

# SOUTHWEST RANCHER

*The Official Newsletter of Southwest Ranches*

**March 2016**

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Mayor  
Jeff Nelson

Good Day  
Neighbor,

As Spring approaches I wish to tell you about a wonderful new safety program that will benefit all Broward County residents. The Yellow Dot program was recently initiated by Broward County Mayor Martin Kiar. The Yellow Dot program is designed to assist Broward County residents and first responders in the event of an automobile crash or other medical emergency involving the participant's vehicle. The program can help save lives by improving communication at a time when accident victims may be unable to communicate for themselves. Motorists fill out an informational card that they leave in the glove compartment. They also place a yellow dot on their back windshield which advises first responders that they are participating in the program. The best part – the program is free. Visit our website for more information, or come by Town Hall to pick up your decal and information card.

Lastly I wish you all a Happy Easter, Happy Saint Patrick's Day, Purim, and a happy and safe Spring Break to all of our students.

As always, it is an honor and pleasure to serve you!

Jeff



Council Member  
Steve Breitkreuz

At the direction of the Town Council, the Comprehensive Planning Board is

once again taking up the topic of the appropriate land use for the most western section of our town. Specifically they are looking at the land use for the properties on the east side of US 27. The land use is the most general description of what a certain section of property can be used for. Once that is in place, even a town ordinance can not be in conflict with the Land Use.

Current about half of that section along US27 is privately owned and half of it is owned by the State of Florida, specifically the South Florida Water Management District. However, the State property has been surplusd by the state which means that it is on the list to be sold. So, that could increase the pressure to develop that land in one fashion or another.

The reason why the Council has asked the Comp Board to review the land use is because, first and foremost, we want to get out in front of any specific plans that might be submitted to the Town. It is better to make the decision that regarding how this property should be developed rather than possibly getting enamored with one specific exciting plan that, in the long run, is not in keeping with our rural lifestyle.

The second reason why this task is underway is because of all the areas

in Town, those properties that are directly on US 27 are among the properties that would be least suitable for single family homes. Therefore, if that is not the proper development, then what is the proper development? So that is what the Comp Plan Board is reviewing. We have had public participation and we sincerely appreciate that. The Board, made up Ken Cimetta, Bob Hartmann, Newell Hollingsworth, George Morris, and Steve Winner, is taking on this task and I sincerely appreciate all of the time and effort that this will take. I expect this to come before the Council in March and would welcome your input there as well.

**Highly Visible Day or Night  
REFLECTIVE  
ADDRESS MARKERS**

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

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

**\$20.00**

*Make checks payable to:  
Southwest Ranches Fire Rescue  
17220 Griffin Road  
Southwest Ranches, FL 33330*

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

**TOWN TALK...**

Join our email list and get information about...

~ TOWN EVENTS  
~ NOTICES  
AND MUCH MORE.

Email: [Webmaster@swranches.org](mailto:Webmaster@swranches.org)



**Vice Mayor  
Freddy Fisikelli**

Another year has passed since we created our Town and we celebrated our birthday with a party in our Town hall (the old barn) which I guess that is what it will be referred to in the future unless we give it a new name. We had a big crowd with food, games and entertainment for all ages. We also opened one of our new parks which was one of the parks we received from Broward County in their programs supported with their big bond issued to create new parks within Broward County with money supplied by the Town or City in which they were built. Thanks to our grant writer Emily who was able to obtain grants to do some of the work but there is still lot of work

to be done to complete the whole park. This park has something for everyone, a trail around the complete park which can be used for most activities such as horseback riding, hiking but the trail is not opened to motorized vehicles, also it has a very nice area for the young and old to come and ride the swings, slide board and just sit on the benches and enjoy the wildlife. We were able to build bathrooms and a pavilion to have picnics on. There is plans for a future horse wash rack which will be next to the existing horse corral, which was built by one our boy scouts, who was working on his merit badges. There is also plans to create an area that can be used for other sports. Also there is an area that is set aside for wetlands this area cannot be altered any way, this area can be used as a walk area which is lined with many varieties of trees which were planted when this area was used as a nursery.



