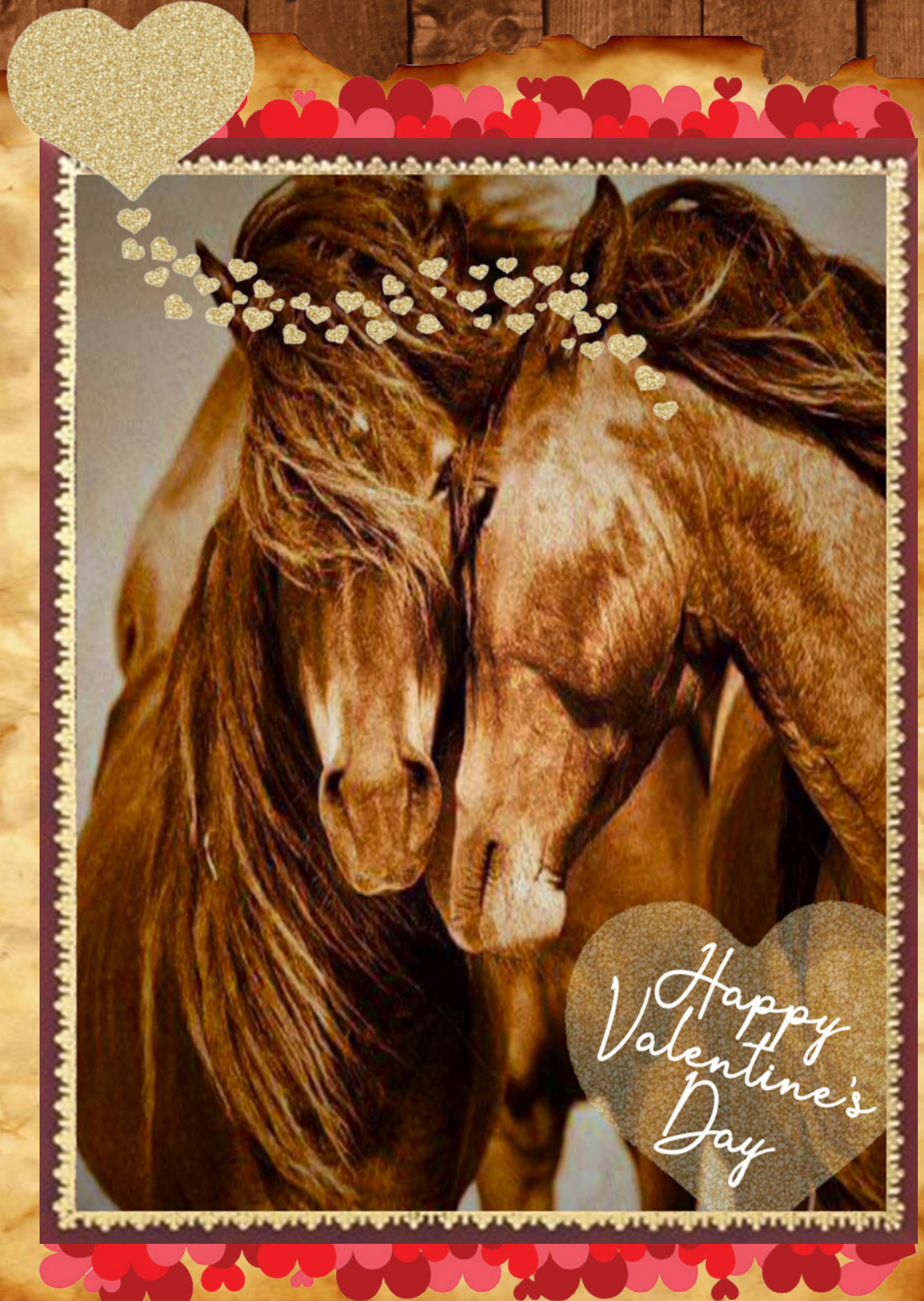


# SOUTHWEST RANCHER

*The Official Newsletter of Southwest Ranches*

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## Mayor Steve Breitkreuz

One of the most challenging elements in working in local government is communication. And

when I talk about communication, I am talking about communication in both directions. From the Town Administration and Council to our residents, and also from our residents to the Administration and Council. Even as I write this, I am wondering just how many or how few residents will be reading this article.

