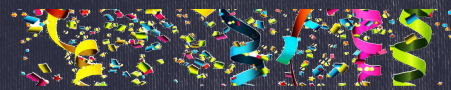


# SOUTHWEST RANCHER

*The Official Newsletter of Southwest Ranches*

**January 2016**

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Mayor  
Doug McKay

Dear Residents,

I hope you are enjoying the Holiday Season. We have so much to be thankful for and I hope you are reflecting on those things at this time. While it is a time for celebration, I ask that you all be mindful of your safety. Please don't drink and drive or text and drive, and please refrain from discharging firearms to ring in the New Year.

For 2017, I wish all of my neighbors a peaceful and prosperous New Year. I look forward to continuing to work with my great colleagues on the Town Council to keep Southwest Ranches a great place to live.

Please let me know if there is an issue I can help you with!

Doug



Council Member  
Steve Breitkreuz

Happy New Year! I hope that you and your family had a

wonderful and safe holiday season. It's hard to believe that we are now in 2017. Weren't we all just celebrating the turn of the millennium and the birth of our town? Anyway, ready or not, 2017 has begun and already things are picking up from where they were left off last year.

Last November, the community had a final meeting to determine the direction that the Council would recommend to the residents regarding traffic on 188th, 185th / 186th, and 190th. The final unanimous decision by the Town Council was that we are recommending a gate that restricts access from both sides be constructed on 190th just south of 49th. This gate will allow for the automated entry and exit for the residents of Griffin 345. But it will also allow for code entry in both directions for non-residents that have business within Griffin 345. The access on 54th and 57th between 188th and 190th will be blocked off for ALL motorized traffic. This gate does not make Griffin 345 a gated community because there is no gate on the southern end of 190. 63rd would be left open between 188th and 190th.

Additional signage will also be put in place. New "Dead End" signs will be placed at either side of 190th, where appropriate, to alert drivers to the gate restriction. "No Thru Truck"

signs will be placed in the proper locations to allow for the enforcement and ticketing of through trucks on 188th and 185 / 186. This will enhance the ability of the town to ensure that through trucks do not use these roads.

We have also contacted the school board and post office to alert them of these upcoming changes. The deadline for having these changes in place is May 1st. At that time the current temporary barriers that are in place just north of 49th street on 190th will be taken down. Should the gate be in place prior to May 1st, then the barriers can come down even sooner.

Regarding the funding of the gate, this gate is being funded via a public safety grant sponsored by the town. The town pays 75% and the Griffin 345 Civic Association pays 25%. Once it is built it is the responsibility of Griffin 345 to maintain the gate going forward.

This has been a long and difficult journey to get us to the point where we have a clear path forward. This solution is a compromise, the best solution based on the consensus of those residents that live in that immediate area, as well as the recommendation from the traffic planner. This was not a unanimous solution for all residents that attended. However, I believe that we arrived at a solution that will make traffic better for everyone in that area.

I did want to take a moment to thank everyone who attended these meetings and spoke regarding this issue. I know that it was frustrating at times. But through the persistence of the community we finally have a

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Southwest Ranches Fire Rescue  
17220 Griffin Road  
Southwest Ranches, FL 33330

For additional information call:  
Chief Lee Bennett: 954-868-2057

firm plan and schedule for resolving this traffic issue. To those who first placed the green dots on the boards to register their votes almost 15 years ago, (you were there, you know what I am referring to, to those that attended the meeting on November 16th, and all those who participated the many meetings in between, thank-you! Because of your efforts we are now moving forward.



**Council Member  
Freddy Fisikelli**

I hope everyone had a good holiday season.

As our new year starts we welcome our new Council Member Dee Schroder. The Council will have a new look with input from our new Council working to solve the traffic problems we have with opening 190 Avenue and the traffic on 188 Avenue. Also, we are still working on creating a new park for our late attorney Gary Poliakoff. Feel free to contact me if you have any problems you wish to discuss.



**Council Member  
Dee Schroeder**

I am so proud to have the opportunity to

serve the residents of the great little Town of Southwest Ranches! I would like to thank all who have supported me and to pledge to all residents that I am committed to not only listen but to hear your opinions, concerns and ideas. I will show you the respect that you all deserve and is my vow to you to serve you with honesty and treat everyone fairly.

