

SOUTHWEST RANCHER

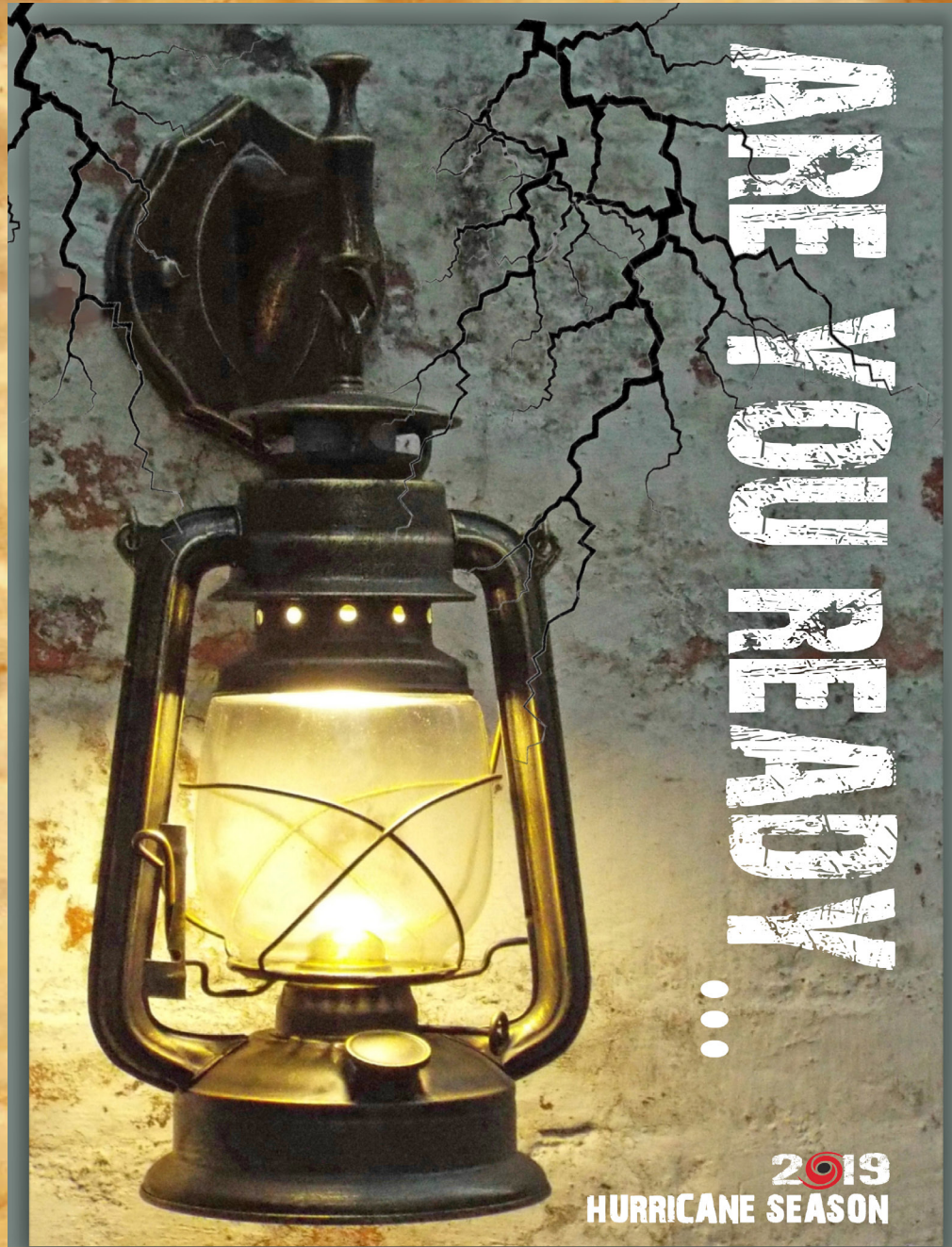
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2019
HURRICANE SEASON





Mayor
Doug Mckay

Dear Residents,

Our community was founded by selfless individuals who joined together to preserve the lifestyle we all enjoy while urban sprawl was encroaching around us at every corner. That selfless spirit has emerged over the years in many ways, including countless volunteering efforts when the community has called upon them. Most recently, a group of volunteers and myself repainted all of the parking lot lines and crossings in the Town Hall parking lot. I'd like to tap more into that selfless spirit that I believe exists within most residents.

