

SOUTHWEST RANCHER

The Official Newsletter of Southwest Ranches

JUNE 2022 HIGHLIGHTS



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**Mayor
Steve Breitreuz**

June is here, kids are getting out of school, summer vacations are about to begin, so we toss all 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 several articles that will assist in reminding you of the essentials of hurricane preparation. 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. Please consider doing the two following tasks that 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: water, canned goods, batteries, fuel (if it can be stored safely), and other storm related items that you may need. The stores have supplies now. That probably will not be a case when we are under a storm warning.

Second, take five minutes and get 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 come together for your family. My kids are grown and have families of their own, 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!

Thank-you for your trust and support. We are blessed to live in this community, and I am thankful for this Town and honored to serve and represent you.

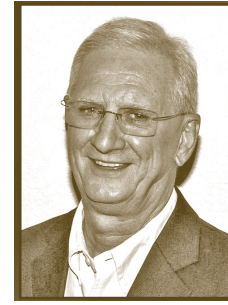
Steve (954) 296-6018

TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES
PUBLIC WORKS AND

WASTE PRO
(954) 967-4200
WE ARE APPROACHING HURRICANE SEASON.
BE HURRICANE READY.
As a reminder, Waste Pro will bill you for any bulk trash over 12 cubic yards. All excess bulk will be billed at \$17.50 per cubic yard.

TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES
Enjoy and support our
FARMERS' MARKET
and Food Trucks
SEE YOU IN THE FALL!
16290 GRIFFIN ROAD
SOUTHWEST RANCHES

Town Talk
Want to stay in touch and receive information on TOWN EVENTS?
Send your email address to:
druesga@southwestranches.org



**Vice Mayor
Gary Jablonski**

In early May, the Town of Southwest Ranches and Florida Power & Light held an informational meeting at the Rolling Oaks Barn. I requested this meeting to alleviate the lack of information and to clarify the misinformation regarding the FPL "Underground Powerline Project for Rolling Oaks." This project is part of an extensive plan by FPL to harden the electrical grid in South Florida in the event of storms or other natural disasters. Here are some of the highlights of that meeting.

1. This portion of the project runs from SW 66 Street north to Griffin Road in Rolling Oaks. It will also be implemented in portions of Sunshine Ranches.
2. The main purpose is to bury the lateral lines that come off the main trunk line on 178th Avenue.
3. This will require transformers to be put on the ground, on private property.
4. Up to two (2) to four (4) homes will be serviced by one transformer (possibly more).
5. FPL engineers will decide where the transformers are to be located. Each transformer will require a 10-foot by 10-foot easement. (The actual transformer is smaller.)
6. Every property owner will need to sign an FPL agreement for underground boring and a junction box connection to their meter if they do not already have an underground connection.
7. FPL has agreed to put a fence around transformers where livestock is a concern.
8. This project will start in 2023, with the preliminary site work starting now.
9. There should be no extended power outages during any of the change overs.
10. This project is being done with no direct cost to the property owners. It is paid for through the resiliency fund that all FPL customers have been pay-



ing for the last several years.

11. FPL has stated they will be working around any obstacles that may cause problems (i.e.: water pipes, drain fields, fences etc.).

12. AT&T and Comcast are not part of this project at this time.

13. Residents may put landscaping around three (3) sides of a transformer if desired.

14. FPL is aware of our flooding issues and indicated it would not be a problem.

The objection I heard the most at the meeting and its aftermath is some individuals did not want the transformers on their property. The whole area will benefit with the buried lines. According to FPL the main cause of power outages during our frequent storms are lines down from trees and debris flying. The underground lines and ground transformers will eliminate this issue.

FPL has put together a PowerPoint presentation that I can email to any resident who wants more information. To receive this PowerPoint file simply email me at gjablonski@southwest ranches.org and I will send it out promptly.

Also, FPL is completing the hardening project of the main electrical trunkline with the large concrete poles on SW 178th Avenue in Rolling Oaks from SW 68th Street to Sheridan Street. FPL is already starting to work on completing this hardening project they started two years ago.

As always it is my honor and privilege to serve you.

Thanks, Gary

Mini-Flow: Florida Licensing on Wheels



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:

Wednesday, June 22nd

**By Appointment Only - No Walk-Ins
Call Town Hall (954) 434-0008**



Council Member Bob Hartmann

Hi Neighbors,

Earlier this year, the Town launched a temporary Public Safety and Traffic Committee to collect ideas from our residents concerning public safety and traffic issues. The group began meeting in February and includes residents with law enforcement experience and others who are concerned about crime and traffic. The group has made recommendations that may increase safety and reduce speeding throughout our Town.

At the May Public Safety and Traffic Committee meeting, the group invited Davie Police patrol officers to attend and supply their feedback on how to make our Town safer and address speeding. They drive every road in Town, respond to our calls, and sometimes see the bad guys in action resulting in immediate arrests.

The main issue leading to car theft and auto burglaries results from people either leaving their cars unlocked with car keys or remote fobs in their cars. Higher-end vehicles signal to the crooks that the keys or fob is in the car by having their side mirrors folded out. The car thieves know that when the mirrors are folded in, the car is locked and it is a harder target to steal or burglarize. Some remote-controlled gates don't stop the bad guys. In many cases, when a vehicle approaches from the inside of the gate, it opens automatically. If yours opens automatically, investigate whether the opener system can open only with a gate remote to protect your vehicles, boats, ATC, etc.

The police officers also mentioned another persistent crime of opportunity: ATCs and side-by-sides left in clear view of the road are becoming very frequent targets. If they are put in a barn or at least out of plain sight, it's quite likely the bad guys will drive past none the wiser.

