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SOUTHWEST RANCHER

The Official Newsletter of Southwest Ranches



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR:

We are currently in the process of developing and evaluating potential funding options, as the impetus behind these options is the contemplation of a future plan to resurface our deteriorating roads and address the numerous drainage issues that many parts of our Town are experiencing. Special recognition goes to Vice-Mayor Steve Breitreuz, who spearheaded the push to bring this issue before Council, and to the rest of the Council who unanimously supported the need to evaluate a plan now. As all of us know, a project of this magnitude requires a very significant financial investment. What that number will be and how we will fund the project is something that will be debated and decided with your input and a majority decision of Council, or even possibly a Town referendum. The potential funding mechanisms available include additional Ad Valorem revenue which would require a millage rate increase, a special property tax assessment, which is a Non-Ad valorem revenue source, General Obligation bonds, a loan from a commercial bank, or a loan from one of Florida's small issuer loan programs. Other potential funding sources will also include the availability and application for specialized grants that are specific to this type of improvement.

The cost of this project as well as others will generate serious discussion and debate about the potential to identify additional revenue sources. This will include commercial development within certain areas of our Town, (discussed by our Comp Board), finalizing a business relationship with Correction Corporation of America (CCA), as well as the search and availability of potential revenue sources at both the state and federal level.

Once we have identified the projects, the estimated cost to complete those projects, and the possible funding sources, your input and suggestions will be solicited as we contemplate this important but costly agenda.

It is an honor and pleasure to serve you!!

Jeff

\$\$\$ Clean Up While You Clean Up \$\$\$

**SOUTHWEST RANCHES
TOWN-WIDE ULTIMATE GARAGE SALE!**

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2013 • 8 AM TO 3 PM

Garage Sale form on Pg. 5

*...this project...
will generate
serious discussion
and debate....*

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Vice Mayor
Steve
Breitkreuz

During the upcoming year, you may see several articles

on this topic. But it is a topic that is critical to our Town and I want to be sure that it is communicated to our residents.

As you are probably aware, we were formed as a town almost 13 years ago. Since that time, we have accomplished many things that have both enhanced the community that we will some day become and protected the community that we always have been. One of the areas that we have done some work on but have not really achieved our goal is that of road repaving in our Town. We have been able to keep up with patching for the most part and we have also repaved some of the neediest roads in Town. However, that is only tip of the iceberg.

Generally the roads in our Town were handed over to us by Broward County in relatively good condition. Some certainly were better than others. Some did need immediate attention. But, for the most part, they were in good shape. The average life of a road between paving is usually somewhere between 20 to 30 years. The vast majority of our roads have now gone without paving for over 15 years. So, in reviewing this situation, it becomes clear that we need to put a plan in place for the systematic repaving of all of our roads, the worst ones first and then moving forward from there. The deterioration of the roads is probably the single largest, but generally unrecognized, liability that the Town faces.

In the coming months, we will be having regular discussions on how best to address this issue. I am

working with the other members of our Town Council, Town staff, and the Drainage and Infrastructure Board to address this issue. Specifically Council Member Fisikelli has also been spending a lot of time on this issue as well. Recently, I wrote a proposal, at the request of the Drainage Board, to be a working document that could be kicked around and adjusted as we formalize the final plan. Should you want to see a copy of this proposal, I would be happy to share it with you, just let me or the Town staff know.

This is a big challenge facing the Town. However, by breaking it down into smaller parts, I have no doubt that we will meet this challenge and put together a plan that will keep our roads in good form going into the future.



Council
Member Freddy
Fisikelli

When the deadline approaches to write an article for our Town

newsletter, sometimes I have a problem doing so. I wonder if my article is doing any good. The purpose of the article in my opinion is to keep the residents up to date on what is coming up at the meetings so they will have an opportunity to comment or participate; but is it working?

A good example was a special Council Meeting called by our Town Administrator on January 10, 2013 before our next scheduled meeting. In December the Town Council was notified Stan Morris (who was our code enforcement contractor and our Chief Code Enforcement Officer) was considering an opportunity for a position in another City.

