

# SOUTHWEST RANCHER

*The Official Newsletter of Southwest Ranches*

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## IT'S HERE!

### CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

The Town of Southwest Ranches has updated its website with a fresher new look, more information, and a user-friendly format for visitors, newcomers, and residents alike.

WWW.SOUTHWESTRANCHES.ORG



## RAPID Notify

### MASS EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

### SIGN UP NOW!

For FAQ's and to SIGN UP go to our web site: [www.southwestranches.org](http://www.southwestranches.org).

For additional information contact:  
Sandy Luongo at 954-343-7476 or email: [Sluongo@southwestranches.org](mailto:Sluongo@southwestranches.org),  
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## Mayor Jeff Nelson

It's budget time for municipalities within the state of Florida. We are compiling the budget for the

upcoming 2013-2014 fiscal year and carefully evaluating current revenues and expenditures. Town ad valorem tax revenues are based on property values. The proposed millage rate was set at the July 25th Council meeting at the Southwest Ranches historic rate of \$3.9404. While Council can lower the millage in adopting the FY '14 Budget, it cannot be raised beyond this rate. The proposed millage rate funds vital Public Safety services as well as several Town Council priorities which improve quality of life for those using the services throughout the Town. The first budget hearing is scheduled for September 12th and the second and final budget hearing is set for September 26th. I commend the Town's administration for introducing a budget that is fiscally responsible in helping us live within our means. I also express my sincere gratitude to our Town Council for their great ideas and creative suggestions in producing this budget, keeping in mind a commitment to maintain the same levels of service.

It is an honor and pleasure to serve you!

*Jeff*



## Vice Mayor Steve Breitzkreuz

As a Town we have been able to tackle a lot of traffic issues. However, there is

one that still has not been addressed. That is the traffic in the 185th thru 190th streets in Town. There are a lot of issues in that section, so it has been particularly difficult to resolve.

There is the nursery traffic that comes up toward Griffin from the generally unregulated area south of 63rd. There is the through traffic that is generated by traffic that moves between Weston and Pembroke Pines. There is the traffic that comes through 185th and 188th from 190th, rather than having direct access to Griffin Road. There are the issues related to Plat 345 being a private road. Finally, there is the question associated with the completion of 184th. Lots of sticky questions and it is easier to ignore this than it is to try and come up with a compromise that starts to alleviate the traffic issues.

I have found that where you live determines to a large degree, how the solution should be fashioned. The last time I focused on this we did come to a consensus. Not total agreement but a consensus. It was a 5 step plan.

- 1) That roads in the area south of 66th would be created to allow for traffic to flow to Sheridan.
- 2) That the connector streets between 190th and 188th, 54th, and 57th would be closed off to motorized traffic and left open to pedestrian and equestrian uses.
- 3) That Plat 345 HOA would look into where proper gates should be on 190th and 63rd.
- 4) That 190th would be opened for 345 traffic only within their HOA.
- 5) That if 184th were built that the Town would only accept it as a 2 lane road (One lane in each direction).

Unfortunately, we are still working on step one! Also, let me be clear that not everyone was happy with these steps. As a matter of fact, it felt more like no one was happy with all these steps. However, at the end of the day, it seemed to be the least objectionable to all of the options, including doing nothing.

As an elected official, the easiest thing to do is to steer away from this traffic problem because it tends to stir up the hornet's nest and in the end, there is no easy solution. However, the people in this area have been waiting for a solution for a very long time. As we have resolved other traffic issues, it only shines a brighter light on this one that has not been resolved.

Therefore, I am working with our Town Administration to once again open the conversation of traffic in this area. I hope that now we can focus on this issue and begin to bring a true resolution. I absolutely welcome your feedback in this process. It is not only welcome, it is essential.



## Council Member Freddy Fisikelli

A few of us have been on vacation this past month, but when you are retired like me,

you are on vacation all the time! Anyway, I hope those who have gone on vacation had a good time, now, it's time to get back to work! We have started to work on our new budget for the coming year and we all need you to get involved as much as you can. We have made a promise to keep our Town as close as we can to a rural Town and we have been very successful. It has become more difficult every year because we have had to reconsider certain projects from happening which would allow us to increase our income for the future, but to do them we would sacrifice our rural lifestyle. That is why it is important that you take part in the development of this

### **BUDGET WORKSHOP**

**The following publicly held Budget meetings will be in the Council Chambers.**

**1st Public Hearing Millage and Budget  
September 12, 2013 6 pm**

**2nd Public Hearing Millage and Budget  
September 26, 2013 6 pm**

**See more info at our website:  
[www.southwestranches.org](http://www.southwestranches.org)**

year's budget because we will not be able to do what some of our sister cities are doing to produce more income.