I encourage you to attend Town Council meetings, Advisory Board meetings and Town Events to get involved with issues and experience all the wonderful amenities that our Town has to offer. I also want to acknowledge the Town staff who are dedicated and hardworking employees who work behind the scenes in providing the services and events that make this Town so special.

Along my journey of campaigning, I met some wonderful people whom I now can call neighbors and friends and with whom I look forward to working with. I look forward to the next four years to strengthen our Town Policies, continue to build relationships for the preservation of our lifestyles.

Your Friend and Neighbor,  
*Dee*

**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 to Town Hall. The Department of Motorist Services Mini-FLOW Florida Licensing on Wheels will be at Town Hall:

**Thursday, December 22**  
**Thursday, January 26**  
**From 9:30 - 2:30**

Come to TOWN HALL and buy your 2016-2017 Photo Contest calendar for \$5.00

**Town Talk**

Want to stay in touch and receive information on TOWN EVENTS?  
Send your email address to: [isolera@southwestranches.org](mailto:isolera@southwestranches.org).

**LORI PARRISH**  
**BROWARD COUNTY**  
**PROPERTY APPRAISER**

BCPA STAFF WILL BE ASSISTING BROWARD RESIDENTS WITH HOMESTEAD, SENIOR AND OTHER EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS AT:

THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES  
13400 GRIFFIN RD

**2016-2017 SCHEDULE:**  
Monday, Feb 27, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

TO APPLY FOR A HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION, YOU MUST HAVE COPIES OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

FOR ALL APPLICANTS:  
 Florida Drivers License OR Florida I.D. Card; AND  
 Proof of Broward Voter Registration OR a Declaration of Domicile; AND  
 Social Security Number for all owners

FOR RESIDENT ALIENS:  
 Permanent Resident "Green Card," or proof of asylum, or INS I-485 letter showing that application to convert to permanent resident status is complete.

The Senior Exemption requires at least one owner be 65 as of January 1, 2016 and the total household adjusted gross income not exceed \$28,448. (call for info on required documents)

For more information please contact the Outreach Department at 954.357.5579 or at [njones@bcpa.net](mailto:njones@bcpa.net).

*Lori Parrish, CFA*  
Property Appraiser

# AROUND THE TOWN

## PROTOTYPE BARN

Southwest Ranches is a rural equestrian community, comprised of single family homes and agricultural properties. Many of our residents are horse owners, and moved here to be able to keep their horses on their residential property.

Prior to 2013, the State of Florida had a provision (604.50) of the Florida Statutes that did not clearly define the term "farm." This section enabled "farms" to build farm structures without the need of obtaining a Florida Building permit, because they were deemed to be agricultural structures in nature.

In 2013, in the wake of farm fires and hurricanes, the Florida Legislature determined that it was necessary to define the term "farm" to give more protections to residential areas that surround "hobby farms."

The new state law specifically re-

quires a property to have, or be capable of having, an agricultural tax classification from the County's Property Appraiser in order to build an agricultural structure without a building permit. The new law did not grandfather in agricultural structures that may have been built prior to the new law coming into place.

This change had the potential to negatively impact the Town's non-commercial farms and the property owners who moved here to own horses. The cost of designing and building a barn that would meet all Building Code requirements would certainly exceed the costs of building without those requirements.

As a result, and in furtherance of the Town's goal of preserving its rural lifestyle and support for the equestrian lifestyle, the Town Council sought to give its residents a simpler mechanism to build a barn that would be in compliance with the new statutory requirements. As such, the Town contracted with an architect who agreed to create a pro-

TOTYPE barn drawing in compliance with the Florida Building Code, which could be permitted for residents throughout the Town.

