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We wish you a very Happy New Year full of joy and cheer. Mayor Breithreux, Council and Staff





Mayor Steve Breitkreuz

Happy New Year and welcome to 2023. I hope that 2022 was a very good year for you and your family, but I

hope that 2023 will be even better. For this coming year, I am excited for things old and new.

Every year, it is necessary to recommit to the elements of the past that have brought us to where we are. Commitment to our rural lifestyle and focus. Commitment to property rights and, as best we can, keeping our local government from intruding into our lives. Of course our Davie PD is there for a reason, and we are so very fortunate to have the dedicated men and women that serve our Town as part of the Davie PD. We owe them a debt of gratitude. And we need our Code Department to ensure that what is fair to one is fair to all. However, overall, protecting our property rights and our rural nature is why the Town was formed and should always be at the fore front.

So, while we are committed to the values of the past, our Town is always moving forward as well. We continue to work on our parks and open spaces so that they will continue to grow with our Town and be more useful to our residents. We continue to recognize the importance of drainage in our Town will continue to develop and improve drainage that will allow us to be the beautiful town that we are, and remain that way for decades to come. We will continue to develop other infrastructure projects such as TSDOR, which is our ongoing repaying program that will continue to bring our roads up to standard this year and for years to come. And then there are many other improvements within Town Hall and the services provided to our residents.

I feel fortunate to have the honor to serve as your mayor. And beyond that, to serve with the other Council Members that you have elected because I know that each of them is equally dedicated to preserving our rural lifestyle and seeing our Town continue to improve in its service to our residents. Also, we are fortunate to have a Town Administration and staff that is dedicated to facilitating the direction provided by the residents through the Council. They do an amazing job and don't get near the credit that they deserve.

But finally, I want to thank you the residents. Your dedication to the rural lifestyle, your consistent overview and interaction with myself and the rest

of the Council is what keeps us on track more than anything else. So, thank-you for your calls, emails, and conversations in Publix! You all are what make the Ranches what it is, the best place in South Florida to live and raise the next generation of Ranchers.

So to all, I wish you a very happy and prosperous 2023!







Council Member Bob Hartmann

Hi neighbors,

I want to start by saying that serving our community on the

Town Council over the past four years has been one of the most rewarding opportunities of my life. Thank you for returning me to office where I can bring my knowledge, skills, and abilities to assist you and continue to protect our lifestyle and keep us rural. I look forward to serving for the next four years and helping you in any way possible.

As we campaigned over the past five months, we spoke to almost two thousand town residents. While people expressed various concerns about the Town's services, the ordinances in place, and the lack of regulations in some rare cases, our lifestyle and keeping us rural were top of mind for most people who offered feedback on our Town.

To set our course for keeping us rural over the next two years, which is the duration of the current Council, and beyond, we have scheduled a workshop to ask you for feedback and your ideas on keeping the Town rural. Please realize there are many visions of keeping us rural across Town. We would like to hear your vision. If you would like to participate, please join the Council and your neighbors at Town Hall on January 12th from 7-8 PM. If you cannot make this important session but would like to share your ideas, please call me at 954-801-1758 or email me at BHartmann@ SouthwestRanches.org. We will use your input and from those at the meeting to look at options to block the development and density increases affecting the cities around us and ways to encourage our residents to maintain their lifestyles as times change.

We are planning visits to WM's recycling facility during the month of February and again in March. The facility is fascinating, and I would encourage you to visit if you're available. The administration and Council were invited to tour the facility in October. I found it very interesting as I learned more about properly recycling and how the industry is picking up, so more of our pre-used materials are finding new uses.

Finally, you have heard me speak, and I have written about the Davie Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), where several SWR residents participate. As we have learned from different disasters (including Hurricane Wilma and Ian), such events can overwhelm or delay the

local community's professional response. It may be days before emergency personnel can reach an area. Citizens unable to help themselves or each other make up one of the principal elements that overwhelm emergency responders and their resources.