*Clerk's Corner*  
by Russell Muñiz

**Brief legislation from  
the January 28, 2016 Town  
Council meeting:**

- **Adopted Resolution 2016-016** requesting that Broward County support the widening of Griffin Road to four lanes from Bonaventure Boulevard to US Highway 27.
- **Adopted Resolution 2016-017** approving an interlocal agreement with the Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization to expand the voting membership of the MPO.
- **Adopted Resolution 2016-018** rescheduling the February 11, 2016 meeting to February 18, 2016.
- **Adopted Resolution 2016-019** approving the third modification to the agreement with Town Administrator Berns.
- **Adopted Resolution 2016-020** approving the third modification to the agreement with Town Financial Administrator Sherwood.
- **Adopted Resolution 2016-021** approving the second modification to the agreement with Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk Muñiz.

**ARE YOU A...  
TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES PIONEER?**

*THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY* is compiling a list of early pioneers of the Town. In the next few months we will list a few of the names. If you know anything about them, know their whereabouts or how we might be able to contact them, please contact Sandy at: 954-343-7476 or send her an email at: [sluongo@southwestranches.org](mailto:sluongo@southwestranches.org).  
Do you know anyone who should be on the list?

**WE WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE FOLLOWING PIONEERS...**

<p>Delucia Family DeVito Family Dickerson Family Duchnowski Family Dunn Family</p>	<p>Dykes Family Falletta Family Fettters Family Fisikelli Family Fletcher Family</p>
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The Committee is setting up interviews with our Pioneers and ultimately will be writing a book about Southwest Ranches. If you are interested in helping with interviews, contact Sandy.




[www.southwestranches.org](http://www.southwestranches.org)



**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

## The Aster Knight Parks Foundation

4th Annual

### CHILI COOK OFF CONTESTANT REGISTRATION

**Donation : \$50**

**Make Check Payable to:**

**Aster Knight Parks Foundation**

**Town of SW Ranches**

**Attn: December Lauretano-Haines**

**13400 Griffin Road, SW Ranches, FL 33330**

**For additional info email:  
akpf@southwestranches.org**

CONTESTANT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTESTANT PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTESTANT EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

### Sunshine Ranches Equestrian Park

**Saturday, March 5 noon-4:30 PM**

**SET-UP BEGINS AT 10:30 AM**

The Southwest Ranches Historical Society would like to offer you the opportunity to connect with your neighbors and grow your business.

We are in the planning stages of creating our FIRST EVER "Town Phone Book". The book will be designed in three (3) sections; 1) Resident name, address (if desired), telephone numbers and email addresses; 2) Listing of businesses by trade type; 3) Business advertisements.

Section 1 is free to residents.

Section 2 is \$5.00 to list your business by Trade Type.

Section 3 offers another way you can promote your business by placing ads as follows:

- Business Card size ad is \$ 25.00
- Half page Business ad is \$ 50.00
- Full page Business ad is \$ 100.00

This opportunity is presented exclusively to our Town residents. Your business can be located outside the Town; however, you must be a Town resident for your business information to be published in the Town Phone Book. Please provide the requested information below to Danielle Caban. It can be dropped off at Town Hall, sent by U.S. Mail or emailed to: [dcaban@southwestranches.org](mailto:dcaban@southwestranches.org).

Name:	Business Name:
Address:	Business Address:
Telephone Numbers (home/cell):	Trade Type:
Email:	Telephone Number:
	Web Site:
	Email:

All proceeds will go to the Town of Southwest Ranches Historical Society.



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

THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES  
13400 GRIFFIN RD

**2016 SCHEDULE:**

Feb 29, April 18, June 20, Aug 15, Oct 17  
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](mailto:njones@bcpa.net).

Lori Parrish, CFA  
Property Appraiser



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

**4th Annual Photo Contest**

**"ANYTHING IN OUR TOWN"**  
(excluding people)... is once again the theme for the 2016 Photo Contest  
Pictures must be submitted by  
**AUGUST 15th, 2016.**

Photos must be landscape, 8 1/2 x 11, and 300 DPI.

