


SOUTHWEST RANCHER

The Official Newsletter of Southwest Ranches

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COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING EVENT



THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES PRESENTS...

The Schools and Education Advisory Board in conjunction with the Town of Southwest Ranches will be awarding scholarships to...

"TOWN RESIDENT STUDENTS".
(Scholarship applications are due by Friday, June 5, 2015)

When: Saturday, May 30th, 2015

Time: 4:00 to 8:00 pm

Where: Sunshine Ranches Equestrian Park
5840 Southwest 148th Avenue

Your help and support are needed to make this College Scholarship Fundraiser and Food Truck event a success.

JOIN US FOR A FUN FILLED EVENT...

-  The Broward County "FOOD TRUCKS"
-  Entertainment by "D.J. FLASH"
-  Live Music
-  Silent and Chinese "AUCTION"
-  Animal Kingdom "WE BRING THE ZOO TO YOU"
-  Scavenger Hunt
-  Giveaways



For additional information call Ivette: (954) 434-0008 or email: Isolera@southwestranches.org



www.southwestranches.org





**Mayor
Jeff Nelson**

I hope that you are enjoying Spring. Spring signifies the renewal of the year. Trees regain leaves lost in the fall, new crops can be harvested, and the quenching rains help replenish the arid soil formed by the dry winter. The Town is also in a state of renewal. We have opened new facilities and are excited about the prospect of opening Country Estates Park in the near future. The park will have great amenities such as recreational trails, a playground for children, and in the future a real fishing hole and dock will be constructed. We also have had some great events in Town this Spring including the Aster Knight Parks Foundation Chili Cook Off, and the Rolling Oaks Easter Egg Hunt. More events are slated, so keep an eye on future newsletters.

As such I want to provide you with some information on another event that will renew your interest in all the Town has to offer. The Schools And Education Advisory Board is hosting a College Scholarship Fundraiser and Food Truck Event on Saturday May 30th. The proceeds of the event will benefit Southwest Ranches students by providing a financial scholarship to help offset college costs. Please come out and enjoy yourselves at this great event. There will be music, auctions for great prizes, and even a petting zoo for the kids. I hope to see you there.

While Spring is here, the Summer is fast approaching. Our rainy season will soon yield to Summer and the

beginning of our Hurricane Season. Please begin your preparations early. While weather experts are predicting a lower than normal season remember it only takes one. Please look for the edition of the June newsletter which will provide even more hurricane related information.

It is an honor and pleasure to serve you!

Jeff



**Council Member
Steve Breitkreuz**

Sometimes I sit back and realize how special our town is and how special the residents are in our

town. I wanted to take a few moments to acknowledge a few thank-yous for several individuals and organizations in town. Too often many good deeds are done and the thanks is lost and forgotten.

I would first and foremost like to thank all the residents of our town for their involvement in our community. When I or other members of the Council indicate that it is a pleasure to service this community, those are not just empty words it is the truth. You all are amazing and resourceful individuals that make up a wonderful community.

We are so very fortunate to have those that are associated with the Astor Knight Foundation for all that they do for our community in providing funds for our parks that will assist the residents of our town for generations to come. Also, we are fortunate to have all of the HOA and Civic Associations in town. They are key to filtering up the concerns of the residents to the Council. They also plan countless events that get our residents involved and active in our community. Having residents active in our community whether through an HOA or individually, is a central key to a strong community. Just as key are the town boards where residents selflessly donate their time and energy. That is what provides access and transparency to our town government.

We are fortunate to have a strong Town Administrator, Financial Administrator and town staff. They are critical to all that we do and truly invest in our town.

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.

**LOCK YOUR CAR
TAKE YOUR KEYS
CRIME IS UP...**

I want to express that I feel very fortunate to serve on a Council with such selfless individuals that all wish to serve this town. That is rare in our political world and I feel blessed to serve with each of them, even when we disagree!

Finally, I also want to thank all the individuals that challenge us to rethink our plans as a town. There was a time when I felt like the town was moving in the wrong direction. I was a voice "outside the house" and not on the list of those most beloved by the town fathers. I clearly remember those days and whenever, someone brings up points that are contrary to my vision or thoughts regarding the town, I try to always remind myself that was me 10 years ago. So, while I will not name names, as I am not sure that would be seen as a positive acknowledgement, I want to acknowledge that all those opposing opinions are appreciated. We need the discussion.