We are moving right along with the progress of developing Fishing Hole Park; the contractor is in the progress of the second stage which is to do the ground work for the playground, bathroom and the north horse trail. The contractor will also be installing two catch basins and drain field for the drainage system needed for the park. Once this is completed, the next step will be on more areas of the park to be built. We hope to be able to open some parts of the park by the first of next year.

## STAY IN TOUCH...

Want to stay in touch and receive information on "TOWN EVENTS"?

Send your email address to:  
[jromance@swranches.org](mailto:jromance@swranches.org).

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR TOWN ADMINISTRATOR...

During my time in Southwest Ranches, I've gotten to know some wonderful people. I have also gained a deep understanding of the quality of life in our Town, and why people feel this is the only place to live and raise a family.

As warm and welcoming as it is, we must remember not everyone shares our values. While our crime rate remains low, we do live in an urban county, and higher crime rates surround us, at least on three sides. Since we aren't surrounded by walls, occasionally criminals will intrude into our peaceful existence. Always make certain you protect your property and never make it easy for thieves to make you a victim.

Please secure your property and keep your eyes open as well. If we all look out for each other, we can help keep crime to a minimum. If you see anything out of place, or that you are concerned with, please call 911. We'd much rather receive a call for a nonevent than a missed call on something that hurts our community.

Included in this edition of the Rancher is registration information for Rapid Notify. In the event of an emergency, this will enable us to communicate with everyone very quickly. I urge you to register so that we may reach you when we need to. If you have any questions on the service, please let us know.



**lights  
camera...  
action!**

**ALL ENTRIES  
MUST BE IN NO  
LATER THAN  
OCTOBER 1, 2013**

**The Town of Southwest Ranches  
Rural Public Arts & Design Advisory Board  
is featuring a ... PHOTO CONTEST.**

**The winning photos will grace the  
walls of Town Hall plus there will  
be cash prizes.**

**You can download the rules and  
entry form at:  
[www.southwestranches.org](http://www.southwestranches.org).**

For additional information  
call Susan Kutz at Town Hall:  
954-434-0008

## "PERSONALIZE YOUR BRICK"



Cost: \$100.00

Checks should be made payable to:  
Town of Southwest Ranches - (Bricks)

Mail to: 13400 Griffin Road  
Southwest Ranches, FL 33330  
Or call: 954-434-0008





# Around the Town

## BMP's { BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES }

The Town of Southwest Ranches is working with the South Florida Water Management District and the South Broward Drainage District to reduce nutrient runoff from our farms and nurseries that adversely impacts the Everglades.

Everyone has responsibility for protecting our water resources. In Southwest Ranches the water in our backyards is connected to the Everglades. As property owners, we can reduce nutrient pollution in the Everglades by following simple Best Management Practices:

### Lawn and Property Best Management Practices

- Maintain a ring of responsibility. Keep fertilizers and pesticides at least 10 feet away from the water's edge when treating your lawn. Runoff carries nutrients and chemicals into adjacent canals and lakes. Postpone fertilizing when a rainfall is expected.
- Clean up spilled oil, fertilizers and pesticides and dispose of these properly. Never use storm drains for the disposal of oils or chemicals.
- When mowing near the shoreline, direct grass clippings away from the water.
- Never leave clippings on paved surfaces or blow them into storm drains. Instead, distribute grass cuttings back over the newly mowed lawn to return nutrients to the soil.
- Keep storm drains free of leaves and other debris.
- Irrigate efficiently, use only as much water when and as needed.
- Minimize use of pesticides, fertilizer and chemicals. Use appropriate rates and methods and apply only as needed. Keep trees and other landscaping properly trimmed to avoid loose palm fronds, coconuts, or tree limbs from blocking the

flow of water. Do not dispose of trees or branches in lakes or canals.

- Pick up pet waste. Animal waste contains nutrients and can harbor bacteria and viruses that can be carried by stormwater runoff into nearby water bodies. Excess nutrients can cause algae blooms, fish kills and habitat destruction, while pathogens can pose health risks for humans and wildlife. A brochure on equine manure management is available at Town Hall.

