

SOUTHWEST RANCHER

The Official Newsletter of Southwest Ranches

DECEMBER 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

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**Mayor
Steve Breitzkreuz**

First and foremost, I want to wish you and your family a very happy and m e m o r a b l e

holiday season. Southwest Ranches is a diverse but united community. So, however your family celebrates, I hope that this is a time that is special for you and your family and one that you not only are able to recount special times in the past but also are able to create new memories for the future.

There are a couple of timely topics I also would like to touch on. First, we are heading into the time of the year when it won't be long when we will celebrate the New Year with some wonderful parties, that often include fireworks. I strongly encourage you to be mindful of the animals that are in your surrounding neighborhood. This can be a very traumatic time for the animals. Also, a reminder that fireworks can only be set off on December 31st and January 1st (as well as July 4th). Outside of these days it is not legal.

Many of our animal owners prepare for these upcoming two days. When fireworks are set off outside of those days, the animals are not prepared, and it compounds the issue. So, please make the day special but be mindful of your neighbors and the special community in which you live.

In early December, we will be having a special workshop to answer questions around strategies that animal owners can use to prepare their animals. Also, if you have ideas along those lines, we would be appreciative of your participation as well.

Second, I wanted to mention the issue of bringing fill on to your property. If you are considering this, it is critical that you contact Town Hall who will be happy to communicate with you the proper steps. Beyond that, we are

working on steps to better communicate with the residents regarding fill that is being brought in by neighbors, so that you are aware and have an understanding how this could affect your property. There is actually more to consider here than appears at first view. I am working on tweaking our ordinances to ensure better communication and compliance.

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. Enjoy your holidays and have a wonderful and safe New Year!

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THE TOWN'S
OFFICIAL
SOCIAL MEDIA**

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

COMMENT FOLLOW

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

**Want to stay in touch and
receive information on
TOWN EVENTS?**

**Send your email address to:
druesga@southwestranches.org**



**Vice
Mayor
Jim Allbritton**

Good Day Southwest Ranches.

As I start my third year as your

District 3 Council Member, I must say thank you to all the residents who showed confidence in me, to the Town staff for passing along their knowledge of how a Town operates and to my fellow Council Members for their wisdom and guidance in serving the residents of Southwest Ranches.

The Safety and Traffic Advisory Committee's recommendations are being implemented. The new traffic speed trailers are being moved throughout the Town to remind drivers to slow down. There have been new signs posted that tell drivers their speed is being monitored by radar. The overall traffic citations issued this year is up over 100 % from last year. We are working hard to improve traffic in Town. License plate readers (LPRS) have been installed around Town to help with investigations of suspicious activities or actual crimes in Town.

The Farmers' Market every Saturday has been a huge success. Rolling Oaks Civic Association's Halloween event at the Barn was a fun night for all. There were costume contests, a haunted house, a haybale decorating contest, kid games and of course trick or treating was the highlight of the night. Approximately 400 attended. The judging for the annual Holiday Light Contest is December 6th, and Santa will be giving out the awards December 9th to the top three decorated homes. I encourage everyone to take a drive around Town and enjoy all the decorations your neighbors have put up. The annual Chili Cookoff and Car Show is coming December 10th and the turn out in the past of old and new cars has been awesome. The Southwest Ranches Parks Foundation is planning the return of the Town Fair in January.

Let me say thank you to all the volunteers who have served on all the Town boards and those who currently serve.

The elections are behind us and with this Council I believe we are going to accomplish more good things in the future for Southwest Ranches.

Have a great holiday season and may your New Year be blessed.

Jim Allbritton

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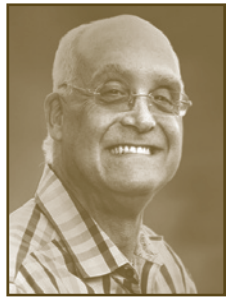
**Brief legislation from the October 13, 2022
Town Council Regular Meeting:**

- Adopted Ordinance 2023-001 approving an amendment to the Unified Land Development Code to amend the Park Impact Fee Schedule.
- Adopted Ordinance 2023-002 approving an amendment to the Unified Land Development Code pertaining to Election Signage.
- Adopted Resolution 2023-001 approving an Interlocal Agreement with Broward County for the Surtax-Funded Municipal Transportation Project for Green Meadows Roadway Drainage.
- Adopted Resolution 2023-002 approving a Continuing Contract for Architectural Services, General Civil Engineering Services, Landscape Services with Saltz Michelson Architects, Inc.
- Adopted Resolution 2023-003 approving a Continuing Contract for Architectural Services, General Civil Engineering Services, Landscape Services with Chisholm Architects, Inc.
- Adopted Resolution 2023-004 approving a Continuing Contract for Architectural Services, General Civil Engineering Services, Landscape Services with CPZ Architects, Inc.