At the December 13, Council Meeting before we were to adjourn, I brought up the fact that we needed to discuss

Stan leaving to make some arrangements and I was informed by our Town Attorney and Mayor Nelson that it was not definite yet, so nothing was done at that time.

Now back to the special meeting held on January 10, 2013. The Council was presented a Resolution to modify the Agreement with (CSI) Stan Morris Company. The amended agreement for our consideration with CSI for continued code enforcement service would designate Robert Solera, who was an employee of CSI as a code enforcement officer at a salary of \$65,000.00 a year, as the new Chief Enforcement Officer. The original contract with the Town and CSI was for of \$201,000.00 a year, with the proposed amendment to the contract the annual contract fee will be \$125,000.00 a year with a saving to the Town \$76,000.00 a year.

This all sounds like a good deal to the Town, but my problem is that all of this has happened in such a hurry that very few people in the Town were aware of it and didn't have a chance to comment. I would have preferred that Robert Solera be hired as an employee of our Town who would report to our Town Administrator at his present Salary. That would be a cost saving to our Town of \$60,000.00 and it would give us another employee who could be assigned other duties similar to our Town Engineer which has worked out very well. I know it would mean we would have to provide some type of car allowance but it would not cost that much.

What I am attempting to say in this article is all of this happened and very few residents were aware of it and had no chance to express their opinion because by the time they get this newsletter it all has been decided. If it had come up as an Ordinance it would require two readings and then more people would have a chance to comment before the second reading. With all the E-mail out there maybe we need an E-mail newsletter.

Town of Southwest Ranches Advisory Boards

THIS IS A CONTINUATION OF THE ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN THE JANUARY 2013 ISSUE.

The Town's Advisory Boards are made up of citizen volunteers who are appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of the Town Council. Each Board is made up of individuals whose professional background or specific talents lends to their contributions of the Advisory Board they serve. Board recommendations to the Town Council are advisory in nature, which may be approved or denied. Listed below is a partial listing of Advisory Board actions during 2012. These are the remaining Advisory Board accomplishments in addition to those in the January Southwest Rancher.

Drainage & Infrastructure Advisory Board

Summary of Accomplishments for 2012

The Drainage and Infrastructure Board provides input to the Town Council concerning the development of policies and procedures concerning filling, excavating, and clearing of lands, reviewing and prioritizing drainage and infrastructure needs, and developing a comprehensive tertiary drainage plan. Additionally, from time to time the Board also assists residents by hearing their concerns, reviewing their requests and making recommendations to assist in remedying their issues.

Concerning Drainage:

Working with Kevin Hart of South Broward Drainage District (SBDD), the Board reviewed project plans to reduce flooding in the west side of Town., SBDD completed studies, built control structures, and lowered the water level to relieve the area of excessive ponding.

The Board worked with the Town Engineer to complete drainage projects in the following locations:

- Lake Lane and Mustang Trail - Catch basins and headwalls
- SW 178th Avenue and Hudson Street - Culvert replacement, extension, and new headwalls
- SW 166th Avenue - Catch basins and improvements
- SW 210 Terrace - Culvert from roadside to canal
- SW 63rd Manor - Catch basins and headwall

Involving Infrastructure:

- Recommended Council approve changes in Permit Fee Structure, as prepared by Marcie Nolan, Assistant Town Attorney, to modify costs to reflect staff costs.
- Assisted with planning and monitored road closings at 199th, 202nd, and 205th Avenues.
- Roads have been resurfaced in Sunshine Ranches and Green Meadows and repaired throughout the Town within budget restraints.
- The Board is working with Town Administrator Andy Berns and Town Financial Administrator Martin Sherwood to recommend budget planning items and assure transparency.
- A 20-year, long range paving plan is currently being developed. The Board and Vice Mayor Steve Breitzkreuz are finalizing expectations including identifying right-of-way requirements and sectioning areas of the Town. Town Engineer Willie Nabong is instrumental in our effort to prioritize the first areas for repaving by April 2013.
- Board is working on the SW 188th Avenue proposed street alignment with Vice Mayor Steve Breitzkreuz, Town Engineer Willie Nabong, Assistant Town Attorney Marcie Nolan, and Planner Jeff Katims, and property owners.

