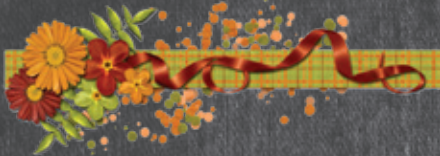


# SOUTHWEST RANCHER

*The Official Newsletter of Southwest Ranches*

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**Mayor  
Steve Breitreuz**

We have made truly significant progress as a Town given that we are only 22 years old. However, there is still much to do to ensure the safety and protection of our residents. One of the biggest items on that list is a Public Safety building. This would be a building that would be built with the safety of our residents and public safety professionals in mind.

Currently, we do not have a building that was built to withstand a Category 5 hurricane. Our Town Hall is a significant structure but it was not built with that in mind. Also, our Fire Services are housed in a prefabricated structure on the western side of Town that is certainly not rated for this type of storm. Therefore, it is critical we begin to move forward with building a structure that can safely house these services in the event of a storm and house our fire personnel on a permanent basis.

We are in the process of determining the location and have identified multiple potential locations. We have also identified outside funding for a number of the elements of the project. So, it is exciting to see this project begin to come together. However, there is still much to do, and I will keep you informed as we continue to make progress on this project.

Finally, I want to pass along my thanks to the veterans in our Town. We are blessed to have many veterans living in our Town. Your sacrifice to our country can never be repaid, but we are truly thankful. Your service will forever be appreciated. In this month of Thanksgiving, we are truly thankful for

each individual who has served and sacrificed for our Country.

As always, thank-you for the honor of serving as your Mayor, in this very special place that we call home. Together we are making this a place that will continue to be special for generations to come.



by Russell Muñiz

**Brief legislation from the  
September 22, 2022 Town  
Council Second Budget  
Hearing:**

- **Adopted Resolution 2022-080** approving the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Final Millage Rate.
- **Adopted Ordinance 2022-014** approving the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Final Budget. Brief legislation from the September 22, 2022 Town Council Regular Meeting:
- **Adopted Resolution 2022-081** approving the second amendment to the agreement between the Town of Davie and the Town of Southwest Ranches for delivery of public safety services.
- **Adopted Resolution 2022-082** approving a purchase order with Craven Thompson and Associates for surveying and engineering services for the SW 54th place drainage improvement project from Dykes Road to the Ivanhoe canal.
- **Adopted Resolution 2022-083** approving a purchase order with Craven Thompson and Associates for surveying services for the Green Meadows drainage improvement project.
- **Adopted Resolution 2022-084** approving a purchase order with Kimley Horn and Associates, inc. in the amount of sixty-eight thousand two hundred five dollars and zero cents (\$68,205.00) for engineering services for the Green Meadows drainage improvement 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.**



**Council  
Member  
Bob Hartmann**

This November, three Town Charter

amendments will be on the ballot. The Town Charter is the Town's governing document like the US Constitution's purpose for our country. The Charter can only be changed through a process defined in the Charter. The process used by the Town, since the Town was created in 2000, has been, first, to seat a Charter Review Committee (CRC). The CRC holds public meetings and reviews the Charter, takes input, and recommends changes to the Council. Next, after reviewing the recommendations at Council meetings, the Council passes an ordinance, which contains the exact Charter questions that will appear on the general election ballot and the specific changes to the Charter that will be made if the amendments pass. Each Charter amendments must receive 60% of the vote or more of the Town's registered voters to be adopted. The Charter can also be changed by a public petition process also included in the Charter. The amendment language on the right will be on the ballot. Per state law, a summary of the amendment question shall be printed in clear and unambiguous language and must be answerable as yes or no. The summary may not exceed seventy-five words. The text below reflects the Charter changes.

The amendment #1 adds a new requirement to run for Mayor. The change to the Charter, if passed would simply read: "The Mayor must be a resident of the Town for at least four years preceding the election."