**Brief legislation from the October 27, 2022 Town Council
Regular Meeting:**

- Adopted Resolution 2023-005 approving a grant agreement totaling \$479,306 with the State of Florida Department Of Environmental Protection for the SW 63rd Street and SW 185th Way Drainage Improvement project.
- Adopted Resolution 2023-006 approving the First Amendment to the agreement with J.A. Medina, LLC.
- Adopted Resolution 2023-007 urging the Broward County Animal Care and Adoption Division to reconsider the intake policy requiring municipalities and law enforcement to hold stray animals for a time period of 72-hours prior to acceptance by the County.

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 David S. Kuczenski

Howdy Folks,
Let me begin by
congratulating
Council Member
Bob Hartmann in

his re-election for the District 1 seat. When I ran for the District 4 seat two years ago, I analyzed my strategy every day. I can only imagine Bob was thinking of his campaign every day.

As we enter December, we come to close 2022. Holidays bring many gatherings, and I just want to remind folks that holding a party with many guests requires a Town permit. More importantly, hosting a party for a profit is not allowed under the Town Code. It will be quite embarrassing to have code enforcement shut down your party. Please call Town Hall at 954-434-0008 for more information. Also, since this is a festive season for many, please try to be a little more understanding of the neighborhood parties.

Next, I am an avid believer in animal rights. I have rescued injured wildlife and drove the critter to the wildlife treatment center in Fort Lauderdale. However, we became aware of a new policy of the Broward County Animal Care and Adoption services. In the past, if any law enforcement agency came into possession of a loose animal, Davie police would call the Broward agency to come pick up the animal. However, recently, they changed their policies. Under the new policies the law enforcement agency is required to hold the animal for 72 hours. I am against this new policy. I have called the Broward facility to pick up dogs that were left loose near my home. First, our law enforcement does not have the facilities to hold and care for the animal. Second, complying with the new requirement will increase our costs for law enforcement that will be passed on to you. Finally, we pay taxes to Broward County for this service. They have not offered any return of our tax dollars. I have asked the legal department to prepare a resolution opposing this draconian policy change.

It has been an honor to serve you as your Council Member from District 4. You can count on me to fight keeping our ad valorem rate low so you can keep more of what you earn while also fighting to keep Southwest Ranches Rural.

Very Truly Yours,

David S Kuczenski, Esq., Council Member
Dist. 4



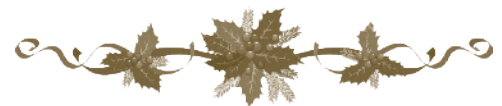
HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO MY FAVORITE RESIDENTS!

While we live and work in one of the safest towns around, crime still happens. Criminals are very busy at this time of year and often look for "crimes of opportunity", meaning even if they were not planning on committing a criminal act, they seize the easy moment. If we take away their

"opportunity" by locking our cars, homes, protecting personal information, and reporting anything suspicious to the police, we will continue to make Southwest Ranches one of the safest places to live and work. This year we have seen an increase in stolen vehicles and vehicle burglaries. In most cases, the car was left unlocked with the key fob inside. Please take your fobs inside and lock all vehicles.

The police are here to help. If you see something, say something. Let's stay safe this holiday season. Enjoy your family, friends, and each other. Have an amazing holiday season.

Best always,
Cheryl Danner Police Services Coordinator



Happy Hanukkah

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: _____

CELL: _____

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 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 CONVIYANCE 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)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY...

Aliyah Camacho - December 2nd
Yanet Capo - December 4th
Haley Navarro - December 29th



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

LIVESTOCK AREA

With the upcoming New Year's holiday,
please be mindful of our neighbors with
livestock. The stress caused by fireworks
is harmful to our community. Please do
not off shoot off fireworks that would
cause undue harm or stress to our
friends with animals.

