

SOUTHWEST RANCHER

The Official Newsletter of Southwest Ranches

October 2020 HIGHLIGHTS



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Mayor Doug McKay

Dear Residents,

At the September 14, 2020 First Budget Hearing, the Town Council adopted the final solid waste and final fire services assessment. As your Mayor, I am pleased to inform you that there is no increase to the solid waste assessment. The fire services assessment has unfortunately increased as a result of contractually obligated increased costs in fire protection. Additionally, we are required to perform a study to justify the methodology we use to assess fire response costs. In July, we completed a new study to update the last study that was performed in 2011. While some classification categories saw an increase in their fees, some classifications saw a decrease as a result of the new methodology report. Overall, I am not pleased with the results of the fire study, and I vow to continue working on this item.

At the same meeting, the Town Council approved the tentative millage rate set at 4.2500 mills. This is a significant reduction in the millage rate from last year's millage rate of 4.6564 mills. The newly lowered rate places Southwest Ranches as the 5th lowest millage rate of the 31 municipalities in Broward County. I am proud of the Town Council and Administration for being fiscally conservative that allows us to reduce the rate to this level that is the Town's lowest in more than 6 years. It is important to note the Town only accounts for less than 25% of your total property tax bill. Broward County, the School Board, South Broward Hospital District, and other taxing agencies make up the other 75%. While we lowered our millage rate, you may still realize an overall tax increase. I urge you to review your tax bill to see where your property tax dollars go.

The Town held a Second Budget Hearing on September 24, 2020 to adopt the final millage rate and final budget. The final budget was set at

just over \$13 million. Our goals for this budget cycle were to keep rates as low as possible, eliminate any additional borrowing, maintain service levels, and fund only critical projects such as fire well replacements, drainage improvement projects, and pavement striping and marking. This was to be done all while operating in a constrained economic environment as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. I believe we have accomplished these goals. My hope is that more of you will be involved in the budget process going forward to help us craft future budgets with your priorities in mind.

As always, please call me at 954-274-6508 if there is any issue I can help you with.

Your Mayor,
Doug McKay



Council Member Bob Hartmann

Elections are a month away. The pandemic has made this election unlike any other. It's doubtful that the status of COVID-19 will change enough between today and election day to allow the candidates to shake hands, kiss babies, or give you a hug, all standard fare for political candidates and campaigns. So, let's see how creative they get.

This year three seats are being contested in Southwest Ranches (SWR). The mayor's seat has two contestants, there are three people vying for the District 3 council seat (Green Meadows, Deems Ranches, and Ivanhoe Estates) and two residents are running for District 4 (Sunshine Ranches). Remember, in SWR, we live in districts; however, we vote to fill all seats, not just the one in the district we live in. As always there will be signs everywhere, and you will get mailings. The number of signs posted around town and quantity of mailers sent out shows that the candidate can raise money. To be an informed voter, you need to know more.



Spend a few minutes, think about our Town and what you enjoy about it and areas that it could be improved. Ask yourself, are you happy with the performance of the incumbents? Have they responded to and addressed your concerns when you have raised an issue? Do their respective visions match yours for the Town, do they engage with the you to stay abreast of the issues that concern you? Do they come to Council meetings informed and well prepared to vote on the issues? Think about the challengers. Do their positions represent the things you want to see changed or left as they are? Who is contributing to their campaigns? Do they have a solid character? Do they have a criminal past? Do they understand the issues confronting the Town? What relevant experience do they possess? Are they active in their HOA? What Town boards have they served on or regularly attend? In all cases, if it's important to you, ask who wants to preserve our rural lifestyle and who wants commercial development in town. To answer these questions, look at who contributed to their campaign and what are their interest in our town, not necessarily what the candidate says.