To communicate to the residents, we have the monthly newsletter, the email blasts, (which you can sign up for on our website) the roadway message boards, as well as normal email and phone conversations. And yet, it is still not unusual for me to be in a conversation with a resident and hear that they were unaware of an event or service, or an upcoming change. It is no one's fault. The Town is sincerely attempting to communicate in every way possible and all of us as residents have busy lives with a lot going on. However, I am open to more recommendations because it truly is a challenge.

On the other hand, there is the communication from the residents to the Council and Administration. Our contact information is out there. I publish my personal phone number (954-296-6018) often as well as my SWR phone number (954-343-7462). Then of course, there is my email, sbreitkreuz@southwestranches.org. (Sorry for the long last name!) The other Council Members have their contact information on the last page of the Newsletter as well. We want to hear from you! My goal is to represent you as fairly as possible, and I can only do this if I understand your concerns and hear about the areas that you wish to improve. So, I welcome your feedback.

There is another commonly used tool for communication that I want to touch on. That tool is Facebook. Honestly, I was not on Facebook until I was in Town office, and I joined simply because I knew that it was an important tool for me to monitor to hear and understand what is going on in Town, either good or bad. So, I want you to know that I do monitor Facebook and if there is something in particular you want to be sure I see, I encourage you to specifically tag me.

However, I do want you to know that in most cases I will not respond on Facebook with a comment at

large. There are a couple of reasons for this. First, many of the topics that are discussed are topics that will come before the Council in the future and for me to respond, would open up both me and the resident to Florida Sunshine Laws violations. So, I am very cautious about that. The second reason is that some of the topics are complex, and cannot be expressed in 2 or 3 sentences or even a paragraph. Often, my response on Facebook would be incomplete and only create more misinformation.

But I want to hear from you, and I want to respond. If you have an issue, please feel free to call me or send me an email. If you would rather express it to a wider audience, we have public comment at our Council Meetings (generally the second and fourth Thursdays of each month), where I provide whatever time is required for residents to express their concerns and in that forum, on the record. I make it a point to fully respond to you. Because this communication is critical and I very much want to hear your concerns.

My hope is that you will become more actively engaged in our Town by opening up new lines of communication. Through more interactive communication, I believe that we will continue to ensure that the priorities of the Council reflect the priorities of the residents.

Thank-you as always for the opportunity to serve our Town as your Mayor. Please feel free to contact me should you have any concerns or recommendations for improvements.

Steve (954) 296-6018



**Town Talk**

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

**Send your email address to:**  
[druesga@southwestranches.org](mailto:druesga@southwestranches.org)



## Vice Mayor Jim Allbritton

GoodDay Southwest Ranches, 2023 looks to be another good year. I have the honor of serving as your Vice

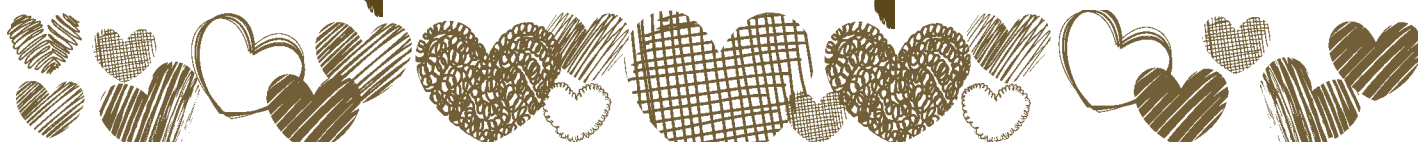
Mayor this year. The Carnival was a great event that everyone seemed to enjoy. The farmers' market is going strong and will be here for several more months.

I hope that most of you have seen the new Traffic Control Speed Signs around Town. The Town is moving the signs to try and cover all the hot spots where speeding is a problem. If you have an idea as to where you think the signs should be placed, please reach out to me through my email or by calling me direct. The more place these signs are spotted along our streets, the more aware the drivers will become of their driving habits.