Concerning speeding through our

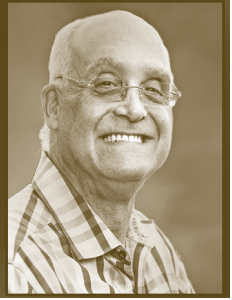
neighborhoods, the patrol officers recommend that the Town supply more Laser or LIDAR (Light Detecting and Ranging) guns to deter speeders. The laser gun requires only half a second or less to capture a vehicle's speed, as compared to two to three seconds for a radar gun. The laser gun is also instantly "on" which makes radar detectors useless. The instant the beam hits a vehicle, its speed is recorded before a radar detector can issue a warning.

The patrol officers' final recommendation is probably the most important. Many times, during their investigation of a crime, our residents tell the interviewing officer that they saw the person casing the neighborhood or their neighbor saw the car, or a friend saw something suspicious. When the officer asks why they didn't call 911 at the time, residents say things like, we didn't want to bother the police, we thought it was nothing, or we did not feel the issue was important enough to report. While the Davie police officers know our Town well, you know your neighborhood far better. You know your neighbors, possibly when they are away, and their vehicles. You probably know the landscape maintenance trucks, if someone is having remodeling work done, or other important details. You know, because you live in the neighborhood. You also know when things don't look right. The police officers were all adamant that if you see an unfamiliar car parked in a swale away from the property's gates, a driver opening mailboxes, or any suspicious activity that doesn't pass the gut check, call 911 and report it. If they respond and it's nothing, they agree that it's part of the job. If there is a problem, they get a jump on the issue and may be able to stop a crime in progress. So next time you see something, act. Call 911 and let our Davie Police Department take it from there.

I am always here to help! If I can assist with any questions or Town issue, or you would just like to have a chat, please call me.

Bob (954) 801-1758

AROUND THE TOWN



Council Member David S. Kuczenski

Howdy Folks,

June begins the 2022 Atlantic Hurricane season. Once again, prognosticators are predicting an above average season with four large hurricanes making landfall. In the past we have experienced temporary loss of power, telephone and cable. However, Florida Power and Light (FPL) has begun transitioning designated parts of our Town to underground power service. The decision regarding which neighborhoods selected for the upgrade is strictly a FPL decision. FPL reports that the number one cause of power outages during Hurricane Irma was trees in the rear of customers' homes, vegetation and other windblown debris contacting overhead power lines and equipment. The FPL solution to reduce outages is to run the power lines underground in selected neighborhoods of SWR. One concern to me goes back to Tropical Storm Eta in November 2020, which dumped as much as 14 inches of rain in Broward County. I know that I never had a power interruption, but that cannot be said the same for others in SWR. FPL specifically states, while underground power lines perform better in a storm involving wind, they can experience some outages, primarily if there is flooding. The utility adds, "in some cases it can take longer to diagnose and repair a problem than for overhead lines." FPL will require residents subject to the FPL upgrade to sign over an easement proximately 10'x10' for placement of the transformer. If you have a fence and the utility easement interferes with the fence, you may be asked to relocate a portion of the fence

to allow FPL unfettered access to the transformer. FPL is also offering to provide access of underground service up to your home's power meter. FPL has also assured residents that once the decision to bring the new service on-line, it may require an interruption of your service for 4-6 hours. This is something we will keep monitoring during the 2022 Atlantic Hurricane Season.

Another issue that I am working on concerns finalizing the transitioning of properties previously owned by Broward County before SWR was created. Recently, I conducted a check of properties owned Broward County on the BCPA website, and I found 55 located

within our Town, mostly in the form of right-of-way. While some of these, for example, along major arteries such as Griffin, Flamingo or Sheridan, the right-of-way is owned by Broward County. However, on the interior roads need to be brought into SWR. Once this project is completed, I will update you. I thank you for the honor of holding this office. As a Council Member, I work to help the entire Town. If you have a concern or complaint, drop a call to me. I may not answer immediately, but I strive to return my calls in 24-48 hours.

Very Truly Yours,
David S Kuczenski, Esq.,
Council Member Dist. 4



MARTY KIAR BROWARD COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER

Market Reports

The Broward County Property Appraiser's Office gathers property sales information across the county on an ongoing basis. The BCPA Market Report, which is updated on the 16th of every month, reflects the prior month's sales data. These monthly reports provide a visual representation of the properties sold along with the median sale prices for residential properties. The top five cities with the most sales are also listed. The BCPA Market Report can be found at <https://web.bcpa.net/bcpaclient/#/Report-Market-Sales>

Live Data Reports are also available on our website showing the current parcel count, average just value and median just value of properties within Broward County. Website visitors can also download a year-to-year comparison of sales by selecting the specific month. Here is a sample of the market report available online:

Veterans with a Service-Connected Disability

Veterans with a service-connected disability rating of 10% - 99%, or their surviving spouse, are eligible to receive a \$5,000 exemption on their homesteaded property's assessed value. Florida law also provides a full exemption for veterans with

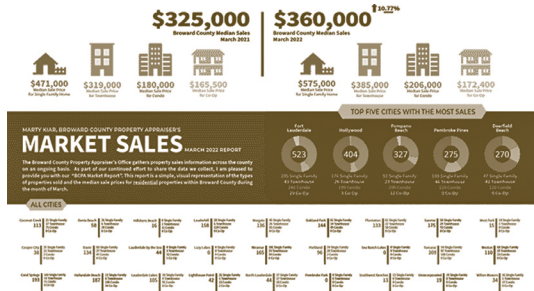
a 100% service-connected disability rating or the veteran's surviving spouse.

If your service-connected disability rating has increased to 100% since you initially filed for your Veteran's Exemption, please provide our office with a certificate indicating your 100% service-connected disability rating from the US Government or US Department of Veterans. You can email a copy of this certificate to exemptions@bcpa.net. The deadline to file for all 2022 exemptions is September 19, 2022.

If my office can ever be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at martykiar@bcpa.net

Take care,
Marty Kiar
Marty Kiar, CFA
Broward County Property Appraiser

MartyKiarBCPA
 @MartyKiarBCPA



AROUND THE TOWN



Southwest Ranches Celebrates Earth Day: Pollinator Planting After School with the Cubs!