To answer these questions for yourself, there are tools available to help ferret out this information. Spend some time and Google each of the candidates. See what has been written in the press about the incumbents and challengers. On the Southwest Ranches website, under the Council tab, there is an Elections section underneath. To see who is contributing to the various campaigns, click on Electronic Campaign Report Portal and check each candidate's contribution records. If you want to check voting records, on the town site go to Departments and click on Town Clerk and then Minutes. All votes are recorded by the Clerk. You can also look up Town of Southwest Ranches on YouTube and watch some Council meeting to see how the various incumbents comport themselves during the Council meeting. Who uses fear to persuade rather than the truth and



facts? Going forward, the challengers will be making comments on all legislation under consideration and also talking about their position on issues during public comment. Finally, I would encourage you to attend the Council meetings (2nd and 4th Thursday at 7 PM, monthly). They are being conducted as Zoom sessions (link on town website and Facebook page) for now and will resume at Town Hall at some point.

I hope this info help you make an informed decision. If you want things to change in Southwest Ranches, vote. If you don't want things in SWR to change, vote.

In the meantime, I want to assure you that the Town will continue to provide uninterrupted service to you and your family. As we navigate through these challenging times, I'm reminded of how fortunate we are to be part of this strong community that supports each other to accomplish great things. It is the power of this community that will propel us through this to better times.

I wish you and your loved-one's health and safety.

Council member
Bob Hartmann
954-801-1758



**Council Member
Delsa Winslow
Amundson**

Hello Everyone,

To all my fellow Town of Southwest Ranches residents, I want to let you know it has been a profound honor to be appointed by our entire Town Council, to finish out the term of our beloved Freddie Fisikelli.

Many of you know me, but some of you may not, so I would like to tell all of you a little about myself. My husband and I moved here in the 1970's. We built our home in Green Meadows where we raised our sons Page Alan Amundson and Matthew Winslow Amundson. I was a Flight Attendant with National Airlines and PanAm for 24 years. During my time as a Flight Attendant, I served as Grievance Chairperson for 3 years and President of

the Flight Attendant Union for 7 years. As President of the Flight Attendant Union, I negotiated 2 Flight Attendant contracts. Thirty-four years ago, I began a career in Real Estate and it remains my full-time passion. Many of you know me as DELSA from my part time job as a cashier at our Publix on Volunteer Rd for 12 years. Over those 12 years, I made a lot of friends. I had the pleasure of watching children grow from their beginning into the wonderful young adults they are today.

My husband, along with my neighbors, started the Green Meadows Civic Association and he was an original Volunteer Fire Fighter when our truck was at Bill Lewis's house off Hancock Rd. and Charlie Tona was the Chief. We were very involved in the effort to become the Town of Southwest Ranches. We spent hours fighting with the Broward County Commission. At one commission meeting, a Broward County Commissioner told me, "We were selfish for wanting to become our own Towns". Well, WE WON and Broward County lost! I am a hard-working resident of this Town. My husband and I are self-employed. We had three sons. We lost our first son Michael in a drowning accident. My other two sons are Fire Fighter/Paramedics. Page works for Orange County Fire Rescue, and Matt worked as a volunteer for Southwest Ranches Fire Rescue. When we lost Council Member Fisikelli, the rest of his term needed to be filled, and myself, along with 12 other applicants, came before the Council and asked for the privilege of filling his term. I was given the nod by every single member of the Southwest Ranches Town Council.

As you may have seen by now, I am not agenda driven. What drives me is my love for the Town that myself and others worked so hard to establish. We fought against all odds to become the Town of Southwest Ranches, and I want to protect not only our Town's needs, but the needs of my neighbors, and the needs of my fellow taxpayers. I will always do everything in my power to
PROTECT OUR TOWN'S
TREASURED WAY OF LIFE.
HAVE A GREAT HALLOWEEN
AND EAT A LOT OF CANDY!

Your friend and neighbor,
Delsa



Town Clerk's Corner

by Russell Muñiz

Brief legislation from the August 27, 2020 Town Council Regular Meeting:

- **Adopted Resolution 2020-050** approving the plat for the Circle S Estates subdivision.
- **Adopted Resolution 2020-051** approving the site plan for the Circle S Estates subdivision.
- **Adopted Resolution 2020-052** approving an agreement with Advanced Data Solutions for digital conversion of public records.