Be a good neighbor!

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 HW ITEMS

Aerosol Cars Antifreeze/Carburetor
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

Frequently Asked Questions

FAQ ?

Household
garbage, recycle
and bulk

How do I contact WM Customer Service?

Call: (954) 974-7500

Website: 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"



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.



AROUND THE TOWN



- **Do not walk through flowing water.** If you must walk in standing water, use a pole or stick to ensure the depth of the water ahead.
- **Do not drive through a flooded area.** Do not drive around road barriers; the road may be washed out.
- **Stay away from power lines and electrical wires.** Electrical current travels through water. If possible, report downed powerlines to FPL. Do not use appliances or motors that are wet unless they have been taken apart, cleaned and dried.
- **Look out for animals, especially snakes.** Small animals that have been flooded out of their habitat may take shelter in your home.
- **Look before you step.** After a flood, the ground and floors can be covered with debris. Surfaces that have been covered with mud can be very slippery.
- **Be alert for gas leaks.** If your house is serviced by gas, do not smoke, use candles or open flames unless you know the gas has not built up. Make arrangements to turn off your electricity and gas.

To sign up to be notified via voice message, text and email for important public safety information during a storm visit <http://southwestranches.org/rapid-notify/> and Broward.org/Emergency/Pages/AlertBroward.aspx.



Financial Assistance Advice

If your home or business is damaged by a flood, you may be required to meet certain building requirements to reduce further flood damage by coming into compliance with local, state, and federal criteria. To help with these costs, financial assistance such as grants, loans, rebates and the NFIP's Increased Cost of Compliance Coverage may be available.

For assistance regarding financial assistance options, please contact the Town's Engineering Department at (954) 434-0008, Broward County's Mitigation Coordinator at (954) 831-3900 or visit Disasterassistance.gov.



National Flood Insurance Program Changes

In accordance with 2014 Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is continuing to gradually phase out flood insurance premium subsidies on certain policyholders. The changes have and will have the greatest impact on properties located within a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) that were built prior to the adoption of Broward County's first FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) on October 26, 1972, or prior to December 31, 1974, without elevation certificate information. For more information on the National Flood Insurance Program changes visit FEMA.gov/flood-insurance-reform.



Get a Flood Insurance Policy

Replacing household contents damaged by floods could place a significant financial burden on a homeowner or renter without flood insurance. Just a few inches of water from a flood can cause tens of thousands of dollars in damage. Homeowner's insurance policies do not generally cover damage from floods. However, because the Town of Southwest Ranches participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), you can purchase a separate flood insurance policy from an insurance agent and benefit from the premium discount available to all Southwest Ranches residents. Flood insurance is backed by the federal government and is available to everyone, even for properties that have been flooded previously. Please note that unless there is a special condition of the mortgage, there normally is a 30-day waiting period between the time flood insurance is purchased and the time coverage is in force. Though all home and business owners in these areas with mortgages from federally regulated or insured lenders are required to buy flood insurance, all residents should consider flood insurance to protect against significant financial losses.

If your property is in the SFHA and you have a mortgage from a federally regulated or insured lender, flood insurance is required. Even if you do not have a mortgage and you live in the SFHA or you live outside of the SFHA, all property owners and renters should carefully consider the benefits of flood insurance to protect against significant financial losses from floods. For more information visit the following sites: Floodsmart.gov and FEMA.gov/national-flood-insurance-program.

If you would like to know if your property is in a SFHA you can use the interactive map viewer. Visit <http://southwestranches.org/departments/town-engineering/flood-insurance-information/> and select Flood Maps. You can also call (954) 434-0008, provide your address and zip code, and Town staff will assist you in determining SFHA information specific to your property.



Elevation Certificate Information

Elevation certificates for buildings are on file and may be obtained by visiting <http://southwestranches.org/departments/town-engineering/flood-insurance-information/>.



Water Quality and Flood Control Effects of Drainage Systems

The success of the drainage system in your neighborhood depends on proper maintenance of the system. The swales that are commonly located between your yard and street are part of the neighborhood's storm water management system.

Gutters, storm drain pipes, lakes, wetlands, swales and canals should be kept free of debris. It is against Town Code to dump trash in waters. The drainage system may provide both water quality and flood control benefits. Lakes, wetlands, swales and canals filter pollutants from runoff or allow pollutants to settle out. Check with the Town's Engineering Department before paving, regrading or altering swales.



