Mayor’s Message

Mayor Steve Breitkreuz

Probably the two most common concerns that are brought to my attention are traffic and garbage pick-up. Regarding traffic, I want to recognize the efforts of Council Member Jim Allbritton for his work to form an ad hoc committee to review the various issues across Town related to traffic and safety and come up with recommendations for improvement. He brought together a highly qualified group of residents that did just that, and I am sincerely thankful for those residents volunteering their time and energy for this effort. We are fortunate to have such an engaged body of residents in our Town. All contributing their skills to the betterment of our Town, and this group did an exceptional job providing recommendations for equipment and process changes that I believe will have a significant positive impact on our community. Sincere thanks to Jim and the residents that served on this committee! The other topic is waste and bulk removal. This has been a frustration for a number of years. The Town has worked diligently to attempt to improve the service levels. At times there have been successes, but at other times, little gain has been seen. Our contract with our current vendor concludes in just a couple months, at the end of September. The current vendor did not bid on the new contract, so we will be selecting a new vendor to provide this service. I believe most everyone in Town is thankful for that.

Because this was such a thorn in our side for the last several years, when the Town was preparing the bid documents for potential vendors, we hired a consultant that could provide for us a path to providing the most appropriate service and attract the most vendors to bid. The goal is obviously to improve the consistency of our service and obtain this service to the lowest possible cost. Due to the current inflation numbers and the fact that we negotiated a very competitive price on our prior contract, we will unfortunately see an increase in our cost. However, you might remember that about six months ago, I requested your input as to what services your found most useful for waste / recycle / bulk and which were less important. Many of you responded. (Thank-you!) Those responses were forwarded on to the consultant, and I have also expressed them personally. So, you will see some changes in service. At the time I write this article, I do not know the final cost or service changes, so I cannot list them at this time. However, we will be communicating these once they are available.

So, on both the traffic and waste fronts, the Town has been working to make improvements. I very much appreciate your feedback. It was critical building the plans for the future. I encourage you to continue to provide this feedback and communication. My personal cell number is 954-296-6018. I welcome your calls to let me know how we are doing and what continues to need improvement.

It is an honor to serve the residents of this special Town that we call home. Steve (954) 296-6018

Vice Mayor Gary Jablonski

Hello everyone,

First allow me to thank all the residents who responded to my idea of creating a new zoning category for land not already zoned residential. The response has been extremely gratifying knowing I am on the right track in helping keep our Town rural for future generations. For all those residents again, I say thank you. The new proposed category will be called Rural Ranches Agricultural and will be submitted to the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Board this July.

Second the Town Council has FANTASTIC news for all the residents! The property the Town purchased from CCA (Core Civic) has been sold for over $18 Million going to the Town. The benefits of this sale are as follows: 1. Sold for $18,600,000. We purchased the 24+ acre property for about $8.1 Million in 2016, and we also rolled our entire debt into the bond (loan).

2. The new owner is building an Industrial Warehouse with a vehicle storage lot.

3. After building out the new owner will pay the Town 6% of the rental plus other fees forever (this condition runs with the land no matter who owns it).

4. If the new owner ever sells the property the Town will receive 3% of the purchase price (every time the property is sold).

5. The Council agreed the first thing the Town will do with these funds is payoff the ENTIRE DEBT the Town owes which is around $8 Million.

6. This amounts to .623 mils in the
current budget and puts us in a strong position to REDUCE the millage in the upcoming year (next year’s budget cycle has yet to be determined).

7. The remaining amount will go to other extremely important projects that are needed around the Town where funding is extremely difficult because of the size of the projects.

Now the news gets even better. Thanks to the efforts of the entire Town Council going to Tallahassee last January (a special shoutout to Council Member Kuczenski for putting in extra effort on the last day we were there) and the efforts of our State Representative Robin Bartleman, we were successful in getting three very needed drainage projects funded for a total of $1,600,000. The drainage projects are as follows:

1. Country Estates SW 63rd Street and SW 185 Way drainage improvement.
2. Green Meadows SW 164th Terrace drainage improvement.
3. Also, in the Green Meadows area the SW 54th Place drainage extension to the Ivanhoe Canal.
4. Also, Representative Bartleman got State funding of $2 Million for needed upgrades to our general drainage basin areas. This funding will benefit us greatly with the gates, locks, and weirs that are throughout the basin areas.