Brief legislation from the September 14, 2020 Town Council Budget Hearing:

- **Adopted Resolution 2020-053** approving the final solid waste services assessment rates.
- **Adopted Resolution 2020-054** approving the final fire services assessment rates.
- **Adopted Resolution 2020-055** approving the tentative millage rate.

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.

**We would like to wish the following
Southwest Ranches residents a
HAPPY BIRTHDAY...**

~
**Arman Pradhan - October 12th
Dan Rodriguez - October 19th**



**Have a birthday you would like to share with us in a future
Town newsletter? Send your name and birthday to:
Skutz@southwestranches.org**

AROUND THE TOWN

October 2020 Broward County School Calendar

OCTOBER				
M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

For updated school information call:
Broward County Public Schools:

(754) 321-0000 or
www.browardschools.com

get certified **Be Prepared. Get Certified.**

PRO AGRICULTURAL nurseries
Community outreach for our

PENNY FOR TRANSPORTATION
WHERE LOCAL CHANGE HAPPENS

SURTAX Projects:

The County is actively recruiting firms for certification and wants to increase the number of certified firms available to provide services in an array of projects funded by the Penny for Transportation. Does your business provide:

- Drainage
- Flexible Paving
- Grading
- Guardrail
- Intelligent Transportation System
- Landscaping
- Pavement Marking
- Roadway Signing
- Traffic Signal
- Sidewalk

If yes, the Town of Southwest Ranches encourages you to get certified in anticipation of projects needing these services both within our Town and throughout all Broward County. Visit the website to learn more about **certification programs** and **upcoming Surtax Projects**. Visit the **Florida Department of Transportation** at: <https://www.fdot.gov>, **Broward County** website at: <http://www.broward.org/EconDev/SmallBusiness/Pages/Certification.aspx>.

Office of Economic and Small Business Development
Address: 115 S. Andrews Avenue, A-680, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
Email: EconDevInfo@broward.org



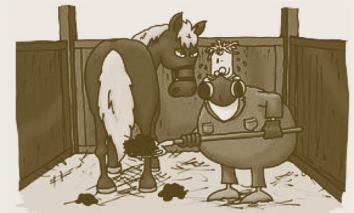
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE SCHEDULE 2020 - 2021

ROLLING OAKS BARN - 8:00AM - 2:00PM 17630 SW 56 Street, Southwest Ranches 33331			WASTE PRO INC. - 8:00AM - 2:00PM 17302 Pines Blvd, Pembroke Pines 33029		
This service is provided for Town residents only. Proof of residency is required					
Date	Shredding	Drug Drop Off	Date	Shredding	Drug Drop Off
Sept. 12, 2020	10AM - 1PM	10AM - 2PM	Nov. 14, 2020	NO	8AM - 2PM
Jan. 9, 2021	10AM - 1PM	10AM - 2PM	May 8, 2021	NO	8AM - 2PM
July 10, 2021	10AM - 1PM	10AM - 2PM			
Jan. 8, 2022	10AM - 1PM	10AM - 2PM			
July 9, 2022	10AM - 1PM	10AM - 2PM			

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

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS	ELECTRONIC RECYCLING	UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS
Aerosol Cans Antifreeze/Coolant	Computers, Cables, DVD Players	Appliances
Batteries & Auto Batteries	Key Boards, Mice, Adapters,	Asbestos
BBQ & Camp Size Propane	Monitors, Printers/Scanners, Radios,	Explosives or Ammunition
Cleaners, Pesticides	Stereo Components, TVs,	Medical/Infectious Waste
Fluorescent Tubes/Bulbs	Tape Players, VCRs	Non-Residential Waste
Garden Chemicals		
Latex/Oil-Based Pint		
Pool Chlorine		
Tires (Up to 4 - no rims)		
Used Oil & Filters		

For all service issues call Waste Pro: (954) 967-4200



STAY IN TOUCH WITH ENGINEERING

Fill for horse stalls does not require a fill permit. In addition, a permit may not be required if a small amount of sand is required to replenish a horse arena. However the Town recommends that a property owner or leasee contact our office to assure that the type of work being performed falls under this criteria prior to performing the work. A phone call to us will help prevent a possible warning from Code Enforcement and double fees when it comes to acquiring the required permit.