While we are at the beginning of Hurricane Season, I am putting out a call to action. I am forming a group of volunteers that are willing to assist their fellow neighbors and the Town with any storm related recovery effort. The need I see is for resident volunteers who have heavy equipment that are willing and able to help clear impassible roads and drive-ways. While the Town will have contractors that will perform some of these services, it may take some time for the Town to organize the response. By having an army of volunteers who can identify prior to an event, it will help get our fellow residents the help they need as quickly as possible and help us recover much more quickly post storm.

If you are looking for an outlet for your volunteer spirit and would like to join this effort please contact me. Let me know what heavy equipment or assets you would be willing to utilize to assist us with.

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

Doug



Council Member
Bob Hartmann

Officially, the 2019 hurricane season runs June 1 through Nov. 30, though this year it seems to have started on May 3 when a tropical depression spun up southeast of Florida dumping 8 inches of rain in areas surrounding Southwest Ranches. While the timeframe for hurricane season may vary year to year, there are a few things to be certain about, storms of varying intensities will come, and we need to be prepared.

My wife's family relocated to Florida when she was 12 years old, and I moved here in my mid-twenties. She has been preparing for hurricanes with her family since she was young. My family also prepared annually since I come from a hurricane prone area too. After many years of readiness, stocking our pantry, putting up water, cleaning up around the house in May, we took a year off, it was 2005; that October Wilma hit us with 134 MPH winds from the west. Fortunately we had enough food, but our generator was defective and it destroyed our well pump. We were unprepared, as a result we were miserable for the first week of a 2 1/2 week power outage. We were able to borrow a small generator from a friend in Central Florida. We agreed to never let this happen again.

Tropical storms and hurricanes are a fact of life in our region of the country. It only makes good sense to have as much information as possible to minimize the potentially devastating effects that these two natural events may cause.

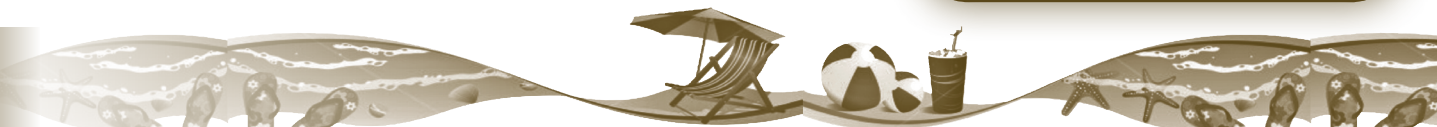
As with every hurricane season regardless of forecast, knowing the essentials of how to prepare could truly

be a life saver. After you read this issue of the Southwest Rancher, put it with your hurricane supply kit. It has useful information for the time before, during, and after the storm. There are also critical phone numbers for gaining assistance and support.

One action you should take now is to sign up for the Town's **CodeRED** system. To sign up go to the Town's homepage, scroll down to the bottom, and look for the emergency preparedness tab and click on the link labeled Register for **CodeRED**. **Register with your name and cell phone to be notified about town related hurricane information detailed in this issue of the Rancher.**

Living in South Florida means living under threat of hurricanes. I want to reassure you that the Town of Southwest Ranches is prepared for the upcoming hurricane season. The need for our residents to be prepared cannot be overstated. I encourage each and every one of you to have a plan. Having a family plan, including a supply kit, is paramount for survival during and after a hurricane. So, don't wait! I urge you to use this hurricane preparedness guide and plan today to protect yourself and your family. We are all in this together.