### Equine Best Management Practices

- Maintain a vegetative buffer strip between paddocks or pastures and canals to filter runoff and prevent soil erosion. Construct berms or swales where appropriate to retain stormwater and prevent runoff.
- Do not spread manure within 10 feet of canals or water bodies.
- Position manure piles away from canals and roadways.
- Grading of slopes that drain into canals, waterways and lakes is based on state and local requirements and designed to meet water quantity and quality criteria. Never change grades on slopes without proper review and permitting.

Together, we can protect our precious water resources. Best Management Practices are about sound practices, efficient use of resources, reduced maintenance costs, healthier landscapes and reduced impact on our environment. Best Management Practices combine research and development with science, judgment and common sense. Adhering to these practices results in better environmental stewardship and healthier water resources for us all.

ALL CRAFTERS WELCOME!  
7th Annual



The Town of  
SOUTHWEST RANCHES

Country Roads  
Arts and Crafts Festival

Saturday October 19, 2013  
10 AM - 4 PM  
SUNSHINE RANCHES EQUESTRIAN PARK  
5840 SW 148 AVENUE  
SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FL 33330

Application available on the web at  
[www.southwestranches.org](http://www.southwestranches.org)  
or contact December Lauretano-Haines  
at 954-343-7452

Save the Date!



THE SCHOTT  
COMMUNITIES  
*For Persons Who Are Deaf or Disabled*

5K RUN, WALK AND ROLL

Saturday, October 19, 2013

For additional information:  
[www.schottcommunities.org](http://www.schottcommunities.org)



7TH ANNUAL

# COUNTRY ROADS Arts and Crafts Festival

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2013 • 10 AM TO 4 PM**  
**SUNSHINE RANCHES EQUESTRIAN PARK**  
**5840 SW 148 AVENUE, SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FL 33330**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR CRAFT SHOW, FILL IN THE APPROPRIATE INFORMATION AND MAIL WITH A CHECK FOR THE REQUESTED BOOTH SIZE TO:**

**Country Roads Arts & Craft Festival**  
**c/o Town of Southwest Ranches, 13400 Griffin Road, Southwest Ranches, FL 33330**  
**ph/fax 954-434-0008 / 954-434-1490**

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle Vendor Type: Craft Food**

### Booth size requested

Vendor Type:	Craft Fee	Food Fee
10 X 10	\$50.00	\$100.00
10 X 20	\$100.00	\$150.00
10 X 30	\$150.00	\$200.00

Please circle one of the above

### Confirmation Needed:

Yes  No

(If yes – please provide an email address to which confirmation may be sent

Type of Crafts or Foods \_\_\_\_\_

*Release Waiver: I do hereby release, forever discharge, indemnify and hold harmless the Town of Southwest Ranches, its sponsors and the grounds from all manner of actions, suits, sums of money, damage, claims & demands from any loss or injury. Refunds will not be made. In the case of an emergency rescheduling necessity, the Town of Southwest Ranches will not be held responsible for any conflicts in exhibitors scheduling. Should acts of God, strikes, work stoppage or any other cause not within the control of Town of Southwest Ranches, it's officers & employees are jointly released from any and all claims that may arise in consequence thereof. In no event shall the Town of Southwest Ranches be liable for loss of profits, business or any other damage to exhibitor through cancellation for such causes. I have read and understood the rules and policies and agree to abide by them.*

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



Project Primal

## Project Primal:

### Student Demonstration Project at Town Hall Promotes Healthful Eating

On June 12, members of Project Primal and Whole Foods' Green Mission Team visited the Southwest Ranches Town Hall to build a spiral herb garden with the help of December Lauretano-Haines.

"For years, the Town has considered the possibility of creating public gardens and has been encouraged by our granting agency partners to include permaculture projects on future park sites," Lauretano-Haines said. "We were informed about Project Primal through our Schools and Education Advisory Board chairperson and recognized an opportunity to partner with a student group as well as to incorporate permaculture into our project on site."

Project Primal's main focus is the spread of food and nutrition to the West Broward student body and its surrounding community. Project Primal Advisor Gustavo Junco began the project with the hope to educate the next generation on healthy eating and what benefits it has, as well as how to grow sustainably and organically, using energy, fertilizer, and water wisely. Building the garden for Southwest Ranches tied into the Project's focus on community service and the spread of the idea of healthy eating.