Amendment #2 solves a problem that occurred a few years ago when a former Council Member resigned due to health reasons. Our current Charter exclusively requires a special election. When the situation above occurred, the Broward

County Supervisor of Elections declined the Town's request for a special election. The Town received a Florida Attorney General opinion that under the circumstances the Council could appoint a new Council Member. The Charter will be changed to allow the Council to appoint a qualified resident voter to fill the vacancy within one hundred-twenty days by majority vote. The appointed Council Member will remain in office until the next general election, where an election will take place to either finish the unexpired portion of the original term or commence a new term. If a majority vote cannot be obtained within the one hundred-twenty days, a special election will be held as soon as can be effectuated by the Supervisor of Elections to complete the unexpired term. Concerning the case of replacing the Mayor, the Vice Mayor will fill the vacancy and will become the acting Mayor until the next regularly scheduled election, where an election will take place to either finish the unexpired portion of the Mayor's original term or commence a new term. A new Vice Mayor will be selected at the next Town Council Meeting. The acting Mayor may run for such election or, upon certification of the election results, will resume that Council Member's original District Seat. If the acting Mayor's District Seat is up for election, the acting Mayor may run for such election, and upon certification of the election results, will no longer be acting Mayor.

Amendment #3 changes a time requirement for the Charter Review Committee from meeting every four years to meet less frequently, every 10 years. If this amendment is adopted, the Council will appoint a Charter Review Committee once every ten (10) years following the publication of the census, which will contain at least five registered voters who are residents of the Town and whose responsibilities will include the review and analysis of the Charter and recommendations to the Council of proposed Charter amendments, without limitation. All

recommendations of the Charter Review Committee will be considered by the Council and the Council may by ordinance propose amendments to the Charter upon recommendation of the Charter Review Committee. Upon passage of the initiating ordinance, the Council will submit the proposed amendment to a vote of the voters of the Town at the next general election held within the Town or at a special election called for such purpose.

If you have any questions or concerns about these charter amendments or any Town related matters, please call me at 954-801-1758. - Bob Hartmann

#### Southwest Ranches 2022 Charter Amendments

The Electorate will be asked, on the November ballot, whether the Charter should be amended to effectuate the following changes:

##### Amendment #1

##### Town mayor residency requirement

Should the Charter of the Town of Southwest Ranches be amended to require the Town Mayor to be a resident of the Town for at least four (4) years preceding the election?

Will the above-described amendment be adopted?

YES ☐  
NO ☐

##### Amendment #2

##### Filling council vacancies.

Should the Charter of the Town of Southwest Ranches be amended to require the Town Council to fill a Council vacancy within one hundred -twenty days, or hold a special election, as soon as can be effectuated by the Supervisor of Elections to complete the unexpired term? In the case of the Mayor, the Vice Mayor would become the Acting Mayor until the next regularly scheduled election.

Will the above-described amendment be adopted?

YES ☐  
NO ☐

##### Amendment #3

##### Appointment of the Charter review committee.

Should the Charter of the Town of Southwest Ranches be amended to require the Town Council to appoint a Charter Review Committee once every ten years following the publication of the census.

Will the above-described amendment be adopted?

YES ☐  
NO ☐



### 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](mailto:publicworks@southwestranches.org)

### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PARKS?

We would like your Input!

Got time during the weekdays?  
Looking for something  
interesting to do?

We need Input and Ideas for  
fun or educational classes  
and activities that  
residents with time during  
the weekdays would like.

Let us know your interests and  
availability. We'll need  
volunteers to help coordinate!

Contact the Parks Department at  
954-343-7452 or via email at  
[parks@southwestranches.org](mailto:parks@southwestranches.org).

Happy Thanksgiving



# AROUND THE TOWN

THE RURAL PUBLIC ARTS AND DESIGN BOARD  
PRESENTS...

## "5th Annual December Holiday Lights Contest"

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAY SEASON A LITTLE  
MORE BY PARTICIPATING IN THIS FUN-FILLED  
HOLIDAY CONTEST. SEND YOUR ENTRY  
FORM IN NO LATER THAN  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2ND, 2022  
AND BE ONE OF THE 3 MOST FESTIVE  
HOLIDAY DECORATED HOMES IN  
SOUTHWEST RANCHES.

(YOUR HOUSE DOES NOT HAVE TO BE  
DECORATED TO SEND YOUR ENTRY FORM IN.)