Bob Hartmann
954-801-1758



TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES BUDGET HEARINGS AND WORKSHOP

The following publicly held Budget meetings/workshop will be in Council Chambers:

THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2019

Preliminary Millage Rate and Initial FY 2019-2020 Fire Protection and Solid Waste (SW) special assessment adoption at July Regular Council Meeting (all via resolutions)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2019

Budget Workshop on Proposed Budget (7 PM) - Mayor and Town Council (Community Invited)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

First Public Hearing for Tentative Millage and Budget Adoption introduced for FY 2019-2020 (via a resolution and ordinance, respectively). Final Fire Protection and SW special assessment Adoption (via resolutions) @ 6:00 PM. (September Regular Council meeting @ 7:30 PM)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2019

Second Public Hearing for Final Millage and Budget Adoption (via a resolution and ordinance, respectively) @ 6:00 PM. (September Regular Council meeting @ 7:00 PM)

A Small History of the Challenge Coin



Front of Coin



Back of Coin


Please support the Scholarship Fund of the Town of Southwest Ranches and purchase your 2019 Southwest Ranches Challenge Coin. They are available at Town Hall, and cost \$15.

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

**SATURDAY, JUNE 22ND AND SUNDAY, JUNE 23RD
SUNSHINE RANCHES EQUESTRIAN PARK
5840 VOLUNTEER ROAD
9 AM - 5 PM**

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

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


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Clerk's Corner

by Russell Muñiz



Brief legislation from the April 25, 2019 Town Council Regular Meeting:

- **Adopted Resolution 2019-031** approving a Site Plan Modification for New Horizon Methodist Church to construct a mission building.
 - **Adopted Resolution 2019-032** approving Site Plan Modification for Sikh Society of Florida to erect a building addition.
 - **Adopted Resolution 2019-033** approving Site Plan Modification for Menorah Gardens to construct an eighth mausoleum.
 - **Adopted Resolution 2019-034** approving an interlocal agreement with Broward County for the distribution of the Town's portion of local option gas taxes.
 - **Adopted Resolution 2019-035** reaffirming the Town's opposition to the oil drilling permit application applied for by Kanter Real Estate, LLC for property located in the Everglades.
- Brief legislation from the May 9, 2019 Town Council Regular Meeting:**

- **Adopted Resolution 2019-036** urging the state legislature and federal government to initiate a study of the health effects of small cell towers built to accommodate 5g technology.
 - **Adopted Resolution 2019-037** authorizing the purchase of purchase public safety communication equipment for the Southwest Ranches Volunteer Fire Rescue, Inc.
- 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.**

AROUND THE TOWN



COUNTRY ESTATES HOA's 3RD ANNUAL COUNTRY BBQ

This year's Country Estates HOA BBQ was a complete success! Many friends, neighbors, and Country Estates families enjoyed the food, fun, wonderful weather, and beautiful park. Oh, and this year's membership drive has pushed membership up to 10% of the total number of households in the Country Estates area. Congratulations CEHOA! CM Bob Hartmann.



Mini-Flow: Florida Licensing on Wheels

Gather
Go
Get

Welcome to
Southwest
Ranches

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

Thursday, May 23rd from
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Thursday, June 27th from
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKERS

HIGHLY VISIBLE DAY OR NIGHT

Order today...

this could help save your life or someone you love.

IF WE CAN'T FIND YOU...
WE CAN'T HELP YOU.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

MOUNTING PREFERENCE:

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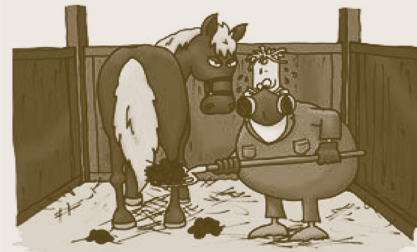
Make Checks payable to:

Southwest Ranches Fire Rescue

17220 Griffin Rd, Southwest Ranches, Fl. 33331

For additional information contact
Chief Bennett at 954.868.2057

\$20.00



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



Volunteer Appreciation Day



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: _____

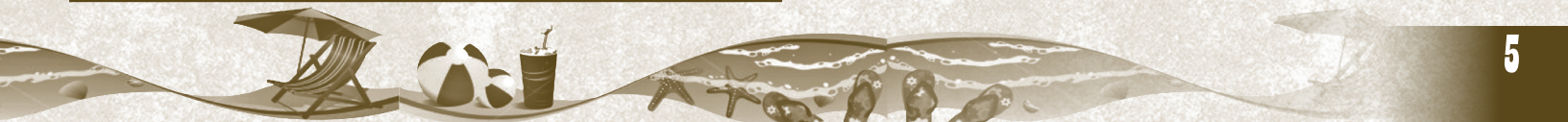
Choice #1 - Phone: _____

Choice #2 - Cell: _____

Choice #3 - Email: _____

Or all the above.