Please call: (954) 434-0008
or email Philip at pchorath@swranches.org

AROUND THE TOWN

Shape
your future
START HERE >

United States®
Census
2020



The Census will be over soon, and Broward County's response rate is less than 60%. Our County is the second largest County in Florida based on population, yet we currently rank 29th among 67 counties in Census response.

The 2010 Census undercount cost Broward County residents more than \$210 million over the last 10 years. We can't let that happen over the next 10 years. The stakes are too high.

WHAT'S AT RISK

- ⌚ \$1.5 trillion/year in federal funding, including funding to help prevent and treat the spread of communicable diseases like COVID-19 and HIV
- ⌚ Support for schools, assistance centers, children's services, emergency services, transportation, housing and other family self-sufficiency programs
- ⌚ New hospitals and health centers
- ⌚ Fair representation in Congress

FREQUENTLY UNDERCOUNTED

- ⌚ Babies and young children - Secure their future!
- ⌚ Non-Citizens - There is no citizenship question and no court or law enforcement agency can access your individual responses
- ⌚ Renters and Residents On-the-Move – fill out a Census for wherever you are right now!

DON'T WAIT FOR THE CENSUS TAKER – RESPOND TODAY

- ⌚ Complete Your Census Online (with or without your 12-digit Census ID) my2020census.gov
- ⌚ Complete your Census by Phone
844-330-2020 (English) 844-477-2020 (Kreyòl)
844-468-2020 (Español) 844-474-2020 (Português)

For More Information

Broward.org/Census2020
or BrowardCensus



A Service of the Broward County Commission



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Census
2020



100,000 copies of this public document were promulgated at a gross cost of \$6,995 or \$0.070 per copy, to educate the public about Census 2020.

PROTOTYPE BARN

In furtherance of the Town's goal of preserving its rural lifestyle, the Town Council has given residents a simpler mechanism to build a barn that is in compliance with Florida statutory requirements. As such, the Town contracted with an architect who agreed to create a prototype barn drawing, in compliance with the Florida Building Code, which can be permitted for residents throughout the Town. The plans are for a three stall barn with a tack room.

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.

Please call or email Emily Aceti for more information: eaceti@swranches.org.



AROUND THE TOWN



THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES COLLECTS DONATIONS FOR OUR TROOPS AND THEIR FAMILIES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED AND 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, sunflower seeds, boxed and/or individual drink packets (Crystal Light, Walmart or Target brand, Kool-Aid, hot chocolate, etc.) foiled packed tuna and chicken, crackers, baby wipes (no bigger than 2 1/2" wide packages)

Please drop off your contributions to Town Hall between 8:30 am -- 5:00 pm and call (954) 434-0008 for curb-side pick-up

FRAUDULENT ACTIVITY IS RISING...

A TIP TO HELP PROTECT YOUR MAIL!



- Pick up your mail regularly.
- Don't leave letters in the mailbox for several days, over the weekend or even overnight.
- If possible make checking your mailbox part of your daily routine.
- Look into purchasing a mailbox with a lock.



SHOW YOUR TOWN SPIRIT

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



RECYCLABLES

(Do not contaminate recyclables with solid waste)



RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICE DAYS

AREA 3	AREA 2	AREA 1
Wednesday	Tuesday	Monday

Accepted Recycling Collection Guidelines

All recycled materials go into the blue recycle cart. Recycling is collected once a week according to your area.