For each photo caption please send a word count (with characters) of 74.

No previous photos will be accepted.

this could be your picture

For additional information please call Susan: (954) 434-0008 or email: [Skutz@southwestranches.org](mailto:Skutz@southwestranches.org)





# TOWN HALL NEWS



## Mosquito Bite Protection in Florida

FloridaHealth.gov • Florida Department of Health

Not all mosquitoes are the same. Different mosquitoes spread different diseases and bite at different times of the day. Some mosquito species bite during the day, such as those mosquitoes that can spread chikungunya, dengue and Zika viruses. Other species of mosquitoes bite most often at dawn and dusk, including those that can transmit West Nile virus.

Mosquitoes can live indoors and will bite at any time, day or night.

### Use Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered insect repellents

Wear repellent when you are outdoors. Use products with active ingredients that are safe and effective.

- Always follow the product label instructions.
- Do not spray repellent on skin under clothing.
- If you use sunscreen, put sunscreen on first and insect repellent second.
- It is safe for pregnant or nursing women to use EPA-approved repellents if applied according to package label instructions.
- Learn more: [www2.epa.gov/insect-repellents](http://www2.epa.gov/insect-repellents).



USE INSECT REPELLENT WITH ONE OF THESE ACTIVE INGREDIENTS



BRAND EXAMPLES\*  
Overseas brand names may vary.

DEET →→

Off!, Cutter, Sawyer, Ultrathon

Picaridin (KBR 3023), Bayrepel and icaridin →→

Skin So Soft Bug Guard Plus

Oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE) or para-menthane-diol (PMD) →→

Repel

IR3535 →→

Skin So Soft Bug Guard Plus Expedition, Skin Smart

Higher percentages of active ingredient = longer protection

### If you have a baby or child:

- Always follow product instructions when applying insect repellent to children.
- Spray insect repellent onto your hands and then apply to a child's face.
- Do not apply insect repellent to a child's hands, mouth, cut or irritated skin.
- Do not use insect repellent on babies younger than 2 months.
- Dress babies or small children in clothing that covers arms and legs.
- Cover cribs, strollers or baby carriers with mosquito netting.



### Cover up with clothing

- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants.
- Mosquitoes can bite through thin clothing. Treat clothes with permethrin or another EPA-registered insecticide for extra protection.



### Use permethrin-treated clothing and gear.

- Permethrin is an insecticide that kills mosquitoes and other insects.
- Buy permethrin-treated clothing and gear (boots, pants, socks, tents), or use permethrin to treat clothing and gear—follow product instructions closely.
- Read product information to find out how long the permethrin will last.
- Do not use permethrin products directly on skin.

[www.cdc.gov/features/StopMosquitoes](http://www.cdc.gov/features/StopMosquitoes)

\*The use of commercial names is to provide information about products; it does not represent an endorsement of these products by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

## YELLOW DOT DECAL

**BROWARD COUNTY, FL** - The Yellow Dot Motorist Medical Information Program (Yellow Dot Program) officially launched in Broward County on February 1st.

The Yellow Dot program is designed to assist Broward County residents and first responders in the event of an automobile crash or other medical emergency involving the participant's vehicle.



The program can help save lives during the critical moments after an accident and will save lives by providing vital information to first responders when accident victims may be unable to communicate for themselves. Enrollment in this program is voluntary, quick and easy and it's now available at Town Hall and online: <http://www.broward.org/YellowDot/AboutUs/Pages/YellowDotPamphlet.aspx>

A Yellow Dot decal displayed on the rear windshield or in a clearly visible location on a motorcycle alerts emergency responders to look for the Yellow Dot pamphlet in the vehicle's glove compartment. The information provided on the pamphlet is designed to help emergency responders decide how to treat a person who may be unconscious following an accident.