CERT training promotes a partnering effort between emergency services and those they serve. The goal is for emergency personnel to train members of the neighborhoods, community organizations, or workplaces in basic response skills. CERT members are then integrated into the emergency response capability in our area. CERT members assist others by applying the basic response and organizational skills they learn during training. These skills can help sustain lives following a disaster until help arrives. CERT members also help out their community by volunteering for projects that improve community emergency preparedness and assisting law enforcement and rescue departments wherever needed.

CERT is about readiness, people helping people, rescuer safety, and doing the greatest good for the greatest number. CERT is a positive and realistic approach to emergency and disaster situations where citizens will be initially on their own, and their actions can make a difference.

I went thru the CERT training earlier this year and found it very beneficial from multiple perspectives. First, you learn first aid and first responder skills that could be valuable to you and your family and save a life if an accident occurs. Next, the training prepares us to respond to our community's needs when hurricanes, tornados, or other disasters strike. Last, you would also be able to help the Town start its own CERT team. While Davie will continue to train our residents, we will partner to keep skills fresh, use the same response strategies and continue our relationship with the Davie Fire Department to build a strong CERT affiliation.

The next Davie 8-Week training course begins on January 31st, 2023 (Tuesday) between 6:00-8:00 PM at the Davie Fire Rescue Administration, 6901 Orange Drive, Davie, Fl.33314. Please a tee-shirt, long pants, and enclosed shoes. CERT training is a series of 8 modules, about 3 hours each, and a final class drill to showcase the skills learned. Anyone who lives or works in the Town is eligible for training with the CERT program. Participants must be over 18 years of age. There is no cost associated with the training or joining the team!

If you are interested, please complete the online application before the start of training on January 31st. See you there. Application:

https://davie.readyop.com/fs/4czC/dge3

Thanks again. If you have any questions or need assistance, please call me at 954-801-1758.



Council Member David S. Kuczenski

Howdy Folks,

I want to begin by wishing everyone a Happy New Year. We hope this year will

bring more positive experiences. I'm using this month's article to update you on some financially related issues for the Town.

In Sunshine Ranches, the intersection of Holatee Trail and Luray Road experiences frequent flooding. We are seeking funds from the Legislature to construct a drainage collection system including underground piping, drainage inlets and swale along the north side of Luray. The request for \$178,000 will ensure that the intersection is better protected from adverse stormwater effects.

In Country Estates, we are requesting funding for the SW 69th Street Drainage Improvements. This proposal will consist of a drainage collection system with underground piping and drainage inlets along 69th Street that will ultimately tie into the existing canal west of SW 185th way. The goal of this \$440,200 project (\$340,200 from the Legislature and \$100,000 Town match) is to protect the intersection of SW 69th Street and 185th Way from stormwater effects.

Another drainage project we are seeking funding for from Tallahassee is to improve the drainage along SW 57th Court within Country Estates. The request for \$400,000 to fund the improvements along the right-of-way that ties into the existing canal east of 185th Way will help ensure that SW 185th Way and SW 57th Court will be better protected from stormwater.

In Sunshine Ranches, the Town is requesting funds to install guardrails where Appaloosa Trial intersects with Stirling Road. Appaloosa Trial is a two lane north/south roadway. The shoulder of the road narrows to approximately 24 inches from a very deep Central Broward Drainage District drainage canal. The close proximity of this road to the canal has led to serious injuries and tragic results on several occasions. The project cost is \$500,000. Due to the importance of this project, the Town has agreed to provide matching funds of \$100,000 if the Legislature will grant us \$400,000. This project has been identified as a priority within the Town's 5-year capital improvement plan.

As has been discussed among the Council, we are looking for a way to provide a financial benefit in the form of a break in the ad valorem taxes for folks with barns for their animals if they are not already classified as AG by the property

appraiser. Preliminary discussions are heading in the direction of a process to apply for the grant or credit. We all see this as a great way to keep It Rural by rewarding our residents who maintain horses and farm animals as a non-business, non-AG hobby. Please follow this issue if you believe you may qualify.

