

SOUTHWEST RANCHER

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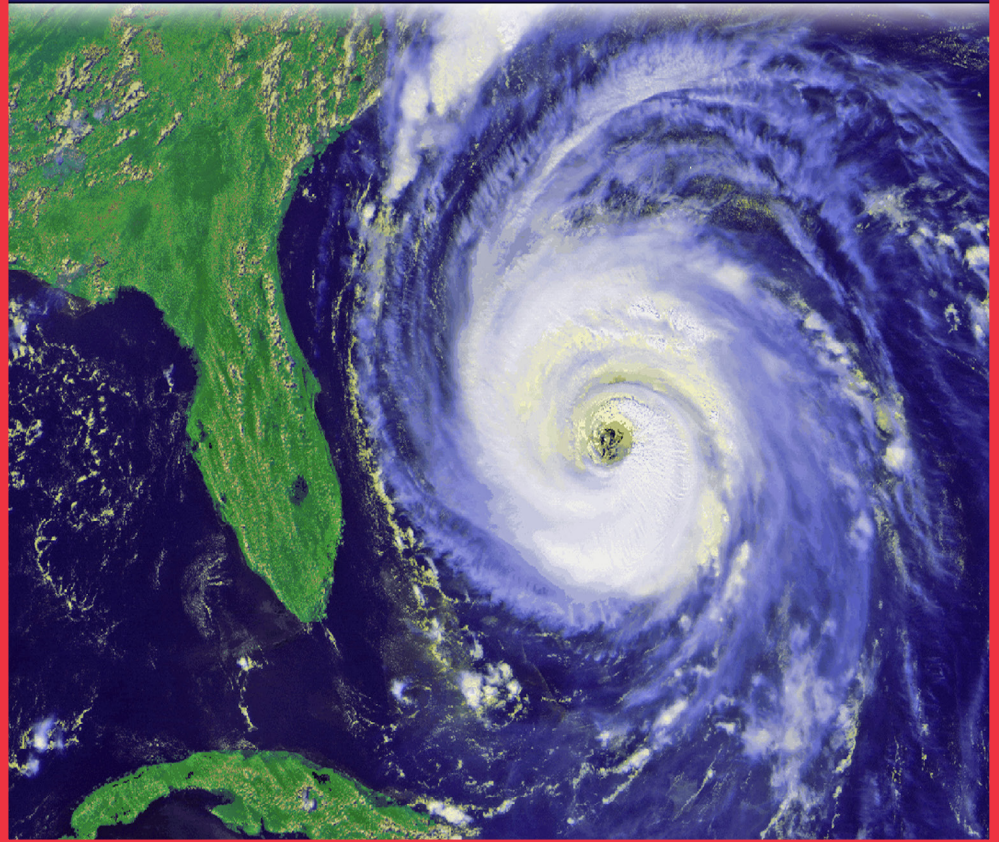


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ARE YOU ON THE LIST?
BE DISASTER AWARE,
SIGN UP NOW FOR...

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

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Mayor
Doug Mckay

Dear Residents,

Summer is almost here. While many of you may be getting ready for the beach and vacations, I urge you to remember that June 1st is the official start of Hurricane Season. Now is the perfect time to begin your preparations to protect your families and your property.

Two of the most important things you can do **before** the start of hurricane season is prepare an emergency kit, and develop a family communications plan. The emergency kit is a basic kit of items your household may need in the event of an emergency. This would include having enough food, water, and other supplies to last for at least 72 hours. Don't forget your pets in these plans - they'll need plenty of water and food during this period as well. Remember it could take days for rescue workers to reach everyone.

Another important aspect of your hurricane preparedness efforts should be the development of a family communications plan. When a hurricane strikes, your entire family may not be together. How will you contact each other? It's important to plan how you will contact each other under different situations. You may want even want to identify a friend or relative who lives out-of-state for family members to serve as a communication collection point. Consider using text messaging or other messaging apps available on your smart phones as these may still

operate when network disruptions occur. While the weather is pleasant, please visit FEMA's sponsored website (www.ready.gov) to learn more about preparing emergency kits and making a family communications plan.

Lastly, the Town Council recently discussed the issue of large businesses operating within residential communities in our Town. These types of businesses impact the surrounding community by increasing traffic, degrading our roads, and generating increased trash. While we have provisions of the Town Code to address these issues, we are considering a more proactive approach to address those violators. As your Mayor, I would love to know your thoughts about this. Please email me at dmckay@southwestranches.org or call me at 954-274-6508 to let me know your thoughts on how the Town could more effectively regulate large commercial businesses from negatively impacting residential communities within our Town.

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



Council Member
Steve Breitkreuz

June is here, kids are getting out of school, summer vacations are about to begin, we toss all of our cares to the wind right? OK, well, we do have one more item to accomplish or more than just our cares could be carried away with the wind. That, of course, is our preparation for hurricane season.