Advisory Board members are: Bob Hartmann, Chairman, John Monroe, Vice Chair and Recording Secretary, Robert Busch, Mary Gay Chaples, John Eastman, Vince Falletta, Bryon Houghtling, and David Longstaff.

Fire Advisory Board

The Fire Advisory Board goal is to advise the Town Council on matters relating to the Town's Fire and EMS Services. The Board's first meeting was November 14, 2012 and they meet the second Wednesday of every month. Advisory Board members are: Jeff Kastner - Chair, Barry Neunzig - Vice Chair, Vincent Lombardi - Secretary, Jeff Moral, Dean Parkerson, Michael Fisikelli, Jeffery Strickland, and Dennis Hart.

Rural Public Arts and Design Advisory Board

The Rural Public Arts and Design Advisory Board, is the Town's oldest advisory board. The main goal is to develop a "Sense of Place" for our community. We've worked hard developing guidelines for different graphic elements that can help to reflect "Our Rural Lifestyle", some subtle some more expressive.

The Board envisions establishing architectural guidelines for future commercial business when the time comes. This development would occur based on re-zoning corridors around the perimeter of our Town based on recommendations from the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Board and Council action.

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Town of Southwest Ranches Advisory Boards

Rural Public Arts and Design Advisory Board

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Although we've already developed a basic signage standard, we also need to make an effort to expand the signage design standards for new business so that our Town can retain our rural atmosphere. The Board would like to expand, by adding resident professionals who have backgrounds in architecture or construction. If you are interested please contact Susan Kutz at skutz@southwestranches.org.

Now to get your creative juices flowing, what does "Rural Lifestyle" mean to you? Let us know and you can become a part of Southwest Ranches History. The Board will be developing a photo contest. The winners will have their photos enlarged printed and displayed on the back wall in the Town Hall Council Chambers so start thinking about it now. You may already have the photo, or you might have to get out and capture it! All I can add now is that it needs to be a high resolution image of what in our town is representative of our Rural Lifestyle and sense of place. Look for details in the next newsletter.

Lastly, please get involved; come to the meetings and join in, this is your Community; give us some ideas as to how you would like it to look. The Board meets on the third Tuesday of each month.

Advisory Board members are:
Ken Cimetta, Chair, Joan Boyd,
Vice Chair, Jan Pushkar Secretary,
Eileen Dunn, and Manny Hagen.

REWARD INCREASES TO \$3,000 FOR TIPS ON SLAUGHTER OF RETIRED RACEHORSE

The slaughter of Marco, led to the unprecedented Law initiated by Mayor Jeff Nelson, which was unanimously passed by our Town Council.

REWARD

\$3,000*

*Reward is subject to revocation or modification at any time without prior notice or approval.

CRIME STOPPERS WILL PAY UP TO \$1,000

AN ADDITIONAL REWARD OF UP TO \$2,000 IS BEING OFFERED BY ANONYMOUS DONORS. THIS REWARD EXPIRES OCTOBER 5, 2013.

FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST OF
SUSPECT(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR:

ANIMAL CRUELTY



THAT OCCURRED
SOMETIME BETWEEN
AUGUST 17, 2012 AND
AUGUST 18, 2012 AT
5345 S.W. 210 TERRACE,
S.W. RANCHES, FL.

UNKNOWN SUSPECT(S) ENTERED THE VICTIMS BARN
AND REMOVED A HORSE. THE HORSE WAS LATER FOUND
DECEASED AT 5100 S.W. 210 TERRACE IN S.W. RANCHES.

ANYONE WITH INFORMATION ABOUT THE IDENTITY OR LOCATION
OF THE SUSPECT(S) IS ASKED TO CALL CRIME STOPPERS.

WE DO NOT WANT YOUR NAME, JUST YOUR INFORMATION!



CALL (954) 493-TIPS (8477) • 1 (866) 493-TIPS (TOLL FREE)

www.browardcrimestoppers.org

Funded wholly or in part by the Office of the Attorney General, Crime Stoppers Trust Fund.