JUDGING WILL START  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

AWARDS WILL BE  
PRESENTED  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

Call Susan: (954) 434-0008  
or email:  
skutz@southwestranches.org



## DECEMBER HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST ENTRY FORM



**Town of Southwest Ranches**  
Rural Public Arts & Design Advisory Board  
13400 Griffin Road  
Southwest Ranches, Florida 33330

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

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

I UNDERSTAND, ACKNOWLEDGE, AND AGREE THAT THE SUBMISSION OF THE PHOTOGRAPH OF MY HOME, WHICH I HAVE TAKEN, 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(m), 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 106A(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 "DROID MORAL" RELATING TO ANY CONTINUING INTEREST I MAY HAVE IN THE MAINTENANCE OR MODIFICATION OF THE WORK, ARE EXPRESSLY TRANSFERRED 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 SUBMISSION OF MY SUBMISSION THE WORK WILL REMAIN THE PROPERTY OF THE TOWN AND MAY BE USED, REPRODUCED, SOLD, OR EXHIBITED BY THE TOWN IN THE TOWN'S SOLE DISCRETION.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

(Date) \_\_\_\_\_



## SHOW YOUR TOWN SPIRIT

SWR stickers are made for residents by the  
Country Estates Homeowners Association.  
Sticker's are \$1 each and are available at  
Town Hall, 13400 Griffin Rd.



# AROUND THE TOWN

## Frequently Asked Questions FAQ ?

Household  
garbage, recycle  
and bulk

### How do I contact WM Customer Service?

Call: (954) 974-7500

Website: [www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com)

One of the quickest ways to get information is through the website. On the main page at the bottom right corner, there is an option for a chat with a virtual assistant. The system will ask a few questions, but you will just need to put "request to speak with a representative" in the chat box, and it will take you to a live person on the chat.

### Garbage Containers

#### What should I do if I want an additional garbage container?

Call Town Hall (954) 434-0008. Each additional solid waste container has a recurring annual fee of \$300.12 per container to collect and dispose of the additional waste. Payment for an additional cart(s) must be made in advance of collection annually. Payment can be made in the form of a check payable to the Town of Southwest Ranches or credit card payment made at Town Hall. If you decide you no longer need the additional cart, please call Town Hall to arrange pick-up.

#### Will WM pick up black garbage bags outside of my 96-gallon garbage container?

No, all bags must fit inside the 96-gallon garbage container.

Will WM pick up in my existing 96-gallon garbage container?

No, garbage will only be picked up from containers with the Town logo.

#### What if I want a smaller cart?

Cart Exchanges – WM has a limited number of smaller carts available for those unable to manage the larger containers. Residents can swap a cart (96-gallon to 65-gallon for example) one time for no fee. If you then decide you want to revert, you will be charged \$75 to do so. Call WM (954) 974-7500.

#### Does WM offer side yard service for disabled residents?

Yes, please contact Town Hall at (954) 434-0008. Documentation may be required.

A description on the size of the carts.

Height: 45.13"

Depth: 33.73"

Width: 28.17"



### Recycling Carts

Please continue to use your existing blue recycling cart.

#### What should I do if I want an additional recycling cart?

Contact WM (954) 974-7500. Additional recycling carts shall be collected at no additional cost to the Residential Service Unit or the Town.

### Repair and Replacement of Solid Waste and Recycling Carts

Any carts damaged by WM, including extra Carts, shall be replaced by WM at no cost or inconvenience to the homeowner.

The cost of replacing carts due to loss, theft (without a documented police report), or destruction through no fault of WM shall be:

\*Not to Exceed per Garbage Cart: \$ 100.00

\*Not to Exceed per Recycling Cart: \$ 90.00

This fee may be collected from the residence by WM prior to or at the time of delivery of the cart.

### Recyclable Materials

Recyclables must be dry, loose (not bagged) and include ONLY the following:

- Aluminum cans – empty
- PET bottles with the symbol #1 – with screw tops only empty
- HDPE plastic bottles with the symbol #2 (milk, water bottles, detergent, and shampoo bottles – empty)
- Plastic containers with symbols #3 thru #7 – empty (no expanded polystyrene)
- Steel and tin cans – empty
- Glass food and beverage containers – brown, clear, or green – empty
- Newspaper
- Magazines, glossy inserts, pamphlets and catalogs
- Uncoated paperboard (ex. Cereal boxes, food and snack boxes)
- Uncoated printing, writing, and office paper
- Old, corrugated containers / cardboard (uncoated)

### Bulk Trash Materials

**Bulk Trash means** those wastes that may require special handling and management including, but not limited to, furniture, White Goods (refrigerator doors must be removed and have Freon-free sticker), concrete, rubble, mixed roofing materials, rock, gravel and other earthen materials, equipment, wire and cable, couches, chairs, mattresses, tables, carpets and padding, glass items (glass items must be in a rigid taped container), wood pallets, chicken coops, PVC fences, wire fences, and wood fences (cut to 4 feet sections), other materials resulting from home improvements and any and all household goods that are customary to ordinary housekeeping operations of a Residential Service Unit. Bulk Trash must be generated by the customer at the Residential Service Unit at which the Bulk Trash is placed for Collection.