## DAVIE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Davie Police Department is participating in the Broward Heart Walk at Nova Southeastern University on Saturday, April 23, 2016 at 9 AM in honor and support of one of our own, Officer Tom Squarini. Officer Squarini is one of the original Davie Police Department officers who requested assignment to Southwest Ranches, and has recently been battling medical issues related to his heart.

The Police Department has chosen to name our team in his honor, quite simply, "Team Squarini". We have established a team page which can be visited at [http://](http://browardheartwalk.kintera.org/teamsquarini)

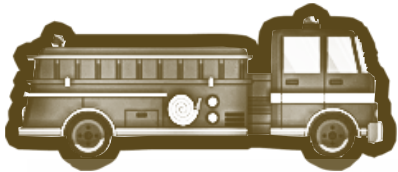
[browardheartwalk.kintera.org/teamsquarini](http://browardheartwalk.kintera.org/teamsquarini) and soon we will be offering "Team Squarini" T-Shirts for sale. In the interim, there are red paper hearts for sale which can be purchased for \$1.00 each, "In Memory of and/or Support of" those we love who have been affected by heart disease. Once purchased, they will be posted in prominent places throughout the Police Department building. Please show you care! Consider participating in the Heart Walk and making a donation or purchase in support of this worthwhile cause. Together, **we CAN make a difference!** Thank you.

From our hearts to yours,  
Your "Team Squarini" Co-Captains



## Southwest Ranches FIRE RESCUE

### WITH SPECIAL THANKS AND GREAT APPRECIATION



On February 2, 2016 Pastor Forest Willis from the New Hope Church provided an Appreciation Dinner for the Southwest Ranches and Davie Fire Fighters. They provided a wonderful buffet style dinner with deserts. Furthermore, giving all First Responders a goody bag to go home with. The New Hope Church members cooked and served the food for us making the event very special. They shared prayer and very kind words for what we do day in and day out. We really appreciated the forethought, preparation and kindness that they displayed. We truly have another friend and family that we can visit and talk to in the time of need. Pastor Forest Willis is now our Chaplin for Southwest Ranches Fire Rescue.

Stay Safe,  
Chief Lee Bennett

### IN MEMORY OF

It saddens me to say that Fire Chief Joe Montopoli Davie Fire Rescue, passed away on February 1, 2016. Chief Montopoli began his career with the City of Pembroke Pines in 1980 and ended his career as the Fire Chief for Davie. He had a passion for Fire Fighting and Physical Training. After several decades working in the fire service and providing his expertise to the fire service, he is gone but not forgotten.

Stay Safe,  
Chief Lee Bennett





# AROUND THE TOWN

## PROFILES IN CERTIFICATION: ISOLDE AND GERRY CAHILL

Lush native foliage, gurgling pond, the sounds of birds...all of this and more can be found at Isolde and Gerry Cahill's home on Mustang Trail.

Although she has had their home certified with the National Wildlife Federation as a habitat since July of 2006, Isolde is no stranger to Florida or Southwest Ranches. She has lived in the state since 1959, and they have owned their home since 1995. Isolde and Gerry couldn't be happier.

Isolde's passion for wildlife and conservation was defined by her middle school science teacher, who mentored a budding interest in reptiles and wildlife in general. Reptiles fascinated Isolde as a young girl; so much that she kept many as pets. She still maintains a keen love and respect to this day.

At their Mustang Trail "refuge," the Cahills provide wildlife with the four critical elements needed for survival: water, food sources, cover

and places to raise young. The Cahill family wholeheartedly support Isolde's passion for wildlife. And Isolde is a woman on a mission: to provide as much habitat as possible for creatures whose native place has dwindled due to human encroachment in their space.

Giving wildlife a place in her yard seems noble, but Isolde's contribution goes beyond just her own yard—with contributions to many conservation organizations, including the National Wildlife Federation, the Florida Wildlife Federation, The Nature Conservancy, The Humane Society of the United States, and several others.

We are grateful to Isolde Cahill and her family, who set an inspiring example of environmental responsibility toward the Town's native wildlife and of conserving the habitat we all must do our best to share.



