ADMINISTRATOR...

Andy Berns

As hard as it is to believe it, hurricane season is once again upon us! While all predictions are for a mild season, we must not forget it only takes one bad storm to cause all sorts of problems. The most important thing for all of us is to have a plan. In advance of hurricane season, discuss with your family what your plan should be. Include pre-storm preparation as well as post-storm communication and clean-up. Stock up on food, water and medication in advance for both your family and our four legged friends.

Any trimming of vegetation should be done now, before a storm is on the horizon. The Town allows for the placement of up to 12 cubic yards two times per month. Do not place bulk out for pick up once a storm is imminent. Loose bulk should be secured to the best of your ability, and not placed out until after the storm

has passed. We don't want late preparation to create additional hazards for our neighbors.

Please review all information provided here in the newsletter.

Based on your needs and the needs of your family members, sign up for the Vulnerable Population Registry, Special Needs Registry, Rapid Notify, and Town Talk notifications. If you have any questions on any of these, please contact Town Hall at 954 434-0008. We are here to help you with any questions you may have.

On another note, we have recently had some complaints about residents and/or landscaping companies blowing the clippings into the street when lawn work is done. Should you or your contractor be doing this, we respectfully ask you to discontinue the practice. We thank you for your cooperation.

AROUND THE TOWN



SUNSHINE RANCHES EQUESTRIAN PARK THE TOWN'S FIRST PARK TO BE A NWF CERTIFIED HABITAT!



Established as a Wildlife Habitat in 2010, the 20-acre Sunshine Ranches Equestrian Park is the Town's premier haven for equestrians, families and nature-lovers alike. Upon visiting the park, guests are treated to extensive riding trails and rings, a tot-lot complete with playground equipment, a picnic pavilion with restrooms, and acre upon acre of native foliage including large ponds on the park's east side.

The park gained the prestigious certification through providing flowering and berry-producing foliage which wildlife forage on, places for breeding animals to nest, raise young and find cover, plus an extensive water element hosting many aquatic and avian species.

Families, area schools and many interest groups come to the park to enjoy all the

wonderful gifts it provides for both educational and inspirational growth. For the art lover, the park includes public art features designed to highlight the changing seasons and to celebrate the park's equestrian nature through sculptures and landscaping design.

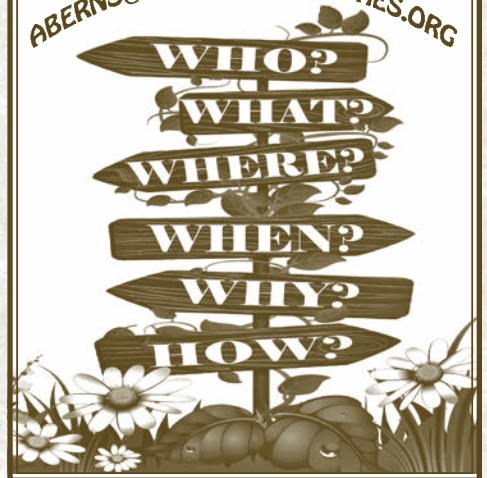
Just recently in 2015, the Equestrian Park received an Advanced "Bird Friendly" Wildlife Habitat Certification! In conjunction with private property owners achieving certification for their homes and with the work being completed through Town Advisory Boards and residents, Southwest Ranches is well on its way to achieving a Community Habitat Certification. Soon, we'll join Coconut Creek, Davie, Melbourne Beach, Oakland Park, Parkland, Plantation, Pompano Beach and Wilton Manors as Florida's only certified Community Habitats.

REMEMBER!

Hurricane season is approaching.
Please make sure your
coggins is up to date!



HAVE A QUESTION FOR ANDY?
EMAIL ANDY AT:
ABERNS@SOUTHWESTRANCHES.ORG



Mini-Flow: Florida Licensing on Wheels

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

June 25 and July 23, from 9:30 - 2:30

FOR TRASH, RECYCLE AND BULK PICK UP ISSUES

Please Call SWS at
1-888-800-7732.

If you are not
satisfied, please call
SANDY at Town Hall
954-343-7476.