As you all can see the Town Council has made enormous strides to improve our Town with a shout out to the Town Administration and especially the Legal Team for their tremendous efforts in putting the various projects together. We have a great Council that works very well together and an outstanding team at Town Hall. All the above will benefit the Town for decades.

Also, an important announcement that I (District 2) and Councilmember Bob Hartmann (District 1) are re-running in the November election.

It is an Honor and a Privilege to serve you.

Gary

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**Council Member Bob Hartmann**

**When the Corrections Corporation of America (CCA) immigration detention center negotiations with the federal government collapsed, our neighboring municipality to the south attempted to acquire the CCA property (approximately 24.4 acres) within the Town. This action could have taken the Town’s only industrially zoned land off the Town’s tax rolls thru annexation into their city or by using the land for environmental mitigation rendering it of no taxable value. The Council in April 2016 implemented a defensive strategy to protect the value and purchased the undeveloped property from CCA.

On January 3, 2022, MG3 Developer Group, LLC (MG3) a South Florida development company, submitted a public private partnership agreement to the Town to purchase and to develop a warehouse facility at the Town’s former CCA property. On January 14, 2022, the Town formally announced its interest in considering MG3’s proposal and it issued a procurement to receive competitive offers. On February 18, 2022, the solicitation was closed, and the Town considered two offers. On March 7, 2022, the Town’s Selection and Negotiation Committee met and selected MG3, as the most responsive and responsible bidder to purchase and to develop the Town’s former CCA property located off Sheridan Street next to the County’s landfill.

On June 2, the Council conducted a sole-purpose Council meeting to review the proposal which the Council approved at the meeting. Under the contract, MG3 will acquire the former CCA site for $18.6 million. Additionally, the Town will share with MG3 in a portion of the profits as outlined in a perpetual profit participation agreement. MG3 shall pay to the Town six percent of the total gross rental income, less insurance, less six percent of the real estate commissions paid, ad valorem taxes, and government assessments on a quarterly basis. Revenue from the profit agreement will not be available until after rental tenant occupancy begins in a period to begin no later than 24 months from signing. So, to be clear, the Town will receive $18.6 million upon sale and will receive a portion of the profits once warehouse rentals begin.

This sale is important to our residents for several reasons. First, the proceeds of the sale of this property will be used to pay-off all Town debts. Elimination of debt service of these liabilities will free up approximately 0.6 mils of ad valorem tax requirements. The timing could not be better as we all understand the effects this period of extraordinary inflation is having on our own personal finances and businesses. The Town is having similar challenges and additionally, our contract with Davie for public safety service expires this year. The Council is reviewing and approving budgets during July and August and will likely apply the funds used for the eliminated debt service to cover any funding gaps to reject the need for ad valorem tax increases for the fifth year in a row.

Next, the balance of the profit from the property sale, net of paying off debt service and any costs associated with the transaction, will likely be planned by the Council to fund items that have been un-funded priorities for a long time.

Finally, to gain some insight to how these new funding sources will be applied, how our town budgets are created, reviewed and how our taxes are determined, please join the Town’s budget workshop on August 16th, and the two public hearings on Sept 12 and Sept 22 when the budgets are finalized along with proposed fire assessments and waste fees. Check the Town calendar or newsletter for specific meeting times.

I want to mention a couple of additional items that are important to all of us. I noted above that the Davie Public Safety contract expires this year. Town is negotiating with Davie, and it looks like they are working with us to keep the same annual increases (4.5%) as the prior contract. They are a union shop for the police, fire, and EMS labor so our increases somewhat match theirs.

There is some news about garbage and bulk services. Waste Management was awarded the new contract and is expected to begin collection in October. More information will be provided on the pickup and services as startup gets a bit closer.