In closing, I wish you a safe and successful 2023. Very Truly Yours,

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

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Clerk's Corner -

BRIEF LEGISLATION FROM THE NOVEMBER 17, 2022 TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING:

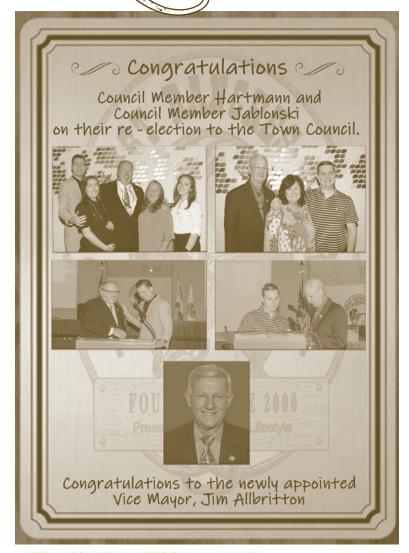
- Adopted Resolution 2023-008 appointing Council Member Jim Allbritton as the new Vice Mayor.
- Adopted Resolution 2023-009 awarding a continuing contract to Carnahan, Proctor and Cross, Inc. for various professional services.
- Adopted Resolution 2023-010 awarding a continuing contract to HP Consultants, Inc. for various professional services.
- Adopted Resolution 2023-011 awarding a continuing contract to Keith and Associates, Inc. for various professional services.
- Adopted Resolution 2023-012 awarding a continuing contract to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for various professional services.
- Adopted Resolution 2023-013 awarding a continuing contract to Longitude Surveyors, LLC. for various professional services.
- Adopted Resolution 2023-014 awarding a continuing contract to Metric Engineering, Inc. for various professional services.
- Adopted Resolution 2023-015 awarding a continuing contract to Radise International, LLC. for various professional services.
- Adopted Resolution 2023-016 awarding a continuing contract to Solid Consulting Engineers, Inc. for various professional services.
- Adopted Resolution 2023-017 awarding a continuing contract to Tierra South Florida, Inc. for various professional services.
- Adopted Resolution 2023-018 awarding a continuing contract to Professional Service Industries, Inc. for various professional services.
- Adopted Resolution 2023-019 approving a year end budget adjustment for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget.
- Adopted Resolution 2023-020 approving the Town Council Meeting Schedule for the calendar year 2023.
- Adopted Resolution 2023-021 approving the Town holiday schedule for the calendar year 2023.

Brief legislation from the December 8, 2022 Town Council Regular Meeting:

- Adopted Resolution 2023-022 authenticating the electorate's approval of three charter amendments approved during the November 8, 2022 election.
- Adopted Resolution 2023-023 extending the term of the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Board and appointing members.
- Adopted Resolution 2023-024 extending the term of the Drainage and Infrastructure Advisory Board and appointing members.
- \bullet Adopted Resolution 2023-025 extending the term of the Fire Advisory Board and appointing members.
- Adopted Resolution 2023-026 extending the term of the Parks, Recreation, Forestry, And Natural Resources Advisory Board and appointing members.
- Adopted Resolution 2023-027 extending the term of the Rural Public Arts and Design Advisory Board and appointing members.
- Adopted Resolution 2023-028 extending the term of the Schools and Education Advisory Board and appointing members.

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.







English

<u>Hunter</u> Cross Rails

Short Stirrups

Western Speed and Fun

Classes

(limit 15 entries per class)

All levels welcome!

Neat schooling attire
or show clothes
acceptable,
safety helmets
required
Registration
required at Show

Southwest Ranches Presents
Love My Pony
Fun Horse Show
Saturday, February 11, 2023

FREE Horse show for youth up to Age 18

> Sunshine Ranches Equestrian Park

5840 SW 148 Avenue Southwest Ranches, FL 33330

8:00 am Registration

Classes Begin at 9:00 am



Contact: December Lauretano-Haines

954-343-7452 dlauretano@southwestranches.org

Have a birthday you would like to share with us in a future Town newsletter?