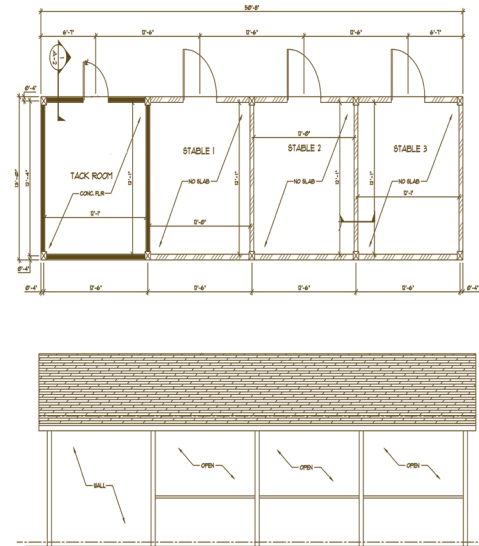
A Town resident looking to build a barn can simply purchase a pre-drafted architectural plan from the Town, which they then can submit, at a reduced cost, and on an expedited basis, to get a permitted barn that will be in compliance with both state and local regulations. The three steps are below:

**STEP 1:** Purchase the architectural drawings.

**STEP 2:** Submit the permit application, architectural drawings, three (3) copies of your survey with the location clearly marked, and product approvals for roof (other than shingle) to Town Hall.

**STEP 3:** The three Town departments (Zoning, Engineering, and Building) will review the permit application within three (3) business days.

NOTE: Any variation from the architectural drawings (i.e.: electrical, mechanical) will require a separate permit.



### Prototype Barn Fee Schedule As adopted by Resolution 2017-005

Description	Fee Schedule
Purchase of Prototype Barn Architectural Drawings	\$150.00
Zoning Permit	\$25.00 permit fee
Engineering Permit	\$50.00 permit fee
Building Permit	\$200.00 permit fee
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	<b>\$425.00</b>

# TOWN HALL NEWS



## Clerk's Corner

by Russell Muñiz

### Brief legislation from the November 10, 2016 Town Council meeting:

- **Adopted Resolution 2017-008** appointing Steve Breitzkreuz as Vice Mayor.
- **Adopted Resolution 2017-009** approving Waiver of Plat 12-15 to subdivide a lot into two lots.
- **Adopted Resolution 2017-010** approving Waiver of Plat 17-16 to subdivide a lot into two lots.
- **Adopted Resolution 2017-011** transmitting an evaluation and appraisal of the Comprehensive Plan to the State Land Planning Agency.
- **Adopted Resolution 2017-012** declaring a Zoning In Progress for wireless service facilities
- **Adopted Resolution 2017-013** approving a grant agreement with FDOT for Stirling Road guardrails.
- **Adopted Resolution 2017-014** approving a budget adjustment for Fiscal Year 2015/2016.
- **Adopted Resolution 2017-015** approving a purchase of GIS software from ESRI.

### Brief legislation from the November 16, 2016 Town Council special meeting:

- **Adopted Resolution 2017-016** awarding a neighborhood safety grant in the amount of \$37,875 to the Griffin Road 345 Property Owners Association for a traffic calming device.

### Brief legislation from the December 8, 2016 Town Council special meeting:

- **Adopted Resolution 2017-017** approving a site plan for Akai Estates for 16 new single family homes.
- **Adopted Resolution 2017-018** vacating old and accepting new drainage easements for Akai Estates.
- **Adopted Resolution 2017-019** approving Waiver of Plat 15-16 to subdivide a lot into two lots.
- **Adopted Resolution 2017-020** approving an agreement with Florida Construction and Engineering, Inc. for Calusa Corners park improvements.
- **Adopted Resolution 2017-021** approving an agreement with Florida

**GARAGE SALE IN THE PARK!**  
**FOR SOUTHWEST RANCHES RESIDENTS ONLY!**  
**Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> 8:00am – 2:00pm**  
**Sunshine Ranches Equestrian Park**  
**5840 Volunteer Road, Southwest Ranches, Florida 33330**  
**ENTRY FORM IS DUE NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 12, 2017**

Last year's venue provided a high concentration of buyer potential in a secure, accessible and festive environment for the entire family at the Equestrian Park. Those who want to participate in the "GARAGE SALE IN THE PARK" at the Equestrian Park must provide your own tent (optional), table, chairs etc. Resident setup will be 6:00 - 7:30AM, breakdown begins at 2:00PM. The Town will provide all advertising for this event. Please fill out the application, SIGN and mail to: Town Hall (13400 Griffin Road, Southwest Ranches, Florida 33330), email: ([Skutz@southwestranches.org](mailto:Skutz@southwestranches.org)), or fax: (954-434-1490) to the attention of Susan.