It is truly a privilege to serve in this community. I try to never ever take that honor and privilege for granted.



Vice Mayor Freddy Fisikelli

There is not much to report on new problems in the Town this month.

At the last council meeting on April 9th we had a request to split a 4 acre piece of property from 4 acres to two separate 2 acre plots. We also passed a resolution requesting SW 184th avenue be amended on the Broward County Traffic-Ways Plan and on the Metropolitan Planning Agency's Long Range Transportation from a four-lane road to a two lane road. Due to the fact that the Town is located in the drainage basin for the North Fork Snake Creek Canal, The Town must prepare a bacterial Pollution control plan as required by FDEP for controlling the bacterial pollution in the canal we approved a work proposal with E-Sciences to do the work. The Council also approved an Agreement with Straight Ahead Construction, Inc. for Phase 2 of the SW 54th Place Drainage Improvements.

The Town is moving forward with proposals for the rest of the work that has to be completed before we can officially open the Fishing Hole Park, this work requires removing the trees that are to be removed according to the plan and spreading the rest of the fill on the area to be used for recreation activities and the horse trails. I hope you were able to attend the Easter Egg Hunt that was held at the Rolling Oaks park which was held and was able to see the Easter Bunny hide the eggs for the young people to hunt on Easter. I hope everyone was able to enjoy the Easter season with your family.



Council Member Gary Jablonski

Our Town is very fortunate to have so many dedicated residents

who contribute so much of their time and resources to our causes. One group I would like to focus on in this article is the "Aster Knight Parks Foundation". The Aster Knight Parks Foundation is a non-profit, charitable organization, whose mission is to raise funds from individuals and the private sector, to supplement public or Town funds to enhance our parks and trails. This group of dedicated individuals has done an outstanding job in our Town. They continue to make a huge difference for all our parks. The tens of thousands of dollars that has been raised by the Foundation is very inspiring, and has made a major difference on project components. "Where do the funds for the Foundation come from", you may ask? Simple, from you, and from all the events the Parks Foundation puts on throughout the year. Tremendous amounts of time and energy go into these events and selfless dedication by our residents who are members of the foundation make it all possible. The Foundation just completed the very popular annual "Chili Cook Off", a friendly competition won by people's choice. I got lucky and won this year. I've had so many requests for the recipe, so in keeping with the friendly spirit of the competition, I present the Triple 5 Chili formula.

Enjoy!

Ingredients: *Hi-quality ground beef one to two pounds, 1 tablespoon of olive oil, 1 pint of Mrs. T's Bloody Mary Mix, one medium yellow onion diced. One 14 oz can of the following beans; kidney, white, pinto, navy, and northern. Two 14 oz cans of crushed tomatoes and one 14oz can of diced tomatoes. Beef stock if needed.*

Spices: *1 teaspoon chili powder, 1 teaspoon granulated garlic, 1 teaspoon onion powder, 1 teaspoon salt, half teaspoon cumin, half teaspoon paprika,*

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

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AROUND THE TOWN



cayenne pepper, 1/8 teaspoon crushed red pepper, 1 jalapeno pepper diced very fine, (or use your favorite pepper).

Equipment: One large pot, mixing bowl, knife & cutting board, spatula, measuring spoons.

The "How To" Part:

1. **Cook ground beef with the olive oil and onions (until onions are translucent) over medium heat, do not drain. Add all the spices and all the peppers to the Bloody Mary mix and thoroughly mix (do not skip this step). Combine Bloody spice & pepper mix with the beef and simmer until beef is broken up and very, very fine stirring continuously.**
2. **Add all the tomatoes to mixture and stir while simmering on low heat for about twenty minutes.**
3. **Add all the beans to the mix and do not drain continue to simmer on low heat for about one hour.**
4. **When done serve with rice or refrigerate for later, (it's always better the next day and it freezes well).**
5. **Chili is better after all the ingredients have blended for a while.**
6. **If the chili is too thick, thin with beef stock to your liking.**
7. **Enjoy!!!**

As with any recipe you can vary the ingredients according to your tastes. Looking at the ingredient list it sounds complicated but really it's not, it can be done in one pot or in a slow cooker by combining everything after the ground beef mixture has been cooked together. (Spoiler alert; do not double up on the peppers, if you are missing one just leave it out, doubling up will affect the flavor profile and overwhelm the recipe, same goes for the spices).