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





HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS GUIDE

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

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR RESIDENTS

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.

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."

BEFORE THE STORM

DEVELOP A HURRICANE PLAN

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.

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 imminent. These items can be missiles during a storm and can cause severe damage or worse!**
- ☑ Keep important documents in a sealed plastic bag.
- ☑ 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 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.

PREPARATION KIT

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, per person per day, 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



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SHELTER OPTIONS

GENERAL POPULATION SHELTERS

Lyons Creek Middle School

4333 Sol Press Blvd., Coconut Creek 33073

Coral Glades High School

2700 Sportsplex Dr, Coral Springs 33065

Monarch High School

5050 Wiles Road, Coconut Creek 33073

Pompano Beach High School

1400 N. E. 6th St., Pompano Beach 33060

Park Lakes Elementary School

3925 N. State Road 7, Lauderdale Lakes 33319

Rock Island Elementary/Atlantic Technical (Arthur Ashe)

1701 N. W. 23rd Ave., Fort Lauderdale 33311

Plantation Elementary School

651 N. W. 42nd Ave., Plantation 33317

Fox Trail Elementary School

1250 Nob Hill Road, Davie 33324

Falcon Cove Middle School

4251 Bonaventure Blvd., Weston 33332

New Renaissance Middle School

10701 Miramar Blvd., Miramar 33025

Watkins Elementary School

3520 S. W. 52nd Ave., Pembroke Park 33023

Everglades High School

17100 SW 48 Court, Miramar, FL 33027

West Broward High School

500 NW 209 Avenue, Pembroke Pines, FL 33029

Not all shelters may be open during a state of emergency. In the event of an evacuation order, monitor news reports or call the Broward County Emergency Hotline, 311 or 954-831-4000, for specific shelter openings. Emergency shelters are a service of the Broward County Commission, American Red Cross, Broward County School Board and Florida Department of Health in Broward.

PET-FRIENDLY SHELTERS

A pet-friendly shelter operated by Broward County and the Broward County Humane Society is available to residents with pets on a first-come, first-served basis. Advance, in-person registration is recommended, but not required. Call the Humane Society at **954-989-3977**.

SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTER

If you have a medical condition that requires a greater level of care than provided at a General Population Shelter, but you do not require hospitalization or a medical institution, a Special Needs Shelter may be appropriate for you. These shelters offer basic medical assistance and monitoring. Pre-registration for the Special Needs Shelter is open throughout the year, and requires your physician's involvement. To request or obtain an application for a Special Needs Shelter, call Broward County Emergency Management at **954-831-3902 (TTY 954-831-3940)**. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged to ensure the shelter will be adequately prepared to meet your needs.

- 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.

VULNERABLE POPULATION

• Vulnerable Population Registry is a program that allows people who would be at risk following an emergency to register in advance so that emergency workers may plan a better response during a recovery effort. The Registry is a joint partnership between municipalities and Broward County. Each municipality may use the Vulnerable Population Registry list in a different way, based on their local recovery effort.

WHO SHOULD REGISTER

• You should register in the Vulnerable Population Registry if you elect to stay at home during an emergency and have a disability, frailty or health issue that would make you vulnerable in an emergency. If you live in an evacuation zone, you should plan to evacuate. Registration does not guarantee that you will be provided services or placed on a priority list for emergency responders. However, it will help your community be better prepared to respond.

HOW DO I REGISTER?

• The easiest way to register is online at Broward.org/Atrisk. You can register yourself, or a family member or caregiver can register for you, if you authorize them to do so. If you don't have access to a computer, you can also register by calling Town Hall, or the



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Broward County Call Center at **311** or **954-831-4000 (TTY 954-831-3940)**.

REMEMBER . . .

- Register only once. If you move, or no longer want to be included in the Registry, call your Town Hall or the Broward County Call Center to update or delete your registration.
- Registration is not a guarantee that you will be provided services or placed on a priority list for emergency responders, but it will help Town Hall better respond during a recovery effort.
- All information will be held in the strictest confidence as required by State law.