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR TOWN ADMINISTRATOR...

Andy Berns



## JOSEPH J. MONTOPOLI

OCTOBER 10, 1958 -  
FEBRUARY 1, 2016

The Town of Southwest Ranches mourns the loss of long time Ranches resident and Davie Fire Chief Joe Montopoli. Chief Montopoli served the residents of southwest Broward County for many years, beginning his fire service career in Pembroke Pines in 1980 and joining Davie Fire Rescue in 2005. In 2007, he was appointed Fire Chief and was instrumental in Davie providing fire services to the Town beginning in 2012. Chief Montopoli led the department until his passing on February 1, 2016.

Chief Montopoli left an indelible mark on the South Florida communities in which he served. His compassion, professionalism, leadership, and dedicated public service will be missed. We wish his family, and his extended family of brothers and sisters in the fire service, the best during a very difficult time.



# AROUND THE TOWN

## Rolling Oaks 7th Annual Egg-streme Fun Egg Hunt Egg-stravaganza & Continental Brunch Open to All SW Ranches Residents

Complimentary Brunch will be served!  
Brunch starts at 11:00 AM  
Egg Hunt starts at 12:00 Noon

**Sunday March 20, 2016**

At the Rolling Oaks Park - 17630 9W 56th Street Admission is FREE!

Bring  
your  
Easter  
basket!



*Come for Brunch at  
the new renovated barn!*

Prizes for Girls  
& Boys will be  
awarded in the  
following age  
groups:

- 0 - 3 yrs.
- 4 - 6 yrs.
- 7 - 9 yrs.
- 10 - 12 yrs.



Sponsored by The Rolling Oaks Civic Association \* For more information call Karen Parkerson (954) 444-6719

## 2016 School Calendar Broward County Public Schools\*



MARCH				
M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

**THURSDAY, MARCH 17th - EARLY RELEASE DAY**  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 18th - NO SCHOOL**  
**MON - THURS, MARCH 21/24 - SCHOOL CLOSED**  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 25 - EARLY RELEASE DAY**

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



COUNTRY ESTATES  
HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION  
PRESENTS  
FAMILY FUN &  
ENTERTAINMENT  
**PIG ROAST**  
★ ★ ★ ★ ★  
Live Band \* Bounce House  
Face Painting \* Cookie Decorating  
Food \* Monster Swamp Buggy & More



Photos taken by  
DENISE BREITKRUEZ





# AROUND THE TOWN

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



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

**A new service provided for Town Residents only!**

**Location: Rolling Oaks Park, 17630 SW 56th St., SW Ranches.**

**Proof of Residency is required**

**SAT., APRIL 9TH, 8 AM - 2 PM**

**SAT., JULY 9TH**

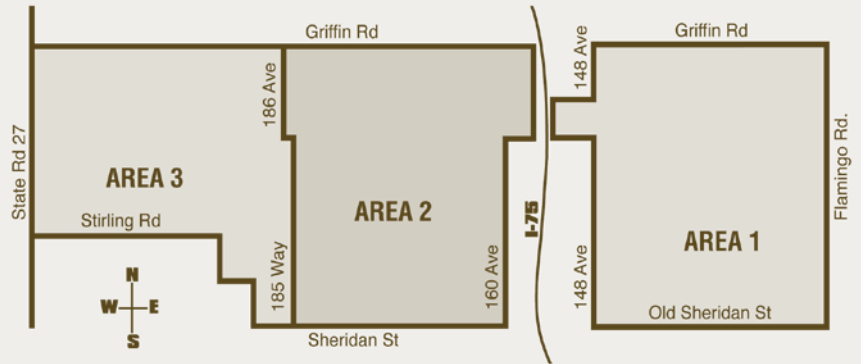
**SHRED-A-THON 10 AM - 2 PM (LIMIT 4 BOXES)**