Our new waste collection company has shown a marked improvement over the previous company. I know that new collection maps are being drawn up and Town Hall has launched a new page on the Town's Website where you can look up your exact collection dates for garbage, recycling and bulk by simply entering your address. Hopefully this will help to eliminate some of the confusion about collection dates.

The District 3 civic association is working hard to get formalized with the state, and by doing so they will join Sunshine Ranches, Rolling Oaks and Country Estates as a voice for their community. The District 3 boundaries extend from Volunteer Road west to 172nd Avenue. The Ivanhoe Estates community, just south of the Publix shopping center, is part of the Town's District 3 along with most of Deems Ranches. If anyone in District 3 wishes to participate in the upcoming Zoom meetings please send me an email with your name, address and phone number and you will be added to the association's zoom notification list. The meeting is usually set for the last Monday of the month.

I am happy to announce that most of the drainage work currently being done in Green Meadows is



finishing up, however there is future work being planned. The Town staff will have a meeting with the residents affected before any of the work is started. Please look through your Town newsletter that comes every month, there is a lot of information about upcoming work projects, special community activities, garbage and bulk pick updates and all kinds of Town contests and activities that are fun for the whole community.

2022 was a very good year for the Town. With the hard-working efforts of our Town Staff, State and Federal elected officials, money came in from the State and Federal Government that helped several projects to be completed without any Town money being spent. The Town lowered our millage rate, adopted the Charter Review amendments, revised our Park fees, installed guardrails, installed LPR cameras around Town, and made improvements to all our parks. All of which helps to keep our Town a Very Special Place to Call Home.

If I can be of any help, please reach out by email ([jjallbritton@southwestranches.org](mailto:jjallbritton@southwestranches.org)) or by phone # 954-343-7461 / # 305-903-7043.

Wishing all a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2023!



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- Facebook page: @SWRG0V
- Twitter account: @SWR\_gov
- YouTube: Town of Southwest Ranches Official Channel



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



## Council Member David S. Kuczenski

Howdy Folks,

I want to begin by wishing everyone a Happy February. I'm using this month's article to update you on Town concerns.

Recently, there has been an increase in reports of casualties related to coyote attacks. While every Council Member shares the concerns of coyotes, I believe that we need to investigate how to control them. Not too long ago, we had a presentation on coyotes in our Town, and I was concerned being advised that since coyotes are pack animals, keeping the pack functioning is a primary cause. We were told that if we eliminate one or two, the pack perceives this as a threat and causes the pack to populate with more young. For us this means we have basically one option: a complete eradication. Where I see a concern is the protection of private property rights. Whatever the solution, it must be a complete Town-wide effort.

Over the past month, several residents have contacted me about the idea of a financial benefit in the form of a rebate for folks with barns for their animals if they are not already classified as AG by the property appraiser. Since I made it my agenda to Keep It Rural, I will see this concept through this budget year. 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



## Council Member Bob Hartmann

Hi Neighbors,

In last month's Southwest Rancher, I mentioned that we have coordinated visits to WM's Reuter Transfer Station recycling facility, located east at 20701 Pembroke Rd, off US 27, in February and again in March. All recycling from SWR goes to this facility. It processes approximately 100 tons of potential recycling materials daily. The facility is fascinating, and I encourage you to visit if you're available. I found it remarkably interesting as I learned more about properly recycling and how the recycling industry is picking up, so more of our pre-used materials are finding new uses. You will also learn why putting grocery store bags and pizza boxes in your recycling bin is a terrible idea.

WM offers facility tours to you on two dates: 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 18th, and 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 9th. WM extends this invitation to residents 14 years and older; the tour requires climbing steep stairs and standing on platforms high above the various waste processing streams. You will follow the process from where trucks dump their loads through staging the finished recycled materials for transfer to WM's recycle resource customers. After your tour, there is a Q&A session to discuss the facility and your questions.

These tours are each limited to 15 people. If you would like to attend either 1-hour tour, please get in touch with me as soon as possible since space is limited. If you are interested in joining us, please email me ([BHartmann@southwestranches.org](mailto:BHartmann@southwestranches.org)) your name, phone number, the date you would like to attend, and the number of attendees planning to join us.