The reward for tips leading to the arrest of the criminals who slaughtered an 8-year-old thoroughbred named Marco has increased to \$3,000.

Crime Stoppers will pay \$1,000 and anonymous donors are chipping in \$2,000.

Taken from the Sun Sentinel

Around the Town

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Ultimate Garage Sale Experience

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2013 • 8 AM TO 3 PM

Every resident can put items out on their lawn and sell, sell, sell! The Town is doing all advertising for this event! All you have to do is take your stuff outside! If you want to be included on "The Map" you must complete the application and waiver and return it to Town Hall, 13400 Griffin Road or Fax to (954) 434-1490 by Monday, March 11, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. Our own SW Ranches Vol. Fire Dept. will be distributing "The Map" along Griffin Road that morning to the treasure hunters.

SOUTHWEST RANCHES 10TH GARAGE SALE DAY

Name: _____
Phone: _____
Address: _____
Intersection: _____
What I am selling: _____

Town of Southwest Ranches Ultimate Garage Sale Experience • March 16, 2013 Release and Waiver for Participants

Date: _____ Name: _____ Address: _____

In consideration of being allowed to participate in the Town of Southwest Ranches Ultimate Town-Wide Garage Sale, 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, proximately 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 Ultimate Town-Wide Garage Sale.

I have read this Release and Wavier 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.

By: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Please print name above)

**This is a wonderful opportunity for you to get involved in your Town Events,
meet your neighbors or get volunteer hours for school requirements.
Please call for more information at (954) 434-0008.**

Around the Town

SOUTHWEST RANCHES RECEIVES TREE CITY USA GROWTH AWARD

Southwest Ranches has achieved national recognition by earning the 2012 Tree City USA Growth Award for its Community Forestry Program from the National Arbor Day Foundation. In its sixth year as a Tree City USA, Southwest Ranches has earned the distinction by meeting all criteria required for award – by The Arbor Day Foundation, in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service – which recognizes achievement in environmental improvement.

The Growth Award was conferred on Southwest Ranches in acknowledgement in the area of Planning and Management for its community forestry program.

Recognition as a Tree City, USA requires 4 standards be met annually: a minimum budget per capita for community tree care, a citizen tree board to develop and improve tree management practices, a community tree ordinance, and observance of a community Arbor Day through

formal proclamation and a public event. The Town of Southwest Ranches first earned and has maintained its Tree City USA designation since 2007.

Any additional information you may need or inquiries may be directed to staff member and Town Arborist December Lauretano-Haines at 954-343-7452.

The Success Grows

LIVING ON THE EDGE: SOUTHWEST RANCHES

Living in Southwest Ranches, literally at the edge of the Florida Everglades, our chance of sighting wildlife species that share our Town—including alligators, crocodiles and other reptiles—is increased. Because of their size and appearance, these animals may seem fearsome, but are rarely truly aggressive.

The best way of dealing with concerns about these animals if you observe one is to maintain a safe distance for both humans

and pets, and report the sighting. Interaction with wild animals is never recommended: remember that if aggravated or threatened, any animal may defend itself. Native species, protected by Florida law, may be confused with non-native species of similar physical appearance.

Thus the best action to take is the 1-2-3 approach:

1. Take a picture
2. Note the location
3. Report the sighting to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at 1-888-483-4681.





'Choice'

Real Estate:



Southwest Ranches Park Receives Davie Town Times Readers' Choice 2012 Award

In case you missed the Davie Town Times annual award issue Southwest Ranches was honored. This year the Sunshine Ranches Equestrian Park was recognized as "Best Place to Hide". The article went on to highlight the lushly-landscaped 20 acres; the trails and public art feature "Equestrian Oasis". We know our park is a winner!



Around the Town

Do Your Part.

USE THE CART!

Recycle Ranches No More Sorting!

RECYCLING CARTS COMING SOON!

Southwest Ranches has an opportunity to enhance residential recycling throughout our Town by implementation of a new collection method. Under this program, recycling carts with lids will be issued to homes receiving residential solid waste and recycling collection. The recycling carts will replace the recycling bins that are currently in use.