On Earth Day, the Town hosted members of Cub Scout Pack 160 at Calusa Corners Park.

Scouts ranging in age from 5 to 10 years of age, with their families, planted seeds and plants to feed many kinds of pollinators, learned about bees nesting on site and had a question and answer session with local bee experts, then took a short hike to tour the site's wetlands, and learn about their importance to native wildlife habitat.



The seeded area will be allowed to bloom and go to seed, as a demonstration of incorporating Florida Friendly Landscape practices in our yards and prioritize pollinators and wildlife. Decorative educational signs were placed around the planted areas to promote awareness of the project.

The Earth Day activity supports the Town's efforts toward our annual Mayors Monarch Pledge and our Community Wildlife Habitat certification. To learn more about the Mayors Monarch Pledge: <https://www.nwf.org/mayorsmonarchpledge>

To learn more about wildlife habitat: <https://www.nwf.org/garden-for-wildlife/create>



MAYORS MONARCH PLEDGE

Southwest Ranches is taking action to help save the monarch butterfly, an iconic species whose eastern populations have declined by 90% and western populations by 99% in recent years. Through the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge, our Town is committing to create habitat for the monarch butterfly and pollinators, and to educate residents about how we can make a difference at home and in our community.



AROUND THE TOWN

Happy Retirement
Marty!

TOWN FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR MARTY SHERWOOD
RETIREES AFTER 10 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE TOWN.

WISHING YOU ALL THE
BEST FOR THIS EXCITING
NEW PHASE OF YOUR LIFE.

Mayor Breithaupt,
Council and Staff



ACCOUNTANTS
NEVER
RETIRE
★ THEY SIMPLY
RECALCULATE ★



DON'T BE AN EASY TARGET.



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Town's Public Safety Committee is currently discussing potential options for traffic "hot spot" enforcement around Town. If there is a particular area you believe speeding or other traffic infractions have become a problem, please let us know. **Contact Police Services Liaison Cheryl Danner at 954-693-8352 or send an email to cdanner@southwestranches.org.**

MARTY KIAR
BROWARD
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Broward County Property Appraiser's Office

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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 2022 homeowner sign-up dates for Homestead, Senior and other property tax exemptions at Southwest Ranches Town Hall 13400 Griffin Road, Southwest Ranches, FL 33330.

**2022 Southwest Ranches Town Hall 3rd Thursday of
the month 10:00 am -12:00 pm**

June 16th, 2022

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, 2022 may also apply for the additional Senior Exemption (after January 1, 2022). Seniors must bring a copy of their 2021 Income Tax Return or a copy of their 2021 Social Security 1099 form (if no tax return was filed).

DID YOU KNOW...

THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES
DOES NOT HAVE A TOWN FLAG?

THE RURAL PUBLIC ARTS AND
DESIGN BOARD WOULD LIKE YOUR
INPUT AND IDEAS FOR A TOWN
FLAG.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE WATCH THIS
YOUTUBE VIDEO:

youtube.com/watch?v=pnv5iKB2hl4

(CREATING A TOWN FLAG-ROMAN
MARS WHY CITY FLAGS MAYBE
THE WORST DESIGNED
THING YOU'VE NEVER NOTICED.)

Additional information will be in July's issue of the Town newsletter.
Email your ideas to skutz@southwestranches.org and please subject the
email: Town flag



**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.



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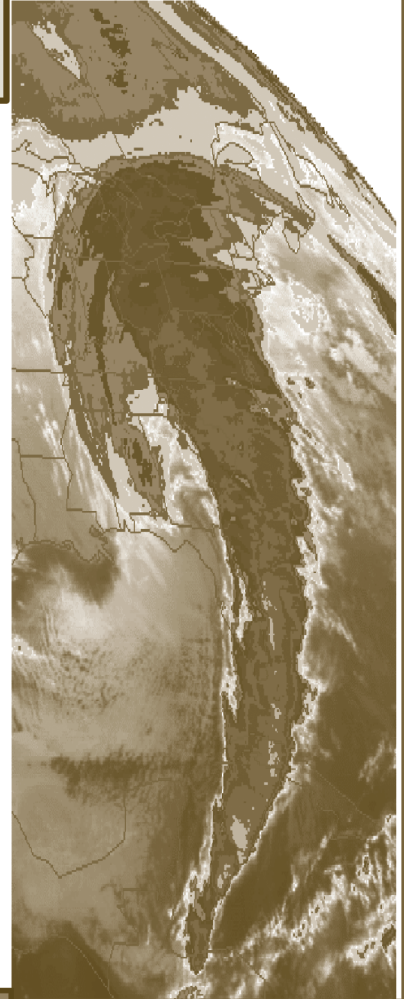
13400 Griffin Road
Southwest Ranches, FL 33330
954.434.0008
southwestranches.org

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS GUIDE

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 needs and services such as water, food, medicine, 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.”**

www.broward.org



HURRICANE SEASON IS JUNE 1 – NOVEMBER 30

Hurricane WATCH –

A hurricane may pass near or through the area within 48 hours.

Hurricane WARNING –

A hurricane is expected in 36 hours or less; all precautions should be taken immediately.

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

BEFORE THE STORM

Develop a Hurricane Plan

Just as every home should have a smoke alarm, every home should also have a hurricane plan in place, because you never know when you and your family will come face to face with an emergency.

- Charge all cell phones.
- Fill all vehicles with gasoline.
- Trim all trees and vegetation at the beginning of hurricane season. **Do not trim trees when a storm is imminent. They can become missiles during a storm, which cause severe damage.**
- Store all important documents in sealed plastic containers.
- For insurance purposes, create visual and written records of all assets. Take current photos of the interior and exterior of your home and other outdoor assets.
- a lamp. This way, you will readily know when power is restored.
- Know in advance where you and your family will go if an evacuation order is issued.
- Have all family medications and medical supplies on hand including:
 - Prescriptions and over the counter medications
 - Oxygen
 - Insulin
 - Any other medical supplies that may be required by a member of the household.