I am always here to help! Please call me if I can assist with any questions or Town issues or if you would like to chat.

Bob - 954-801-1758



# AROUND THE TOWN

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY...**

**Katherine Easley - February 16th**



**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](mailto:Skutz@southwestranches.org)**

## Household **HAZARDOUS WASTE** Disposal Days

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

**Saturday, April 29th, 2023 . 8:00am to 2:00pm**

Location: Rolling Oaks Barn - 17630 SW 56th St., Southwest Ranches, 33331  
Document shredding from 10 - 1pm • prescription drug drop off 10-2pm

*This service is provided for Town residents only. Proofs of residency is required.  
NOTE: Event may be cancelled due to rain, excessive winds or other hazardous conditions as determined by the Town.*

### ACCEPTABLE HHW ITEMS

Aerosol Cans Antifreeze/Coolant/Paint  
Batteries & Auto Batteries  
BBQ & Camp Stove 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



## THE 5TH ANNUAL "A RACE FOR UNITY IN DIVERSITY" 5K RUN/WALK

**FUNDS BENEFIT THE TOWN COLLEGE  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND**



Leap into diversity with us on

**April 1st, 2023 at 7:30 A.M.**

**Rolling Oaks Park**

**17630 SW 56 St, Southwest Ranches, 33331**

Website:

[www.thesikh-youth-association.org](http://www.thesikh-youth-association.org)

For any questions, please contact

**Manmeet Gulati at (561) 445 - 7987**

**EARLY BIRD IS \$15 AGES 6-12,**

**\$20 AGES 13 & UP**

**TILL JANUARY 15**

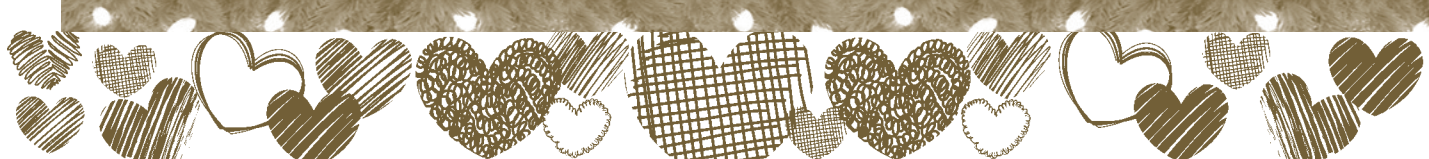
# Believe

# in Magical Moments





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## December 2022 Special Session: Property Insurance Reform



The Florida Legislature made another attempt to address Florida's property insurance crisis during a Special Session this past December. Many constituents have been asking important

dollars to the Reinsurance Assistance Program without the provision to pass savings on to consumers and in my opinion without safeguards. Reinsurance is insurance for the insurance company. Private market insurance companies must purchase it and about 49% of your premium is for their reinsurance costs. This was an important step to stabilize the market and keep insurers in Florida.

We all pay an excessive amount of money to protect our greatest asset and if something happens to our home, we want our insurance to work. In my opinion, some provisions in the bill addressing excessive litigation go too far and may hurt the consumer and their access to the Courts.

This bill DOES eliminate Assignment of Benefits, which in my opinion, is a good measure to eliminate fraud.

This bill will also allow your insurance company to offer you the option to buy a policy with a binding arbitration provision for a reduction in your rate. I encourage all to research this issue to ensure you are making an informed decision.

Binding arbitration refers to a legal award having a legal binding status. If a claim is in dispute, you and the insurance company will present your cases to an arbitrator who will decide if you receive the award and how much you will be paid based on the evidence presented. You cannot appeal or access the courts once the decision is made.

It is important to note that you may have to pay for your own attorney and experts out of pocket if you choose this option. The insurance company has hundreds of lawyers and experts on stand-by for their case. It may be difficult to find an attorney to work on contingency for smaller claims. There are no attorney fees awarded so those costs are paid up front by you or are paid by the award money you may receive, which may not be enough to cover your repairs and pay your legal bills (if you have a mortgage, the bank will verify that you completed the repairs). At times, Florida law is not applied to your arbitration (it could be New York law or the law where the company is based) and arbitration may have to physically occur in another state. In my opinion, a provision outlining the parameters of arbitration could be added to the statute in the future, as a simple fix to this situation.