**Bulk Trash does not include Contractor-Generated Waste or Exempt Waste.**

**Exempt Waste means** Biohazardous or Biomedical Waste, Hazardous Waste, Sludge, tree parts or lumber that is more than four (4) feet in length in its longest dimension, automobiles, automobile parts, boats, boat parts, boat trailers, internal combustion engines, lead-acid batteries, used oil and tires, those wastes under the control of the Nuclear Regulatory Council, Contractor-Generated Waste, Recyclable Materials generated and source separated by Commercial

Customers, horse manure, and those other materials whose size and/or weight are in excess of that allowed for Bulk Waste as defined herein.

### Bulk Trash

#### When can I place my bulk out for collection?

The earliest you can place your bulk out for collection is the weekend before your collection date.

#### How much bulk can I put out?

Bulk piles should be limited to 12 cubic yards. This is approximately the size of a Volkswagen Beetle (approximately 8 feet wide by 10 feet long by 4 feet tall).

#### What will WM do if I have an oversized bulk pile?

WM will advise the homeowner of the overage. If the resident agrees, then there are no issues, and the homeowner will be billed accordingly.

If the resident disagrees, WM contacts Town staff. Town staff will meet on-site with WM and verify the size of the pile. If there is a disagreement, the pile size will be recalculated. If Town staff agrees on the overage, both WM and Town staff will coordinate with the homeowner.

If the homeowner does not want to pay the overage, the pile will not be collected at that time and the resident will be responsible for removing the pile from the right-of-way. There is also a potential for the homeowner to only remove the overage amount and coordinate with WM to have the pile serviced at a later time.

If the resident fails to remove any or all the excess material, WM is ultimately responsible for picking up the pile and will do so based on the contract language and will bill the homeowner accordingly.

If the homeowner fails to pay the overage invoice, the case will be forwarded to the Special Magistrate for consideration at a Town Code Hearing.

#### If my bulk pile is over the limit, how much will I be charged per cubic yard?

If your bulk pile is more than 12 cubic yards you will be charged \$35.90 per cubic yard.

#### I would like a special bulk pick-up. Who do I call?

WM (954) 974-7500.

**Will WM pick up black bags filled with vegetation?** Yes. Place the black bags filled with vegetation on the bulk pile.

### Hazardous Waste Collection Days

The Town has four (4) household hazardous waste collection events per year at the Rolling Oaks Park (17630 SW 56th Street) from 8 AM to 2 PM.

- Saturday: January 7, 2023
- Saturday: April 29, 2023
- Saturday: July 29, 2023
- Saturday: September 23, 2023

The Town offers paper shredding services these dates at this location from 10 AM to 1 PM. Davie Police will also accept prescription drug drop off from 10 AM to 2 PM.