- **Paper:** Newspapers, inserts, catalogs, magazines, junk mail, office paper, soft-covered books, file folders, soda cartons, and crushed boxes including tissue boxes and those from food items such as cereal, rice and pasta.
- Flattened cardboard from non-food items such as shipping boxes.
- **Plastic:** containers with neck narrower than body such as soda bottles, milk, water, detergent and shampoo bottles.
- Milk and juice cartons and drink boxes.
- **Glass**
- **Metal:** Aluminum, steel or tin food containers.

Non-Accepted Recycling Collection Guidelines

Plastic bags, pizza boxes, rechargeable batteries, styrofoam, plastic take-out containers or trays, light bulbs, mirrors, paint, pesticides, electronic accessories, medical waste, pharmaceuticals, household garbage, hoses, wires and holiday lights.

DECEMBER HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Town of Southwest Ranches
Rural Public Arts & Design Advisory Board
13400 Griffin Road
Southwest Ranches, Florida 33330

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

CELL: _____

I UNDERSTAND, ACKNOWLEDGE, AND AGREE THAT THE SUBMISSION OF THE PHOTOGRAPH OF MY HOME, WHICH I HAVE TAKEN, TO THE TOWN CONSTITUTES A "WORK MADE FOR HIRE," AND I HEREBY WAIVE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS TO THE WORK AND THE WORK PRODUCT, INCLUDING MORAL OR OTHERWISE. THIS STATEMENT SHALL CONTROL OVER THE PROVISIONS OF 17 U.S.C. SECTION 106A(a), AND SHALL CONSTITUTE A WAIVER BY ME OF ANY RIGHTS IN THE WORK SET OUT IN OR OTHERWISE GRANTED BY 17 U.S.C. SECTION 106A(A), VISUAL ARTISTS RIGHTS ACT OF 1990. ALL OTHER RIGHTS IN AND TO THE WORK, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ALL RIGHTS IN THE NATURE OF "DROIT MORAL" RELATING TO ANY CONTINUING INTEREST I MAY HAVE IN THE MAINTENANCE OR MODIFICATION OF THE WORK, ARE EXPRESSLY WAIVED AND, INsofar AS SUCH RIGHTS ARE TRANSFERABLE, ARE ASSIGNED TO THE TOWN. MY WORK IS ORIGINAL AND IT COMPLIES WITH ALL APPLICABLE PATENT, TRADEMARK AND COPYRIGHT LAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND CODES. I UNDERSTAND, ACKNOWLEDGE, AND AGREE THAT THROUGH THE CONVEYANCE OF MY SUBMISSION THE WORK WILL REMAIN THE PROPERTY OF THE TOWN AND MAY BE USED, REPRODUCED, SOLD, OR MODIFIED BY THE TOWN IN THE TOWN'S SOLE DISCRETION.

SIGNATURE: _____ (Date)

SIGNATURE OF GUARDIAN FOR CHILDREN UNDER 18: _____ (Date)

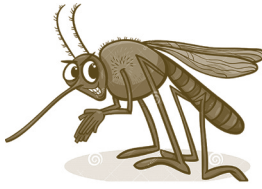
AROUND THE TOWN

Town Talk

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

Send your email address to:

druesga@southwestranches.org.



BROWARD TAKES THE "BITE" OUT OF MOSQUITO SEASON

Spring and summer brings frequent heavy rain to Broward County, and rain brings mosquitoes. Mosquitoes are not only annoying, they can be a public health issue. The County Biologist regularly traps mosquitos, separates them by species and detects any potential viruses. Findings will determine the chemical application to be used and the type of treatment required.

THREE WAYS TO REQUEST SERVICE:

- Use the Mosquito Service Request Form
- Call 311
- 954-831-3940 (TTY for hearing impaired)

CodeRED®

Keeping Citizens Informed

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

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

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Choice #1 - Phone: _____

Choice #2 - Cell: _____

Choice #3 - Email: _____

Or all the above.

Any questions contact Town Hall:
(954) 434-0008.