E Q U E S T R I A N	<input type="checkbox"/> Please note that space is limited and subject to availability. (Please check) <b>Yes, I will be participating at the EQUESTRIAN PARK on February 18, 2017</b>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I understand that <b>I will not</b> be able to sell or provide food, beverages or water at this event to garage sale participants.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I understand that <b>I must</b> enter the park <b>no later than 7:30AM</b> to set up and that <b>no vehicles will be granted access after 7:30 AM due to safety concerns for the general public.</b>
	Name: _____
	Address: _____
Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____	
Signature: _____	

Y O U R H O U S E	<input type="checkbox"/> (Please check) <b>Yes, please place my address on the MAP for distribution on February 18, 2016</b>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I will not be participating in the "GARAGE SALE IN THE PARK" but will be having a garage sale at my home on February 18, 2017. I would like to add my address to the map that will be distributed <b>at the Equestrian Park on the morning of February 18, 2017.</b>
	Name: _____
	Address: _____
	Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____
Signature: _____	

In consideration of being allowed to participate in the Town of Southwest Ranches Garage Sale in the Park and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I hereby agree as follows: I understand that my participation in this event is voluntary. I hereby remise, release, acquit, satisfy and forever discharge the Town, including any of its officers, employees, agents, or volunteers, of and from any and all manner of action and actions, cause and causes of action arising out of any occurrence wherein I am harmed or I harm others, approximately or otherwise, from or in connection with my participation in this program. I agree that any liability of Town for personal injury to me or personal injury that I cause to others, in any way connected with my participation in this event shall be borne solely by me and I agree to indemnify, defend, protect same and hold the Town harmless from and against any and all costs, losses, liability and expense arising in connection with any liability claim, threatened claim, action, lawsuit, at all tribunal levels, or any other matter which the Town would be required to reply and/or defend. I also agree to indemnify and hold the Town harmless against all liability for injury or damage to the Town property or any other property when such injury or damage shall result from, arise out of, or be attributable my negligence, gross negligence, or intentional action.

I further agree not to represent myself as an officer, agent or employee of the Town of Southwest Ranches and to acknowledge that I am voluntarily participating in this Town event, on my own time and outside the scope of my employment, and that I am not entitled to any Town stipend, or fringe benefit acknowledge that the Town will not be responsible or liable for any personal injury or property damage caused in whole or in part to or by my participation in the Garage Sale in the Park. I have read this Release and Waiver of liability form and fully understand its terms. I further understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing this form and have signed it freely and without any inducement or assurance of any nature and intend it to be a complete and unconditional release of any and all liability to the greatest extent permitted by law and agree that if any portion of this Release and Waiver is held to be invalid, the balance notwithstanding, shall continue in full legal force and effect.

Construction and Engineering, Inc. for SW 55th Street and SW 185th Way drainage improvements.

- **Adopted Resolution 2017-022** extending the term of the Comprehensive Planning Advisory Board.
- **Adopted Resolution 2017-023** extending the term of the Drainage Infrastructure Advisory Board.
- **Adopted Resolution 2017-024** extending the term of the Fire Advisory Board.
- **Adopted Resolution 2017-025** extending the term of the Recreation, Forestry, and Natural Resources Advisory Board.
- **Adopted Resolution 2017-026** extending the term of the Rural Public Arts and Design

Advisory Board.

- **Adopted Resolution 2017-027** extending the term of the Schools and Education Advisory Board.
  - **Denied on second reading a proposed ordinance to establish a new land use designation entitled US Highway 27 Business.**
  - **Approved on first reading an ordinance to amend the parking enforcement code to provide additional definitions and prohibited parking.**
- 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.**

# AROUND THE TOWN

## **SERIES: THE SOUTHWEST RANCHES COMMUNITY FOREST**

**By Chris Brownlow with  
December Lauretano-Haines**

**“A tree whose hungry mouth is  
prest against the earth’s sweet  
flowing breast” - Joyce Kilmer**

Trees: a source of food, oxygen, shelter, medicine and peace. Homes, streets and parks lined with trees provide a calm, aesthetically pleasant environment which welcomes family, friends and wildlife. Very old trees are often historic landmarks in their own right.