Inside this addition of the Rancher are a number articles that will assist in reminding you of the essentials of preparation for a hurricane. I will not rehash them here. I just ask that you set aside a small portion of your upcoming weekend to do some basic preparations. By this I mean consider doing the two following tasks which really are quick, easy and can provide a peace of mind as we head into the summer.

First go shopping! Come on, when was the last time someone had to talk you into going shopping? But in this case, we are picking up the basics for a storm, the water, canned goods, batteries, fuel, (if it can be stored safely) and other storm related items that you may need. Right now the store has them all, unlike later when we are in the middle of a storm warning.

Second, take 5 minutes and get

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WE CAN'T
"HELP YOU"

\$20.00

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

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

the family together and run through the plan for a storm. Know the plan for preparing your home and know the plan for where the safe room is in your house and where all of your supplies are stored. Take a few minutes to go over how that plan will all come together for your family. My kids are grown and out of the house, but when they were young, we had fun going over our plan, everyone with a job. Before we started, I just knew that I had everything covered, but when we were done, I inevitably had a list of things to do, to really be ready. It is a great exercise.

So, enjoy your summer. You have earned it. But don't forget these two final steps before you throw your cares to the wind!



Council Member Gary Jablonski

DEVELOPMENT or OPEN SPACE?

The Council has had a lot of recent discussion on Town (Public) owned property and what we should do with it. Presently the property being discussed is in the heart of Town on Griffin Road and SW 163 Ave. It is a five acre site that borders the Southwest Meadows Sanctuary Park. The recent Council discussion has been to do something with it, the problem with that is "what"? The Council recently tasked all the Advisory Boards with recommendations for uses on the property. The majority of Boards were not in favor of developing the property for anything other than a Town purpose. The consensus seemed to me that the property should benefit the Southwest Meadow's Park whenever it will be brought to fruition. The five acre parcel currently costs less than \$1500 dollars to maintain annually (mowing).

A common concern that came out of discussions at these Advisory Board meetings was that it only required 3 affirmative votes to sell Town property. **Most residents were shocked that it was that easy to do.** Because it is so easy I am proposing to amend the Town Charter two ways:

- A Charter Amendment that would require the unanimous vote of the Town Council when seeking to modify a property's land use from a Rural or Estate Land Use designation to any other land use category.

- A Charter Amendment that would require the unanimous vote of the Town Council and a referendum election to sell or to enter into a lease agreement greater than ten (10) years, including any renewals thereof, for any Town owned property, excluding rights of way, property that was not specifically acquired for resale or lease purposes, and property that was acquired via foreclosure.

I believe it is better to require more Council agreement on something this important. This will be brought to the Council for discussion in June. If the Town Council agrees with these changes, they then will go on the ballot for voter approval at the next election in 2018.

I feel very strongly about this because once you have sold, leased, or changed the land use the property will be gone FOREVER. Open space and rural character is what defines us and is one of the primary reasons all of us came here in the first place. My job as a Council Member is to protect that rural lifestyle and I took an oath of office and pledged to do that.

Our Town is special and we fought really hard to make it this way. Future Town Councils years from now may be tempted to sell public land. This property will be even more attractive as time goes on. These Charter Amendments, if passed will make it very difficult to sell Town land and help preserve our open space and parks. I need your support for approval of the Amendments to be put on the ballot. Please call or write your Council Member with your opinion, after all it's our future we are talking about.

It is my honor and privilege to serve you.

Gary

Mini-Flow:

Florida Licensing on Wheels

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

**Thursday, June 22nd
From 9:30 - 2:30**

AROUND THE TOWN



by Russell Muñiz

Brief legislation from the April 27, 2017 Town Council meeting:

- **Adopted Resolution 2017-036** approving an extension of the agreement with Jaffer Well Drilling for installation, testing, and repair of fire wells.
- **Adopted Resolution 2017-037** approving a proposal from Prestige Property Maintenance for public right-of-way maintenance.
- **Adopted Resolution 2017-038** approving an agreement with Florida Construction & Engineering,

Inc. for construction of year two and three of the TSDOR program.

- **Adopted Resolution 2017-039** approving an agreement with Weekly Asphalt Paving to complete the Country Estates Ballfield improvements.
- **Adopted Resolution 2017-040** approving the purchase and installation of playground safety material for Country Estates and Sunshine Ranches Equestrian Parks from A& A Playgrounds.
- **Adopted Resolution 2017-041** approving an increase to the hourly compensation for special magistrate services.

Brief legislation from the May 11, 2017 Town Council meeting:

- **Adopted Resolution 2017-042** approving an interlocal agreement with Broward County for the distribution of gas tax proceeds.
- **Adopted Resolution 2017-043** approving a two year agreement with Cleaning Systems, Inc. for janitorial services.
- **Adopted Resolution 2017-044** approving a release to Corecivic from a Letter of Credit related to roadway improvements along SW 202nd Avenue.