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NEW **HOTLINE FOR SOUTHWEST RANCHES RESIDENTS 954-343-7455**
WILL BE ACTIVATED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

KIT CHECKLIST

- ☑ **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. To store drinking water, use food-grade containers. 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, including nonperishable packaged or canned food, canned or shelf milk, cereal, etc.; and snack foods
- ☑ A family preparedness kit is one of the most important tools at your disposal to keep your family safe in a disaster.
- ☑ A five-day supply or more of special items for babies such as formula, food, wipes, diapers; and special foods for the elderly; toiletries and extra toilet paper
- ☑ Manual can opener/ bottle opener
- ☑ Paper goods including plates, bowls, napkins, towels, and plastic eating utensils, extra resealable 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, chain saw blades, tarp, duct tapes, 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

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

- Emergency **911**
- First Call for Help **211**
- Davie Police Department **954-693-8352**
Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
- Non-Emergency **954-764-4357**
- Broward County Hurricane Hotline **954-831-4000 or 311**
TTY 954-831-3940
- Broward County Human Services Department for Special Needs Shelter Registration **954-357-6385**
TTY 954-357-5608
- 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 (78676)**
TTY 1-800-640-0886
- Price Gouging Hotline **1-800-HELP-FLA (435-7352)**
- Broward County Consumer Affairs Division **954-831-4000**
- 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**
- Southern Waste Systems **1-888-800-7732**



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OTHER HELPFUL WEB LINKS

Broward County Chapter American Red Cross:

www.browardredcross.org

FEMA: www.fema.org

Broward County Hurricane Preparedness Guide:

www.broward.org/hurricane

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

BEFORE THE STORM

Develop a Hurricane Plan

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 eminent. These items can be missiles during a storm and can cause severe damage or worse!
- Keep documents in a sealed plastic bag.
- Storm proof your home. Assess your home for vulnerable areas by doing a structure and property evaluation.
- 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.
- 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 now 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.

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 at 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. Don't use your phone if you hear thunder.

AFTER THE STORM

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



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- ☑ Treat all downed power lines as if they were live. If a power line is sparking or arcing, stay away 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.

TIPS FOR LARGE ANIMALS

No one can guarantee where your horse 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 horse with your contact information written in permanent ink on the band.
- ☑ Place the horse'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 horse is tattooed or has a microchip, make sure that the ownership information is current in the registration database.



- ☑ Spray paint your 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.

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

HORSE SUPPLIES:

Water: 12 gallons of water per horse per day.

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

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.

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GARBAGE AND STORM DEBRIS 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. Solid Waste Systems (SWS), the Town's 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 working with the Florida Department of Community Affairs and FEMA for removal of storm-related debris.

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 and place debris away from mailboxes.
6. Do not place debris in the street, causing a public safety hazard.

NOTE: UNIMPROVED AREAS OF YOUR PROPERTY, COMMERCIAL PROPERTY, NURSERIES, NURSERY DEBRIS AND LAND CLEARING ARE NOT APPLICABLE FOR GOVERNMENT-FUNDED DEBRIS PICKUP. DEBRIS PILED ON VACANT LOTS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP.

The town will post start and end dates of debris pickup on the Town Website and in print media. Please call Town Hall if you have questions about the disaster clean-up process.
(954) 434-0008

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.

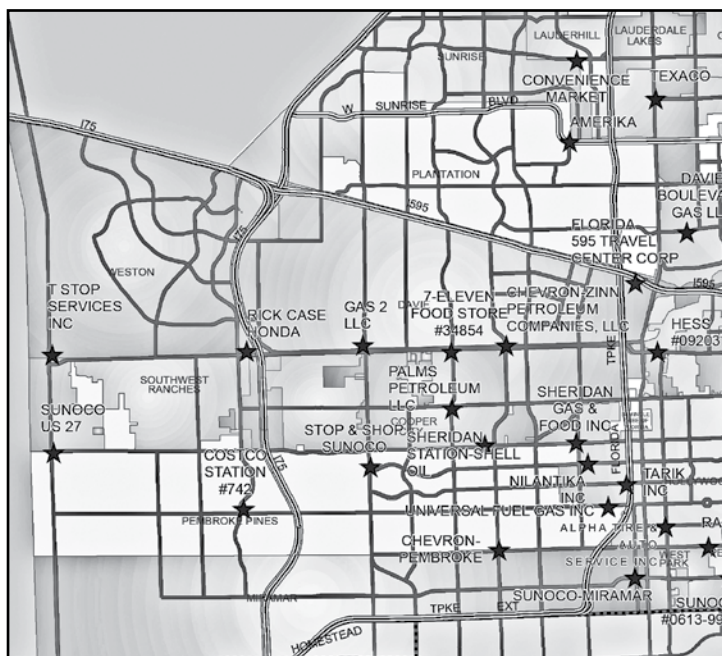
Southwest Ranches participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, go to www.floodsmart.gov. There you can find out the flood risk where you live by simply typing in your address. A wealth of flood facts and protection tips are available at the easy-to navigate flood smart website.

More information is also available at www.fema.gov.