BULK RULES



- **AVOID A FINE OF \$500.00** - Bulk cannot be placed out earlier than the Saturday prior to your scheduled bulk pick up date.
- **AVOID A FINE OF \$500.00** - Landscaper or Contractor generated waste on your property must be removed by that vendor for disposal.
- Bulk Piles over-the-limit of **12 Cubic Yards** per household will be picked up and the vendor will bill the resident the additional yardage at the rate of **\$17.50 per cubic yard.**

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT 12 CUBIC YARDS IS EQUIVALENT TO THE SIZE OF A VOLKSWAGEN BEETLE (APPROXIMATELY 8 FEET WIDE BY 14 FEET LONG AND 4 FEET TALL).

If you have a request or complaint, please click on the Waste Pro button on our website: www.southwestranches.org or call: **(954) 967-4200.**

TOWN HALL CLOSED TO PUBLIC

Following the direction of Governor DeSantis, Town Hall is taking numerous proactive steps to reduce the potential spread of COVID-19. Town Council Meetings will be virtual until further notice.

Please go to the Town's website www.southwestranches.org to get information on how to attend meetings. Town Hall is closed to the public until further notice and events are postponed until further notice. However, most Town services will continue remotely unless circumstances have changed.

For more information please call or contact the Town as follows:

**TOWN HALL (8:30AM-5:00PM)
954-434-0008**

**TOWN EMERGENCY HOTLINE
954-343-7455**

**TOWN EMAIL:
webmaster@southwestranches.org**

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

AROUND THE TOWN

SOUTHWEST RANCHES PARKS FOUNDATION HALLOWEEN PHOTO CONTEST 2020

Town of Southwest Ranches
Rural Public Arts & Design Advisory Board
13400 Griffin Road
Southwest Ranches, Florida 33330

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

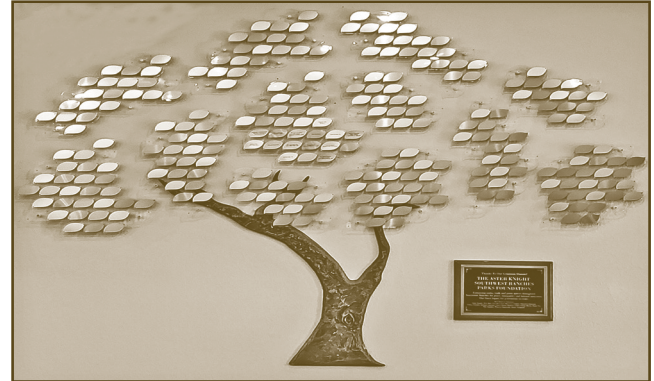
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SUPPORT SOUTHWEST RANCHES PARKS...

The Aster Knight Southwest Ranches Parks Foundation Donor Tree



Have your name engraved on one of the leaves of the "THE DONOR TREE" in Council Chambers for \$100.00.

Not pictured at this time are acorns, rocks and branches with limited availability:
Acorns \$500 • Rocks \$1000 • Branches \$750

For more information contact December:

(954) 343-7452 or

email: Dlauretano@southwestranches.org

SOUTHWEST RANCHES CARING NEIGHBORS PHONE CALL PROGRAM CALL (954) 546-2599



During this time of COVID-19, we are a group of concerned Southwest Ranches residents who would like to get in touch and stay in touch with our neighbors who are senior citizens, live alone, or have special needs.

If you would like a regular check in phone call, please leave a message at (954) 546-2599, and one of our volunteers will get in touch with you.