The Emergency Refill Law allows you to obtain a 30-day supply of prescription meds when an emergency is announced.

Pregnant women whose due date is within two weeks of the storm are at high risk. If you are at all concerned for your well-being and/or the well-being of your baby, you are urged to contact your physician.

- Have a plan in place for all family pets and livestock.

A WORD ABOUT FLOOD INSURANCE

The Town of Southwest Ranches participates in the National Flood Insurance Program [NFIP]. To ascertain your flood risk, go to www.floodsmart.gov. find out if your property is at risk of flooding. **THE FEDERAL NFIP DOES NOT COVER HOMEOWNERS OR RENTERS! YOU MUST HAVE YOUR OWN INDIVIDUAL FLOOD INSURANCE POLICY.**

PRE-RECORDED EMERGENCY MESSAGE FOR SOUTHWEST RANCHES RESIDENTS

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GET READY

PACK YOUR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS KIT

An emergency preparedness kit is possibly the most important thing your family can have on hand to assure its safety during a disaster of any kind. You should have the following items all in one place...

- **COVID SUPPLIES**—masks gloves, hand sanitizer.
- **DRINKING WATER**— at least 5-14 days' worth—one gallon per person per day.
- **EXTRA WATER**— for food preparation and personal hygiene. **Store water in food grade containers, i.e. clean, air-tight food storage containers. No milk containers. Do not reuse disposable plastic bottles longer than one month.**
- **FOOD**—enough for at least 5 days per person; non-perishable packaged and/or canned food; canned or shelf milk; cereal; snack food; etc.
- Manual can/bottle openers
- Toilet paper; paper plates; cups; napkins; food storage bags; plastic flatware; heavy duty aluminum foil; disposable pans; paper towels.
- Feminine hygiene products; disposable diapers, incontinence supplies; etc.
- Unscented household bleach.
- Extra bedding—sheets; blankets; pillows; sleeping bags; etc.
- Clothing/rain gear and sturdy shoes.
- First aid kit.
- At least 5 days' supply of all over the counter medications and prescription drugs.
- Flashlights and extra batteries
- Battery or hand-crank radio.
- Disposable batteries, car chargers, or solar charger for mobile devices.
- Hardline [not cordless] telephone with jack if possible.
- books, games and/or toys.
- **PET SUPPLIES**—food; cat litter; blankets; toys; hay; feed.
- Tool kit including cord; rope; hammer; wood nails; saw; hatchet or axe; crowbar; chainsaw and blades; tarp; duct tape; plastic trash bags with ties; heavy work gloves.
- Charcoal, propane gas or sterno for outdoor cooking. **Never cook indoors with any of these items. The fumes generated are deadly.**
- Matches [stored in waterproof containers].
- Mosquito repellent with DEET and sunscreen.
- ABC type fire extinguisher.
- All other special equipment or items you may need to help you and your family to safely get through the storm and its immediate aftermath.

PRE-RECORDED EMERGENCY MESSAGE FOR SOUTHWEST RANCHES RESIDENTS

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BROWARD COUNTY SHELTERS

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.

Arthur Ashe/Rock Island 1701 NW
23rd Ave., Ft. Lauderdale 33311

Coral Glades High School 2700
Sports Plex Drive, Coral Springs 33065

New Renaissance Middle School
10701 Miramar Blvd, Miramar 33025

Monarch High School 5050 Wiles
Road, Coconut Creek 33073

**Everglades High School - Pet
Friendly** 17100 SW 48th Ct, Miramar
33027

West Broward High School 500 NW
209th Ave, Pembroke Pines 33029

**Lyons Creek Middle School - Pet
Friendly** 4333 Sol Press Blvd, Coconut
Creek 33073

Pines Middle School 200 NW
Douglas Rd, Pembroke Pines 33024

Orange Brook Elementary School
715 S. 46th Ave, Hollywood 33021

**Falcon Cove Middle School - Pet
Friendly** 4251 Bonaventure Blvd,
Weston 33332

Panther Run Elem. School 801 NW
172nd Ave, Pembroke Pines 33029

Parkside Elementary School 10257
NW 29th St, Coral Springs 33065

Park Lakes Elementary School
3925 N. State Rd 7, Lauderdale Lakes
33319

Silver Lakes Elementary School
2300 SW 173rd Ave, Miramar 33027

Park Trails Elementary School
10700 Trails End Road, Parkland 33076

Plantation Elementary School 651
NW 42nd Ave, Plantation 33017

Liberty Elementary School 2450
Banks Road, Margate 33063

**Beachside Montessori Village
Elem School** 2230 Lincoln St,

Hollywood 33020

Dolphin Bay Elem. School 16450
Miramar Parkway, Miramar 33027

Tradewinds Elementary School
5400 Johnson Rd, Coconut Creek 33073

Gator Run Elementary School 1101
Glades Parkway, Weston 33327

Coconut Palm Elementary School
13601 Monarch Lakes Blvd, Miramar
33027

Coral Cove Elementary School 5100
SW 148th Avenue, Miramar 33027

Everglades Elementary School
2900 Bonaventure Blvd, Weston 33331

Silver Shores Elementary School
1701 SW 160 Avenue, Miramar 33027

Sunset Lakes Elementary School
18400 SW 25th Street, Miramar 33029

Manatee Bay Elementary School
19200 Manatee Isles Dr., Weston 33332

Lakeside Elementary School 900
NW 136th Avenue, Pembroke Pines
33026

Pompano Beach High School 600
NE 13th Avenue, Pompano Beach 33060

Fox Trail Elementary School 1250
Nob Hill Road, Davie 33324

Silver Palms Elementary School
1209 NW 155th Ave, Pembroke Pines
33028

Watkins Elementary School 3520
NW 52nd Avenue, Pembroke Park
33023

Hallandale Elem School (Gulfstream
Academy) 1000 SW 8th St, Hallandale
33009

SHELTER OPTIONS FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

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 which 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.