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

## Waste Collection

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

### TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES - Waste Collection Map & Schedule



#### Weekly **SOLID (GARBAGE)** Waste Days

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

#### **BULK** Collection Service Dates by Area

Month	Area 3 (Wednesday Only)	Area 2 (Tuesday Only)	Area 1 (Monday Only)
Mar 16	3/2/16 - 3/16/16 - 3/30/16	3/1/16 - 3/15/16 - 3/29/16	3/14/16 - 3/28/16
Apr 16	4/3/16 - 4/27/16	4/12/16 - 4/26/16	4/11/16 - 4/25/16

**RECYCLE** collection occurs once per week:

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

**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

**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	
<b>March</b>		<b>1</b> • Code Hearing Town Hall - 9 am <b>AREA 2 BULK</b>	<b>2</b> • Drainage: Infrastructure Advisory Board - Town Hall 7 pm <b>AREA 3 BULK</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  • Southwest Ranches Park Foundation - Annual Chili-Cook-Off - Sunshine Ranches Equestrian Park 12 - 4:30 pm	
<b>March</b>	<b>6</b> • SWR Parks Foundation - Town Hall - 7 pm • Country Estates - HOA Grace Baptist Church - 19200 Griffin Rd. - 7 pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> • Parks, Recreational and Open Space Advisory Board - Town Hall 7 pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> • TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 7 pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
 Time to Spring Ahead	<b>13</b> • Schools & Ed. Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm <b>AREA 1 BULK</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> • Rural Public Arts & Design Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm <b>AREA 2 BULK</b>	<b>16</b> • Tentative Fire Advisory Board - Town Hall 7 pm <b>AREA 3 BULK</b>	<b>17</b>  Happy Saint Patrick's Day • Comprehensive Planning Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
 hello spring!	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> • Rolling Oaks Civic Assn. - Rolling Oaks Barn 17630 SW 56 St - 7 pm	<b>23</b> • Sunshine Ranches Homeowner Assn. - Town Hall 7:30	<b>24</b> • Flow Mobile DMV Services 9:30 am - 2:30 pm • TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 7 pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
 Happy Easter	<b>27</b> <b>AREA 1 BULK</b>	<b>28</b> <b>AREA 2 BULK</b>	<b>29</b> <b>AREA 3 BULK</b>	<b>30</b> <b>AREA 3 BULK</b>	<b>31</b>		
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<b>April</b>	<b>24</b> <b>AREA 1 BULK</b>	<b>25</b> <b>AREA 2 BULK</b>	<b>26</b> • Rolling Oaks Civic Assn. - Rolling Oaks Barn 17630 SW 56 St - 7 pm <b>AREA 2 BULK</b>	<b>27</b> • Sunshine Ranches Homeowner Assn. - Town Hall 7:30 <b>AREA 3 BULK</b>	<b>28</b> • Flow Mobile DMV Services 9:30 am - 2:30 pm • TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 7 pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> PASSOVER Ends at sundown
<b>10</b>	<b>31</b>						



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### Elected Officials

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Accounting Clerk, Mara Semper	(954) 434-0008	msemper@southwestranches.org

### Planning, Zoning, Permitting & Certificate of Use

Building Department/Permitting	M-F 9:00 am - 4:00 pm	
Digna Regus	(954) 343-7445/Fax: (954) 434-1490	dregus@capfla.net
Dave Tringo, Building Director	(954) 888-9882/Cell: (954) 605-0127	dtringo@swranches.org
Planning	M-F 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	
The Mellgren Planning Group	(954) 475-3070, ext 803	
Zoning & Permitting	(954) 434-0008	zoninginfo@swranches.org

### Code Services, Inc.

#### Code Compliance:

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

### Police/Fire/Rescue Services

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

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

Paving, Potholes and Signs: Philip Chorath	(954) 343-7441	pchorath@southwestranches.org
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### Waste/Bulk/Recycling Services (Residential & Commercial)

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

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

### Well and Septic

Broward County Health Department	(954) 467-4700, ext 4233	
Environmental Complaint Hotline, Broward County	(954) 831-1499	





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4. IRISH	8. LEAF	12. GOLD	16. SEVENTEEN