COVID 19—IMPORTANT - RESOURCES AND CONTACTS

BROWARD COUNTY

www.broward.org/coronavirus

954-831-3900

954-357-9500 (Broward County Call Center)

954-743-9779 (Senior Citizen's Elder Hotline)

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ELDER AFFAIRS

800-963-5337

<http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/index.php> (SHINE)

BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

www.browardschools.com/coronavirus

www.browardschools.com

754-321-0000 (Main Switchboard)

754-321-0911 (Emergency Hotline—Live Person)

754-321-0321 (BCPS & Rumor Control Hotline)

SMALL BUSINESS & NON-PROFIT ASSISTANCE

www.floridadisaster.org

www.floridadisaster.biz

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN'S AFFAIRS

877-741-3400 (Veteran Clinical Contact Center)

STATE OF FLORIDA

FOOD PROGRAMS

www.myflorida.com/accessflorida

(SNAP)

www.feedingsouthflorida.org

Text: FLKIDSMEALS to PH# 211-211

CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL (CDC)

Call: 800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636),

TTY: 888-232-6348.

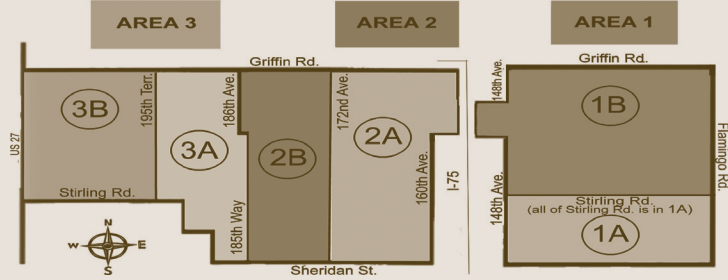
<https://www.cdc.gov/DCS/ContactUs/Form>

AROUND THE TOWN

Waste Collection

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

TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES - Waste Collection Map & Schedule



TO ALL OUR RESIDENTS ON STIRLING ROAD...Please remember you are in AREA 1A for your bulk schedule.

Weekly **SOLID (GARBAGE)** Waste Days

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

BULK Collection Service Dates by Area

Month	Area	WEDNESDAY Only	Area	TUESDAY Only	Area	MONDAY Only
Oct. 2020	3-A	10/07 - 10/21	2-A	10/06 - 10/20	1-A	10/05 - 10/19
	3-B	10/14 - 10/28	2-B	10/13 - 10/27	1-B	10/12 - 10/26
Nov. 2020	3-A	11/04 - 11/18	2-A	11/03 - 11/17	1-A	11/02 - 11/16 - 11/30
	3-B	11/11 - 11/25	2-B	11/10 - 11/24	1-B	11/09 - 11/23

RECYCLE collection occurs once per week:

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

FOLLOW US ON THE TOWN'S OFFICIAL SOCIAL MEDIA

- Facebook page: @SWRGOV
- Twitter account: @SWR_gov
- YouTube: Town of Southwest Ranches Official Channel



- Watch Town Council meetings
- Get updated information on Town events
- Quick notification to followers on emergency management issues



Southwest Ranches FIRE RESCUE



The Holiday Season is on its way. Sadly, due to Covid-19, we have not decided on the Santa runs for this year and we know it is a disappointment to many. However, we must keep health and safety first. I will keep our residents informed as we get closer to December.



During this pandemic your Southwest Ranches Fire Fighters, Paramedics and EMT's have done a great job responding to our residents and giving medical treatment. I am very proud of them for the job they are doing. We constantly train and update our medical skills to provide the best service to our residents and the public. The ability to administer fluids and certain drugs by a certificated paramedic helps the wellbeing of the patient while en route to the hospital.

Stay Safe,
Chief Lee Bennett

Highly Visible Day or Night REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKERS



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Southwest Ranches Volunteer Fire Rescue • 17220 Griffin Rd., S.W. Ranches, FL 33330

For Additional Information Call Chief Lee Bennett (954) 868-2057



* 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)