FOR OUR VULNERABLE POPULATION

The 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 with 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. **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, a family member, or a caregiver can register for you, but only with your authorization. If you do not have access to a computer, you may also register by calling Town Hall, or the Broward County Call Center at 311 or 954-831-4000 (TTY 954- 831-3940).

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. For more information call the Humane Society at 954-989-3977.

CARING FOR LARGE ANIMALS

Pet owners are responsible for making preparations for their 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 or secure 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 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.

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 removed from all floors. Hay should be at least 2 feet off the floor and covered well, in the event of leaks.

PRE-RECORDED EMERGENCY MESSAGE FOR SOUTHWEST RANCHES RESIDENTS

954-343-7455

DURING THE STORM

- ◆ 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 windowsills 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 tabletops 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 until 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.
- ◆ Limit telephone use to urgent calls only.

AFTER THE STORM

- ◆ Assume that all downed power lines are live. Stay away and call 911.
- ◆ Avoid standing water. It may be hiding downed power lines, hazardous objects and wildlife.
- ◆ Do not venture out at night.
- ◆ Traffic lights and signs may be down. Drive only in case of emergency. Treat each intersection as a four way stop.
- ◆ **Separate vegetation debris from structural debris.**
- ◆ Place all hurricane debris away from mailboxes, power poles or utility boxes.
- ◆ Do not obstruct fire wells or hydrants.
- ◆ Trash must be in front of your residence in order to be removed.
- ◆ **Trash left in the street is a safety hazard.**
- ◆ Refer to the Town of Southwest Ranches website, social media, emergency notification, message boards and pre-recorded emergency messages for debris pick up scheduling updates.
- ◆ **NOTE: commercial property, nurseries and vacant lots will not be cleared by government-funded pick-up services.**
- ◆ Take photos of all damaged areas and possessions. Make temporary repairs to protect your property from further damage. Cover damaged roofs and windows with plastic. Keep records of all bills and payments for insurance estimators. It is the responsibility of residents to remove any downed trees not blocking roadways or power lines

GENERATOR SAFETY

- ♦ Read and follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- ♦ Avoid dangerous shortcuts and ensure the safe operation of your generator.
- ♦ Prevent deadly exhaust from entering a home or business by keeping generators outside, away from all windows.
- ♦ Use a heavy-duty extension cord rated for outdoor use. If appliances have three-prong plugs, use three-prong extension cords.
- ♦ Use a battery-operated carbon monoxide alarm to monitor carbon monoxide levels inside the home.
- ♦ Do not connect generators directly to circuit breakers or fuse boxes. Connect appliances directly to generators. Improper connections may cause serious injury or death.
- ♦ Start the generator first then turn on connected devices one by one.
- ♦ AVOID SHOCK! Do not touch a generator if you are wet or standing in water or if the ground is damp.
- ♦ Never refuel a hot generator or one that is running – hot engine parts or exhaust can ignite gasoline.
- ♦ Have plenty of gasoline at hand and be certain to store it safely in approved containers.
- ♦ Never leave a generator unattended. Turn it off when you are going to be away from home and when you go to bed.
- ♦ Business owners are urged to visit www.broward.org/hurricane/pages/generator-readybusinesses.aspx.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Keep these telephone numbers and websites nearby:

Emergency – 911

Davie Police Department Non-Emergency –
954-693-8200
Monday-Friday, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Broward County Non-Emergency
954-764-4357

Broward County Hurricane Hotline & Emergency Shelter – 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 [FPL]
1-800-468-8243

Southwest Ranches Town Hall General Info.
954-434-0008

SWR Pre-recorded Emergency Message
954-343-7455

CANALS

East of Volunteer Rd – 954.432.5110
West of Volunteer Rd – 954.680.3337
C11 Canal – 954.452.4814

HELPFUL WEBSITES

American Red Cross—Broward Chapter
browardredcross.org

Federal Emergency Management Agency [FEMA] www.fema.org

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

AROUND THE TOWN



Southwest Ranches FIRE RESCUE

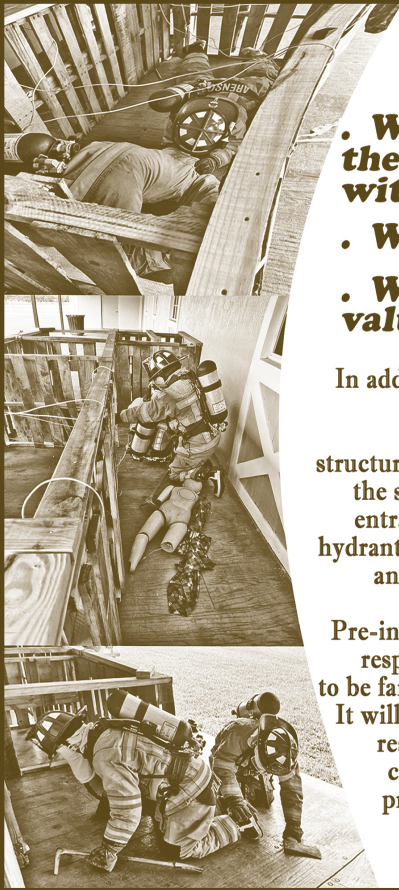
OUR MISSION

- **We are committed to providing the Town of Southwest Ranches with outstanding service.**
- **We value the people we serve.**
- **We are inspired by “small town values.”**

In addition to ongoing fire and medical training, our department has also focused on fire tactics planning for large-commercial structures. We look at the layout of the building and all the surrounding property, including the building entrances, parking lot, building key box location, hydrant-well locations, other structures on the property and potential hazardous materials on the site.