By definition, the word “forest” means “an area dominated by trees.” No Town in Broward County is better described by that definition than ours. Southwest Ranches is defined by the lavish greenness our trees contribute to our surroundings; the result of our work to preserve our treasured rural lifestyle.

Humans and trees can influence each other in both positive and negative ways. For some, trees are so much a part of what we see every day that we may not even notice them much until some event occurs that calls us to attention. If a tree grows too large for the space in which it’s planted, or drops leaves or fruit that dirty or stain sidewalks, pool surfaces or cars, it can become a problem. On the other hand, when a tree we rarely notice goes into bloom, we may “suddenly” see it because it’s become covered with beautiful blossoms. In Fall and Spring, when annual bird migrations happen, many of us become aware of the increased presence of lively bird, butterfly and bee populations that make their living in our trees.

Though we don’t always think about

them, these majestic living things are always here for us, satisfying important needs of our hectic, modern lifestyles. Together, the thousands of trees living as neighbors with us in Southwest Ranches make up our Community Forest.

To be successful, a community forest needs local residents to participate in the planning, establishing, and proper management of trees. Many participate by simply allowing trees to grow. Others work very specifically—some even making their living—by ensuring that this beauty sustains. Southwest Ranches residents are part of the Town’s plan for success. The Town’s Recreation, Forestry and Natural Resources Advisory Board was created to give residents a voice and a place to share ideas and information about cultivating our healthy, thriving Southwest Ranches’ Community Forest. Working together, we all receive the benefits this forest has to offer.

Ecologically, trees conserve water, preserve soil, filter pollutants and store carbon. According to the USDA, an acre of forest can absorb six tons of carbon dioxide, while giving-off four tons of oxygen...enough for 18 people a year! Well-placed trees provide summer shade, and winter warmth. To the many species of wildlife calling trees “home,” nourishment comes in the form of leaves, nectar, pollen and fruit, and protection comes in the form of cavities, perches and places to hide. The presence of wildlife in our trees is an indicator of the health of our environment, and of our own future!

The benefit trees have for individual property owners has been studied and documented. Perhaps of highest importance to some are the economic advantages trees provide, including:

- Homes with “excellent” landscaping can expect a sale price 6-7% higher than equivalent

homes with “good” landscaping (Clemson University).

- Landscaping can bring a recovery value of 100-200% at selling time (Money Magazine).
- A mature tree can have an appraised value between \$1,000 and \$10,000 (Council of Tree and Landscape Appraisers).
- 99% of real estate appraisers concurred that landscaping enhances the sales appeal of real estate (Trendnomics, National Gardening Association).

Fostering the planting and proper maintenance of Southwest Ranches trees is very important to the Town. The Town has maintained our certification as a Tree City USA community for 10 years, incorporating best management practices in caring for the part of our community forest that is on public land and roadways. We encourage our residents to join with us in the common goal of preserving and protecting our trees for the benefit of all who visit.

Attending the annual Southwest Ranches Arbor Day celebration is a great way to get started or stay involved in the planning and management of trees in our Town. If your schedule allows, please plan to join us for this brief, fun and informative event. Together, we’ll plant a ceremonial tree; and refreshments and tree information will be served!

**Southwest Ranches  
Arbor Day Celebration  
Friday, January 20, 2017  
Noon to 1:30 PM  
Town Hall  
13400 Griffin Road  
Southwest Ranches, FL 33330**

This is the first in an ongoing informational series to help our residents get the most out of the trees in the Southwest Ranches Community Forest.

# AROUND THE TOWN



## Southwest Ranches FIRE RESCUE

A new year is here, and your Southwest Ranches Fire Rescue wants to wish everyone a happy and healthy 2017. We had another successful year with our Town Santa runs on the fire trucks. I want to thank all the residents that participated in the special event. The food given to your Firefighters while at your house was over the top in many ways. Oh, yes, we all need to go on a diet now from all your wonderful food and desserts or maybe not, we will fit tighter in the Santa suit next year. Your generous donations will go to good use and is appreciated. Stay safe and enjoy the New Year.