For me it's time to try a new recipe, and please support the "Aster Knight Parks Foundation". See you next year.

As always it's a privilege to serve you.



by Russell Muñiz

Brief legislation from the March 12, 2015 Town Council meeting:

- **Adopted Resolution 2015-033** establishing a Neighborhood Safety Grant.
- **Adopted Resolution 2015-034** rescheduling the September 2015 Town Council Meetings.

Brief legislation from the March 26, 2015 Town Council meeting:

- **Reconsidered Resolution 2015-033** which established the Neighborhood Safety Grant.
- **Adopted Resolution 2015-035** approving work proposals for Craig A. Smith and Associates, and Craven Thompson for Stirling Road Guardrail Improvements.
- **Adopted Resolution 2015-036**

approving work proposals for Craig A. Smith and Associates, and Craven Thompson for SW 190th Avenue.

- **Adopted Resolution 2015-037** establishing a usage policy for Rolling Oaks Park.

Brief Legislation from the April 9, 2015 Town Council Meeting:

- **Adopted Resolution 2015-038** approving an agreement with Straight Ahead Construction for SW 54th Place Drainage Improvements.
- **Adopted Resolution 2015-039** approving a Waiver of Plat (WP-011-15) to subdivide a single lot into two lots.
- **Adopted Resolution 2015-040** amending SW 184th Avenue on the Trafficways Plan.
- **Adopted Resolution 2015-041** approving a bacterial pollution control plan with E-Sciences, Inc.
- **Adopted Resolution 2015-042** authorizing litigation against Pembroke Pines.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR TOWN ADMINISTRATOR...

Andy Berns

The decision to relocate development review and zoning from The Mellgren Planning Group office to Town Hall has been very well received by residents, as it has made the review process more convenient. Building on that success, we're pleased to announce a representative from the Building Department will begin working from Town Hall, starting May 4. While CAP Government Services will continue to provide Building Department Services, no longer will it be necessary to travel to their offices in Weston. The Mayor, Council and Town staff are pleased to offer this convenience to our residents. We will continue to seek out new opportunities to improve our service levels for all residents and are open to your suggestions.

On another note, Southwest Ranchers take great pride in our community, and the commitment to preserving our rural lifestyle has long helped us avoid many of the issues we see elsewhere in Broward County. Unfortunately, some of that has crept into our Town recently. We have had minor vandalism in both Sunshine Ranches Equestrian Park and at Country Estates Park. In both incidents, it appears to be the work of teens. We want to encourage all residents to enjoy Town facilities, but we ask you to keep an eye out for suspicious activity. If you see something of concern, please contact the Davie Police immediately. It is our goal that these isolated incidents do not continue, and we thank you for helping be our eyes and ears.

TOWN HALL NEWS

BEWARE OF TAX SCAMS

Tax season is here, and so are the scams. If someone calls you claiming to be an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) agent and insists that you send money immediately, hang up. **This is one of the largest telephone fraudscams of IRS impersonators targeting innocent taxpayers.** According to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, the IRS recent impersonation phone scam has claimed nearly 3,000 victims, who have together lost more than \$14 million.

Many individuals have received aggressive and threatening calls from individuals claiming to be employees of the IRS. These scammers can sound convincing when they call. They use fake names and bogus IRS identification badge numbers. Scammers can even spoof the IRS toll-free number on your caller ID to make it appear legitimate. The caller informs the intended victims that they owe taxes and must pay using a prepaid debit card or wire transfer. They often threaten the victim with

arrest, deportation or suspension of a business or driver's license. The caller may even claim to know the last four digits of your Social Security number and provide you with follow up emails claiming to be from the IRS. Once the scammers have made their threats, they are known to call the victims back from a different number, claiming to be an officer with the police department. The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services encourages taxpayers to be alert for phone and email scams that use the IRS name for fraudulent purposes.