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
Adopted Resolution 2022-060 approving a new water agreement with the City of Cooper City for four single family homes along Stirling Road.

Adopted Resolution 2022-061 approving a new water agreement with the City of Cooper City for a commercial property along Flamingo Road.

Brief legislation from the June 23, 2022 Town Council Regular Meeting:
• Adopted Resolution 2022-060 approving a new water agreement with the City of Cooper City for four single family homes along Stirling Road.
• Adopted Resolution 2022-061 approving a new water agreement with the City of Cooper City for a commercial property along Flamingo Road.

Brief legislation from the July 14, 2022 Town Council Regular Meeting:
• Adopted Resolution 2022-062 approving an extension to the agreement with Florida Technical Consultants, LLC. For continuing GIS services.
• Adopted Resolution 2022-063 approving an agreement with Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc. to develop a Town wide Stormwater Master Plan.
• Adopted Resolution 2022-064 approving a neighborhood beautification grant award to the Country Estates Civic Association.
• Adopted Resolution 2022-065 approving a purchase order with Huurr Homes to amend the Green Meadows Drainage Improvement Project.
• Adopted Resolution 2022-066 approving the selection of Allstate Resource Management as the lowest priced proposer for the Rolling Oaks Passive Open Space Park Pond Cleanup Project.

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.

Howdy Folks,
I wish to thank those of you who reach out to me to ask about issues of concern throughout our Town. My goal is to return my calls within 24-48 hours, even including weekends. Two highly discussed issues are speeding and solid waste disposal, and a third is development. Council Member Jim Albritton conceived the idea of the Public Safety Committee, which proposed several items to enhance the public safety within our Town. Two items include increased law enforcement at various times and purchasing laser speed detecting devices. Another item being resurrected is the idea from Vice Mayor Gary Jablonski to increase law enforcement presence funded from traffic violation revenues. Interestingly, most of the speeding, according to Davie Police, is from our very own residents. Once implemented, however, we should see a reduction in speeding.

The second item, solid waste removal, is presently being addressed by the Town Administration. As I write this, negotiations are being conducted with the replacement vendor, which appears to be Waste Management for regular garbage and possibly a different vendor for bulk depending on how negotiations pan out. Regardless, as of October 1st, we will be seeing a positive change vis-a-vis to our current situation. Once the contract is approved, I plan to discuss in a future article what is and what is not approved for bulk pick-up and the approved locations as the present situation has created much confusion.

Future Land Development is a very important issue in the upcoming months. As Council Member Bob Hartmann discussed last month, property values in our Town have escalated, and while other areas of the state may see a decrease as the housing bubble comes to an end. I do not believe it will have any effect on our property values, simply because there is no place like Southwest Ranches. That being said, there are a handful of large undeveloped tracts remaining. I am opposed to new commercial development within our Town, and I am opposed to increasing density of our homes. The opinions of locally affected property owners are important in considering where to draw the line. Future land development will be an issue we the Council will discuss in the near future.

Recently, I brought to the Council’s attention that we need to update our election signs ordinance. The basis of this concept is whether the resident/owner knows what is being placed on her/his property. Presently, the ordinance requires an onerous form and documentation of the property resident to place an election sign for a Council Member candidate for each property. I am of the opinion, and it seemed to me the Council is receptive on the concept, that if a dwelling is occupied, no documentation for placing an election sign needs to be obtained. As I explained, if a resident opposes the sign in her/his property, they can simply throw it away. However, when it comes to vacant homes or vacant properties, I felt this open placement change is more challenging because many vacant property owners do not live in the Town and have no idea what is placed on their property. Another issue I feel is the timing of the signs. Today, I would like to place signs on my property; however, the present ordinance restricts placement beyond 60 days of the election. This will require additional discussion. Also, any person may remove an illegal sign within the Town. On the other hand, removing a legal sign is a violation of state law.

I wish to 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

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: publicworks@southwestranches.org
Around the Town

IMPACT OF WILDLIFE GARDENS
...THE RESEARCH IS IN!