Pre-incident planning is especially important. When responding to these structures, firefighters need to be familiar with the building and their surroundings. It will help facilitate transfer of critical information to responding units and improve their response capabilities, which could save lives, reduce property damage and business interruption.

Stay safe,
Fire Chief Lee Bennett



ADVISORY BOARD UPDATES

RURAL PUBLIC ARTS AND DESIGN BOARD met Monday, April 18 at Town Hall.

- The board watched the 2nd YouTube video - “How Designing a Flag Defined Pocatello.” This video enlightened the board on the dos and don’ts of creating a new Town flag as this is a new idea the board would like to move forward with. A small ad will go in the newsletter (with limited information) looking for input from residents for the creation of a Town flag.
- A discussion regarding a banner for Southwest Meadows Preserve was talked about but will wait until the Parks board comes up with ideas. Vice Mayor Jablonski asked to budget \$2,000.00 now for 2 signs at the entranceway of the Preserve and asked to have Emily/Rod give ideas where the best placement would be for the signs.
- Founders Park mural was brought up to continue the artwork where the wall has already been pressure cleaned and primed. Laura Warren said she would be interested in continuing her creative work on the wall. (To be discussed at another meeting.)

The Schools and Education Advisory Board met on May 9, 2022 and discussed the following:

1. The success of the Barn Dance and the “Unity in Diversity” 5K.
2. Ideas to foster greater volunteerism for future events.
3. Awarding of the Town Scholarship to be continued at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held June 13, 2022.

Clerk's Corner

by Russell Muñiz



Brief legislation from the April 14, 2022 Town Council Regular Meeting:

- **Adopted Resolution 2022-044** approving the selection committee’s recommendation of Emil C. Lopez as the Town Financial Administrator of the Town of Southwest Ranches.
- **Adopted Resolution 2022-045** approving a purchase order with Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc. for professional services for the Transportation Surface and Drainage Ongoing Rehabilitation (TSDOR) Roadway Assessment Study.
- **Adopted Resolution 2022-046** supporting the submission of the Southwest Meadows Sanctuary Drainage and Water Quality Project to Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Shultz to be considered for Fiscal Year 2023 Community Project Funding.
- **Adopted Resolution 2022-047** supporting the submission of the SW 185th Way/SW 186th Avenue Traffic Calming Project to Broward County Transportation Surtax Program to be considered for funding.
- **Adopted Resolution 2022-048** supporting the submission of the Dykes Road Roadway Capacity and Drainage Improvements Project to Broward County Transportation Surtax Program to be considered for funding.
- **Adopted Resolution 2022-049** supporting the submission of the Green Meadows Traffic Calming and Drainage Project to Broward County Transportation Surtax Program to be considered for funding.

Brief legislation from the April 28, 2022 Town Council Regular Meeting:

- **Adopted Ordinance 2022-011** amending Article 10 of the Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) to revise the definition of the term “Net Acre” to exclude certain surface water management areas and drainage easements ; amending Article 45, section 045-070 to provided for lots made nonconforming by this ordinance.
- **Adopted Resolution 2022-050** approving the 2022 amendments to the two (2) interlocal agreements with Broward County providing for the division and distribution of the proceeds of the Broward County additional fifth-cent local option gas tax and the additional three-cent local option gas tax.
- **Adopted Resolution 2022-051** accepting and approving an agreement with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services 2021 Urban and Community Forestry Program to receive \$13,000.00 to supplement the Calusa Corners Park Native Planting Project.
- **Adopted Resolution 2022-052** providing for an amended and comprehensive fee schedule.

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

PROPER OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A SEPTIC TANK SYSTEM

The proper operation and maintenance of septic tank systems is critical to minimizing the impact on our health and water resources. Our sole source of drinking water, the Biscayne Aquifer, is just a few feet beneath the surface of the land. All that separates us from this underground water supply is a thin layer of sand. Consequently, our water supply is extremely vulnerable to contamination.

A major advantage of the septic tank is that it has no moving parts and needs very little routine maintenance. If properly operated and maintained the system should work for 10 to 20 years. But there are problems that may show up in the house plumbing, the septic tank, distribution pipes, and the soil absorption drainfield over time or if the system is improperly operated or maintained.

Signs to look for include:

1. Low spots in the area above or near the drainfield.

2. Obnoxious odors ranging from a musty odor to a rotten egg odor to raw sewage odor.

3. The grass is much greener and lush above or near the drainfield.

4. Soggy grass in the area above or near the drainfield during dry periods.

5. Gurgling sounds in the plumbing.

6. Sluggish flow when flushing the toilet.

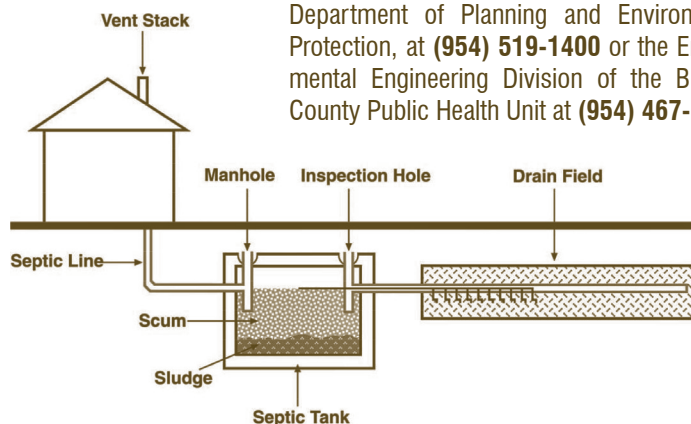
7. Backup of sewage in house plumbing.

Over time all drainfields will fail because the capacity of the soil to absorb effluent has been exceeded. The soil becomes clogged and the effluent will rise to the surface of the ground. However, premature failure most often results from failure of the homeowner to periodically pump out the sludge from the tank.

If you need an inspection or repairs to an existing septic tank system, a state registered septic tank contractor or a state certified plumber should be called. The Broward County Public Health Unit maintains lists of State registered contractors and requires permits for all repairs and installations.