The biggest changes come to those enrolled in Citizens Property Insurance. The bill depopulates Citizens which was intended to be an insurance of last resort as described by the bill sponsor. When it's time for you to

renew your policy, if a private insurance company offers you a similar policy that costs up to 20% more money – you will HAVE to take this policy and pay the new premium; you will be removed from Citizens.

You will also HAVE to buy flood insurance if you have a Citizens policy. There is a phase in period, but you will eventually have to buy it, even if you do NOT live in a flood zone.

I co-sponsored HB 9-A, Insurance, which was never heard by the House.

- Establishes a Property Insurance Commission
- Makes the Commissioner of the OIR an elected versus Governor appointed position to ensure this individual is accountable to the voters of Florida
- Makes homeowners not located with a "wind-borne debris region" eligible for grants under the "My Safe Florida Home Program" and increases funding for that program
- Requires that any interest earned on insurance proceeds received by a mortgage company be paid to the insured
- Prohibits an insurance company from claiming it is insolvent in Florida if it still writes business elsewhere
- Requires that companies that offer property insurance elsewhere, but not in Florida, should be prohibited from only offering other types of insurance in Florida.
- Requires an insurer to release to an insured all information related to an inspection or an underwriting report upon request
- Prohibits an insurance company from denying a claim based on the property's pre-loss condition or faulty installation or workmanship
- Requires strengthening the Department of Financial Services Mediation Program
- Requires that each time there is legislation to reform property insurance, OIR must require insurers to offer homeowners premium rate reductions

We will be revisiting insurance during regular session where I hope we can collaborate and create a bill that will continue to stabilize the market, protect consumers and reduce premiums. I welcome ideas and suggestions. I know there will be a myriad of opinions, and I am open to hearing them all.

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

questions about this.

"What does this mean for us homeowners? Should we expect insurance premium relief?

And if so by what percentage?"

The sponsor of the bill was asked this same question on the floor, and he stated clearly that this legislation was to stabilize the market, and that "hopefully in the future there may be a rate reduction." In my opinion, this was not a consumer-friendly bill and many of my colleagues' brought amendments to the floor specifically addressing rate reduction and freezes; however, these amendments failed.

### SB 2-A, Property Insurance:

- The bill creates the Florida Optional Reinsurance Assistance (FORA) program in which property insurers may participate
- Prohibits assignment of benefits
- Eliminates "one-way attorney fees"
- Establishes a requirement to show a breach of the insurance contract before a homeowner may bring a bad faith action against an insurance company
- Reduces the time for a homeowner to report a claim to an insurance company and reduces the time for insurance companies to process a claim
- Property insurers may be subject to an additional market conduct examination by the Office of Insurance Regulation (OIR) post-hurricane.
- Depopulates Citizens.
- Requires Citizens policyholders to purchase a separate flood insurance policy

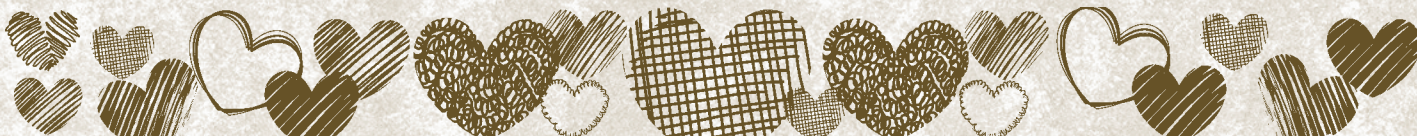
I did support the legislation we passed in May, and it has already reduced litigation by 30% and if your insurance company utilized the \$2 billion Reinsurance Assistance Program established in the May bill, there was a mandate that savings be passed on to the customer.