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. 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 advance, before a storm threatens. To register for a Special Needs Shelter and/or transportation to the shelter, call Broward County Human Services Department at **954-357-6385 (TTY 954-357-5608)**. There are some limitations, so be sure to inquire about your specific situation when you call to register.

GAS STATIONS WITH GENERATORS



* STARS ON MAP REPRESENT LOCATIONS OF GAS STATIONS WITH GENERATORS

AROUND THE TOWN

SOUTHWEST RANCHES PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT RESIDENT REPORT

CLETE J. SAUNIER, P.E.
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

After several years of planning and preparation by SWR staff with much needed assistance and direction from the Drainage & Infrastructure Advisory Board and the vision of Council Member Steve Breitzkreuz, the Transportation Surface and Drainage Ongoing Rehabilitation (TSDOR) program has finally come to fruition. Through the efforts of many hard working citizens and Department staff, this twenty-year capital improvement construction plan will rehabilitate, restore and improve every public roadway and drainage swale in the Town of Southwest Ranches (over 68 miles of roads) in a safe and fiscally responsible manner. The plan was developed to improve an average of three to four miles of roads each year over the next twenty years. The plan also prioritizes improving those roads in the worst condition during the initial years of the plan, while also geographically clustering adjacent roads in similar condition to be improved the same year to limit construction mobilization costs. Consideration was also given to alternate construction of these three to four mile road groups on each side of I-75 every other year (or two years) to ensure an equitable improvement distribution pattern was provided for all 'east' and 'west' residential communities separated by this Town divider; e.g., Sunshine Ranches (east side) and Rolling Oaks (west side).

The final plan schedule was presented by staff and thoroughly reviewed and vetted by the Drainage and Infrastructure Advisory Board on October 15, 2014. The Board approved the first four years of the road schedule for budgeting purposes and will continue to add roads in like manner each fiscal year in conformance with the overall 20-year program schedule. The Town Council during its October 23, 2014 public meeting, ratified by unanimous consent the first four years of roads for capital project planning and budgeting purposes from FY 2016 through FY 2019 as recommended by the Drainage and Infrastructure Advisory Board.

Since that time, staff has worked with the Town's selected surveying and engineering consultants to prepare the construction plans and specifications for the FY 2016 roadways (the first construction year of the twenty-year plan). Legal staff was also involved

ensuring all rights of way and easement issues were resolved prior to final project design and permit processing. None were found to exist and the project is moving forward as planned with construction commencing the first week of November 2015. These roads include:

1. SW 205th Avenue from Griffin Road to the Southwest Ranches municipal boundary line.
2. SW 48th Place from the intersection of SW 205th Avenue to the east and west cul-de-sacs.
3. SW 49th Court from the intersection of SW 205th Avenue to the east and west cul-de-sacs.
4. SW 50th Place from the intersection of SW 205th Avenue to the east and west cul-de-sacs.
5. SW 209th Avenue from Griffin Road to SW 50th Street
6. SW 50th Street from SW 210th Terrace to SW 208th Lane
7. SW 210th Terrace from SW 50th Street to SW 54th Place
8. SW 54th Place from SW 210th Terrace east approximately 300 feet
9. SW 208th Lane from SW 50th Street to SW 54th Place
10. SW 54th Place from SW 208th Lane east approximately 300 feet

Town citizens residing along these roadways will be notified in the very near future about upcoming community information meetings conducted by Town staff and their consultants where they will receive specific information regarding the planned projects for their area.

Residents are encouraged to contact the Town's Public Works Department at **(954) 434-0008** should they have any questions or if they wish to receive a copy of the TSDOR Program schedule.

AROUND THE TOWN

AARP
DRIVER SAFETY



AARP DRIVER SAFETY CLASS AT SOUTHWEST RANCHES:

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

Next Class: **July 15th, 9 am - 4 pm**
Barbara Diamond: 954-442-0574

Non AARP - \$20.00
AARP Members - \$15.00

Payments will only be accepted in check or money order.



2015 School Calendar - Broward County Public Schools*

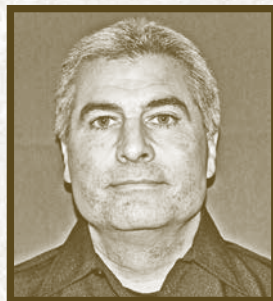
JUNE				
M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

THURSDAY, JUNE 4 - EARLY RELEASE DAY
FRIDAY, JUNE 5 - NO SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24 - REPORT CARDS

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

DAVIE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officer Michael Van Belle was hired by the Davie Police Department as a certified Police Officer in January of 2014. Prior to his employment with the Davie Police Department, Officer Van Belle was a 27 year veteran of the Hialeah Police Department. Officer Van Belle began his law enforcement career in 1987 after completing the police academy in Miami-Dade. Officer Van Belle obtained his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from St. Thomas University after graduating high school in New Jersey. During his tenure with the Hialeah Police Department, Officer Van Belle worked in several units as an officer and supervisor. He was a Canine Officer for over 13 years, and went on to supervise the Support Services Division and the Criminal Investigations Division as a Sergeant. In his spare time, Officer Van Belle enjoys spending time with his family, golf, fishing, and sightseeing.