Private residential homes comprise one-third of the urban environment. Studies show the impact of gardening practices utilized in certified backyard habitats are having an enormous benefit to the environment:

- **Increased Biodiversity**
- **Creation of Habitat Corridors**
- **Rich Diversity of Native Plants and Trees**
- **Increased Levels of Oxygen**
- **Increased Presence of Migratory Species**
- **Higher Percentages of Indicator Species**
- **Carbon Dioxide Sequestration**
- **Increased Groundwater Permeability**

Don’t just take our word for it, view “You Built It and They Came: The Science Behind Your Habitat Garden-Webinar” [https://www.nwf.org/Garden-for-Wildlife/About/Resources/You-Built-It-They-Came](https://www.nwf.org/Garden-for-Wildlife/About/Resources/You-Built-It-They-Came), featuring Dr. Peter Groffman, Dr. Sarah Hobbie, Dr. Kelli Larson, and Dr. Susannah Lerman, a panel of researchers funded by the National Science Foundation Macrosystems Biology program, sharing findings from studies of Certified Wildlife Habitats® across the country. They discuss how wildlife gardening can help boost biodiversity, impact soil and microclimates, and potentials for expanding.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION

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 can then 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.

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.

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...
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pvn5kB2hl4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pvn5kB2hl4)  
(creating a town flag – Roman Mars why city flags maybe the worst designed thing you’ve never noticed.)

Email your ideas to skutz@southwestranches.org and please subject the email: Town flag.

SOUTHWEST RANCHES TAKES THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION'S 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 Mayor’s 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.
Southwest Ranches Fire Rescue

The Southwest Ranches Firefighters have been busy. Our department regiments day to day training and are currently training on medical scenarios. The new training module consists of early identification and treatment of cardiac arrhythmias, traumatic blood loss (hypovolemic shock), and diabetic emergencies. All training consists of knowledge and skill review as well as implementation of real-life scenarios. All medical training is in accordance with ACLS/BLS AHA Guidelines and direct supervision from our medical director.

Our cardiac arrhythmia training allows our personnel to truly make a difference. Early detection of cardiac arrhythmias is paramount. Immediate CPR and electrical therapy are a winning recipe. Members are trained in pit crew CPR, cardiac defibrillation, synchronized cardioversion, and pacing. Our paramedical have been trained to place and interpret 12 lead EKGs.

The following recyclable items are acceptable.
- PLASTIC BOTTLES AND CONTAINER
- FOOD AND BEVERAGE CANS
- PAPER
- FLATTENED CARDBOARD AND PAPERBOARD
- GLASS BOTTLES AND CONTAINERS

The following is effective in reducing the amount of contaminated recycling material.
- NO FOOD OR LIQUID
- NO FOAM CUPS AND CONTAINERS
- NO LOOSE PLASTIC BAGS, BAGGED RECYCTABLES OR FILM
- NO BATTERIES
- NO GREEN WASTE
- NO CLOTHING, FURNITURE OR CARPET

BULK:
BULK LIMITS OF 12 CUBIC YARDS WILL REMAIN THE SAME, BUT BULK ROUTES COULD CHANGE TO IMPROVE COLLECTION EFFICIENCY.

UPDATED INFORMATION WILL BE IN THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF THE TOWN NEWSLETTER AND SOCIAL MEDIA.

Our staff has been training on proper intravenous techniques. Crew members are responsible for proper set up of various drips, as well as proper disposal of sharps. Our paramedic members are responsible for IV placement, medication administration, and therapeutic fluid administration.

STOP THE BLEED is a nationally recognized learning effort from the American College of Surgeons. Southwest Ranches VFD has been training its members in accordance from basic bleeding control to tourniquet placement. Recently our Town and its residents have suffered serious traumatic events. The application of our training allowed our members to truly make a difference.