Send your name and birthday to: Skutz@southwestranches.org

IVESTOCK 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: Fuest may be concelled due to mine excessive winds on other hazardous conditions as determined by the Town

Computers, Cables DVD Players,

Radios, Stero Components, TVs.

Key Boards, Mice, Adapters,

Tape Players, VCRs

ACCEPTABLE HHW ITEMS

Aerosol Cars Antifreeze/Coolant/Psirt Batteries & Auto Batteries BBQ & Camp Size Propane Cleaners

Cleaners
Fluorescent Tubes/Bulbs
Garden Chemica's
Latex/Oil-Based Paint
Pesticides

Pool Chlorine Tires - 4 tires (on nims) per household

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Appliances Asbestos Explosives of Ammunition Medical/Infectious Waste Non-Residential Waste

Tires - 4 tires (un rims) per hamschald Used Oil & Filters For more information call Town Half (954) 434-0008

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" 3' 10'

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 -
- 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, leadacid 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 excessof that allowed for Bulk Waste as defined herein.

Bulk Trash

Household garbage, recycle and bulk

> 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

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

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

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

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

- 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.





Tax Return Season is Coming!

The start of the new year indicates that it is almost time to file your federal tax return. The Internal Revenue Service encourages filers to visit the Get Ready webpage at www. IRS.gov/getready to find out what is new and what you need to file your

2022 return seamlessly. Keeping all of your tax documentation gathered and organized can help to avoid refund delays or responding to IRS letters. Year-end forms, like W-2s from employers, are typically sent via mail or email throughout January, and should be carefully reviewed for accuracy. Any incorrect information cannot be changed or corrected by the IRS, therefore, you will need to contact the issuer of the form.

It's important to remember that most income is taxable, including unemployment income, refund interest, income from the gig economy (free market system) and digital assets. Any income earned should be reported including part-time work, side jobs, or the sale of goods. On IRS.gov, you can find the Tax Withholding Estimator which will help you determine the right amount of tax to have withheld from your paycheck. This tool is especially great to take advantage of for taxpayers that may have undergone some major life changes last year such as a change in marital status, having a baby, or starting a second job. Note, the last quarterly tax payment for 2022 is due on January 17th, 2023. If not paying quarterly, your final 2022 federal income tax return is due to be filed by April 18, 2023, unless you seek an extension.

It's advised by the IRS to not rely on receiving a 2022 federal tax refund by a certain date, particularly for making major purchases or paying bills as the IRS continues to strengthen their security reviews to protect against identity theft.

IRS.gov has online tools available to taxpayers in any language all year long. Some of these services found on their website include:

- Online Account: allows you, the taxpayer, secure access to your personal tax information including tax returns transcripts, payment history, etc. This is also where you will go to review that your name, address, and other important information is filed correctly.
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA): VITA and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs provide free basic tax return preparation to qualified individuals.
- IRS Free File: allows you to electronically file your tax return for free if you qualify. This can be done either on IRS.gov/ freefile or through the IRS2Go app. You can also download the Free File Fillable Forms to file your tax return via mail.

- Find a Tax Professional: allows you to navigate and find a tax professional or certified preparer in your area who are recognized by the IRS or hold an Annual Filing Season Program Record of Completion.
- Interactive Tax Assistant: provides taxpayers with answers to questions they may have throughout the filing process.
- Where's My Refund: allows taxpayers to check the status of their refund. For those that file electronically, this information becomes available within 24 hours after submission. For those that send in paper returns, it may take up to four weeks for their status to update online. For those that do not have internet access, you may call the refund hotline at 800-829-1954. If you check your status and your refund says it has been issued and received and you have not, you must call 1-800-829-1040 to speak with an agent and file a replacement check.

If you have a disability and in need of enhanced services, you may call (833) 690-0598.