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

TIP FOR LARGE ANIMALS

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

No one can guarantee where your animal 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 animal with your contact information written in permanent ink on the band.
- ☑ Place the animal'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 animal is tattooed or has a microchip, make sure that the ownership information is current in the registration database.
- ☑ Spray paint you 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.

ANIMAL SUPPLIES:

Water: Have enough water for up to 5 days.

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.

PET SUPPLIES:

- ☑ Large dogs need ½ 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

SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLE 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. The Town's



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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 the removal of storm-related debris.

*** DO NOT PLACE BULK OUT BEFORE STORM**

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 during 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.

AFTER THE STORM

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

- Treat all downed power lines as if they were live. If a power line is sparking or arcing, stay away and 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.

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: VACANT LOTS, COMMERCIAL PROPERTY, NURSERIES, NURSERY DEBRIS AND LAND CLEARING ARE NOT APPROVED FOR GOVERNMENT-FUNDED DEBRIS PICKUP. DEBRIS PILED ON VACANT LOTS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP.

The town will post debris pickup information on the town website, social media, emergency notification, message boards and pre-recorded emergency message for Southwest Ranches residents **(954) 343-7455**. Please call Town Hall if you have questions about the disaster clean-up process: **(954) 434-0008**.

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.

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**



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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 advanced, before a storm threatens. To register for a Special Needs Shelter and/or transportation to the shelter, call Broward County Human Services Department at 954-357-6358 (TTY 954-357-5608). There are some limitations, so be sure to inquire about your specific situation when you call to register.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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| Emergency | 911 |
| Davie Police Department | 954-693-8205 |
| Monday-Friday, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm | |
| Non-Emergency | 954-764-4357 |
| Broward County Hurricane Hotline
& Emergency Shelters | 954-831-4000 or 311
TTY 954-831-3940 |
| Broward County Human Services Department
Specials Needs Shelter Registration | 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
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
 Southwest Ranches Recorded Emergency Message
954-343-7455

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 **YouTube** **YOUTUBE:**
Town of Southwest Ranches Official Channel
 **TWITTER: @SWR_Gov**

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

PORTABLE, GASOLINE-POWERED GENERATORS

- Thoroughly read and follow the manufacturer's instructions to avoid dangerous shortcuts and ensure the safe operation of your generator.
- Set it up outside, away from all open windows, including neighbors' windows, to prevent deadly exhaust from entering a home or business.
- Use a heavy-duty extension cord rated for outdoor use to keep the generator safely outdoors. If the appliance has a three-prong plug, always use a three-prong extension cord.
- Consider using a battery-operated carbon monoxide alarm to be alerted if carbon monoxide levels become dangerous.
- Connect appliances directly to it. Do not wire your generator directly to your breaker or fuse box, because the power you generate may flow back into power lines and cause severe injuries, or even kill a neighbor or utility crew working to restore power.
- Turn off all connected appliances before starting your generator.
- Turn connected appliances on one at a time, never exceeding the generator's rated wattage.
- Don't touch a generator if you are wet or are standing in water or on damp ground.
- Never refuel a hot generator or one that is running – hot engine parts or exhaust can ignite gasoline.
- Ensure you have plenty of gas for operation stored safely in gas containers.
- Don't leave a running generator unattended; turn it off at night and when away from home.

AROUND THE TOWN

Be a part of history ...

BUY-A PERSONALIZED ENGRAVED BRICK

\$100.00

To be placed around
Town Hall flagpole.

Call Town Hall (954) 343-7452

or download forms:
www.southwestranches.org



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.

BE AWARE

Residents, please be vigilant and lock your car doors... We have had some car burglaries in our area. **BE SAFE**, make sure you don't leave anything in your car that you don't want stolen!

CODE ENFORCEMENT
HOT-LINE
954-343-7449

HISTORICAL SOCIETY BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Do you reside, lease or rent in the
Town of Southwest Ranches and
want to advertise your business?

Have your business added to ...