Keep in mind, the IRS will never:

- **Call to demand immediate payment, nor will the agency call about taxes owed without first having mailed you a bill.**
- **Demand that you pay taxes without providing you with the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they claim you owe.**



- **Request your credit or debit card numbers over the phone.**
- **Threaten to issue a warrant for your arrest due to non-payment.**

Remember, the IRS does not use email, text messages or any social media to discuss your personal tax issue involving bills or refunds. If you believe you owe current or back taxes, contact the IRS directly by calling 1-800-829-1040. The IRS workers can assist you with payment concerns.



SWRVFD Corner

Recently, there has been a rise in stray animals lost in our town, especially dogs. The Southwest Ranches Fire Rescue usually has residents drop off lost dogs at our fire station (on 172nd and Griffin Road) or we receive a call letting us know the location of a dog traveling in heavy traffic areas.

Unfortunately, some pets are not microchipped and some are. Please

check with your veterinarian to assure the

microchip is readable.

Furthermore, it has been noted that some of these escapees are finding their way out by a loose fence/board and wish to explore other areas of our town. So please check to make sure your property is well secured to protect our pets that we love.

If you have lost or found animals

you can contact Southwest Ranches Town Hall to report it. Southwest Ranches Fire Rescue also has a site for Lost or Found Animals.

The Facebook page is

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

At this site you can post photos of lost/found animals.

Stay safe,

Fire Chief

Lee Bennett



AROUND THE TOWN



SOUTHWEST RANCHES SEEKS NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION (NWF) HABITAT CERTIFICATION

HOW DID IT HAPPEN?

In March of 2011, Town staff, and members of the Parks Board, were approached with the idea of becoming a NWF Certified Community Habitat. Following a presentation by Diana Guidry of Naturescape Broward, the Board unanimously approved a motion to proceed with certification. Town Council has supported the initiative. Three of the Town's parks are certified habitats (Equestrian Park has an advanced certification!), and Town Hall itself carries a certification. Members of the Parks Board have certified their own properties..."walk-the-walk, talk-the-talk".

WHY DO THIS?

Community Wildlife Habitat, a national recognition program for neighborhoods, towns, cities and counties, recognizes and celebrates community-wide efforts to green landscapes and buildings, improve air and water quality, restore vital wildlife habitat and improve the health and well-being of inhabitants-one property at a time.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

- Certification raises our profile as a greener community for residents, businesses and organizations seeking a new place to locate.
- Overall community health improvement through water and air quality improvements, reduction of chemical and pesticide use, and reduced heat islands due to the addition of more native green spaces which double as wildlife corridors.
- Increased community pride via engagement of neighbors working towards a unified goal.

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN BROWARD COUNTY?

As of November 2014, Broward has 3,218 wildlife habitats, and 16 cities, certified by the NWF. These include businesses, schools, museums, parks, farms, municipal buildings and houses of worship. There are even certified balconies, according to Diana Guidry. She notes the movement to certify spreads once people see the certified habitat plaques. Folks call her asking, "How do I get one of these?" Applicants complete a simple on-line, or hard-copy application, denoting places for shelter, food, water and places to raise young, and submit \$20. Once accepted, habitats are given a number within the national registry.

Despite its human population density, South Florida is a habitat heaven, according to Dave Mizejewski, a NWF naturalist and well-known urban habitat expert. He points out our year-round gardening, and retiree interest in nature projects. Additionally, Broward and Palm Beach Counties have large, active butterfly and birding groups.

HOW DO YOU CERTIFY?

Visit www.nwf.org, scroll to the bottom of the page and click "Helping Wildlife: Garden for Wildlife". Proceed to "Start here to certify your habitat" (on the right), and you are on your way!

For any questions, please call December Lauretano-Haines at (954) 434-0008.

Mini-Flow: Florida Licensing on Wheels

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

May 28, From 9:30 - 2:30

REMEMBER!

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



FOR TRASH, RECYCLE AND BULK PICK UP ISSUES

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

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

AROUND THE TOWN

WATER CONSERVATION

Here in South Florida, we know the meaning of the word "season" in a very different way than the rest of the nation does. We're all familiar with the flood season, anytime from May or June through November, when our activities are beset by the daily afternoon storms and it seems that having too much water is a fact of life.