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.



Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Report Violations to FWC's Wildlife Alert Program

Call **888-404-FWCC**

If you suspect a fish, wildlife, boating, or environmental law violation, report it to the FWC's Wildlife Alert Reward Program: 888-404-FWCC (3922). Cell phone users can reach us at *FWC or #FWC, depending on your service provider.

Report violations online

If your information results in an arrest, you may be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000.

Report violations via text message

Most cell phones allow users to send text messages directly to an email address. You can text Tip@MyFWC.com; standard usage fees may apply.



To be eligible for a reward:

You must obtain a confidential code number to be eligible for a reward. When reporting violations online, a code number will be sent to the email address you provide. If you do not wish to provide an email address, please call 888-404-FWCC to obtain a code number. The telephones are answered 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

You may remain anonymous. You will not be required to testify in court. You may or may not be contacted for additional information, depending on your preference. It is important to report violations as soon as possible and provide as much detail as you can about the physical descriptions of violators, vehicles, license tag numbers, etc.

Examples of violations:

- Illegal hunting
- Boating under the influence
- Taking saltwater game fish out of season
- Illegal tire dumping
- Taking protected wildlife species

AROUND THE TOWN



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

THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES
13400 GRIFFIN RD

Monday, June 19th, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Monday, August 21st, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

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

FOR ALL APPLICANTS:

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

FOR RESIDENT ALIENS:

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

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

For more information please contact the Outreach Department at 954.357.5579 or at njones@bcpa.net.

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



Southwest Ranches FIRE RESCUE



Hurricane season is coming up quick. The critical/vulnerable time for residents is between June 1 and November 30th. Start preparing now, make sure you have flashlights and other lighting, batteries medications, water and non-perishable foods etc. Remember, your pets need shelter, water, food and several days supply of their medications. Make sure your yard debris are contained and trees are

trimmed, to assure access for emergency apparatus in the time of need. Have a pre-hurricane drill with your family members on Safety procedures and an emergency evacuation plan. Once the storm hits that is not the time to start planning.

Stay safe,
Chief Lee Bennett





HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS GUIDE

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**PRE-RECORDED EMERGENCY MESSAGE FOR
SOUTHWEST RANCHES RESIDENTS 954-343-7455**

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR RESIDENTS AT RISK

Before an emergency threatens, all Broward County residents should have a plan in place to help ensure their safety, including those who have disabilities and/or health issues that put them at risk in an emergency. All residents should be prepared before basic services such as water, gas, electricity or telephones are cut off for an extended period of time.

There are many resources on this website and in your community to assist you. If you are unable to prepare an emergency plan for yourself, ask a family member or friend to help you. Before a weather emergency or other disaster strikes, you should know what you need to do and where you need to go to be "Ready. Set. Safe". Follow this simple five-step plan.

SHELTER OPTIONS

- Seek emergency preparedness and response advice from your local, state and federal government, and community organizations. Find out what emergency plans are in place in your community and workplace, and with your service providers. See if those plans accommodate your special needs. Visit Broward.org/Hurricane for general preparedness information from Broward County, or ReadySouthFlorida.org.

- Talk to your physician or health care provider about a realistic plan for your safety. Know what you can and can't do and medicines you need to remain healthy.

- If you undergo routine treatments administered by a physician's office, clinic or hospital (such as dialysis), are a home healthcare client, or require oxygen supplies, call your service provider to discuss their plans for continuing service to you in an emergency.

- Consider your sheltering options and decide on a sheltering plan that is appropriate for your needs. You should have a plan, even if your plan is to shelter at home. Shelters do not require pre-registration, but it is encouraged.

PRE-REGISTER FOR IMPORTANT SERVICES

- Register with Broward County's Vulnerable Population Registry. This registry allows people who are disabled, frail or have health issues to register in advance with their city so that emergency workers may plan a better response to vulnerable residents in a recovery effort following a hurricane or other emergency. Each city may use the Vulnerable Population Registry list in a different way, based on their city's recovery effort. For more information or to register, call **3-1-1 or 954-831-4000**. This Registry does not involve sheltering or evacuation transportation.

- If you plan on going to a Special Needs Shelter, pre-registration is encouraged to ensure that the shelter is adequately prepared to meet your needs. If you pre-register, you are not obligated to go to the shelter in an emergency. You can change your plans without notice if you make other arrangements. To pre-register, call **Broward County Emergency Management at 954-831-**

3902 (TTY 954-831-3940) or complete the registration form online.

- Pre-register for evacuation transportation if you think you may need it. As with shelter registration, you are not obligated to take advantage of the service if your plans change. To pre-register, call **Broward County Emergency Management at 954-831-3902 (TTY 954-831-3940)** or complete the registration form online.

MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ANIMALS

- Service animals are permitted in General Population Shelters so long as the pet meets the requirements under Federal law. Visit ADA Requirements for Service Animals for additional information. However, a Pet Friendly Shelter is available for residents owning pets, not considered a service animal, and are living in evacuation areas or mobile homes.

- If you have a service animal, make sure the animal has a collar with identification. In your shelter kit, have proof that the animal's vaccinations are up to date, and a copy of written instructions for your animal's care. You are responsible for caring for your service animal during your stay in a shelter.

- Make other arrangements for any pets you may have, as pets other than service animals cannot be accommodated in the shelters.

- Broward County has one Pet-Friendly Shelter at Millennium Middle School in Tamarac. Pre-registration of pets is required, and owners are expected to shelter with their pets and provide care for them. Call **954-989-3977, and press 7, or visit humanebroward.com**.

PREPARE IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

- Make a list of your Personal Support Network – the people you can count on to help you before, during and after an emergency. Document contact information (home, work and cell phone numbers) for each person on the list, including family members, friends, coworkers and neighbors. The individuals in your Personal Support Network should be familiar with your functional abilities and limitations.

- Create a Personal Information Card with all your health information (doctors, insurance policy numbers, hospital preferences, current medications, medical conditions, etc.) Identify your disability-related or special medical needs.

PREPARE EQUIPMENT AND COLLECT SUPPLIES

- Place identification labels on any medical support equipment you would take to the shelter with you, such as wheelchairs, walkers and nebulizers.

- Collect your emergency supplies early. Supplies will vary, depending on whether you choose to go to a shelter or stay at home. Broward County has created a convenient shopping guide that can help you spread the expense of purchasing emergency supplies over eight weeks. View Hurricane Shopping Guide.

- Keep ample supplies of prescription and non-prescription medications on hand, especially during hurricane season, June 1 through November 30.



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KIT CHECKLIST

A family preparedness kit is one of the most important tools at your disposal to keep your family safe in a disaster.

- ☑ **Drinking Water:** At least one gallon, per person, per day for five days (preferably for two weeks). Extra water is needed for food preparation and personal hygiene. Use food-grade containers to store drinking water. You can use clean, airtight containers such as two-liter soda jugs, but no milk containers. If you re-use disposable plastic bottles do not keep them more than a month.
- ☑ **Food:** At least enough for five days, including nonperishable packaged or canned food, canned or shelf milk, cereal, snack foods, etc.
- ☑ A five-day supply or more of special items such as formula, food, wipes, diapers for babies, and special foods for the elderly; toiletries and extra toilet paper
- ☑ Manual can opener/ bottle opener
- ☑ Paper goods including plates, bowls, napkins, towels, plastic eating utensils, re-sealable plastic storage bags, heavy-duty aluminum foil and disposable aluminum pans
- ☑ Unscented household bleach and medicine dropper
- ☑ Extra bedding such as blankets, pillows, sleeping bag, etc. (in case you must evacuate)
- ☑ Clothing including rain gear and sturdy shoes
- ☑ First aid kit and hand sanitizer
- ☑ Medicines/prescription drugs: at least a two week supply
- ☑ Flashlight and extra batteries
- ☑ Battery-operated or hand-crank radio
- ☑ Disposable batteries, car chargers or solar charger for your cell phone
- ☑ Hardline telephone with jack (not cordless)
- ☑ Books and games or toys
- ☑ Pet food, cat litter and other pet care items



- ☑ Tool kit including cord, rope, hammer, wood nails, saw, hatchet or axe, crowbar, chainsaw blades, tarp, duct tape, plastic trash bags/ties and heavy working gloves
- ☑ Extra charcoal or propane gas for outdoor cooking. Sterno can also be used. Never cook with any of these items inside your house. The smoke and fumes are deadly.
- ☑ Fire extinguisher (ABC type)
- ☑ Matches in a waterproof container
- ☑ Mosquito repellent with DEET, and sunscreen
- ☑ Any special equipment or items you may need

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

- Emergency **911**
- First Call for Help **211**
- Davie Police Department **954-693-8352**
Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
- Non-Emergency **954-764-4357**
- Broward County Hurricane Hotline
954-831-4000 or 311
TTY 954-831-3940
- Broward County Human Services Department
Special Needs Shelter Registration - Must Pre-Register
954-831-3902
TTY 954-831-3940
- Broward County School District Hotline **754-321-0321**
- Broward County Animal Care & Regulation **954-359-1313**
- Insurance – State of Florida Department of Financial
Services Hurricane Helpline **1-800-22-STORM (78676)**
(TTY 711)
- American Red Cross, Broward Chapter **954-797-3800**
- Florida Power and Light **1-800-468-8243**
- Southwest Ranches Town Hall General Information
954-434-0008



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OTHER HELPFUL WEB LINKS

Broward County Chapter American Red Cross:
www.browardredcross.org

FEMA: www.fema.org

Broward County Hurricane Preparedness Guide:
www.broward.org/hurricane

CANAL ISSUES

East of Volunteer Road

- Central Broward Water Control District **954-432-5110**

West of Volunteer Road

- South Broward Drainage District **954-680-3337**

C-11 Canal Only South Florida Water Management District
954-452-4814

BEFORE THE STORM

Develop a Hurricane Plan

Follow these steps to create a family hurricane plan.