**The Southwest Ranches
Historical Society Directory.**

For additional information contact:
Mara Semper (954) 434-0008



I should have checked the
Historical Society
Business Directory

The directory is intended
to provide information only.
The Town of Southwest Ranches
does not endorse any businesses.

AROUND THE TOWN



Broward County Property Appraiser's Office
 115 S. Andrews Avenue, Room III
 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301
 (954) 357-6830 • Fax: (954) 357-8474
 www.bcpa.net

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FILING DATES ANNOUNCED FOR TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, SOUTHWEST RANCHES

Broward County Property Appraiser, Marty Kiar has announced special 2019 homeowner sign-up dates for Homestead, Senior and other property tax exemptions at **Southwest Ranches Town Hall 13400 Griffin Road, Southwest Ranches, FL 33330**

May 20th, 2019 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM
June 17th, 2019 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Documents required to file a Homestead Exemption include:

- A current Florida driver's license or Florida identification card, AND
- A current voter registration card or declaration of domicile
- Non-US citizens must also provide proof of legal residency.
- If you are a new resident to Florida, please provide your Settlement Statement from your prior out of state property.

Qualified residents 65 years of age or older as of January 1, 2019 may also apply for the Low-Income Senior Exemption. In order to qualify for the Low-Income Senior Exemption for 2019, an applicant must be 65 or older as of January 1, 2019, receive the Homestead Exemption on the property and have a combined household adjusted gross income for 2018 not exceeding \$30,174. Seniors must bring a copy of their 2018 Income Tax Return or a copy of their 2018 Social Security 1099 form (if no tax return was filed).

Susan Kung, CFE

M.E.I.T. (Mobile Exemption & Information Team) Specialist II
 Office of Marty Kiar, Broward County Property Appraiser
 Broward Governmental Center

115 S. Andrews Ave Room 111 • Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
 (954) 357-7541 • E-Mail skung@bcpa.net • Fax (954) 357-6312



Your Butterfly Garden: SPANISH NEEDLE Bidens alba

Often maligned as a weed, Spanish needles (as they are commonly known) are an ecologically significant and extremely beneficial pollinator species, providing nectar sources to a variety of butterflies and bees. Sun and drought tolerant, as well as easy to grow and cultivate, B. alba leaves are edible (use them in salads), and may be used as medicinal remedies. Yeast collected from the plants has even been used to brew beer!

The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs recently awarded one of its 2019 Ella P. Woods Paths of Sunshine Award to FDOT District 6 (Tamiami Trail in Miami between 177th and 172nd Avenues). This award recognizes the Florida Department of Transportation's commitment to native wildflower and plant conservation, and its understanding the importance of conserving and managing naturally occurring roadside wildflowers: our native Bidens alba.

June School Calendar Broward County Public Schools

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

JUNE				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

Tuesday, June 4th ~ Early Release Day
 Wednesday, June 5th ~ No School for Students
 Wednesday, June 26th ~ Report Cards Issued

Household HAZARDOUS WASTE Disposal Days

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE, ELECTRONICS & BULK DROP OFF EVENT

• Saturday, July 13th, 2019 . 8:00am to 2:00pm
 Location: Rolling Oaks Barn - 17630 SW 56th St., Southwest Ranches, 33331
 Document shredding and prescription drug drop off WILL be at this location
 This service is provided for Town residents only. Proof of residency is required.
 NOTE: Event may be cancelled due to rain, excessive winds or other hazardous conditions as determined by the Town.

ACCEPTABLE HHW ITEMS

Aerosol Cans Antifreeze/Coolant/Paint
 Batteries & Auto Batteries
 BBQ & Camp Size Propane
 Cleaners
 Fluorescent Tubes/Bulbs
 Garden Chemicals
 Latex/Oil-Based Paint
 Pesticides
 Pool Chlorine
 Tires (Up to 4 tires per household no rims)
 Used Oil & Filters

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Computers, Cables DVD Players,
 Key Boards, Mice, Adapters,
 Monitors, Printers/Scanners,
 Radios, Stereo Components, TVs,
 Tape Players, VCRs

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

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

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

SWR 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.

AROUND THE TOWN



TALKIN' TRASH

DO YOUR SPRING TRIMMING NOW

NOT RIGHT BEFORE A STORM!