There are additional tax assistance resources listed at www.broward.org

- Broward Tax Pro: Formerly known as the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), this service helps families and individuals save on tax preparation fees. This service is for individuals making \$66,000 or less per year. Call (954) 964-8884.
- AARP Foundation Tax Aide Program: Online and in-person tax assistance free of charge with a special focus on taxpayers who are over 50 years of age or have low to moderate income. Call (888)687-2277, or TTY (877)434-7598.
- MyFree Taxes: This free service allows individuals to self-prepare and file for their federal tax return. Call (866) 698-9435.

As always, be careful who you share your personal information with. Be wary of scams, the IRS will never call you.



May this new year bring you peace, health, and happiness.

I wish you all a happy and healthy start to the new year! As always, I am here to help. Please reach out anytime at (954) 668-3662 or robin.bartleman@myfloridahouse.gov.



Dog Breed Word Search

SHETLAND SHEEPDOG DOBERMAN PINSCHER M B F U R C M L A B R A D O R R E T R I E V E R ALASKAN MALAMUTE OUKGLOHALASKANKLEEKAIOWC ALASKAN KLEE KAI S E B U I E N A D T A E R G P X C B E L Y O GERMAN SHEPHERD WKACRNTAROTTWEILERGLD ENGLISH MASTIFF G J A S A R P S E P B Y T T R B M W V X S BOSTON TERRIOR EDYFYSAEGOMIROLLZPBDGA SIBERIAN HUSKY NEW FOUNDLAND RGXXAEELTDEGTIROYREXOB BASSET HOUND I G T S U L N T A N Q I C B G K Y T P H U R BULL TERRIOR A P M G O D Z E H S O L X J U R I W K N U E POMERANIAN GONWJOVOXPXOKTYLKLOEFVGH GREAT DANE LRHOODZOSJUEUASASYLCDBKC IMUHOLIPQGKNFNNOJAFYEJYS S C S L B O R D M E I F D M B O C A V O W N CHOW CHOW H Z K W D U X E M G R W N A C Z A V G U F V F CHIHUAHUA M X Y O Z B Y R X E M F J N B H H L D Q K N W AKITA INU SHIBA INU AQZHOHQYQAAOFLAIEXAQJKKN PIT BULL S G R C O D V S L U T U X N K I H I W M O S H A MALTESE UULZZTHEINJQZHNSDNUJLM BULLDOG N P H J E A I B S D K S V M H A O M L T N R BEAGLE MEWSUVWEOLVDKRUVROHGEE POODLE ZREHGKEBIADJRIYSEEYBXB HACCIRGERMANSHEPHERDMOXO Q D V H V U H M J O J D D U N I A T I K A O G D DYCXOSHETLANDSHEEPDOGKPO



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







MAYORS MONARCH PLEDGE

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

SWR) 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.

BENEFITS OF FEEDING BIRDS IN YOUR GARDEN!

MAYORS MONARCH PLEDGE

- Certain types of birds help to pollinate your flowers, filling your flowerpots and beds at no extra charge! Pollination makes your flowers grow bigger and brighter, attracting butterflies and many more species of multicolored birds. A feast for your eyes!
- The seeds and nectar you offer your birds are just their first course. From your feeder, they continue to other juicy tidbits in your backyard: insects, worms, snails and even spiders. Birds such as the purple martin and other swallows eat vast quantities of winged insects. They love to eat mosquitoes, beetles, flies, dragonflies, and moths. Free pest control, if you will, natural and environment friendly.
- Some birds, like goldfinches, come to your aid and eat seeds belonging to species of weed. The more these feathery landscapers visit your garden, the more your weeds will be pecked out of your backyard. If you supply the bird food, they will help you in the garden.
- During nesting season, the more food birds find, the less they need to leave their young alone in the nest while foraging for food. With steady nutrition, you help them reach their caloric intake, keep them stress-free and close to their babies. A happy bird makes a happy garden!
- As we have destroyed so much natural habitat with urban housing and construction, the number of natural resources left for birds in the wild has been much reduced. This fact becomes especially apparent during the winter when not all birds migrate. At a time when foraging becomes extra difficult, seeds are scarce, and the ground is covered in snow. Bird feeders allow us to balance this scarcity of food and offer them a way to keep their bellies full in the harshest of seasons. According to a recent study by Millikin University, the survival rate of birds increases by 38% in an area with bird feeders. For the feathered ones who do migrate, bird feeders give them the energy needed for the long journey.
- In the summer, gardens with bird feeders attract all kinds of birds during the mating season. In addition to the regular birds in your garden, mating season invites migrational species to visit your home, such as unique species of cardinals (black headed or red breasted), orioles and other types of hummingbirds. Some birds are sexually active only during the mating season, so this is their time to dress up and put on make-up! If in the