Happy Thanksgiving



# AROUND THE TOWN



## Rare Fruit & Vegetable Council of Broward County

### Other Rare Plants in Limited Quantities:

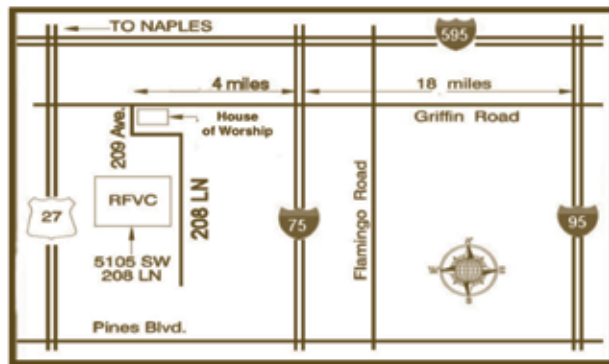
ALLSPICE  
AVOCADO (30 cultivars)  
BANANAS (7 cv)  
BARBADOS CHERRY  
BAYRUM  
BILIMBI  
BLACK PEPPER  
CANISTEL (eggfruit)  
CARAMBOLA (star fruit-4cv)  
CASHEW NUT (caju)  
COFFEE ARABICA  
FIGS (12 cv)  
GOGIBERRY  
GRUMICHAMA  
GUAVA (guayaba-9 cv)  
JACKFRUIT (10 cv)  
JABOTICABA (red & sabara)  
JUJUBE-INDIAN  
LEMON GRASS  
LOQUAT (5 cv)  
LONGAN (2 cv)  
LYCHEE (5 cv)  
MACADAMIA NUT (2 cv)  
MALABAR CHESTNUT  
MAMEY SAPOTE  
MANGO (50 cv)  
MORINGA  
MULBERRY (4 cv)  
PITAYA (dragon fruit)  
PASSION FRUIT  
POMEGRANATE  
SAPODILLA (naseberry-7cv)  
SOURSOP (guanabana)  
SUGAR APPLE (sweetsop)  
TAMARIND  
WAX JAMBU  
WHITE SAPOTE

ACHACHA  
ARACA-BOI  
BLACK SAPOTE  
BREADFRUIT  
CACAO  
CAIMITO (star apple)  
CINNAMON  
CURRY LEAF  
CUSTARD APPLE  
GRAPES (cv Alachua)  
GRENADILLA  
HOG PLUMS  
MICHELIA (cv. Alba)

MICHELIA (cv. Chamapaca)  
NONI  
OLIVE  
OTAHEITE GOOSEBERRY  
PANDAN  
PAPAYA  
PINEAPPLE (3 cv)  
PITOMBA  
PLANTAINS  
ROLLINIA  
STRAWBERRY TREE  
SURINAM CHERRY BLACK

PLUS: Homemade jams, jellies, breads, local raw honey,  
handmade soaps, heirloom tomatoes & fertilizer!

5105 SW 208 Lane, Southwest Ranches  
Near US 27 & Griffin Rd. off SW 209 Ave.  
Tel. 954-252-9216



November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Saturday 9:30 AM until 4:00 PM  
Sunday 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM

The 47th Annual Fall Plant Sale

[www.RFVCBroward.org](http://www.RFVCBroward.org) RFVC is a 501 (c)(3) Non-Profit Corporation





## Property Insurance Reform

Robin Bartleman, State Representative

### Veterans and Their Families

For the last two (2) years, I have had the honor of serving on the Florida House of Representatives Local Administration and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee. I thank all

our veterans who have served or are currently serving our great country in the defense of freedom. They and their families have my complete support and respect for the sacrifices they have made.

Florida has 21 military bases and the nation's third-largest veteran population with roughly 1.5 million veterans. Our veterans face mental health and substance abuse issues. Depression, posttraumatic stress disorder, and suicide affect numerous veterans returning from combat. I have made it a priority to support veterans and their families with compassionate resources.

During the 2021 Session, I co-sponsored a variety of bills that became law:

- HB 231, Services for Veterans and Their Families, authorizes the Florida Department of Veteran Affairs to contract with a nonprofit, accredited entity to provide dedicated behavioral health care referral services, through the state's 2-1-1 network;
- CS/CS/CS/HB 429, Purple Star Campuses, requires the Department of Education to establish a program that identifies schools that demonstrate a commitment to provide critical transition support for students as they relocate to new schools due to a parent's change in duty station;
- SB 922, Veterans' Preference in Employment, authorizes a state or political subdivision of a state to waive a postsecondary educational requirement for certain positions of employment with the State for which a veteran or family member applies;
- CS/SB 416 creates the POW-MIA Vietnam Veterans Bracelet Memorial, a monument in the Capitol to memorialize the sacrifices and experiences of those captured or missing in combat during the Vietnam War.

During the 2022 Session, we did more:

- CS/HB 45, Educational Opportunities for Disabled Veterans, provides a 100% award for tuition and fees for state post-secondary education for veterans who are state residents with a 100% service connected disability;
- SB 1712, Veteran Suicide Prevention Training, requires the Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA) to establish and oversee a program to provide training and certification in

preventing veteran suicide to department claims examiners and county and city veteran service officers;

- SM 302, Recognizing Veteran Suicide, requires an official legislative document be addressed to the Congress of the United States, urging them to recognize the epidemic of suicide among veterans and to fully fund suicide prevention activities of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

To impact suicide prevention at the state level, the VA along with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration, initiated the "Governor's Challenge to Prevent Suicide Among Service Members, Veterans, and their Families." The goal of this initiative is to develop and implement a state-wide suicide prevention plan. To date, 35 states have joined the challenge, including Florida.