Chief Lee Bennett



## WANTED

### THE BEST CHILI IN TOWN

Think YOUR recipe can win the trophy?

Southwest Ranches

Parks Foundation

5th Annual

## CHILI COOK OFF

**SIGN UP NOW!**

Registration: \$50



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Food \* Music \* You Be the Judge!

Sunshine Ranches

Equestrian Park

Saturday, Feb. 25 noon-4:30

## It's Chili Time in South Florida... and we ain't talkin' Weather!

Make plans to attend the 5th Annual Southwest Ranches Parks Foundation Chili Cook-Off taking place on Saturday, February 25th, from noon - 4 PM at Sunshine Ranches Equestrian Park. Not only will you get to judge the winners from nearly 20 contestants, but also enjoy a live DJ, petting zoo, bake sale, "best lips" contest and so much more! Sample from flavors such as mango, Jamaican jerk and black-cherry bison (just to name a few).

Contestant entry is only \$50; judging \$10. All proceeds benefit the parks and amenities of Southwest Ranches. If you have attended any of the previous cook-off's (or Parks Foundation events), you know it's a great time. Please contact Southwest Ranches Town Hall at 954.434.0008 for more details.



**SHOW YOUR  
TOWN SPIRIT**

SWR stickers are made for residents by the Country Estates Homeowners Association. Stickers are \$1 each and are available at Town Hall, 13400 Griffin Rd.

# AROUND THE TOWN

## DO YOU NEED A PERMIT OR NOT?

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

### UNLICENSED CONTRACTORS

It is the duty of the Town of Southwest Ranches to ensure that life safety is top priority.

The Town of Southwest Ranches Code Enforcement Department Engineering Department, and Building Department are sources of protection for our community from unscrupulous or unlicensed contractors and helps to inform our residents of their rights and responsibilities before undertaking any home repairs, improvements, alterations, or additions.

The Towns' permitting process allows residents to know if the contractor they just hired or intend to hire is a certified professional. Be aware that no governmental agency currently issues "handyman" licenses. State and County issued contractor licenses that are very specific as to the type of work that a professional is authorized to perform and each license provides this information. In fact, it is the property owner's right to request proof of this license

There are warning signs that property owners can identify. An unlicensed person posing as a contractor may be recognized by one or more of the following: requests most of the cost paid upfront or request a large "down payment"; unwilling or unable to give you a written contract; unwilling or unable to show proof of proper licensing or insurance (liability or workmen's comp.); unwilling or unable to obtain a permit or might be hesitant to apply for a permit; might only work after normal business hours (nights and weekends); requests to be paid in cash or, if by check, made payable to a person instead of a business; and might not display their contractor license number on their vehicles, business cards, contracts or advertisements.

### BUILDING PERMITS

Generally, a permit is required for the erection or construction of any structure. A permit is also required for the additions, repairs, improvements, alterations, the extension and covering of a structure, and



## 2016 School Calendar Broward County Public Schools\*

JANUARY				
M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

MONDAY - FRIDAY, JANUARY 2nd - 6th - SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12th - EARLY RELEASE DAY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13th - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

MONDAY, JANUARY 16th - SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED

even interior remodeling. The installation of items on the right of way such as trees, or other structures or decorations which is owned by the Town of Southwest Ranches also requires a permit from the Engineering Department as it was previously indicated. If there is a question as to the nature of the work to be performed in relation to the permit required please contact our Department, we will guide you in the process and provide you with unlimited resources that are available for your use. Be aware that very few items are exempt from permit requirements.

In addition any alteration or repair under Section 104.1 of the Florida Building Code requires a permit with limited exceptions which also provides with safeguards for the health and safety of our residents. Construction not only affects the owner but also their neighbors.

### TREE PERMITS

Installation of trees or other items on the right of way constitute a

life safety and a liability to the Town.