"We hope that this will promote our project in our home community and help spread the word on what we are trying to accomplish," Mr. Junco said. "We plan to finance four gardens in the upcoming school year and we are constantly looking for partners in our projects. We would love to be a part of any future expansions."

During summer of 2012, Mr. Junco began contact with Melissa Gleissner, the Schools and Education Advisory Board Chair. Through her, the student group was put into contact with Lauretano-Haines and began planning the garden build in autumn of 2012. Mr. Junco spoke with the Southwest Ranches Recreation, Forestry and Natural Resources Advisory Board during the summer, and Project Primal

students later presented a possible future collaboration between the two groups.

"Input and support for all projects is sought from resident advisory Boards, and the Project Primal students presented their idea to the Recreation, Forestry and Natural Resources Advisory Board in September of 2012," Lauretano-Haines said. "Planning for the space was accomplished over a period of months, taking into account site conditions, maintenance requirements, and issues such as appearance and longevity. Staff researched plant selections and designed an overall concept plan for the student demonstration as a focal point."

Plans for the garden were finalized in February of 2013 between Lauretano-Haines and the Project Primal Executive Board. It was agreed that it would make the most sense to complete the project during summer so that students could help maintain the garden if necessary. While with most school garden Project Primal builds two wooden 8' by 4' raised beds, it was proposed by Lauretano-Haines in April to build a spiral herb bed for functional and aesthetic appeal.



"Staff hoped to create a restful, useful planting that would provide an exterior space for residents and workers alike to enjoy when visiting Town Hall and to forward Project Primal's mission of creating awareness around healthful eating and nutrition," Lauretano-Haines said.

In May of 2013, West Broward was visited by Melanie Haraldson, Whole Foods' Healthy Eating and Green Mission Specialist. In addition to wanting to start healthy eating projects around the school, she took interest in Project Primal. When she was informed about the upcoming Southwest Ranches Town Hall build, she immediately asked for the details so that her team could take part in it.

"Something that I really wanted to be involved in was with gardening and school gardening," Haraldson said. "When I heard about Project Primal, I thought that it was a perfect marriage and was really excited to help out and be involved with the school. There was definitely a learning component."

*"The project was a wonderful addition to our site and will undoubtedly create awareness for healthful eating and sustainable landscapes"*



# apric

After planning on both Southwest Ranches' part and Project Primal's part took place, the day of the build arrived. Project Primal students, Mr. Junco, four members of the Green Mission team, and one member's daughter and niece met at West Broward to fill Mr. Junco's truck with dirt and supplies for the build. At 8:50, everyone headed out to Southwest Ranches.

"I love getting dirty and hanging out with my friends and just doing something beautiful," Project Primal member David Kalarchian said about the build. "Doing this is important because it's saving the environment and helping it grow plants so that we're not as dependent on the bigger companies."

Lauretano-Haines had already built the spiral in previous weeks so that it would be solid and ready to be filled.



The project was new and unique to all participants, and everyone worked diligently and zealously. Despite great amounts of teasing and joking, layers of cardboard were quickly laid down on the bottom of the bed to prevent weeds from breaking through. On top of that, large rocks were poured into the spiral and covered with smaller rocks before the soil was finally laid down on top. The chosen herbs, dill, basil, and rosemary, were laid out in different sections of the spiral based on how much water and sunlight they are accustomed to receiving.

"The project was a wonderful addition to our site and will undoubtedly create awareness for healthful eating and sustainable landscapes," Lauretano-Haines said. "Southwest Ranches is grateful and impressed by the Project Primal organization, its students, and their professionalism is helping bring a needed project to fruition." Both Southwest Ranches and Project Primal were encouraged by the collaboration, and both sides look forward to the opportunity to work together in the future on an expansion of the existing bed.