This new program will make recycling easier and help the Town to improve our recycling outcomes by recycling more and throwing away less. The State of Florida has mandated that 75% of the solid waste stream be diverted to recyclables by 2020. The best part about these carts is that each one has almost double the capacity of two recycling bins, and all recyclables can be thrown into them together without sorting or separating.

A sample cart is shown in the photo at left, and specifications are below:

RECOMMENDED:
65-Gallon Universal Roll-Out Cart

SPECIFICATIONS:
Height: 40.5 inches
Width: 26.7 inches
Depth: 28.11 inches
Weight: 36 pounds
Capacity: 66.25 gallons/
 227.5 pounds

The carts are made possible by funds from the Broward County Resource Recovery Board (RRB) to member cities for the sole purpose of increasing recycling activities. For more information, please call (954) 434-0008. The recycling carts are on display at Town Hall.

Town of Southwest Ranches Procurement REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

BID NUMBER/RFP	ITEM/DESCRIPTION	MANDATORY PRE BID DATE	DUE DATE	CONTACT
RFP 12-014	Turnkey Telephone Replacement System and Hosted VOIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol)	January 11, 2013, 11:00 am @ Town Hall	February 22, 2013, 11:00 am @ Town Hall	Juanita Romance Deputy Town Clerk (954) 343-7477 jromance@swranches.org
RFP 13-001	Installation, Testing and Repair of Fire Protection Water Wells	To be advertised – coming soon.		Juanita Romance Deputy Town Clerk (954) 343-7477 jromance@swranches.org
RFP 13-002	Re-Issued Design, Printing and Distribution of Southwest Ranches Publications	none	February 15, 2013, 11:00 am @ Town Hall	Juanita Romance Deputy Town Clerk (954) 343-7477 jromance@swranches.org

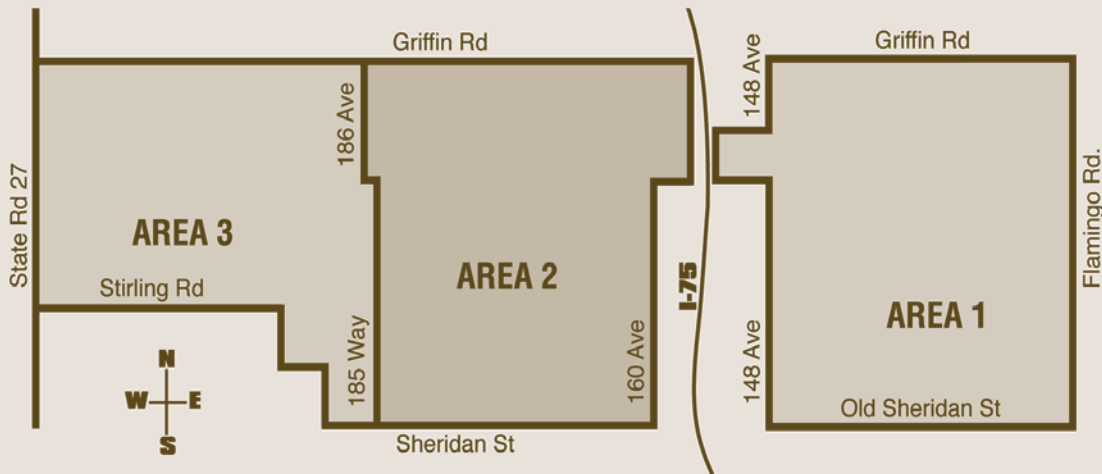
The Town publishes this monthly solicitation of bids as a service to our residents. These are current at the time of newsletter publication.

For additional information or to Request Bid Package contact Juanita Romance at: 954-434-0008 or jromance@southwestranches.org.

Check the Town of Southwest Ranches website www.southwestranches.org for additional information or updates.

Town of Southwest Ranches Waste Collection Map and Schedule

See Waste Collection Map and schedule below to find your solid waste collection days and bulk collection service dates.