### FILL PERMITS

In an effort to preserve the environment and due to the fact that we have no drainage infrastructure, fill is one of the main concerns for Code Enforcement and the Engineering Department. In fact this is one of the issues that Code Enforcement has been directed by the Town Council to be pro-active.

There are various requirements for a fill permit. As such the Engineering Department has created a packet that outlines all the steps that are required to obtain a permit.

The Town of Southwest Ranches and the Code Enforcement Department are here to help and guide you, please call us and we will provide you with valuable information. Our contact number is 954-434-0008, and we are just a phone call away.



# AROUND THE TOWN

## Household Hazardous Waste, Electronics & Bulk Drop Off Event

A service provided for Town Residents only. Proof of residency is required.

**SATURDAY,  
JANUARY 14TH, 2017**

**Location: Rolling Oaks Park,  
17630 SW 56th Street,  
Southwest Ranches  
(LIMIT 4 TIRES PER HOUSEHOLD)**

**No Shred-A-Thon for the Month of January**

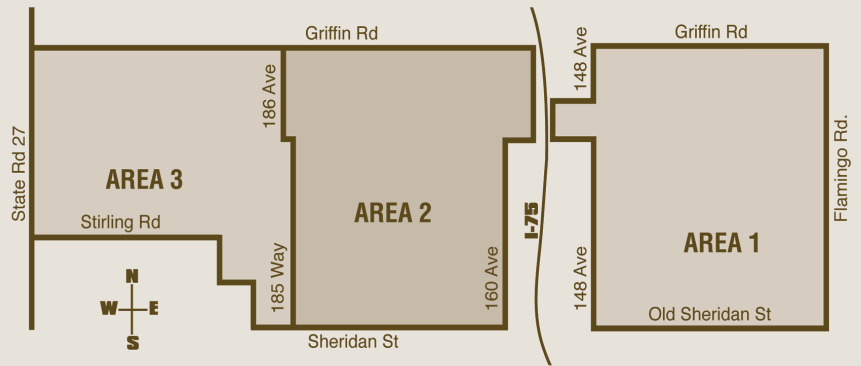
**NOTE: Event may be cancelled due to rain, excessive winds or other hazardous conditions as determined by the Town.**

**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)
Jan 17	1/4/17 - 1/18/17	1/3/17 - 1/17/17 - 1/31/17	1/2/17 - 1/16/17 - 1/30/17
Feb 17	2/13/17 - 2/27/17	2/14/17 - 2/28/17	2/1/17 - 2/15/17

**RECYCLE** collection occurs once per week:

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

**“ONE”  
PILE DOES IT ALL!**



**No need to separate  
vegetation material from  
other bulk...  
Separation will be  
conducted at the plant.**



## HOLIDAY FOOD AND TOY DRIVE

**BENEFITING OUR MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES...**

The Town of Southwest Ranches is once again helping to support our Military families. Let's show our troops the appreciation we share for their dedication to our Country by helping the families of those in need. The following items are needed...



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

*Please drop off your contribution to Town Hall or call for more information (954) 434-0008. Thank you.*

\* Scheduled meetings at time of publication. Items subject to change.