- ☑ Charge your cell phones, ensure you have a car charger
- ☑ Fill up your vehicles with gas
- ☑ **IMPORTANT: Trim your trees and vegetation early in the season. Do not trim trees when a storm is eminent. These items can be missiles during a storm and can cause severe damage or worse!**
- ☑ Keep documents in a sealed plastic bag.
- ☑ Storm proof your home. Assess your home for vulnerable areas by doing a structure and property evaluation.
- ☑ Just as every home should have a smoke alarm, every home should have an emergency supply kit packed and ready. Being prepared doesn't have to cost money.
- ☑ Document Assets... Make a visual and written record of your assets for insurance purposes. Also, photograph the interior and exterior of your home.
- ☑ Turn off circuit breakers before the power goes. Leave one circuit breaker on with a lamp so you will know when power is restored.
- ☑ If possible, purchase a generator and an ample supply of fuel to power the generator in the event of power outages. Safely store your generator outside when running it. Do not run your

generator in an enclosed area.

- ☑ Please remember to prepare ahead for your medical needs such as dialysis, insulin, oxygen, and any prescription drugs.
- ☑ The emergency refill law now allows you to obtain a 30-day supply of medications when an emergency is announced. Pregnant women who are two weeks from their due date, at high risk, or otherwise concerned should contact their physician.
- ☑ Make a plan for your pets and animals.

DURING THE STORM

Once the storm arrives, there are some additional measures you can take to keep everyone as safe as possible.

- ☑ Remain calm
- ☑ Stay indoors in a secure location, or your "safe room". The strongest part of a house is usually away from windows and exterior doors.
- ☑ Place towels along window sills and at the bottom of the door heading outside to keep water from coming in.
- ☑ Use flashlights, not candles or kerosene lamps, during the storm.
- ☑ Elevate valuables to table tops or higher places if flooding occurs.
- ☑ Be aware that tornados can appear anytime during a hurricane. Monitor your local radio stations and if a tornado warning is issued, take cover in an interior hallway or "safe room."
- ☑ Stay indoors till the storm has passed. A calm period at the eye of the storm may cause some people to think the storm has passed. Remain indoors until the news stations say it is safe to move about the area.
- ☑ If your house starts to break apart, cover yourself with a mattress. If your **safe room** is a bathroom with a bathtub, get in the tub under a mattress.
- ☑ Use the phone for urgent calls only. Don't use your phone if you hear thunder.

AFTER THE STORM

Some of the greatest hurricane dangers present themselves after the storm has passed. Keep these important tips in mind:



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- ☑ Treat all downed power lines as if they were live. If a power line is sparking or arcing, stay away call 911, if possible.
- ☑ Walk cautiously and avoid standing water, which may hide downed power lines or hazardous objects.
- ☑ Don't venture out in the dark because you may not see a power line that could still be energized.
- ☑ Do not drive unless it is an emergency. If power is out, traffic lights will not be working, stop signs and street signs may have blown away. Streets will be littered with debris. Treat each intersection as a four way stop.

- ☑ Spray paint your area code and telephone number on the side of the animal in a contrasting color. Use acrylic paint because it should wear off in 1-2 weeks.
- ☑ Shut off electricity to the barn before the storm. Unplug any appliances inside the barn so that they will not become energized by an electrical surge due to a lightning strike. This minimizes the chances of a fire.

...As pet owners we need to make preparations for our four-legged family members.

HORSE SUPPLIES:

Water: 12 gallons of water per horse per day.

Food: Be sure you have adequate supplies of hay and grain prior to the storm. You may not be able to get out for several days or longer. Grain should be stored in water proof containers, and if possible be up off the floor. Hay should be at least 2 feet off the floor and covered well, in the event of leaks.

TIPS FOR LARGE ANIMALS

No one can guarantee where your horse will be safe. The decision is yours. If you cannot make your property safe because of the condition of the barn, trees, power lines, low lying land prone to flooding, or general condition of the neighboring properties, plan on evacuating your horse at least 48 hours before the storm.