Protect Property from Flooding

Losses due to floods can be reduced by implementing property protection measures. Furniture, appliances, clothing, and other movable items can be elevated within the structure or relocated away from potential flooding if time permits. You should also make an itemized inventory of your belongings including costs, dates of purchase and serial numbers.

There are several ways to protect a building from flood damage if feasible. One way is to make sure your lot is graded in a manner that will direct runoff away from your building. Another approach is to make your walls waterproof and place watertight closures over the doorways. This method is not recommended if water will rise to a depth of two feet or greater. A third approach is to raise the house above flood levels. Prior to making these modifications, consult with a certified contractor.



Build Responsibly

Strict regulations govern substantial improvements to structures in the flood plain. According to NFIP, "substantial improvement" means the cost of any repair, reconstruction, or improvement of a structure which equals or exceeds 50 percent of the market value of the structure either before the improvement is started or if the structure has been damaged and is being restored.

Please be advised that any new development or improvement on a property will be subject to current Town regulations and may also be subject to state and federal regulations. Please contact the Southwest Ranches Building Code Services Division at (954) 434-0008 for specific information and to report unpermitted construction activities.



Flood Risk Specialist Available to Assist Residents

The Town of Southwest Ranches wants to ensure that residents who have questions about flood risks, flood insurance, and retrofitting techniques, get answers in a timely manner. The Town Engineer is available to assist in the following areas: 1) Flood Insurance; 2) Flood Zone interpretation including base flood elevation and/or flood depth; 3) Additional FIRM information; 4) Problems not shown on FIRM; 5) Special flood related hazards; 6) Historical flood-related data; 7) Natural floodplain functions; and 8) Property protection measures. Please call the Engineering Department at (954) 434-0008

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and ask to speak to the Town Engineer. You may also schedule a site visit to review flooding, drainage, and storm sewer problems, and to obtain advice on retrofitting techniques to provide additional protection. Go to <http://southwesteranches.org/departments/town-engineering/flood-insurance-information/> for additional information.



Local Flood Hazards

Floods resulting from prolonged, heavy rainfall can occur in rivers and canals that drain inland areas into the Atlantic Ocean when waterway capacities are exceeded. Flooding from heavy rainfall occurs in low-lying areas and areas near rivers and canals.

The severe flooding that occurred as a result of the exceedingly wet summers and the hurricanes of 1947 was the basis for creating what is now the South Florida Water Management District. South Florida's five-month rainy season brings more than two-thirds of the region's annual rainfall. The rainy season can also bring flooding, which may occur when large amounts of rain fall over a short period of time or from a single heavy storm, tropical system or hurricane.



Since portions of Southwest Ranches have been designated as a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), it is advisable to check the interactive map viewer to see the location of your property with respect to the SFHA. Visit <http://southwesteranches.org/departments/town-engineering/flood-insurance-information/> and select Flood Maps. You can also call (954) 434-0008, provide your address and zip code, and Town staff will assist you in determining SFHA information specific to your property.

Protect Natural Floodplain Functions

Although much of the natural flood plain system in South Florida has been altered and is frequently over-drained, efforts are being made to enhance many historical wetlands and canals to restore them to a more natural state. These flood plain and wetland areas buffer flood flows, remove pollutants from our surface waters, recharge groundwater and create diverse habitat systems for plants and animals. The Southwest Ranches Comprehensive Plan includes policies pertaining to flood plains and wetlands. The plan provides for protection and creation of surface waters, protection and wetlands preservation.



Map Services

Maps are an effective method of communicating information about flood hazards. Residents and businesses that are aware of potential flood hazards can take steps to avoid problems and reduce exposure to flooding. Therefore, the Town offers complementary maps to supplement and clarify the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) with information on additional hazards, flooding outside mapped areas, development regulations that affect floodplain properties, flood insurance, natural floodplain functions, and property protection measures.

A GIS mapping application for Southwest Ranches that is publicly available includes information you will need for a flood insurance policy including whether your property is in a SFHA, the community number, panel number and suffix, FIRM date, FIRM zone, base flood elevation and the elevation datum used. Additional FIRM information is also available showing areas of concern such as whether your property is located within a floodway.