winter these birds look grey and dreary, come summertime - look out - they become colorful, bright, and flashy. When the newly hatched chicks come around, the parents introduce their newly born to your bird feeders and spend a good while around them. By now the birds are used to you and not afraid of you anymore, so all you must do is sit back on your patio or deck and enjoy the show.

- Showing them different type of birds can teach your children or grandchildren compassion for animals, and the values of empathy, love and caring, not to mention hours of activity and fun! You can order books (for children) about how to recognize birds and play the naming game, identifying each bird that comes to visit and peck at your bird feeder. Take photos of each regular feathery visitor, print out each bird, give them names and start a "tree-family." Watch the family grow bigger and happier.
- Having birds in your garden is like having a pet, but in its natural habitat. You will get to know "the usuals" by their familiar chirps and sounds, their favorite branch to perch on, their regular visiting times. You will get to know them like an old friend and enjoy each other's company. Bird feeding helps battle one of modern society's greatest afflictions loneliness. As birds stay close and loyal to their food resource, people who feed birds begin to recognize these repeat visitors and they gradually become a part of the family. One can spend hours of quirky fun with this new family.
- Bird feeders encourage you to spend more time outdoors. According to recent research, spending at least 120 minutes a week in nature is associated with good health and

wellbeing. A study from the University of Michigan proves that being in nature improves your memory, improves your sense of self and happiness, helps you absorb vitamin D from the sun which can help reduce stress and possibly prevent cancer, osteoporosis and heart attacks, and can bring you in touch with yourself again and regain a sense of calm and enchantment.





PESTICIDES, HERBICIDES, AND FERTILIZERS

Pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers are commonly used in agricultural areas. However, we should take care to when using them as they can have adverse consequences. Pesticides and herbicides are typically used in the

maintenance of lawns and gardens. Improper use can hurt beneficial insects, animals, as well as the applicant. Additionally, overuse of pesticides and herbicides can cause pests and unwanted vegetation to become resistant against it. Caution must be taken as pesticides and herbicides can seep through soil and contaminate the groundwater.

Fertilizers are often rich with nitrogen and phosphorus, ingredients that are beneficial for plant growth. However, if care is not taken fertilizers can run off into adjacent water bodies such as canals and lakes. This can harm water bodies by altering their composition and causing a rapid growth of algae. The increased algae will in turn reduce oxygen levels which negatively affects fish and other aquatic organisms. In addition to this, the nitrogen in fertilizer can also contaminate groundwater if it seeps through. Pesticides herbicides, and fertilizers should always be used as per their instruction label.





DOES MY HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION AUTOMATICALLY RENEW?

After your initial application for Homestead Exemption has been approved, it automatically renews each year unless there is a change of ownership or eligible use of your homesteaded property. Each January, our office mails a Homestead Renewal Notice and "Change Card" to all Homesteaded properties. Florida law requires the property owner to notify the Property Appraiser of any change which may affect homestead eligibility. This Change Order Card provides an efficient way to communicate these important changes to our office.

If there are NO changes to the use and/or ownership of your property, simply keep the card as your receipt verifying that your Homestead Exemption has automatically renewed for another year. However, if there are changes, please mark the Change Card accordingly and return it to our office.