During the spring, however, our state's "other" season becomes

painfully evident –and concerning. That is why Southwest Ranches makes the effort each year, on behalf of our most precious resource, to publicly recognize and encourage the importance of water conservation.

Water conservation is crucial to maintaining both a vibrant natural environment and viable public water supply. It is more important than ever for communities to be mindful that conserva-



Council and staff with Proclamation recognizing April as Water Conservation Month.

tion can ease the effects of water shortages and help protect our vital water resources. Each and every one of us plays a role in Water Conservation.

WHAT DO I DO IF I'M THE VICTIM OF IDENTITY THEFT?

If you believe you are the victim of identity theft, there are several steps that you need to take to protect yourself. First, obtain a copy of your credit report. You can obtain a free copy (annually) of your three bureau credit reports online by going to: www.annualcreditreport.com. If you notice any fraudulent information or accounts on any of the three reports, contact the Davie Police to speak with an officer about your case. If the location where the crime occurred can be determined, it may be necessary to file a report with another local, state, or federal agency. In any case, the Davie Police Department will point you in the right direction in order to begin documenting your specific case. You will also need to contact your creditors, and possibly contact one of several different companies or agencies along the way. This process can seem daunting, but it is extremely important that you follow through in order to protect yourself and your credit.

The Davie Police Department has created a helpful document to help guide you through the entire process. Please visit the Town of Southwest Ranches web site at www.southwestranches.org for more information.



AROUND THE TOWN

AARP
DRIVER SAFETY



AARP DRIVER SAFETY CLASS AT SOUTHWEST RANCHES:

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

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

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

Payments will only be accepted in check or money order.



2015 School Calendar - Broward County Public Schools*

| MAY | | | | |
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| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |

MONDAY, MAY 25 - NO SCHOOL

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

DAVIE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officer Salvatore (Sal) Gambino has been a police officer with the Town of Davie since 2006. Officer Gambino began his law enforcement career in 2000 in New Jersey, where he worked for the Lavallette Police Department. After moving to south Florida, he attended the Palm Beach County Police Academy to obtain his Florida certification and was subsequently hired by the North Miami Police Department. Officer Gambino is a graduate of Lakewood High School in New Jersey and attended Bloomfield College. Officer Gambino is a member of the department's Mobile Field Force Team and has received numerous commendations throughout his career. Officer Gambino was named Officer of the Month in 2011 for his assistance with an elderly male who did not have money to purchase food. Officer Gambino used his own money to buy the man food and was able to enroll him in several social services programs and "meals on wheels," to assist him.



In February 2014, Officer Gambino was chosen to serve the residents of Southwest Ranches as a Road Patrol Officer. He is currently assigned to the Bravo (day) shift.

LET'S NOT FORGET OUR MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES...

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

THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS ARE NEEDED...

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

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

AROUND THE TOWN

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



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

A new service provided for Town Residents only!

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

**SAT., JULY 11
8 AM - 2 PM**

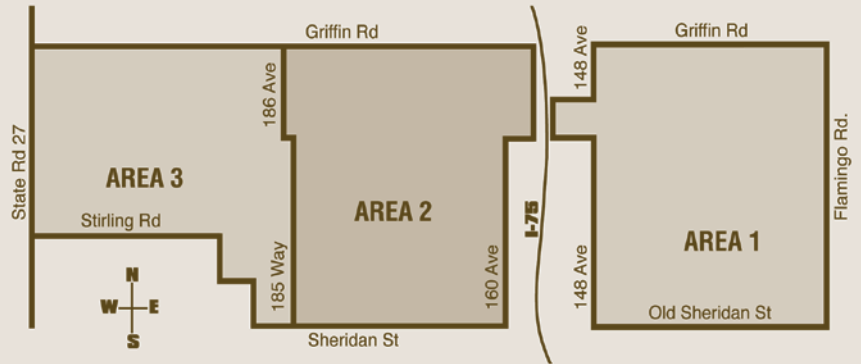
**SHRED-A-THON 10 AM - 2 PM
(LIMIT 4 BOXES)**

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

Waste Collection

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

TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES - Waste Collection Map & Schedule