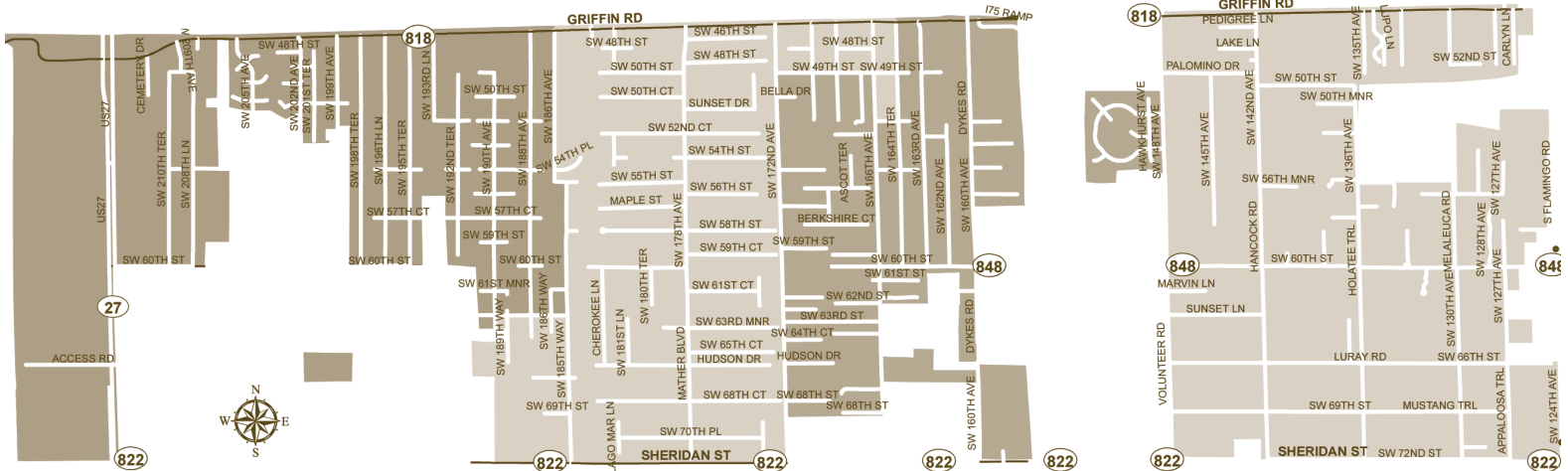
## Southwest Ranches District Map: KNOW YOUR COUNCIL MEMBER

### District 1

### District 2

### District 3

### District 4



**Vice Mayor  
Steve Breitzkreuz  
DISTRICT 1**



**Council Member  
Gary Jablonski  
DISTRICT 2**



**MAYOR JEFF NELSON  
Elected at-large**



**Council Member  
Freddy Fisikelli  
DISTRICT 3**



**Council Member  
Doug McKay  
DISTRICT 4**



# Around the Town

## Rapid Notify Frequently Asked Questions

**PUBLIC SAFETY IS OUR FIRST PRIORITY. FIND OUT HOW WE USE THE RAPID NOTIFY SYSTEM TO KEEP YOU INFORMED.**

### **What is Rapid Notify?**

The Rapid Notify System is a software application used to send emergency alert notifications and updates to large groups of people. The system is capable of simultaneously sending an alert to thousands of people over communications platforms such as email, telephone, cell phone, SMS text message, pager and PDA.

Mass notification systems are typically used to issue voice or text messages alerting response personnel to the presence of an emergency as well as instructing residents of specific areas on how best to reduce their risk of harm in potentially life threatening situations.

### **When is the system used?**

The Rapid Notify System can be used to warn you of possible hazards that could affect your health and safety. An alert could

be sent in the event of a major emergency such as:

- Severe Weather Conditions
- Missing Person Alert
- Contaminated Water
- Police Activity
- Large Fire
- Chemical Spill
- Evacuation Notice

### **How do you get my number?**

The database is compiled by resident self-registration through the Town's website or by mailing in the Rapid Notify Registration Form available at Town Hall. Please visit [www.southwestranches.org](http://www.southwestranches.org), click on Rapid Notify and follow the instructions for registration to add your cell phone number or other contact information to our database. Your information will be secure and will not be shared with anyone.

### **What should I do when I am called?**

When you receive an automated phone call from the Rapid Notify system, please listen carefully to the message. You will be informed as to the nature of the situation, and may be given instructions on how to protect yourself. The message

could possibly ask you to stay indoors until further notice or to evacuate the area immediately.

### **What if I miss the call?**

If you do not answer your phone, the system will attempt to reach you with an additional call. The system will leave a message on your answering machine if it picks up the call.

### **What if my number is unlisted?**

The database is compiled by resident self-registration through the Town's website or by mailing in the Rapid Notify Registration Form available at Town Hall. Your information will be secure and will not be shared with anyone. The Rapid Notify system can only be accessed by authorized personnel, and all data is protected by state-of-the-art security protocols.