Septic system owners must ensure that their systems are maintained properly. Even a well-designed and properly operating septic tank system will eventually fail if it is not also maintained. Regular maintenance can prevent failures such as clogging of the soil absorption drainfield and sewage backup into the home.

For additional information, please contact the Department of Planning and Environmental Protection, at (954) 519-1400 or the Environmental Engineering Division of the Broward County Public Health Unit at (954) 467-4920.



Source: <https://www.broward.org/EnvironmentAndGrowth/EnvironmentalProgramsResources/Publications/Documents/YouYourSepticTank.pdf>

TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES

10TH ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Rural Public Arts & Design Advisory Board

13400 Griffin Rd, Southwest Ranches, Florida 33330

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

CELL: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

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

SIGNATURE: _____ (Date)

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

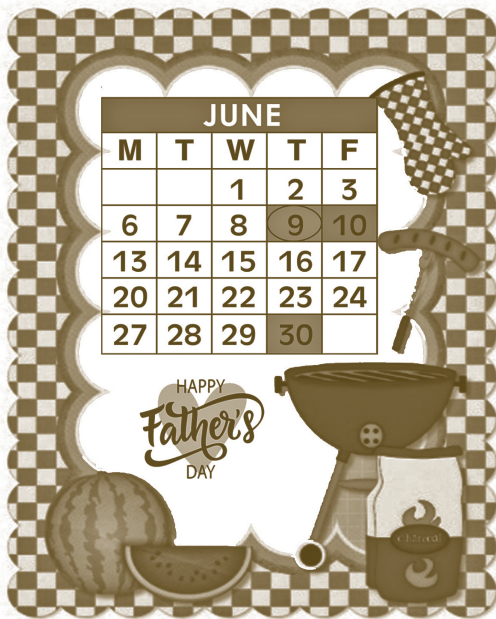
SOD REPLACEMENT

The current policy specifies the use of Bahia sod for the restoration of these improvements due to its durability and drought tolerance. If you were impacted by one of these Town projects and opted out of the available Bahia Sod and incurred an expense to have it replaced with a grass of your choice, you can contact the Town for a reimbursement credit of up to \$25 per pallet. Proof of sod purchase will have to be provided to qualify for the sod reimbursement program. Addresses will be cross-referenced to completed projects for verification. For more information, please contact Philip Chorath at (954) 343-7441 or pchorath@southwestranches.org.



AROUND THE TOWN

June 2022 Broward County School Calendar

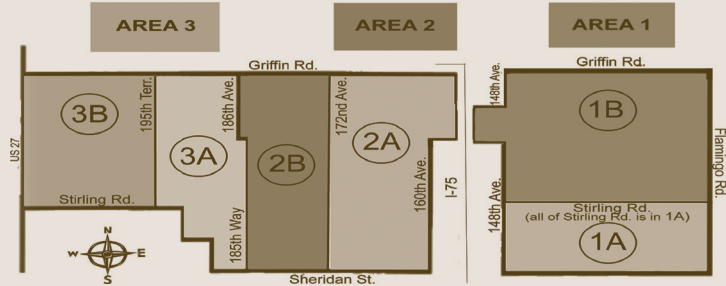


Thursday, June 9th - Early Release Day
Friday, June 10th - Employee Planning
(no school for students)
Thursday, June 30th - Report Cards Issued

Waste Collection

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

TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES - Waste Collection Map & Schedule



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

RESIDENTIAL BULK MAY BE PLACED IN THE SWALE THE SATURDAY BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED

BULK COLLECTION DAY. (Ord 2008-07) PAGE 6

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
JUNE 2022	3-A	6/01 - 6/15 - 6/29	2-A	6/14 - 6/28	1-A	6/13 - 6/27
	3-B	6/08 - 6/22	2-B	6/07 - 6/21	1-B	6/06 - 6/20
JULY 2022	3-A	7/13 - 7/17	2-A	7/12 - 7/26	1-A	7/11 - 7/25
	3-B	7/06 - 7/20	2-B	7/05 - 7/15	1-B	7/04 - 7/18

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

CodeRED™ Emergency Notification System REGISTER NOW

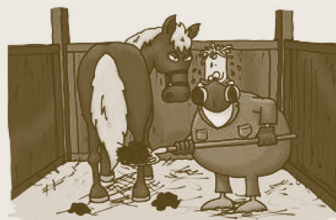
Are you getting emergency notifications and other critical information for your community?
Sign up for Code RED to be certain that you are among the first to know about an evacuation order; weather warnings; hazardous road conditions; and other notices requiring your immediate attention and/or action.

Register for CodeRED online today at www.southwestranches.org.
Get notified immediately via telephone, text message or email.

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
HOME PHONE: _____
CELL PHONE: _____
EMAIL: _____

Please indicate your contact preference by entering a 1, 2, or 3 in the boxes below.

☐ Home phone ☐ Cell Phone ☐ Email



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

Household HAZARDOUS WASTE Disposal Days

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE, ELECTRONICS & BULK DROP OFF EVENT

Saturday, July 9th, 2022 . 8:00am to 2:00pm

Location: Rolling Oaks Barn - 17630 SW 56th St., Southwest Ranches, 33331

Document shredding from 10-1pm . prescription drug drop off 10-2pm

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



PHOTO BY: Teri Bennett

"Our Grandchildren really love playing in our Southwest Ranches playground."