- ☑ Review all tips provided and implement as many as possible.
- ☑ Remove tools and loose objects.
- ☑ Board up barn windows
- ☑ Whether you decide to keep your animals in the barn, the pasture, or trailer them out of the area, it is very important that you have them haltered, preferably with a leather halter, and have them well identified.
- ☑ Attach a fetlock or mare band to your horse with your contact information written in permanent ink on the band.
- ☑ Place the horse's identification and contact information on a waterproof luggage tag and braid it close to the base of the horse's tail.
- ☑ Attach identification and contact information to the halter. Secure it tightly in a plastic bag and affix it to the halter with packing tape.
- ☑ If your horse is tattooed or has a microchip, make sure that the ownership information is current in the registration database.



PET SUPPLIES

- ☑ Large dogs need 1/2 gallon of water per day
- ☑ Treats
- ☑ Kitty litter
- ☑ Current photo of your pet for identification
- ☑ Tattoo number or microchip
- ☑ Make sure your pet is wearing its animal license tag with identification
- ☑ Medical records
- ☑ Rabies certification with tag

PERSONAL PROPERTY

It is important to take photos of damaged areas and possessions. Make temporary repairs to protect your home or property from further damage. Cover holes in the roof or walls with plywood and use heavy-duty plastic to cover broken windows. Keep records, bills and paid invoices until your insurance representative visits. Notify your insurance agent as soon as possible. If you have a downed tree in your yard, and it is not blocking a road, and has not downed a power line, it is your responsibility to remove the tree. Downed trees on private properties are the responsibility of the homeowner. Clean up the premises and remove debris within the time limits imposed by the Town and FEMA if applicable.



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GARBAGE AND STORM DEBRIS PICK UP

Once winds exceed 40 mph, garbage trucks are taken off the regular collection routes to protect the drivers. After the storm, as soon as roads are accessible, a first priority is to collect raw garbage. Solid Waste Systems (SWS), the Town's contracted hauler will collect garbage on the regular scheduled days.

Raw garbage poses a public health threat because bacteria and odor can attract scavenging animals. Do not place your raw garbage with hurricane generated debris. The second priority will be working with the Florida Department of Community Affairs and FEMA for removal of storm-related debris



STORM DEBRIS GUIDE

1. Separate hurricane vegetative and structural debris items.
2. Debris must be in front of your residence or it will not be removed.
3. Do not place debris near power poles.
4. Do not obstruct fire wells and hydrants with debris.
5. Do not place debris on utility boxes.
6. Place debris away from mailboxes.
7. Do not place debris in the street, causing a public safety hazard.

NOTE: UNIMPROVED AREAS OF YOUR PROPERTY, COMMERCIAL PROPERTY, NURSERIES, NURSERY DEBRIS AND LAND CLEARING ARE NOT APPLICABLE FOR GOVERNMENT-FUNDED DEBRIS PICKUP. DEBRIS PILED ON VACANT LOTS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP.

The town will post start and end dates of debris pickup on the Town Website and in print media. Please call Town Hall if you have questions about the disaster clean-up process. **(954) 434-0008**

A MESSAGE FROM FEMA

The federally backed National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) does cover flood damage for homeowners, renters and business owners. This protection is available to anyone in a community that participates in the NFIP.

Southwest Ranches participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, go to www.floodsmart.gov. There you can find out the flood risk where you live by simply typing in your address. A wealth of flood facts and protection tips are available at the easy-to-navigate flood smart website.

More information is also available at www.fema.gov.

1. Emergency Preparedness Is a Matter of Priorities;
2. Hurricane Season: June 1 - November 30
3. Hurricane WATCH - A hurricane may pass near or through the area within 48 hours
4. Hurricane WARNING - A hurricane is expected in 36 hours or less; all precautions should be taken immediately.
5. Special Needs Registry.
6. Who should register?

* If you have a special medical need, you are strongly encouraged to register for Broward County's Special Needs Shelter. Registration should be in advance, before a storm threatens. To register for a Special Needs Shelter and/or transportation to the shelter, call Broward County Human Services Department at **954-357-6385 (TTY 954-357-5608)**. There are some limitations, so be sure to inquire about your specific situation when you call to register.

GAS STATIONS WITH GENERATORS



* STARS ON MAP REPRESENT LOCATIONS OF GAS STATIONS WITH GENERATORS

AROUND THE TOWN



CODE ENFORCEMENT AND YOU: BULK DURING HURRICANE SEASON

By: Robert C. Solera, Code Enforcement Director
Code Services Inc. President

Once again the Hurricane Season is rapidly approaching. This article serves as a refresher to current residents and informational to our new residents in regards to the do's and don'ts that our residents need to know:

"DO's"

1). *The removal of excessive branches and trees limbs, which can damage your residence, is one of the many precautions that one needs to be aware of and take action prior to the Hurricane Season. After all we are a "Tree City USA" designated municipality, which makes us a very unique Town. We are very proud of our trees, but at the same time they can be detrimental to your property and possibly to adjacent properties as well.*