### **What can I do?**

Be prepared for emergencies. Create a family emergency plan. Have an emergency supply kit readily available at home, at work, and in your car. Plan for the types of emergencies or disasters that can happen in the area where you live.



## SWRVFD Corner

**The Southwest Ranches Fire Rescue Training Division is growing. There is a tremendous amount of knowledge from each of our trainers due to different backgrounds and certifications. The 6 instructors have anywhere between 10-32 years of experience each from other Fire Departments that they have retired from. Currently, all of our Fire Instructors are State Certified**

**Fire Instructors and have many more certifications. I would like to express a huge thank you to all them for all the dedication, time and support they have given the Southwest Ranches Fire Department, at no cost.**

**Stay Safe,**

**Chief Lee Bennett  
Southwest Ranches  
Volunteer Fire Department**

### REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKERS

ORDER TODAY...  
IT MAY HELP SAVE YOUR LIFE  
OR SOMEONE YOU LOVE.

IF WE CAN'T  
"FIND YOU"

WE CAN'T  
"HELP YOU"

\$20.00

Make checks payable to:  
Southwest Ranches Volunteer Fire Department  
13400 Griffin Road Southwest Ranches, FL 33330



# AKPF BENEFIT HOEDOWN



**Howdy  
Pardner!**  
Dosi-Do on Over  
for an Evening of  
Dinner, Dancing  
and Fun!

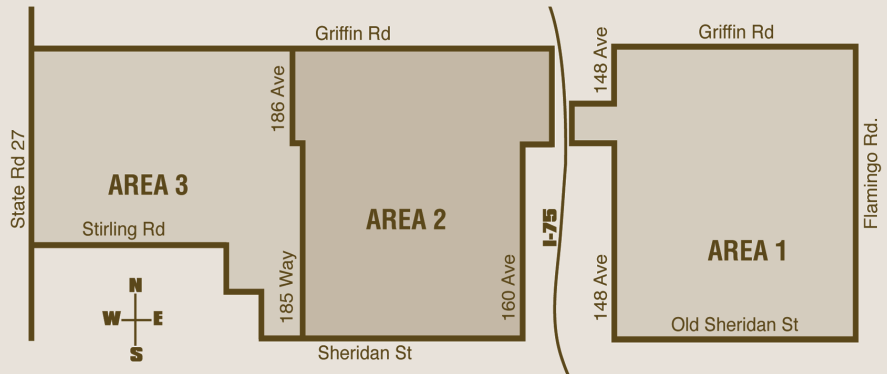
**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2013**  
**6:00 P.M.**  
**OLD DAVIE SCHOOL MUSEUM**  
**6650 GRIFFIN ROAD**  
**DAVIE, FL 33314**

The Aster Knight Parks  
Foundation benefiting  
Parks — and people —  
in Southwest Ranches

# Code Corner

## 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)
Sept-13	9/4/13 & 9/18/13	9/3/13 & 9/17/13	9/2/13 & 9/16/13
Oct-13	10/2/13, 10/16/13 & 10/30/13	10/1/13, 10/15/13 & 10/29/13	10/14/13 & 10/28/13

**RECYCLE** collection occurs once per week:

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

**Labor Day: Regular Trash and Bulk Collection**

## Mini-FLOW: Florida Licensing on Wheels

Do you need to renew or replace your Florida Driver's License or Identification Card?

If so, the Department of Motorist Services Mini-FLOW Florida Licensing on Wheels will be at Town Hall for your convenience on the following dates:

Thursday, September 26th:

9:30 am to 2:30 pm

Tuesday, October 8th:

9:30 am to 2:30 pm

Tuesday, November 12th:

9:30 am to 2:30 pm

Monday, December 23rd:

9:30 am to 2:30 pm

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



## ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS!

For all students and adults alike.

Check the following website for volunteer opportunities for the 2013-2014 school year.