Florida encourages service members, veterans and their families in need to call the Florida Veterans Support Line at 1-844-MyFLVet (693-5838) or the National Veteran Crisis Line at 9-8-8 (Press 1). The vast array of other support available through the Florida Governor's Challenge is available at <https://www.floridavets.org/governors-challenge/resources/>.

It is an honor to serve you, and my office and I are here to assist you with any issues or concerns you may have. Feel free to contact me at [robin.bartleman@myfloridahouse.gov](mailto:robin.bartleman@myfloridahouse.gov) or our office at (954) 424-6828. You can also reach me on my personal cell at (954) 668-3662.

## Household HAZARDOUS WASTE Disposal Days

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE, ELECTRONICS & BULK DROP OFF EVENT

Saturday, January 7th, 2023 . 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. Proofs 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 - 4 tires (no rims) per household  
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



# AROUND THE TOWN



**Patsy J. Pavone**  
PFC Cannoneer  
US Army  
1942-1945

"It takes a hero to be one of those men who goes into battle." "A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself."  
"The legacy of heroes is the memory of a great name and the inheritance of a great example."  
"Freedom makes a huge requirement of every human being."

TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES

**PUBLIC WORKS AND**



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WM Customer Service?  
Call: (954) 974-7500  
or go to their website:  
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## Southwest Ranches FIRE RESCUE

The Southwest Ranches Fire Rescue has been training on pump operations. It requires a lot of training and testing for a new driver engineer.

Once on an emergency scene, pulling fire hose using multiple lines must be done in a coordinated way to achieve your objective on the fire attack.

Our SWRFD-Training Chief Bruce Evans motto is "Train like Your Life Depends On It".

We wish for everyone to have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

**Fire Chief Lee Bennett**





# AROUND THE TOWN



**MARTY KIAR**  
BROWARD COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER

The Property Appraiser's Office does not set your tax rates, collect property taxes, or determine how the tax revenue is allocated by local government. Florida law requires our office to assess all property based on the market data on January 1 of each year. We are also able to grant tax-saving exemptions to qualified applicants. The property tax bills are mailed by the Broward County's Records, Taxes & Treasury Division. If you have questions regarding the payment of your tax bill, please contact their office at 954.831.4000 or visit their website at <https://www.broward.org/RecordsTaxesTreasury>

## Where Is My 2023 Homestead Exemption?

The tax bill you received this November from the Broward County Tax Collector is for the 2022 tax year. If you purchased your home in 2022 and the previous owners of your new home were entitled to and received Homestead Exemption or any other exemption on January 1, 2022, you may have inherited their exemptions on your 2022 property tax bill. Florida Statutes require these 2022 exemptions be removed for 2023 and the property be reassessed at the 2023 Just/Market Value. This will often result in an increase in your 2023 property taxes so it is important you apply for 2023 Homestead Exemption and any other exemptions for which you may qualify. Your new 2023 Homestead Exemption will be reflected next year on all 2023 property records, notices, and tax bills. Any exemptions applied to the tax bill are totaled and shown in the third column "Exemptions" on the individual tax bill. Any new 2023 Homestead Exemptions will show online in late-December.

If you have any questions regarding your Homestead Exemption or other tax-saving exemptions, please contact our Customer Service Department at 954.357.6830.

## Escrow Adjustments for 2022 Tax Bills

The Property Appraiser's Office does not handle anything related to the financing of property. If you make monthly escrow payments for your property taxes, your mortgage or escrow company typically does an escrow analysis after paying your annual tax bill. After this analysis, your mortgage company will contact you directly if there is any change to your monthly payment. Should you have any questions about this, you should contact your mortgage company for assistance.

## Quarterly Installment Payments

If you pay your property taxes through Broward County's quarterly installment plan, any newly approved 2022 exemptions will be applied to the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> installment payment amounts. Any adjustments for 2022 are made on the final two quarterly 2022 installment tax bills.