2). *Placement of cuttings under the guidelines of bulk is also encouraged. One must remember that the maximum amount allowed per bulk pickup date is 12 cubic yards. If you are including household items as part of the pickup, they must be counted towards the maximum allowed. In addition, the branches cannot be larger than 4'-0" in length or our contractor will not be able to provide a pickup.*

3). *Adhere to the correct collection date and week. As a reminder, bulk can be placed out for pickup on the Saturday prior to collection week. Any items that are placed before this date may be subjected to warnings and possible fines.*

"DON'TS"

1). *DO NOT wait until we are under a Hurricane Watch or Warning to begin any yard work that would require a bulk pickup. The date may not coincide with the collection date or week and the Town will not provide a special pickup to collect these items. The items will remain in place creating flying debris that will damage your property and others.*

2). *DO NOT KILL THE TREES – many times in an effort to prevent damage to our properties we tend to cut the trees too much during cutting, creating a hatrack scenario. Hat racking occurs when we cut more than 20% of the original tree canopy. This type of action is illegal and you will be cited accordingly. There is even the possibility that you will be required to install a replacement tree or more on the property.*

Code Enforcement works with all residents to make sure that all their needs are met. In addition, let's have a safe, not sorry Hurricane Season. We all depend on your help to keep our trees and to protect our neighbor's properties.


**CALLING ALL
AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS
AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2017
SUNSHINE RANCHES EQUESTRIAN PARK
9 AM - 5 PM**

**HOSTED BY:
THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES
AND OUR LOCAL AMATEUR RADIO (HAM) OPERATORS**

- REFRESHMENTS
- HANDS ON EXPERIENCE
- FAMILY EVENT
- FREE ADMISSION

**WATCH OPERATORS MAKE CONTACTS AND ENJOY
MAKING YOUR OWN AT OUR GOTO STATION, AND LEARN
HOW TO BECOME A LICENSED AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR**


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The Southwest Ranches Parks Foundation
presents an evening of fundraising, sampling and fascinating facts about the noble spirit.

A HISTORY OF RUM



Join us in a journey of understanding and appreciation guided by

**Dr. Franklin W. Knight,
Professor of History at Johns Hopkins University**

Saturday, June 24th - 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

**Rolling Oaks Barn
17630 SW 56th Street, Southwest Ranches**

Tickets \$35.00 per person - Seating is limited - (954) 343-7452
Event also features raffle items, light refreshments, souvenirs for ticket holders.

AROUND THE TOWN



Hey Southwest Ranches, let's
PRECYCLE



Here are some simple ways to reduce the amount of waste generated in your home.

- Use durable plates, cups, silverware and cloth napkins in place of disposable paper products.
- Use a reusable beverage container instead of purchasing individual bottles.
- Use reusable shopping bags to eliminate the need for paper and plastic bags.
- Donate to feel great. Consider donating what you no longer use. Many charities offer convenient at-home pick-up services for clothes, appliances and furniture.
- Participate in the Town's Household Hazardous Waste drop-off events.

Visit the towns web-site for more information.

2017 School Calendar Broward County Public Schools*



JUNE				
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

THURSDAY, JUNE 8th - EARLY RELEASE DAY

FRIDAY, JUNE 9th - EMPLOYEE PLANNING (NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28th - REPORT CARDS ISSUED



Lots of Fun & Entertainment at the 2nd Annual Country Estates Homeowners Association BBQ



AROUND THE TOWN

Household Hazardous Waste, Electronics & Bulk Drop Off Event

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

SATURDAY, JULY 8TH, 2017, 8-2 PM

Location: Rolling Oaks Park, 17630 SW 56th Street, Southwest Ranches

LIMIT 4 TIRES PER HOUSEHOLD

(NO RIMS)

Shred-A-Thon

10 am - 2 pm

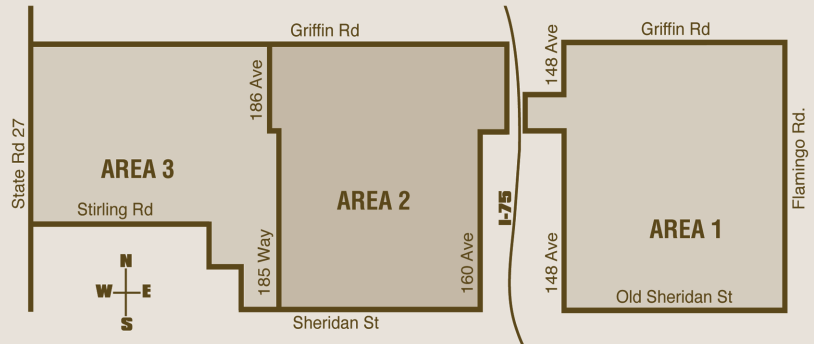
NOTE: Event may be cancelled due to rain, excessive winds or other hazardous conditions as determined by the Town.