The Town has mapped local drainage problem areas within the Town. In addition, the Town has a map providing information about past floods that have occurred. If you live in one of these areas, we would like to have a discussion with you regarding potential remedies.

A GIS mapping application for Southwest Ranches that is publicly available includes layers related to natural floodplain functions, specifically wetlands and fish and wildlife habitat. The map includes Broward County's wetland data to provide a comprehensive picture of where wetlands are located within the Town.

To view these interactive maps, please visit the Town's website. For more information regarding the flood maps and the Town's floodplain management program or if you would like assistance reading the maps, please call Town Hall at (954) 434-0008 or email rlay@swwranches.org.

Source: Broward County Flood News, Summer 2018, Volume 24, Issue 1



MOBILE STORMWATER PUMP STATIONS ARRIVE AT SOUTH BROWARD DRAINAGE DISTRICT

We live in Paradise, but we live in an area of catastrophic storms. In late August, we marked the 30th anniversary of Category 5 Hurricane Andrew making landfall in South Florida. At the time, Andrew was the costliest natural disaster in U.S. history.

More recently, parts of Florida were decimated by Hurricane Ian, a strong Category 4 hurricane that will join the ranks of the costliest Atlantic hurricanes and, unfortunately, one of the deadliest hurricanes to ever strike Florida. After Tropical Storm Eta in November 2020, where the South Broward Drainage District (SBDD) received over 18 inches of rainfall in a 48-hour period, residences were stuck in their homes due to flooding. I wanted to find a way to help ensure that this did not happen again. As Floridians, we know it's not if there is an extraordinary weather event, but when.

In 2021, SBDD informed me that pumps would provide them with another important tool in helping to protect homes and properties from flooding during major rainfall events. I filed HB 2077, South Broward Drainage District (SBDD)-High Capacity, Mobile Stormwater Pumps. The Legislature appropriated \$150,000 to allow the SBDD to purchase two (2) high-capacity, mobile stormwater pumps. These pumps arrived on October 27, 2022 at the SBDD site. The pumps will not be ready for use until the next Hurricane season. The impressive equipment is a portable pump rig attached to a trailer with wheels, with intake and discharge lines to pump water from a flooded location. The pumps are capable of pumping up to 15,000 gallons of water per minute. The technology will be utilized during emergency situations, such as the aftermath of tropical storms or hurricanes, to lower flood waters in critical areas and to reduce the duration of flooding throughout SBDD. SBDD's jurisdictional area covers 73 square miles and includes portions of five (5) municipalities in southwest Broward County: Southwest Ranches, Pembroke Pines, Davie, Miramar and Hollywood. The pumps are portable and can be transported to any part of the district.

Whether it be in advance of, during, or after a major rain event, this apparatus provides an increased level of service for drainage and flood protection for a wide swath of southern Broward County. The units will reduce road closures; reduce the amount of times that businesses might be closed; reduce potential sewage overflows, allow residents to use their bathrooms without any interruptions or overflows; reduce the potential for infiltration of contaminated flood waters into the groundwater; and reduce the potential for polluted runoff from entering into adjacent surface waters.

The effect of this legislation shown by the pictures of these pumps will fulfill the expectation of our residents and their safety once they are ready for use in the next Hurricane season.

My office and I wish you Happy Hanukkah and Merry Christmas.

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 or our office at (954) 424-6828. You can also reach me on my personal cell at (954) 668-3662.



AROUND THE TOWN

SW RANCHES PARKS
FOUNDATION PRESENTS

SO FLO CHILI FEST

CHILI COOK-OFF
& CAR SHOW



ROLLING OAKS PARK

DECEMBER 10, 2022
Local Food Celebration &
Car Show by Cobra Joe

For More Information Email:
info@SoFloChiliFest.com

PROTOTYPE BARN

In furtherance of the Town's goal of preserving its rural lifestyle, the Town Council has given residents a simpler mechanism to build a barn that is in compliance with Florida statutory requirements. As such, the Town contracted with an architect who agreed to create a prototype barn drawing, in compliance with the Florida Building Code, which can be permitted for residents throughout the Town. The plans are for a three stall barn with a tack room.