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)
Feb-13	2/6/13 & 2/20/13	2/5/13 & 2/19/13	2/4/13 & 2/18/13
Mar-13	3/6/13 & 3/20/13	3/5/13 & 3/19/13	3/4/13 & 3/18/13

RECYCLE collection occurs once per week:

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

ATTENTION RESIDENTS ON CITY OF SUNRISE WATER

From 2/18/13 to 3/11/13, the Sunrise Utilities Department will "free" chlorinate its drinking water treatment system to provide additional protection against bacteria. This periodic program is mandated by the Broward County Health Department.

The procedure does not cause any adverse health effects. However, some individuals may notice a slight change in the taste odor or color of the water during this time.

For more information regarding the City of Sunrise's treatment system, please contact the Sunrise Utilities Department at (954) 888-6000.

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

CALENDARS

February

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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Aster Knight Parks Foundation Town Hall 7 - 8 pm Country Estates Homeowners Mtg. Town Hall 7 pm AREA 1 BULK		Code Hearing Town Hall 9 am Recreation, Forestry, Natural Resources Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm SWRVFD Meeting Town Hall 7 - 9 pm AREA 2 BULK	Drainage & Infrastructure Advisory Board Town Hall 7 - 9 pm AREA 3 BULK		Town Council Meeting Council Chambers Town Hall 7 pm	
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Schools & Education Advisory Board Town Hall 7 - 9 pm			Fire Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm		Town Council Meeting Council Chambers Town Hall 7 pm	
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Presidents Day Observed Town Hall Closed AREA 1 BULK		Rural Public Arts & Design Advisory Board Meeting Town Hall 7 pm AREA 2 BULK	Comprehensive Plan Advisory Board Town Hall 7 - 9 pm AREA 3 BULK		Comprehensive Plan Advisory Board Town Hall 7 - 9 pm	
24	25	26	27	28		
		Rolling Oaks Civic Assn. Town Hall 7 pm	Sunshine Ranches Homeowners Assn. Town Hall 6:30 pm		Town Council Meeting Council Chambers Town Hall 7 pm	

March

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

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 Council Group E-mail Address: town_council@swranches.org

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Assistant Town Financial Administrator, Peter Brill	(954) 343-7442	pbrill@swranches.org
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Administrative Specialist, Susan Kutz	(954) 434-0008	skutz@swranches.org
Administrative Specialist, Danielle Miller	(954) 343-7474	dmiller@swranches.org

Planning, Zoning, Permitting & Occupational Licenses

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

Code Compliance:

Code Compliance Director, Robert Solera	(954) 343-7440	rsolera@swranches.org
Code Compliance Officer, Julio Medina	(954) 343-7440	jmedina@swranches.org

Police/Fire/Rescue Services

Emergency	911	
Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO)		
Law Enforcement District 9	(954) 680-0010	
Davie Fire Rescue Station 112	(954) 680-0020	
Southwest Ranches Volunteer Fire Rescue	(954) 343-7466	

Traffic and Roadway Services (To Report Signs Down - Pot Holes)

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

Waste/Bulk/Recycling Services (Residential & Commercial)

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

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

Well and Septic

Broward County Health Department	(954) 467-4700 ext 4233	
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Town of Southwest Ranches

13400 Griffin Road

Southwest Ranches, FL 33330

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SOUTHWEST RANCHER

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11TH ANNUAL BROWARD WATER MATTERS DAY

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2013 • 9AM - 3PM
Tree Tops Park • 3900 SW 100th Ave., Davie

preserve
protect
conserve

Giveaways

Musical entertainment Eco-friendly ideas

Landscaping for water savings

Interactive educational displays/booths

Water conservation tips

Information: 954-519-1270 • broward.org/watermatters

STAY IN TOUCH WITH TOWN EMAILS

Have you changed your email address? Would you like to be part of the Town Email list? Recent Town-wide emails have resulted in returns and unknown addresses.

Receive up to the minute information on time sensitive issues affecting the Town of Southwest Ranches.

Please take a moment to update our list or add your name to be in the know! Thank you! **(Please Print)**

Name: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

Submit to Lee Rickles at lruckles@swranches.org or fax to (954) 434-1490 with your information.

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