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

Take care,

*Marty Kiar*

Marty Kiar



MartyKiarBCPA

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**November, 2022 School Calendar**

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

**Tuesday, November 8th**  
*Employee Planning (no school for students)*

**Thursday, November 10th**  
*Report Cards Issued*

**Friday, November 11th**  
*School and Administration Offices Closed*

**Monday, November 21st thru**  
*Schools Closed*

**Tuesday, November 22nd**  
*Interim Reports Issued*

## DO NOT PLACE TOXIC OR ILLEGAL SUBSTANCE INTO STORM DRAIN



Any property owner or resident who witnesses anyone dumping or otherwise placing a toxic or illegal substance into a storm drain or water body (lake, canal, ditch, wetland, etc.) should **call the Broward County Environmental Response Hotline at 954-519-1499**.

Call the Broward County Environmental Response Line at 954-519-1499 or Fill Out a Complaint Form On-Line <http://www.broward.org/PollutionPrevention/Resources/Pages/EnviroComplaint.aspx>

*Happy Thanksgiving*





**PHOTO BY: Matthew Morris**  
*Early risers don't mist  
 the majestic sunrises*

# CALENDAR

S M T W T F S

## November

		<b>1</b> • Code Hearing - Town Hall 9 am • Broward County Property Appraiser - Town Hall - 10:30am - 12:30 pm <b>BULK ZONE 2</b>	<b>2</b> <b>BULK ZONE 3</b>	<b>3</b> <b>BULK ZONE 4</b>	<b>4</b> <b>BULK ZONE 5</b>	<b>5</b> Farmers' Market 10-3 pm <b>BULK ZONE 6</b>
<b>6</b>  <b>BULK ZONE 1-6</b>	<b>BULK ZONE 1</b>	<b>7</b> • SWR Parks Foundation Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm • Country Estates HOA - Grace Baptist Church - 19200 Griffin Rd - 7 pm <b>BULK ZONE 7</b>	<b>8</b> • Parks, Recreation, Forestry & Natural Resources Advisory Board - Town Hall 7 pm <b>BULK ZONE 8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>BULK ZONE 9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>BULK ZONE 10</b>	<b>11</b>  TOWN HALL CLOSED <b>BULK ZONE 11</b>
<b>12</b> <b>BULK ZONE 12</b>						
<b>13</b> <b>BULK ZONE 1-6</b>	<b>14</b> • Schools & Education Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm <b>BULK ZONE 1</b>	<b>15</b> • Drainage Infrastructure Advisory Board Meeting Town Hall 7 pm <b>BULK ZONE 2</b>	<b>16</b> • Fire Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm <b>BULK ZONE 3</b>	<b>17</b> • TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - Town Hall 7 pm <b>BULK ZONE 4</b>	<b>18</b> <b>BULK ZONE 5</b>	<b>19</b> Farmers' Market 10-3 pm <b>BULK ZONE 6</b>
<b>20</b> <b>BULK ZONE 7-12</b>	<b>21</b> • Rural Public Arts & Design Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm <b>BULK ZONE 7</b>	<b>22</b> • Rolling Oaks Civic Assoc Meeting Rolling Oaks Barn 17630 SW 56 Street, 7 pm <b>BULK ZONE 8</b>	<b>23</b> <b>BULK ZONE 9</b>	<b>24</b>  TOWN HALL CLOSED <b>BULK ZONE 10</b>	<b>25</b> TOWN HALL CLOSED <b>BULK ZONE 11</b>	<b>26</b> Farmers' Market 10-3 pm <b>BULK ZONE 12</b>
<b>27</b> <b>BULK ZONE 1-6</b>	<b>28</b> <b>BULK ZONE 1</b>	<b>29</b> <b>BULK ZONE 2</b>	<b>30</b> Sunshine Ranches HOA Meeting Town Hall 7:30 pm <b>BULK ZONE 3</b>			

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 17220 Griffin Rd,  
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For additional  
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 Chief Bennett at 954.868.2057

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### EMERGENCY ALERT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

AlertBroward notifications will provide subscribers with important information in critical countywide situations such as hurricanes, evacuations, curfews, and open shelters.