(From the 2022 Photo Contest Calendar)

CALENDAR

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
June	5	6	7	8	9	10
	• SWR Parks Foundation Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm • Country Estates HOA - Grace Baptist Church - 19200 Griffin Rd - 7 pm AREA 1B BULK	• Code Hearing - Town Hall 9 am • Public Safety & Traffic Committee - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 2B BULK	AREA 3A BULK	• TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING - Town Hall 7 pm		
	12	13	14	15	16	17
	• Schools & Education Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 1A BULK	• Parks, Recreation, Forestry & Natural Resources Advisory Board - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 2A BULK	• Rural Public Arts & Design Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall - 7 pm • Fire Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 3A BULK	• Broward County Property Appraiser - Town Hall - 10 am - 12 pm • Comprehensive Plan Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm		
HAPPY ***** Father's DAY	19	20	21	22	23	24
	AREA 1B BULK	• Drainage & Infrastructure Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall - 7 pm AREA 2B BULK	• Flow Mobile DMV Service - 10 am - 2 pm By Appointment Only Call Town Hall AREA 3B BULK	• SWRVFD Board of Directors Meeting - 6:30 PM at Town Hall • TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - Town Hall 7 pm		
26	27	28	29	30		
	AREA 1A BULK	• Rolling Oaks Civic Association Meeting Rolling Oaks Barn 17630 SW 56 St. - 7 pm AREA 2A BULK	• Sunshine Ranches Homeowners Association Town Hall - 7:30 pm AREA 3A BULK			

All Town Council Meetings and Advisory Board meetings will be held in person at Town Hall unless explicitly stated otherwise.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY...

Iara Schwartzman - June 10th



We hope your special day is filled with happiness and that all your wishes come true.

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

Facebook

YouTube

Twitter

COMMENT

FOLLOW

FOLLOW US ON THE TOWN'S OFFICIAL SOCIAL MEDIA

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

You Tube

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Twitter

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

BROWARD.org

ALERT!BROWARD SIGN UP

EMERGENCY ALERT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

AlertBroward notifications will provide subscribers with important information in critical countywide situations such as hurricanes, evacuations, curfews, and open shelters.
By signing up you'll receive time-sensitive calls to your home, business or mobile phones.s or emails.

<https://www.broward.org/Emergency/Pages/AlertBroward.aspx>

ALERT!BROWARD

SIGN UP
EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

BROWARD COUNTY FLORIDA

IN TOUCH

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Steve Breitkreuz	(954) 343-7462	sbreitkreuz@southwesttranches.org
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Council Member Jim Allbritton	(954) 343-7461	jallbritton@southwesttranches.org
Council Member David S. Kuczenski	(954) 343-7472	dkuczenski@southwesttranches.org

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Debra M. Ruesga, <i>Deputy Town Clerk</i>	(954) 343-7451	druesga@southwesttranches.org
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Emily McCord Aceti, <i>Community Services Manager</i>	(954) 343-7453	eaceti@southwesttranches.org
Philip Chorath, <i>Engineer I</i>	(954) 343-7441	pchorath@southwesttranches.org
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Melinda Stringer, <i>Administrative Assistant</i>	(954) 343-7454	mstringer@southwesttranches.org

TOWN SERVICES

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

Brian Dillon, <i>Building Official</i>	(954) 343-7446	bdillon@capfla.com
Joyce Marques, <i>Permit Technician</i>	(954) 343-7446	jmarques@capfla.com
Derlin Guevara, <i>Permit Technician</i>	(954) 343-7445	dguevara@capfla.com
PLANNING – (MELTGREN PLANNING GROUP)	(954) 475-3070	michele@tmpgplanning.com
Jeff Katims	(954) 475-3070	jkatims@sepiinc.com

ZONING/PERMITTING

Julio Medina	(954) 343-7458	zoninginfo@southwesttranches.org
CODE		
Julio Medina, <i>Code Enforcement Director</i>	(954) 343-7458	jmedina@southwesttranches.org
Code Enforcement Hotline	(954) 343-7449	
Concepcion Campos, <i>Code Enforcement Officer</i>	(954) 343-7457	ccampos@southwesttranches.org
Marlon Gonzalez, <i>Code Enforcement Officer</i>	(954) 343-7440	mgonzalez@swranches.org
Jenna Anderson, <i>Administrative Coordinator</i>	(954) 343-7459	janderson@southwesttranches.org

WASTE/BULK/RECYCLING SERVICES

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

EMERGENCY

Non-Emergency
 Davie Police Department
 Jeff Hobales, *Detective*
 Cheryl Danner, *Police Services Coordinator*
 Davie Fire Rescue Station 112
 Volunteer Fire Rescue - Chief Bennett

TRAFFIC AND ROADWAY SERVICES

Potholes and Signs Down - Philip Chorath
 Illicit Discharge - Environmental Response Line:

911

(954) 764-4357 (HELP)
 (954) 693-8200
 (954) 693-8326
 (954) 693-8352
 (954) 952-4608
 (954) 868-2057

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 cdanner@southwesttranches.org
 pchorath@southwesttranches.org
 online complaint form at <http://www.broward.org/Environment/Resources/Pages/EnviroComplaint.aspx>

OTHER

WATER DISTRICTS - CANALS

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)		
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**Southwest Ranches
Parks Foundation presents**

**AT
THE
BINGO BARN**

Saturday, June 11th, 2022
Dinner 6-7
BINGO 7-9

Tickets \$20.00 in advance or \$35.00 at the door.
Ticket price includes dinner, first BINGO card
and a chance to win door prize.

More BINGO cards available for \$1.00 each.

Call: 954-343-7452
Email: dlauretano@swranches.org

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

10th Annual Photo Contest

The theme for 2022 Photo Contest is...

"FUN IN THE RANCHES"

What makes Southwest Ranches unique to you?
(favorite animals, recreation, gardens, flowers, sunsets, Town events, etc.)

Pictures must be submitted not later than September 5th., 2022.

- One photo per person in household.
- Please provide a photo caption (limit 74 characters).
- Photos must be at least 8 x 10 (landscape).
- Photos must be in the highest definition (resolution) possible.
- No previous photos will be accepted.
- To be considered, all entries must be submitted with the Town's Entry Form.
- Email your photo to: Skutz@southwestranches.org.

This could be your picture!

Call Susan for additional
information (954) 343-7460

Picture by: Karen French