Diabetic Emergency Training and Recognition continues for all our personnel. 5 diabetic emergency symptoms to watch for:
- Confusion and or altered mental status
- Blurred vision
- Erratic behavior often confused with alcohol consumption or illicit drug use
- Weakness
- Seizures or loss of conscious
**Public Works**

**Drainage Projects in Green Meadows**

- The installation of 165 linear feet of 24” piping and 2,465 square feet of sod replacement along SW 54th Place right of way between SW 163rd Avenue and SW 164th Terrace will be completed in 2022. The installation of this pipe will increase the efficiency of the stormwater conveyance system.

- The Town will install drainage pipe, inlets and swales along the SW 54th Place right-of-way west of Dykes Road. Construction is anticipated to be completed in 2022. The Town received $120,900 from the Department of Environmental Protection and $43,000 from Broward County Surtax for this project.

- The Town was recently awarded a $409,422 grant from the State of Florida for a drainage improvement from Dykes Road east to the Ivanhoe Canal along the SW 54th Place right-of-way. The project is anticipated to be completed in 2023.

- The Town was recently awarded a $793,166 grant from the State of Florida for a drainage improvement along SW 164th Terrace, SW 163rd Avenue, SW 162nd Avenue, and Stirling Road. The project is anticipated to be completed in 2023.

- The Town Council has allocated funding from the American Rescue Plan Act to install pipes under Dykes Road to alleviate flooding.

**Drainage Projects Country Estates:**

- The Town was awarded a $355,000 grant from the State of Florida for a drainage improvement connecting SW 51st Manor from SW 184th Avenue canal to the canal just west of SW 188th Avenue. Design is underway. The project is anticipated to be completed in 2023.

- The Town was recently awarded a $479,306 grant from the State of Florida for a drainage improvement along SW 164th Terrace, SW 163rd Avenue, SW 162nd Avenue, and Stirling Road. Design is underway. The project is anticipated to be completed in 2023.

**Stormwater Master Plan:**

The Town has been awarded a $250,000 grant to develop a Stormwater Master Plan (SWMP) from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity’s Rebuild Florida General Planning Support Program. The development and implementation of the SWMP will enhance the Town’s resilience by ensuring that our community can better withstand and recover from adverse situations relating to flooding. The SWMP will provide direction and prioritization of stormwater infrastructure project needs aimed at reducing flooding, enhancing resiliency, and providing a targeted capital improvement plan.

The Stormwater Master Plan is intended to provide the Town with long-range comprehensive stormwater management system planning. The methodology and concepts used to develop the SWMP will be presented to Town Elected Officials, Town Administration, the Town’s Drainage and Infrastructure Advisory Board, residents, and other stakeholders prior to initial project design commencement. The outreach process will allow residents and other stakeholders to provide input to be considered and possibly incorporated into the SWMP.

**Transportation Surface and Drainage Ongoing Rehabilitation Program (TSDOR) Future Construction:**

Design plans are underway for the next group of roads on the TSDOR plan: SW 162nd Avenue, SW 163rd Avenue, SW 49th Street from SW 163rd Avenue to the dead end, SW 63rd Street from SW 163rd Avenue to SW 162nd Avenue, and SW 164th Terrace. This totals 3.37 miles of roadway. Construction of these improvements are currently unfunded.

**TSDOR Study:**

The Town implemented a Transportation Surface and Drainage Ongoing Rehabilitation program in FY 2015. The Town completed the TSDOR program study in November 2013 by hiring an engineering firm to perform streets condition assessment and develop improvement cost estimates. The program was developed to resurface all 64 miles of public roadway within the Town. To date, the Town has resurfaced approximately 13.5 miles of roadway.

The Town is currently updating the TSDOR program with the goal of preserving and extending the life of the Town’s asphalt paved streets and provide an acceptable level of service on roadside drainage. The Town is updating information on costs for repaving Town streets, restoring appurtenant roadside swales, and maintaining and repairing pavement and potholes, and re-grading and re-grassing roadside swales.

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**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 State declaration of domicile
- A current Florida driver’s license
- Non-US citizens must also provide proof of legal residency
- If you are a new resident to Florida, please provide your Settlement State declaration of domicile

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).
Around the Town

Mustang Trail
Case # 22- 036733 1100 hours
Theft
A resident called to make a report that he had several items of mail stolen from his mailbox. He said he believed there were checks and bank statements in his mailbox. He was told to contact his bank and the credit bureaus.