If your name is not printed above the mailing address section on this card, it means you are not protected by Homestead Exemption at this property. You may be on title to the property, but you are not receiving Homestead Exemption. If you are eligible for Homestead Exemption on this property, you must complete your own Homestead Exemption application. You can apply online at https://web.bcpa.net/bcpaclient/#/HomesteadExemption

If you are a co-owner, surviving spouse, trust beneficiary or otherwise believe you are eligible for this exemption, you must file your own Homestead Exemption application to receive the benefit. If you have any questions relating to the death of the owner, the Change Card or need assistance in filing for Homestead or other tax-saving exemptions, please visit our website at web.bcpa.net or contact our Customer Service Department at 954-357-6830.

WHERE DID MY PORTABILITY SAVINGS GO?

A portability deduction is only posted to your property record page in the first year you receive your new Homestead Exemption. The portability savings from the first year form the basis of your new Save Our Homes value on a going forward basis and -- in subsequent years -- will rise or fall based upon market just value changes and the 3% cap, as your new Save Our Homes value has incorporated your portability savings. When our website is updated to display subsequent year property values, your portability deduction is no longer shown independently because it is already factored into your new Assessed/Save Our Homes value.

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

Take care,

Marty Kiar, CFA





BROWARD COUNTY SCHOOL CALENDAR

| JANUARY | | | | |
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| 30 | 31 | | | |

MONDAY, JANUARY 2ND AND TUESDAY JANUARY 3RD SCHOOLS AND ADMINISTRATION OFFICES CLOSED

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 4TH THRU JANUARY 6TH SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED

THURSDAY JANUARY 12TH
EARLY RELEASE DAY

FRIDAY JANUARY 13TH - EMPLOYEE PLANNING NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

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.

CALENDAR

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SUNDAY

TUESDAY

• Code Hearing -

Town Hall 9 am Broward County Property

Appraiser - Town Hall -10:30am - 12:30 pm

BULK ZONE 8

Parks, Recreation, 10

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

SATURDAY

• HHW Event
Off- 8am - 2pm
• Shred-A-Thon 10am - 2pm
• Drug Drop Off 10am - 2pm
Rolling Oaks Barn
17630 SW 56th St.
Farmers' Market 10-3 pm

BULK ZONE 12

HHW Event

BULK ZONE 7-12

TOWN HALL CLOSED **BULK ZONE** 7

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MONDAY

 Schools & **Education Advisory Board Meeting** Town Hall 7 pm

Forestry & Natural Resources Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm

Q&A with the Mayor 7 pm

BULK ZONE 9

BULK ZONE 10 SWR Parks Foundation 12 COUNTRY FAIR 16290 Griffin Road 5 - 10 pm

BULK ZONE 4

· Comprehensive 19

SWR Parks Foundation 13 COUNTRY FAIR 16290 Griffin Road 5 - 10:30 pm

BULK ZONE 5

BULK ZONE 11

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BULK ZONE 11

SWR Parks Foundation 14 COUNTRY FAIR 16290 Griffin Road 1 - 10:30 pm

BULK ZONE 1-6

 SWR Parks Foundation 15 COUNTRY FAIR 16290 Griffin Road 1 - 10:30 pm

BULK ZONE 1 COUNTRY FAIR 16290 Griffin Rd. 12-6 pm

Martin Luther King Jr.Day TOWN HALL CLOSED BULK ZONE 7

BULK ZONE 2

BULK ZONE 8

17630 SW 56 Street, 7 pm

BULK ZONE 2

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Rolling Oaks

Civic Asoc Meeting

Rolling Oaks Barn

Drainage Infrastructure **Advisory Board Meeting** Town Hall 7 pm

· Fire Advisory Board

Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm

BULK ZONE 9

Service - 10 am - 2 pm

Town Hall by appt. only

BULK ZONE 3

DMV - Flow

BULK ZONE 3

Board Meeting -Town Hall 7 pm BULK ZONE 10

Plan Advisory

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING TOWN HALL 7 pm

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BULK ZONE 4

BULK ZONE 5

BULK ZONE 6

Farmers' Market 10-3 pm

BULK ZONE 12

Farmers' Market 10-3 pm

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BULK ZONE 7-12

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BULK ZONE 7-12

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District 3 Civic Assoc Meeting 2 - 7 pm

BULK ZONE 1

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BULK ZONE 7 BULK ZONE 8

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.

for CodeRED online today at www.southwestranches.org

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ADDRESS MARKERS

HIGHLY VISIBLE DAY OR NIGHT

Order today...