In 2014, Officer Van Belle was selected to serve the residents of Southwest Ranches as a road patrol officer. He is currently assigned to the afternoon (Charlie) shift, where he works from 2 pm - midnight.

LET'S NOT FORGET OUR MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES

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

THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS ARE NEEDED...

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

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

AROUND THE TOWN

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



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

A new service provided for Town Residents only!

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

SAT., JULY 11

8 AM - 2 PM

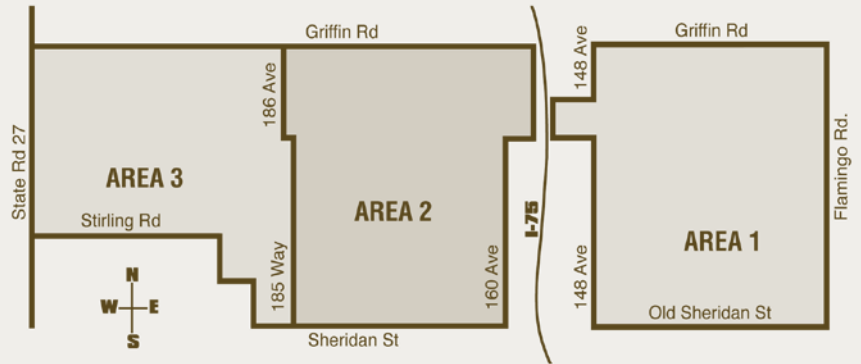
SHRED-A-THON 10 AM - 2 PM (LIMIT 4 BOXES)

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

Waste Collection

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

TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES - Waste Collection Map & Schedule



Weekly **SOLID (GARBAGE)** Waste Days

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

BULK Collection Service Dates by Area

Month	Area 3 (Wednesday Only)	Area 2 (Tuesday Only)	Area 1 (Monday Only)
June 15	6/8/15 - 6/22/15	6/9/15 - 6/23/15	6/10/15 - 6/24/15
July 15	7/8/15 - 7/22/15	7/7/15 - 7/21/15	7/6/15 - 7/20/15

RECYCLE collection occurs once per week:

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

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

HELP KEEP FAMILIES SAFE

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

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

PLEASE REMOVE YOUR SIM AND SD CARD FROM YOU CELL PHONE



WOMEN IN DISTRESS
OF BROWARD COUNTY, INC.

JIM & JAN MORAN FAMILY CENTER



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN SAVING LIVES!



STAY IN TOUCH WITH CODE



Fill for horse stalls do not require a fill permit. In addition, a permit may not be required if a small amount of sand is required to replenish a horse arena. However the Town recommends that property 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 Emily at emccord@swranches.org or Robert at rsolera@southwestranches.org

* 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	
JUNE  FLAG DAY  HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	1 • Aster Knight Parks Foundation Town Hall 7 pm • Country Est. 7 pm Grace Baptist Church 19200 Griffin Road	2 • Code Hearing Town Hall 9 am	3 • Drainage: Infrastructure Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm	4	5	6	
	7 • Schools & Ed. Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm AREA 1 BULK	8 • Rec., Forestry, & Natural Resources Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm AREA 2 BULK	9	10 AREA 3 BULK	11 • Town Council Meeting 7 pm	12	13
	14	15	16 • Rural Public Arts & Design Advisory Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm	17 • Fire Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm	18 • Comprehensive Planning Advisory Town 7 pm	19	20
	21 AREA 1 BULK	22 AREA 2 BULK	23 • Rolling Oaks Civics Assn. 7 pm Rolling Oaks Barn 17630 SW 59th Street AREA 2 BULK	24 • Sunshine Ranches Homeowners Assn. Town Hall 7:30 pm AREA 3 BULK	25 • Flow Mobile DMV Services 9:30 am - 2:30 pm • Town Council Meeting 7 pm	26	27 • Grand Opening Country Estates Park "Fish Hole Park" 10 - 12
	28	29	30				
JULY	5 • Aster Knight Parks Foundation Town Hall 7 pm • Country Est. 7 pm Grace Baptist Church 19200 Griffin Road AREA 1 BULK	6	7 • Code Hearing Town Hall 9 am AREA 2 BULK	8 • Drainage: Infrastructure Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm AREA 3 BULK	9	10 • Town Council Meeting 7 pm	11 • Household Hazardous Waste Event 8 - 2 Shred-A-Thon 10-2 Rolling Oaks Park
	12 • Schools & Ed. Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm	13	14 • Rec., Forestry, & Natural Resources Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm	15 • AARP Driver Safety Class - Town Hall 9 am • Fire Advisory Board - Town Hall 7 pm	16 • Comprehensive Planning Advisory Town 7 pm	17	18
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	26	27	28 • Rolling Oaks Civics Assn. 7 pm Rolling Oaks Barn 17630 SW 59th Street	29	30	31	
				1	2	3 • Town Hall Closed	4 • HAPPY FOURTH of JULY • ROCA Independence Day Rolling Oaks Barn