SW 62nd Street
Case # 22- 054886 0351 hours
Burglary
A resident called police because he received a notification from his ring camera. When he went outside he saw a male inside his son’s work truck. The resident yelled and the suspect fled. The caller had video which was put into Davie Property. Nothing appeared to be missing from the truck.

SW 62nd Street
Case # 22- 054893 0446 hours
Burglary
A resident called police because he received a notification from his ring camera. The caller saw a male trying his door handles of his vehicle, but the vehicle was locked so entry was not made. The caller had video which was put into Davie Property.

TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES
10TH ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST ENTRY FORM
Rural Public Arts & Design Advisory Board
13400 Griffin Road, 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 106A(a) AND SHALL CONSTITUTE A
WAIVER BY ME OF ANY RIGHTS IN THE WORK SET OUT IN OR OTHERWISE
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)

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

TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES FY 2022 - 2023 BUDGET HEARINGS AND WORKSHOP
The following publicly held Budget meetings/workshop will be in Council Chambers: 13400 Griffin Rd, SWR, FL 33330

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2022
Budget Workshop on Proposed Budget @ 7:00 PM - Mayor and Town Council (Community Invited)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2022
First Public Hearing for Tentative Millage and Budget Adoption introduced for FY 2022-2023 (via resolution and ordinance, respectively). Final Fire Protection and solid waste special assessment Adoption (via resolutions) @ 6:00 PM. September Regular Council Meeting @ 7:30 PM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2022
Second Public Hearing for Final Millage and Budget Adoption (via resolution and ordinance, respectively) @ 6:00 PM. September Regular Council Meeting @ 7:00 PM
August, 2022 School Calendar
Broward County Public Schools

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

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

TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES - Waste Collection Map & Schedule

Waste Collection

Weekly SOLID (GARBAGE) Waste Days

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

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

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:

Thursday, August 24th
By Appointment Only
No Walk-Ins
Call Town Hall (954) 434-0008

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- Tuesday, August 9th thru the 15th—No school for students
- Tuesday, August 16th—First day of school

Mini-Flow:
Florida Licensing on Wheels

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Days

Hazardous Waste, Electronics & Bulk Drop Off Event

Saturday, September 10th, 2022: 8:00am to 2:00pm
Location: Rolling Oaks Barn - 17635 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.

Acceptable Items:
- Aerosol Cans & Freon/Co2
- Batteries & Acid Batteries
- BBQ & Camp Stove Propane
- Cleaners
- Fluorescent Tubes/Beams
- Garden/Creatures
- Jet/Diesel Fuel
- Pesticides
- Pool Chlorine
- Tires (Up to 4 tires per household no rims)
- Used Oil & Filters

For more information call Town Hall (954) 434-0008
**PHOTO BY: Alfredo Avello, Jr.**

“Kisses, the goat, at the Equestrian Park.”
(From the 2022 Photo Contest Calendar)

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- Facebook page: @SWRGov
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For additional information contact Chief Bennett at 954.868.2057

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MOSSQUITO CONTROL (754) 224-0877 Facebook@SWRLostandFoundAnimals
LOST AND FOUND ANIMALS

PUBLIC SAFETY
EMERGENCY
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Davie Police Department (954) 603-8200 cdanner@southwestranches.org
Jeff Hobaes, Detective (954) 603-8326
Cheryl Danner, Police Services Coordinator (954) 603-8352
Davie Fire Rescue Station 112 (954) 952-4608
Volunteer Fire Rescue - Chief Bennett (954) 868-2057

TRAFFIC AND ROADWAY SERVICES
Potholes and Signs Down - Public Works (954) 519-1499 publicworks@southwestranches.org
Illicit Discharge - Environmental Response Line: online complaint form at http://www.broward.org/Environment/Resources/Pages/EnviroComplaint.aspx

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

Directions: Circle the words hidden in the puzzle. The words are spelled vertically and horizontally.

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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