October

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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4	5 • SWR Parks Foundation Town Meeting - 7 pm • Country Estates Grace Baptist Church 19200 Griffin Road - 7 pm AREA 1A BULK	6 • Code Hearing Town Hall 9 am AREA 2A BULK	7 • Drainage Infrastructure Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 3A BULK	8 • TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - 7 pm	9	10
11	COLUMBUS DAY • Schools & Education - Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 1B BULK	12 • Parks, Recreational & Open Space Advisory Board - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 2B BULK	13 AREA 3B BULK	14	15	16
18	19 • Rural Public Arts & Design Board Meeting Town Hall - 7 pm AREA 1A BULK	20 AREA 2A BULK	21 • Fire Advisory Board Meeting Town Hall 7 pm AREA 3A BULK	22	23	24
25	26 AREA 1B BULK	27 • Rolling Oaks Civic Association Meeting Rolling Oaks Barn 17630 SW 56 Street 7 pm AREA 2B BULK	28 • Sunshine Ranches HOA Meeting Town Hall - 7:30 pm AREA 3B BULK	29	30	31 *HALLOWEEN*

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

November

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IN TOUCH

TOWN HALL: 13400 Griffin Road / Southwest Ranches, FL 33330 • **PHONE:** (954) 434-0008 • **FAX:** (954) 434-1490
TOWN HALL OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday / 8:30 am - 5:00 pm • **TOWN WEBSITE:** www.southwestranches.org
TOWN HALL TWITTER ACCOUNT: @SWR_Gov • **YOUTUBE:** Town of Southwest Ranches Official Channel • **FACEBOOK:** facebook@SWRGOV

ELECTED OFFICIALS

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TOWN SERVICES

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

Lisa Reices Nicasio, <i>Broward Operations Office Manager</i>	(954) 655-3721	lreices@capfla.com
Brian Dillon, <i>Building Official</i>	(954) 343-7446	bdillon@capfla.com
Joyce Marques, <i>Permit Technician</i>	(954) 343-7446	jmarques@capfla.com
PLANNING – (MELGREN PLANNING GROUP)	(954) 475-3070	michele@tmpgplanning.com
Jeff Katims	(954) 435-3070	jeff@floridaplanning.net
CODE, ZONING, and PERMITTING	(954) 343-7440	zoninginfo@southwestranches.org

Code Enforcement Hotline

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

WASTE/BULK/RECYCLING SERVICES (Residential & Commercial)

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

EMERGENCY

<i>Non-Emergency</i>	911	
<i>Davie Police Department</i>	(954) 764-4357 (HELP)	
Jeff Hobales, <i>Detective</i>	(954) 693-8200	
Tim Weimann, <i>Police Services Coordinator</i>	(954) 693-8293	jeffrey_hobales@davie-fl.gov
<i>Davie Fire Rescue Station 112</i>	(954) 693-8352	tweimann@southwestranches.org
<i>Volunteer Fire Rescue - Chief Bennett</i>	(954) 680-0020	
	(954) 868-2057	

TRAFFIC AND ROADWAY SERVICES

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

WATER DISTRICTS - CANALS

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



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THE RURAL PUBLIC ARTS AND DESIGN BOARD
PRESENTS...

**3rd Annual
December Holiday Lights Contest**

GET YOUR ENTRY FORM IN BY
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7TH.

(HOMES DO NOT HAVE TO
BE COMPLETED TO SEND
ENTRY FORM IN)

JUDGING WILL BE
TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 8TH
AND
WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 9TH
FROM 6:30PM TO 9:30PM

AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN
MONDAY,
DECEMBER 14TH



THE 3 MOST FESTIVE HOLIDAY DECORATED
HOMES IN SOUTHWEST RANCHES
WILL BE THE WINNERS
OF THIS CONTEST.

Call Susan: 954-434-0008 or
email: SKutz@southwestranches.org

December Holiday Light Contest entry form on page 6



Southwest Ranches Parks Foundation
presents:

**HALLOWEEN
COSTUME
PHOTO CONTEST**

Win bragging rights:
Best Costume in
Southwest Ranches

Email entries to: akpf@southwestranches.org

Deadline: November 1, 2020.

Winner(s) will be announced in the
December issue of the Southwest Rancher

Call (954) 343-7452
for more info

Halloween Costume Photo Contest entry form on page 8