REMEMBER...

12 cubic yards ONLY,
approximately the size
of a Volkswagen Beetle which =
8 feet wide x 14 feet long x 4 feet tall

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

DOG BODY LANGUAGE & BEHAVIOR SEMINAR

This seminar is for anyone who works with, owns or just likes dogs! It is an interactive lecture that goes into detail about dogs' behavior and body language, both obvious and subtle, with numerous photos and videos as examples. Dogs are CONSTANTLY talking to us, but we need to learn how to listen with our eyes in order to read their body language. This seminar will challenge & enhance what you already know and promises you'll learn something new; even trainers! Trainers certified through CCPDT at any of the 3 levels will earn 4 CEU credits for this seminar!!

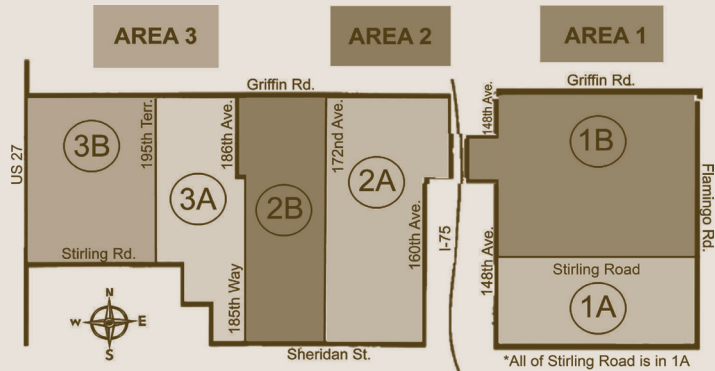
Jess Feliciano, CDBC, CPDT, CTC of RotNDog Training & Behavior Consulting has spent years working with and rehabilitating fearful, aggressive dogs and dogs with other issues with incredible outcomes while thinking outside the box. She has studied dogs' body language in order to help her to help owners, shelters and rescues learn how to read the dogs in their care. Dogs don't bite out of the blue, so it's especially important for all of us to learn what they're trying to tell us, no matter how subtle.

DATE: Saturday, June 29, 2019 • **Time:** 11:30 – 3:30 PM
PLACE: Town Hall – 13400 Griffin Road, Southwest Ranches, FL 33330
The seminar will consist of: 4 hours of lecture and Q&A with breaks.
COST: \$25 per person (\$15 for Southwest Ranches Residents)

For more information regarding this seminar or registration & payment instructions, please contact Leslie Kastner at SWRLostandFoundAnimals@gmail.com or call 754-224-0877.

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	WEDNESDAY Only	Area	TUESDAY Only	Area	MONDAY Only
Jun. 2019	3-A	6/5 -- 6/19	2-A	6/4 -- 6/18	1-A	6/3 -- 6/17
	3-B	6/12 -- 6/26	2-B	6/11 -- 6/25	1-B	6/10 -- 6/24
Jul. 2019	3-A	7/3 -- 7/17 -- 7/31	2-A	7/2 -- 7/16 -- 7/30	1-A	7/1 -- 7/15 -- 7/29
	3-B	7/10 -- 7/24	2-B	7/9 -- 7/23	1-B	7/8 -- 7/22

RECYCLE collection occurs once per week: • Area 1 every Monday • Area 2 every Tuesday • Area 3 every Wednesday

ANY QUESTIONS CALL (954) 967-4200 www.wasteprousa.com



Southwest Ranches FIRE RESCUE

BE PREPARED FOR HURRICANE SEASON

The critical/vulnerable time for residents is between June 1 and November 30th. Start preparing now and here are some other helpful hurricane tips.