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

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| Make Checks payable to: | |
| Southwest Ranches Fire R | escue |
| 17220 Griffin Rd, | |

For additional information contact Chief Bennett at 954.868.2057

Southwest Ranches, Fl. 33331

Mini-Flow:

Florida Licensing on Wheels



Come to Town Hall if you need to renew or replace your Florida Driver's License, Identification Card or Tag and Registration. The Department of Motorist Services Mini-FLOW Florida Licensing on Wheels will be at Town Hall:

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25th

By Appointment Only

No Walk-Ins Call Town Hall (954) 434-0008

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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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 | | |

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

| Julio Medina | (954) 343-7458 | zoninginio@southwestranches.org |
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| Iulio Medina. Code Enforcement Director | (054) 343-7458 | imedina@southwestranches.org |

| Juno Medina, Coue Emorecinem Director | (934) 343 7430 | Jilleania@bouiliwebilalielieb.elg |
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| Code Enforcement Hotline | (954) 343-7449 | |
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| Manfred Velette, Assistant Code Enforcement Director | (954) 343-7440 | mvelette@southwestranches.org |

WASTE/BULK/RECYCLING SERVICES WM (Waste Management)

| With (Waste Marageriterit) | (934) 914 1300 | |
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| REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKERS – Chief Bennett | (954) 868-2057 | lbennett@southwestranches.org |
| MOSQUITO CONTROL | (054) 765-4062 | |

| LOST AND FOUND ANIMALS | (754) 224-0877 | Facebook@SWRLostandFoundAnima |
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PUBLIC SAFETY

EMERGENCY Non-Emergency

| Non-Emergency | (954) 764-4357 (HELP) | |
|--|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Davie Police Department | (954) 693-8200 | |
| Jeff Hobales, <i>Detective</i> | (954) 693-8326 | jeffrey_hobales@davie-fl.gov |
| Cheryl Danner, Police Services Coordinator | (954) 693-8352 | cdanner@southwestranches.org |
| Davie Fire Rescue Station 112 | (954) 952-4608 | |

Volunteer Fire Rescue - Chief Bennett TRAFFIC AND ROADWAY SERVICES

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

911

(954) 868-2057

OTHER

WATER DISTRICTS - CANALS

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



Town of Southwest Ranches

13400 Griffin Road

Southwest Ranches, FL 33330

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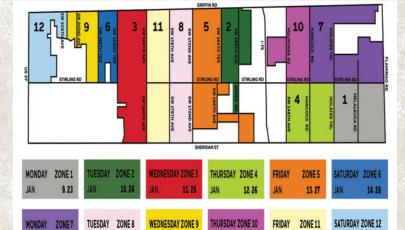


YOUTUBE: Town of Southwest Ranches Official Channel

CLICK ON QR CODE TO VISIT US AT www.SOUTHWESTRANCHES.org



JANUARY 2023 BULK COLLECTION SCHEDULE



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BULK WASTE COLLECTION GUIDELINES

3.17.31

2.16.30

- · Bulk waste cannot be placed out earlier than the weekend before your scheduled collection day and no later than 7 am on collection day.
- · Residents are permitted a maximum of 12 cubic yards of bulk waste to place out for collection. To schedule a special bulk pick up contact WM at (954) 974-7500.

For more information please contact: WM: (954) 974-7500

SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING COLLECTION SCHEDULE

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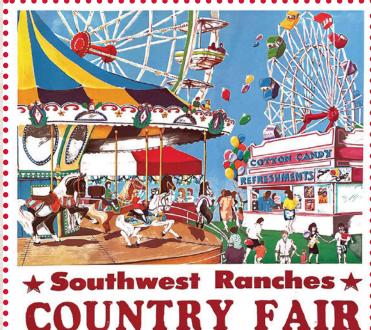
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