This new bill allocates an additional \$1 billion of our tax



## 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

## Parts of Plants Word Search



POLLEN TUBE	OVULE	PISTIL
PETAL	OVARY	STIGMA
PEDICLE	FILAMENT	FLOWER
FRUIT	SEPAL	ANTHER
STYLE	STAMEN	RECEPTACLE



Area Agency on Aging  
of Broward County



## CONNECTING SENIORS TO SERVICES

- HELPLINE - REFERRAL SERVICES
- MEDICARE COUNSELING
- MEDICAID LONG-TERM CARE PROGRAM, SCREENING, BENEFITS AND ELIGIBILITY ASSISTANCE
- FOOD ASSISTANCE
- CONNECTINGWITHU TELEPHONE REASSURANCE
- EMERGENCY HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE
- IN-HOME ASSISTANCE
- MINOR HOME REPAIRS
- HEALTH & WELLNESS CLASSES
- CAREGIVER SUPPORT
- LEGAL ASSISTANCE
- GRANDPARENT SUPPORT
- SENIOR CENTERS & DAY CARE CENTERS
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### CALL

954.745.9779 (HELPLINE)

### WEBSITE

ADRCBROWARD.ORG



Department of  
**ELDER AFFAIRS**  
STATE OF FLORIDA



## How Wildlife Sees Your Backyard

Be Aware, Secure These Attractants!



(Over)

## Keep People, Pets and Wildlife Safe. Secure Your Attractants!

If wildlife can easily find human-provided food on your property, they may lose their natural fear of people, which can lead to conflicts. Identifying and securing wildlife attractants makes your property safer for people, pets and wildlife.

### 1. Garbage



Wildlife is attracted to food smells in garbage. Use wildlife-resistant garbage cans or modify existing cans. Consider using garbage caddies. Or, keep garbage cans in a sturdy shed or garage until the morning of pickup.

### 2. Pet food



Feed pets indoors. If feeding pets outside or on a porch, remove the bowls after feeding.

### 3. Outdoor freezers & food storage



Food stored outdoors can be enticing for wildlife. Secure outdoor freezers or fridges in a closed garage or install locks.

### 4. Pets & livestock



Free-ranging pets and livestock can be an easy target for some wildlife. Keep livestock safe in a sturdy outbuilding, behind a secure fence, or with electric fencing. Supervise your pets while outdoors and use short leashes.

### 5. Crawlspace, attics & chimneys



Wildlife may seek shelter in these spaces. Be sure to patch exterior holes, as small as 1/2 inch, or use mesh to prevent entry. But first, make sure all animals have left your building.

### 6. Bird feeders



Many animals feed at bird feeders. Even those that don't eat seeds are drawn by the concentration of prey. Bring in feeders at night, provide only enough seed that

can be eaten in a day and keep the ground beneath feeders clean.

### 7. Grills, smokers & picnic tables



Food smells on outdoor grills and picnic areas can attract wildlife. Clean up these areas or bring your grill into a sturdy shed or closed garage when not in use.

### 8. Fruit-bearing trees & gardens



Fruit trees and vegetable gardens can also attract wildlife. Harvest ripe fruit and remove fallen fruit. Try motion-activated alarms or electric fencing to keep wildlife from eating your fruits and vegetables.

Visit MyFWC.com





# AROUND THE TOWN

THE RURAL PUBLIC ARTS AND DESIGN BOARD PRESENTED...

## "5th Annual December Holiday Lights Contest"


1st PLACE  
The Garcia Family

2ND PLACE  
The Colon Family

3RD PLACE  
The Palma Family

Enjoy your holiday season a little more next year and participate in this magical Town event.

Remember... your house does not have to be decorated to get your early entry form in.