A Town resident looking to build a barn can simply purchase a pre-drafted architectural plan from the Town, which they then can submit, at a reduced cost, and on an expedited basis, to get a permitted barn that will be in compliance with both state and local regulations. **Please call or email Emily Aceti for more information: eaceti@swranches.org.**



TRICK-OR-TREATING AROUND THE CIRCLE A GREAT EVENT AND A WONDERFUL TURNOUT!

The Hay Bale contest Winners of the Family Division...



1st place
The Hawes & Lester Family



2nd place
The Poll and Hodgers Family



3rd place
The Anzardo and Bedia Family



Individual Division
1st Place
Kathy Sullivan

Judging of the Hay Bale contest
was done by the RPADB
Rose Allbritton, Chair
Sage Cimetta, Vice Chair
Barbara Gonzalez, Secretary
Board Member, Wendi Halberg
Board Member, Laurie Morris



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



It's Bird Migration Time in South Florida

South Florida is part of the Atlantic Flyways Corridor; hence we host an amazing variety of migratory birds. As a matter of fact, several species are already here: warblers, hummingbirds, hawks, woodpeckers, and orioles... to name just a few.

Your certified backyard habitats are more important than ever as some species migrate thousands of miles and look forward to a stopover in which to rest, rehydrate, eat, and feel safe. Think of it as staying at a motel.

While your yards may provide much needed nutrition, bird feeders are always a wonderful supplement. Seeds, nuts, berries, fruits, and suet are great addition to bird feeding stations. Clean water is also important.

Enjoy the coming months and the delightful myriad of avian visitors to your yards. Take pictures, share moments with your kids, and simply appreciate your winged friends.



THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION'S MAYORS MONARCH PLEDGE



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DECEMBER, 2022
BROWARD COUNTY
SCHOOL CALENDAR

DECEMBER				
M	T	W	T	F
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5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

Monday, December 26th thru
December 30th

School is Closed



MARTY KIAR BROWARD COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER

2023 Homestead Exemption

All qualified Florida residents are eligible to receive a Homestead Exemption on their homes, condominiums, co-op apartments, and certain mobile home lots. To qualify for Homestead Exemption, you must own and make the property your permanent residence on January 1 of the year for which you are applying for this valuable exemption. Pursuant to Florida law, all assessments and exemptions are based upon the status of the property on January 1. If you purchased and/or made the property your permanent residence in 2022 and have not applied for Homestead Exemption, you can apply for 2023 exemptions at any time – there is no need to wait until 2023 to file your exemption application with the property appraiser's office. You can easily apply online at <https://web.bcpa.net>

The timely deadline to file for all 2023 exemptions is March 1, 2023. You must make the property your permanent residence by January 1, 2023 in order qualify; however, you have until March 1 to timely file your application with the property appraiser's office. The late filing deadline for all 2023 exemptions is September 18, 2023. For information about all the other exemptions available to qualified applicants, please visit the "Exemptions & Classifications" page on our website <https://web.bcpa.net/bcpaclient/#/Homestead>

Once approved, your Homestead Exemption automatically renews each year provided there is no change in the ownership or use of the property. If you have already applied and been approved for Homestead Exemption at your current property, you do not need to reapply for this exemption. You will receive a Homestead Exemption renewal card next month to keep for your records.

If you have any questions about Homestead Exemption or any other exemptions, please call 954.357.6830 or email me at martykiar@bcpa.net.

Take care,

Marty Kiar

Marty Kiar, CFA



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CALENDAR

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December



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					BULK ZONE 4	BULK ZONE 5	BULK ZONE 6
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
BULK ZONE 7-12	• SWR Parks Foundation Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm • Country Estates HOA - Grace Baptist Church - 19200 Griffin Rd - 7 pm BULK ZONE 7	• Code Hearing - Town Hall 9 am • Broward County Property Appraiser - Town Hall - 10:30am - 12:30 pm BULK ZONE 8	BULK ZONE 9	TOWN COUNCIL MEETING TOWN HALL 7 pm BULK ZONE 10	BULK ZONE 11	SO FLO Chili Fest Rolling Oaks Park - 10 - 4pm BULK ZONE 12	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
BULK ZONE 1-6	BULK ZONE 1	• Parks, Recreation, Forestry & Natural Resources Advisory Board - Town Hall 7 pm BULK ZONE 2	Q&A with the Mayor 7 pm BULK ZONE 3	BULK ZONE 4	BULK ZONE 5	BULK ZONE 6	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
Happy Hanukkah Begins at sun down BULK ZONE 7-12	BULK ZONE 7	BULK ZONE 8	Winter Solstice BULK ZONE 9	BULK ZONE 10	BULK ZONE 11	Christmas Eve BULK ZONE 12	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
Merry Christmas BULK ZONE 1-6	HAPPY Kwanzaa Hanukkah ends at sun down TOWN HALL CLOSED BULK ZONE 1	BULK ZONE 2	BULK ZONE 3	BULK ZONE 4	TOWN HALL CLOSED BULK ZONE 5	BULK ZONE 6	

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.