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



\* 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
<b>September</b>	1	2 Labor Day Town Hall Closed <b>AREA 1 BULK</b>	3 Code Hearing Town Hall 9 am SWRVFD Meeting Town Hall 7 pm <b>AREA 2 BULK</b>	4 Drainage & Infrastructure Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm <b>AREA 3 BULK</b>	5	6	7
	8	9 Schools & Education Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm Country Estates Homeowners Mtg. Town Hall 7 pm	10 Rec., Forestry, & Natural Resources Advisory Board Fishing Hole Park 6 pm	11	12 1st Budget Hearing Town Hall 6 pm Town Council Mtg. Council Chambers Town Hall 7:30 pm	13	14
	15	16 <b>AREA 1 BULK</b>	17 Rural Public Arts & Design Advisory Board Meeting Town Hall 7 pm <b>AREA 2 BULK</b>	18 Fire Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm <b>AREA 3 BULK</b>	19 Comprehensive Plan Advisory Bd. Town Hall 7 pm	20	21
	22	23	24 Rolling Oaks Civic Assn. Town Hall 7 pm	25 Sunshine Ranches Homeowners Assn. Town Hall 7:30 pm	26 2nd Budget Hearing Town Hall 6 pm Town Council Mtg. Council Chambers Town Hall 7 pm	27	28
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	6 Aster Knight Parks Foundation Town Hall 7 pm Country Estates Homeowners Mtg. Town Hall 7 pm	7	8 Rec., Forestry, & Natural Resources Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm	9 Fire Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm	10 Town Council Mtg. Council Chambers Town Hall 7 pm	11	12
	13 Columbus Day Schools & Education Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm <b>AREA 1 BULK</b>	14	15 Rural Public Arts & Design Advisory Board Meeting Town Hall 7 pm <b>AREA 2 BULK</b>	16 <b>AREA 3 BULK</b>	17 Comprehensive Plan Advisory Bd. Town Hall 7 pm	18	19 Country Roads Arts & Crafts Festival, Sunshine Ranches EQ Park 10 am - 4 pm Schott 5K Walk, Run & Roll, Sunshine Ranches
	20	21	22 Rolling Oaks Civic Assn. Town Hall 7 pm	23	24 Town Council Mtg. Council Chambers Town Hall 7 pm	25	26
	27 <b>AREA 1 BULK</b>	28	29 <b>AREA 2 BULK</b>	30 Sunshine Ranches Homeowners Assn. Town Hall 7:30 pm <b>AREA 3 BULK</b>	31 Halloween		



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**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

## Phone / E-Mail List:

### Elected Officials

Mayor Jeff Nelson	(954) 343-7472	jnelson@swranches.org
Vice Mayor Steve Breitreuz	(954) 343-7447	sbreitreuz@swranches.org
Council Member Freddy Fisikelli	(954) 343-7461	ffisikelli@swranches.org
Council Member Gary Jablonski	(954) 343-7456	gjablonski@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 Miller	(954) 434-0008	dmiller@swranches.org
General Services Manager, Sandy Luongo	(954) 434-0008	sluongo@southwestranches.org
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Town Attorney, Keith Poliakoff	(954) 434-0008	
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### 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 Enforcement Director, Robert Solera	(954) 343-7440	rsolera@swranches.org
Code Enforcement Officer, Julio Medina	(954) 343-7440	jmedina@swranches.org

### Police/Fire/Rescue Services

<b>Emergency</b>	<b>911</b>
Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) non-emergency	(954) 765-4321
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 - Potholes)

Potholes 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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Environmental Complaint Hotline, Broward County	(954) 831-1499
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**Household Hazardous Waste,  
Electronics and Bulk Drop Off Event**

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

**A new service provided for Town Residents only!  
Proof of residence is required.**

**Location: Rolling Oaks Park - 5600 SW 178th Ave.,  
Southwest Ranches**

Saturday  
October 26, 2013  
8 am — 2 pm

**Future events coming in January/April/July (Check the Southwest Rancher and Town Website for future dates.)**

**Acceptable Items**

- Aerosol Cans
- Antifreeze/Coolant
- Batteries & Auto Batteries
- BBQ & Camp Size Propane
- Cleaners
- Fluorescent Tubes/Bulbs
- Garden Chemicals
- Latex/Oil-Based

- Paint
- Pesticides
- Pool Chlorine
- Tires (4)
- Used Oil and Filters

**Electronics**

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

**Unacceptable Items**

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



**For more information contact:  
Town of Southwest Ranches  
(954)434-0008**



**Word Search**

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See how many of these Labor Day related words you can find in the puzzle. The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

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| 1. LABOR     | 7. WEEKEND   | 13. AMERICAN |
| 2. DAY       | 8. ENDING    | 14. MONDAY   |
| 3. HOLIDAY   | 9. SUMMER    | 15. DAY      |
| 4. SEPTEMBER | 10. NATIONAL | 16. OFF      |
| 5. WORK      | 11. USA      |              |
| 6. LONG      | 12. TRAVEL   |              |