- **Plan in advance:** if evacuating out of the area, leave early. Plan to leave at least 48 hours in advance and no later than the issuance of a hurricane watch.
- Identify a safe room such as an interior room with no windows.
- 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 remove unwanted articles to the dump) and trees are trimmed especially away from power lines. The closer to a threat of a hurricane, it could cost more to have your trees trimmed so, get it done early.
- 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



* 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				
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June	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWR Parks Foundation Meeting - Town Hall - 7 pm • Country Estates HOA Meeting - Grace Baptist Church - 19200 Griffin Road - 7 pm AREA 1A BULK	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - 7 pm • Code Hearing - Town Hall 9:00 am AREA 2A BULK	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drainage Infrastructure Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 3A BULK	5	6	7	8	
	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools & Education - Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 1B BULK	10	11	12	13	14	15			
	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broward County Property Appraisers - Town Hall - 10:30 am - 12:30 pm • Rural Public Arts & Design Board Meeting - Town Hall - 7 pm AREA 1A BULK	17	18	19	20		22			
	23	AREA 1B BULK	24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rolling Oaks Civic Association Meeting - Rolling Oaks Barn - 17630 SW 56 Street - 7 pm AREA 2B BULK	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire Advisory Board - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 3A BULK	26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - 7 pm • Flow Mobile DMV Services - Town Hall 10 am - 2 pm 	27	28	29
	30							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog Body Language & Behavior Language 11:30 am - 3:30 pm 			
July		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWR Parks Foundation Meeting - Town Hall - 7 pm • Country Estates HOA Meeting - Grace Baptist Church - 19200 Griffin Road - 7 pm AREA 1A BULK	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - 7 pm • Code Hearing - Town Hall 9:00 am AREA 2A BULK	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drainage Infrastructure Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 3A BULK	3		4	5	6
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			AREA 2A BULK	AREA 3A BULK							

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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Council Member Bob Hartmann	(954) 343-7447	bhartmann@southwestranches.org
Council Member Dee Schroeder	(954) 343-7472	dschroeder@southwestranches.org

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December Lauretano-Haines, <i>Parks, Recreation & Open Space Manager</i>	(954) 343-7452	dlauretano@southwestranches.org
Melinda Stringer, <i>Administrative Assistant</i>	(954) 343-7452	mstringer@southwestranches.org

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) 655-4392	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
ZONING, PERMITTING – (CSI)	(954) 343-7440	zoninginfo@southwestranches.org
Robert Solera, <i>Community Development Director</i>	(954) 343-7440	rsolera@southwestranches.org
Julio Medina, <i>Assistant Code Enforcement Director</i>	(954) 343-7458	jmedina@southwestranches.org
Yanni Marin, <i>Administrative Coordinator</i>	(954) 343-7459	ymarin@southwestranches.org
Manfred Velette, <i>Code Enforcement Officer</i>	(954) 343-7457	mvelette@southwestranches.org
CODE ENFORCEMENT HOTLINE	(954) 343-7449	

WASTE/BULK/RECYCLING SERVICES (Residential & Commercial)

Waste Pro	(954) 967-4200	
REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKERS – Chief Bennett	(954) 868-2057	leeবেনnett@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	
Thomas Squarini, <i>Police Services Coordinator</i>	(954) 693-8293	jeffrey_hobales@davie-fl.gov
<i>Davie Fire Rescue Station 112</i>	(954) 693-8352	thomas_squarini@davie-fl.gov
<i>Southwest Ranches Volunteer Fire Rescue</i>	(954) 680-0020	
	(954) 434-8232	

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.sbddd.org
<i>West of SW 148 Avenue (Volunteer)</i>		



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lights camera... action!

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

7th Annual Photo Contest

The theme for the 2019 Photo Contest is...

"Life in the Ranches... minus the people"

Pictures must be submitted by August 15, 2019

- Please provide a photo caption (limit 74 characters).
- Photos must be at least 8 x 10 (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

THE VULNERABLE POPULATION REGISTRY

WHO SHOULD REGISTER...

You should register in the Vulnerable Population Registry if you are at risk due to a disability, frailty or health issue, regardless of age, AND elect to stay at home in the event of a hurricane or other emergency. Registration information will be used for planning purposes only. Registration does not guarantee that you will be provided assistance.

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.

If you are in an evacuation zone you are strongly encouraged to evacuate to a safe refuge with a family member or friend. A Red Cross General Population Shelter should be a refuge of last resort.

The Vulnerable Population Registry is a year-round, hazard program that allows people who would be at risk to register in advance of an emergency so the town may plan a better response during a recovery effort. Any questions call Town Hall (954) 434-0008