Weekly **SOLID (GARBAGE)** Waste Days

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

BULK Collection Service Dates by Area

| Month | Area 3 (Wednesday Only) | Area 2 (Tuesday Only) | Area 1 (Monday Only) |
|---------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| May 15 | 5/13/15 - 5/27/15 | 5/12/15 - 5/26/15 | 5/11/15 - 5/25/15 |
| June 15 | 6/10/15 - 6/24/15 | 6/9/15 - 6/23/15 | 6/8/15 - 6/22/15 |

RECYCLE collection occurs once per week:

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

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

HELP KEEP FAMILIES SAFE

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

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

PLEASE REMOVE YOUR SIM AND SD CARD FROM YOU CELL PHONE



WOMEN IN DISTRESS
OF BROWARD COUNTY, INC.

JIM & JAN MORAN FAMILY CENTER



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN SAVING LIVES!



**STAY IN
TOUCH
WITH
CODE**





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

Please call: (954) 434-0008 or email Emily at emccord@swranches.org or Robert at rsolera@southwestranches.org

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

CALENDARS

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

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| May 3 | 4 • Aster Knight Parks Foundation Town Hall 7 pm • Country Est. 7 pm Grace Baptist Church 19200 Griffin Road | 5 • Code Hearing Town Hall 9 am | 6 • Drainage: Infrastructure Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm | 7 | 8 | 9 |
|  10 | 11 • Schools & Ed. Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm AREA 1 BULK | 12 • Rec., Forestry, & Natural Resources Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm AREA 2 BULK | 13 AREA 3 BULK | 14 • Town Council Meeting 7 pm | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 • Rural Public Arts & Design Advisory Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm | 20 • Fire Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm | 21 • Comprehensive Planning Advisory Town 7 pm | 22 | 23 |
| 24/31 |  25 • Town Hall Closed AREA 1 BULK | 26 • Rolling Oaks Civics Assn. 7 pm Rolling Oaks Barn 17630 SW 59th Street AREA 2 BULK | 27 • Sunshine Ranches Homeowners Assn. Town Hall 7:30 pm AREA 3 BULK | 28 • Flow Mobile DMV Services 9:30 am - 2:30 pm • Town Council Meeting 7 pm | 29 | 30 |
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| 28 | 29 | 30 | | | | |

IN TOUCH

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| Council Member Doug McKay | (954) 343-7462 | dmckay@swranches.org |

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| Town Comptroller, Rich Strum | (954) 434-0008 | rstrum@southwestranches.org |
| Town Attorney, Keith Poliakoff | (954) 434-0008 | |
| Town Engineer, Clete Saunier | (954) 434-0008 | csaunier@southwestranches.org |
| Town Clerk, Russell Muñiz, MMC | (954) 434-0008 | rmuniz@southwestranches.org |
| Records Coordinator, Ivette Solera | (954) 434-0008 | isolera@southwestranches.org |
| Procurement and Special Projects Coordinator, Juanita Romance | (954) 434-0008 | jromance@swranches.org |
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| Parks, Recreation, Open Space Coordinator, December Lauretano-Haines, CPRP | (954) 343-7452 | dlauretano@swranches.org |
| Administrative Specialist, Susan Kutz | (954) 434-0008 | skutz@southwestranches.org |
| Accounting Clerk, Mara Semper | (954) 434-0008 | msemper@southwestranches.org |

Planning, Zoning, Permitting & Certificate of Use

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

Code Compliance:

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| Enforcement Director, Robert Solera | (954) 343-7440 | rsolera@swranches.org |
| Code Enforcement Officer, Julio Medina | (954) 343-7458 | jmedina@swranches.org |

Police/Fire/Rescue Services

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

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

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

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

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| 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

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

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



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

3rd Annual Photo Contest

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

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

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

this could be your picture

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

"HAPPY MOTHERS DAY"
Sunday, May 10th

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

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| 1. Mothers | 6. Holiday | 11. Respect | 16. Giving |
| 2. Day | 7. Loving | 12. Thoughtful | 17. Special |
| 3. Moms | 8. Caring | 13. Family | 18. Happy |
| 4. Kids | 9. Children | 14. Considerate | 19. May |
| 5. Parent | 10. Grandmother | 15. Honor | 20. Spring |