# CALENDARS

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

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 1	2 <b>NEW YEARS DAY</b> • Town Hall Closed <b>AREA 1 BULK</b>	3 <b>AREA 2 BULK</b>	4 • Code Hearing Town Hall - 9 am • Drainage and Infrastructure Advisory Board - Town Hall 7 pm <b>AREA 3 BULK</b>	5	6	7
8	9 • Schools & Education Advisory Board Meeting Town Hall - 7 pm	10 • Parks, Recreation & Open Space Advisory Board Meeting Town Hall 7 pm	11	12	13	14 • Household Hazardous Waste, Electronic Bulk Drop Off 8 - 2 <b>No Shred-A-Thon            for January - Only</b>
<b>January</b> 15	16 <b>MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY</b> • Town Hall Closed <b>AREA 1 BULK</b>	17 • Rural Public Arts and Design Board Town Hall 7 pm <b>AREA 2 BULK</b>	18 • Fire Advisory Board Meeting Town Hall - 7 pm <b>AREA 3 BULK</b>	19	20 • Southwest Ranches Arbor Day 12 - 1:30 pm Town Hall	21
22	23	24 • Rolling Oaks Civic Assn. Rolling Oaks Barn 17630 SW 56 St - 7 pm	25 • Sunshine Ranches Homeowner Assn. Town Hall 7:30 pm	26 • Flow Mobile DMV Services • TOWN COUNCIL Meeting - 7 pm	27	28
29	30 <b>AREA 1 BULK</b>	31 <b>AREA 2 BULK</b>				
<b>February</b> 5	6 • SWR Parks Foundation Meeting - Town Hall - 7 pm • Country Estates Grace Baptist Church - 19200 Griffin Rd. - 7 pm	7	8 • Drainage and Infrastructure Advisory Board - Town Hall 7 pm <b>AREA 3 BULK</b>	9 <b>Groundhog            Day</b>	10	11
12 <b>LINCOLN'S            Birthday</b>	13 • Schools & Ed. Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm <b>AREA 1 BULK</b>	14 <b>Valentines Day</b> • Parks, Recreation & Open Space Advisory Board Meeting Town Hall 7 pm <b>AREA 2 BULK</b>	15 • Fire Advisory Board Meeting Town Hall - 7 pm <b>AREA 3 BULK</b>	16	17	18 • "GARAGE SALE IN THE PARK" Equestrian Park 8 - 1 pm
19  <b>PRESIDENT'S            DAY            WASHINGTON'S            BIRTHDAY</b> • Town Hall Closed	20	21	22 • Sunshine Ranches Homeowners Assn. Town Hall - 7:30 pm	23 • Flow Mobile DMV Services Town Hall 9:30 am - 2:30 pm • TOWN COUNCIL Meeting 7 pm	24	25 • Chili-Cook-Off - Equestrian Park - 12-4:30 • Ranchers of Distinction Dinner 6-8 PM -Tropical Acres Steakhouse - 2500 Griffin Road Ft. Lauderdale, 33312
26	27 • BCPA Servies Town Hall 11:30 - 1:00 pm <b>AREA 1 BULK</b>	28 • Rolling Oaks Civic Assn. Rolling Oaks Barn 17630 SW 56 St - 7 pm <b>AREA 2 BULK</b>				
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# IN TOUCH

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<b>Building Department/Permitting</b> M-F 9:00 am - 4:00 pm	(954) 605-0127	dtringo@southwestranches.org
David Tringo	(954) 655-3721	
Lisa Reices Nicasio	(954) 343-7445/Fax: (954) 434-1490	dregus@capfla.net
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## Planning

The Mellgren Planning Group M-F 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

## Code Services, Inc.

### Zoning, Permitting & Certificate of Use

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

## Public Safety

### Emergency

CSA Bill Gallagher at Town Hall	8:30 am - 5 pm	911	william_gallagher@davie-fl.gov
Non-Emergency		(954) 693-8352	
Davie Police Department		(954) 764-4357 (HELP)	
Davie Fire Rescue Station 112		(954) 693-8200	
Southwest Ranches Volunteer Fire Rescue		(954) 680-0020	
		(954) 434-8232	

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

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

## Waste/Bulk/Recycling Services (Residential & Commercial)

Southern Waste Systems, (SWS) LLC (888) 800-7732

## Water Districts - Canals (Permits)

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

## MOSQUITO CONTROL

(954) 765-4062



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**CARAGE SALE IN THE PARK**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**SATURDAY,  
FEBRUARY 18th  
8:00AM TO 2:00PM**

**AT**

**SUNSHINE RANCHES  
EQUESTRIAN PARK**

Updated information will be  
in the next town newsletter  
or call Town Hall:  
**(954) 434-0008**

**NFL WORD SEARCH**

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BLUE JACKETS	FLYERS	PREDATORS
BLUES	HURRICANES	RANGERS
BRUINS	ISLANDERS	RED WINGS
CANADIENS	JETS	SABRES
CANUCKS	KINGS	SENATORS
CAPITALS	LIGHTNING	SHARKS
COYOTES	MAPLE LEAFS	STARS
DEVILS	OILERS	WILD