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

ALERT/BROWARD

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 EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

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 FLORIDA

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**TOWN HALL OFFICE HOURS:** Monday - Friday / 8:30 am - 5:00 pm • **TOWN WEBSITE:** [www.southwestranches.org](http://www.southwestranches.org)  
**TOWN HALL TWITTER ACCOUNT:** @SWR\_Gov • **YOUTUBE:** Town of Southwest Ranches Official Channel • **FACEBOOK:** facebook@SWRGOV

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## TOWN SERVICES

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

Brian Dillon, <i>Building Official</i>	(954) 343-7446	<a href="mailto:bdillon@capfla.com">bdillon@capfla.com</a>
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## PLANNING

### **SEPIINC**

Jeff Katims	(954) 475-3070	<a href="mailto:jkatims@sepiinc.com">jkatims@sepiinc.com</a>
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### **ZONING/PERMITTING**

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### **CODE**

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## WASTE/BULK/RECYCLING SERVICES

WM (Waste Management)

### **REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKERS – Chief Bennett**

### **MOSQUITO CONTROL**

LOST AND FOUND ANIMALS

(954) 974-7500	
(954) 868-2057	<a href="mailto:lbennett@southwestranches.org">lbennett@southwestranches.org</a>
(954) 765-4062	
(754) 224-0877	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/SWRLostandFoundAnimals">Facebook@SWRLostandFoundAnimals</a>

## 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

### **911**

(954) 764-4357 (HELP)

(954) 693-8200

(954) 693-8326

(954) 693-8352

(954) 952-4608

(954) 868-2057

[jeffrey\\_hobales@davie-fl.gov](mailto:jeffrey_hobales@davie-fl.gov)  
[cdanner@southwestranches.org](mailto:cdanner@southwestranches.org)

### **TRAFFIC AND ROADWAY SERVICES**

Potholes and Signs Down - Public Works

Illicit Discharge - Environmental Response Line:

(954) 519-1499

[publicworks@southwestranches.org](mailto:publicworks@southwestranches.org)  
 online complaint form at <http://www.broward.org/Environment/Resources/Pages/EnviroComplaint.aspx>

## OTHER

### **WATER DISTRICTS - CANALS**

Central Broward Water Control District

East of SW 148 Avenue (Volunteer)

South Broward Drainage District

West of SW 148 Avenue (Volunteer)

(954) 432-5110

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

(954) 680-3337

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

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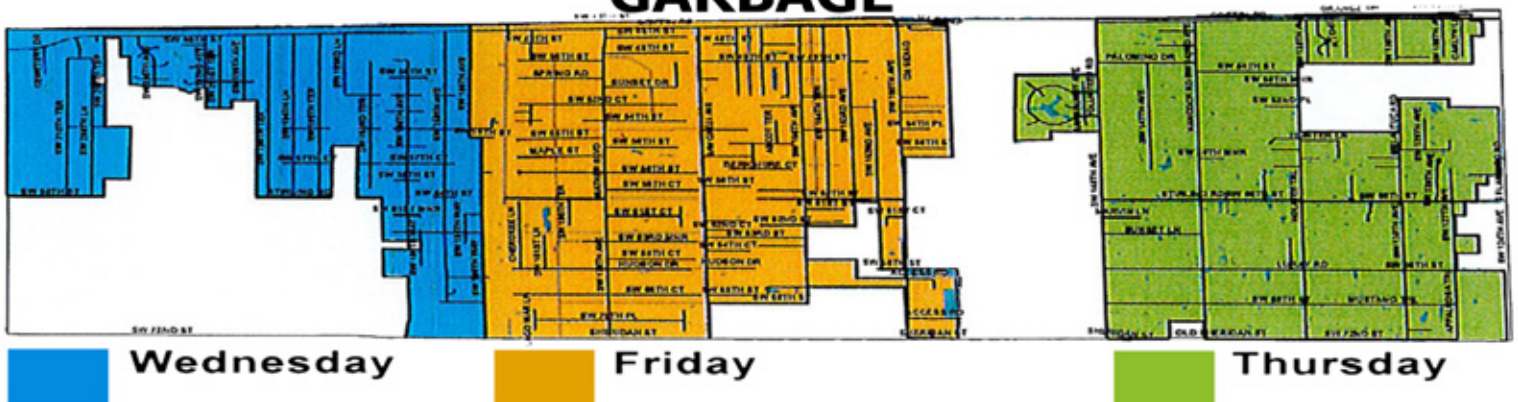
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## Town of Southwest Ranches Garbage and Recycle Schedule Map

### GARBAGE



### RECYCLE