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

Waste Collection

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

TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES - Waste Collection Map & Schedule



Weekly **SOLID (GARBAGE)** Waste Days

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

BULK Collection Service Dates by Area

Month	Area 3 (Wednesday Only)	Area 2 (Tuesday Only)	Area 1 (Monday Only)
June 17	6/7/17 - 6/21/17	6/6/17 - 6/20/17	6/5/17 - 6/19/17
July 17	7/5/17 - 7/19/17	7/4/17 - 7/18/17	7/3/17 - 7/17/17 - 7/31/17

RECYCLE collection occurs once per week:

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

At the JUNE 8TH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING, the Town Council will discuss two potential CHARTER AMENDMENTS.

We urge all residents who wish to speak on these items to attend.

1. A Charter Amendment that would require the unanimous vote of the Town Council when seeking to modify a property's land use from a Rural or Estate Land Use designation to any other land use category.
2. A Charter Amendment that would require the unanimous vote of the Town Council and a referendum election to sell or to enter into a lease agreement greater than ten (10) years, including any renewals thereof, for any Town owned property, excluding rights of way, property that was not specifically acquired for re-sale or lease purposes, and property that was acquired via foreclosure.

**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!

* 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	
				1	2	3	
June	4	5	6	7	8	10	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWR Parks Foundation Meeting - Town Hall - 7 pm • Country Estates Grace Baptist Church - 19200 Griffin Rd. - 7 pm AREA 1 BULK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code Hearing Town Hall 9 am AREA 2 BULK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drainage & Infrastructure Advisory Board - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 3 BULK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOWN COUNCIL Meeting 7 pm 		
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools & Ed. Advisory Board - Town Hall 7 pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks, Recreation & Open Space Advisory Board Meeting Town Hall 7 pm 	 <p>Flag Day</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive Planning Advisory Board Meeting Town Hall - 7 pm 		
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broward County Property Appraiser Services - Town Hall 11:30 am - 1:00 pm AREA 1 BULK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural Public Arts & Design Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 2 BULK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Solstice in the Saddle • Fire Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm AREA 3 BULK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOWN COUNCIL Meeting 7 pm • Flow Mobile DMV Services - Town Hall 9:30 am - 2:30 pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amateur Radio Operators Event - Sunshine Ranches Equestrian Park 9 - 5 • History of Rum Event 6 - 5 pm Sunshine Ranches Equestrian Park 		
25	26	27	28	29	30		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rolling Oaks Civic Assn. Rolling Oaks Barn 17630 SW 56 St - 7 pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunshine Ranches Homeowners Assn. Town Hall - 7:30 pm 				
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30	31						
	AREA 1 BULK						

IN TOUCH

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Town Hall Office Hours: Monday - Friday / 8:30 am - 5:00 pm • **Town Website:** www.southwestranches.org

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Council Member Dee Schroeder	(954) 343-7472	dschroeder@swranches.org

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Community Services Coordinator, Emily McCord Aceti	(954) 343-7453	eaceti@southwestranches.org
Parks, Recreation, Open Space Coordinator, December Lauretano-Haines, CPRP	(954) 343-7452	dlauretano@swranches.org

CAP Government

Building Department/Permitting

David Tringo	M-F 9:00 am - 4:00 pm (954) 605-0127	dtringo@capfla.com
Lisa Reices Nicasio	(954) 655-3721	lreices@capfla.com
Digna Regus	(954) 343-7445	dregus@capfla.com

Planning

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

Code Services, Inc.

Zoning, Permitting & Certificate of Use

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

Public Safety

Emergency

CSA Bill Gallagher at Town Hall	8:30 am - 5 pm	(954) 693-8352	william_gallagher@davie-fl.gov
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) 434-8232	

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

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

Waste/Bulk/Recycling Services (Residential & Commercial)

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

Water Districts - Canals (Permits)

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

MOSQUITO CONTROL

(954) 765-4062



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

5th Annual Photo Contest

"ANYTHING IN OUR TOWN"
(excluding people) is once again the theme for the 2017 Photo Contest.

Pictures must be submitted by July 15, 2017.

- Please provide a photo caption (limit 74 characters).
- Photos must be at least 8 1/2 x 11 (landscape).
- Must be a resolution of at least 300 DPI.
- No previous photos will be accepted.

This could be your picture!

Call Susan for additional information (954) 434-0008 or email: Skutz@southwestranches.org

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- BLUE JAY
- CANARY
- CARDINAL
- COCKATOO
- CRANE
- DOVE
- EAGLE
- EMU
- FALCON
- FLAMINGO
- HAWK
- HERON
- HUMMINGBIRD
- IBIS
- KIWI
- MAGPIE
- MOCKINGBIRD
- OSTRICH
- PARAKEET
- PARROT
- PARTRIDGE
- PELICAN
- PENGUIN
- PIGEON
- QUAIL
- RAVEN
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