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EMAIL: _____

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

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Make Checks payable to:

Southwest Ranches Fire Rescue
17220 Griffin Rd,
Southwest Ranches, Fl. 33331

For additional
information contact

Chief Bennett at 954.868.2057

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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 or emails.

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

ALERT!BROWARD

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FLORIDA

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

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Council Member David S. Kuczenski	(954) 343-7472	dkuczenski@southwestranches.org

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Melinda Stringer, <i>Administrative Assistant</i>	(954) 343-7454	mstringer@southwestranches.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
Jennifer McCarty, <i>Permit Technician</i>	(954) 343-7445	jmccarty@capfla.com

PLANNING

Jeff Katims	(954) 475-3070	jkatims@sepiinc.com
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ZONING/PERMITTING

Julio Medina	(954) 343-7458	zoninginfo@southwestranches.org
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CODE

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Code Enforcement Hotline	(954) 343-7449	
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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	lbennett@southwestranches.org
(954) 765-4062	
(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 - Public Works

Illicit Discharge - Environmental Response Line:

911	
(954) 764-4357 (HELP)	
(954) 693-8200	
(954) 693-8326	jeffrey_hobales@davie-fl.gov
(954) 693-8352	cdanner@southwestranches.org
(954) 952-4608	
(954) 868-2057	
(954) 519-1499	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
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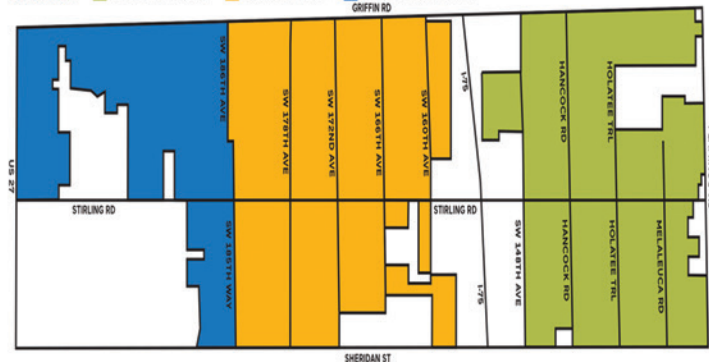
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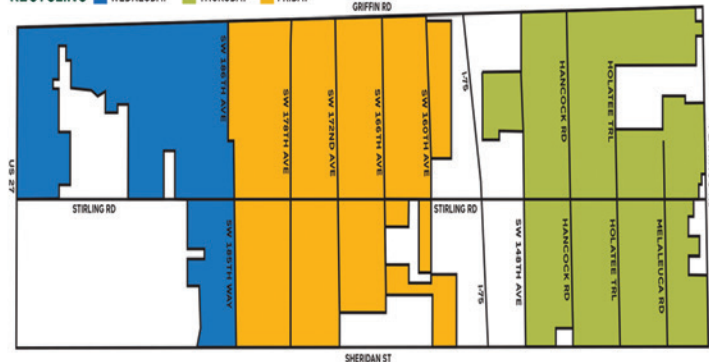


SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING COLLECTION SCHEDULE

GARBAGE ■ MONDAY & THURSDAY ■ TUESDAY & FRIDAY ■ WEDNESDAY & SATURDAY



RECYCLING ■ WEDNESDAY ■ THURSDAY ■ FRIDAY



TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES

**PUBLIC
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BULK COLLECTION SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 2022

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Monday 1 Tuesday 2 Wednesday 3 Thursday 4 Friday 5 Saturday 6
Monday 7 Tuesday 8 Wednesday 9 Thursday 10 Friday 11 Saturday 12

Christmas trees longer
than 6 feet in length
will need to be cut and
placed on bulk pile.