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

Phone / E-Mail List:

Elected Officials

Mayor Jeff Nelson	(954) 343-7472	jnelson@swranches.org
Vice Mayor Freddy Fisikelli	(954) 343-7461	ffisikelli@swranches.org
Council Member Gary Jablonski	(954) 343-7456	gjablonski@swranches.org
Council Member Steve Breitreuz	(954) 343-7447	sbreitreuz@swranches.org
Council Member Doug McKay	(954) 343-7462	dmckay@swranches.org

Town Staff

Town Administrator, Andy Berns	(954) 434-0008	aberns@swranches.org
Administrative Coordinator to the Town Administrator, Danielle Caban	(954) 434-0008	dcaban@southwestranches.org
General Services Manager, Sandy Luongo	(954) 434-0008	sluongo@southwestranches.org
Town Financial Administrator, Martin Sherwood, CPA, CGFO	(954) 434-0008	msherwood@southwestranches.org
Town Comptroller, Rich Strum	(954) 434-0008	rstrum@southwestranches.org
Town Attorney, Keith Poliakoff	(954) 434-0008	
Town Engineer, Clete Saunier, P.E.	(954) 434-0008	csaunier@southwestranches.org
Engineer I, Philip Chorath, E.I.	(954) 434-0008	pchorath@southwestranches.org
Town Clerk, Russell Muñiz, MMC	(954) 434-0008	rmuniz@southwestranches.org
Records Coordinator, Ivette Solera	(954) 434-0008	isolera@southwestranches.org
Procurement and Special Projects Coordinator, Juanita Romance	(954) 434-0008	jromance@swranches.org
Community Services Coordinator, Emily McCord	(954) 343-7453	emccord@swranches.org
Parks, Recreation, Open Space Coordinator, December Lauretano-Haines, CPRP	(954) 343-7452	dlaretano@swranches.org
Administrative Specialist, Susan Kutz	(954) 434-0008	skutz@southwestranches.org
Accounting Clerk, Mara Semper	(954) 434-0008	msemper@southwestranches.org

Planning, Zoning, Permitting & Certificate of Use

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

Code Compliance:

Enforcement Director, Robert Solera	(954) 343-7440	rsolera@swranches.org
Code Enforcement Officer, Julio Medina	(954) 343-7458	jmedina@swranches.org
Administrative Coordinator, Yanni Marin	(954) 343-7459	yamarin@swranches.org

Police/Fire/Rescue Services

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

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

Paving, Potholes and Signs: Emily McCord	(954) 343-7453	emccord@swranches.org
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Waste/Bulk/Recycling Services (Residential & Commercial)

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

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

Well and Septic

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

<https://www.facebook.com/SWRVFRLostandFoundAnimals>



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

3rd Annual Photo Contest

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

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

- Have your pictures in by September 1, 2015
- The photos can be emailed
- Must be a high resolution at least 300 DPI
- One picture per person

this could be your picture

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

Father's Day Word Search

Father's Day is Sunday June 21. Can you find these words that have to do with dad?

ATHLETIC	FUNNY
BRAVE	GOLF
DAD	KIND
DADDY	SPORTS
ESPN	TENNIS
FATHER	TIE
FISHING	TOOLS
FOOTBALL	

XRDFUIELCFCRE
WBLASTROPSNDK
EODSAZFXCEBAM
GNMPOIUTCREDIT
RBRAVEHIOOMDE
SIDKYJTBSSHYL
HTIQNEFAPLLYL
SARSLGREROOGA
GVSHCKELSNPOB
FRTSFISHINGWT
UACOSNSTEDEOO
NSTKODALADURO
NNRHWBEDUIMGF
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