## Southwest Ranches FIRE RESCUE

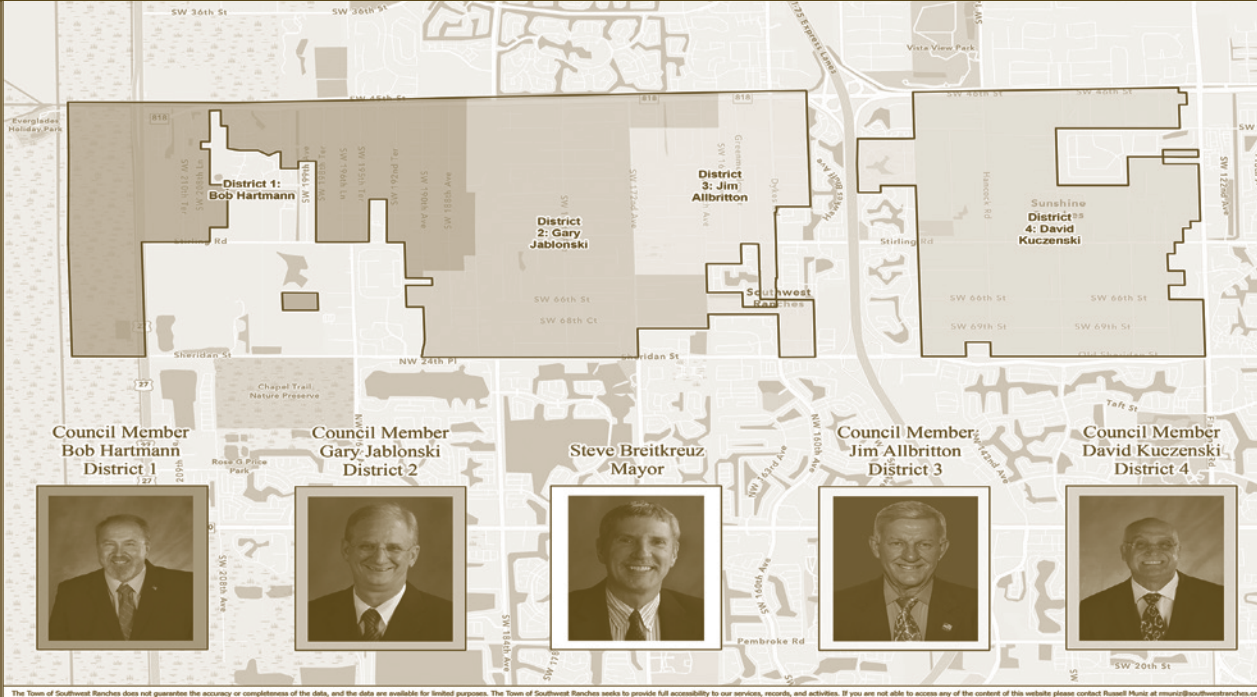
On May 29, 1777, Betsy Ross was paid large amount of money from the Pennsylvania State Navy Board for making flags (and is famous for making the first American flag). On June 14, 1777, Congress adopted the stars and stripes as our national flag. Betsy continued making flags for the next 50 years and was very proud of the flag.

It has been noted throughout our Town that some flags are worn out and need to be replaced. Let's keep the tradition going and keep Old Glory looking good.

The Southwest Ranches Fire Rescue continues training daily and weekly to prepare what we are confronted with daily. We will be back at the Fire Academy in 2023. We will conduct many different fire and medical scenarios. We will also have combined training exercises with Davie Fire Rescue at the Fire Academy.

Some of the fire scenarios will be fire attack procedures on automobiles, houses, high rises and hazardous materials. These scenarios will be classroom instruction and hands-on. The hands-on portion is labor-intensive wearing full firefighting bunker gear and breathing apparatus and carrying tools while pulling fire hose.

Enjoy 2023,  
**Fire Chief Lee Bennett**



**Town Council**

**Legend**  
Council Districts  
District 1  
District 2  
District 3  
District 4  
Town Boundary

**Council Member Bob Hartmann District 1**

**Council Member Gary Jablonski District 2**

**Steve Breitkreuz Mayor**

**Council Member Jim Allbritton District 3**

**Council Member David Kuczynski District 4**

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Date: 12/22/2022  
PE Florida Technical Consultants



# AROUND THE TOWN



## MARTY KIAR

BROWARD COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER

### Exemption Amount Increase for Widows, Widowers, Blind Persons and Persons Totally and Permanently Disabled

Thousands of Broward County property owners qualify for these exemptions. Under previous law, these exemptions deducted only \$500 from the property's assessed value which equates to an annual savings of only \$10 in property taxes. Representative Michael Gottlieb and Senator Ana Maria Rodriguez secured language in the 2022 legislative session which increased this exemption amount to \$5,000 for an increased tax savings of approximately \$100 beginning in 2023.

### Automatic Senior Exemption Renewals for 2023

After the initial application approval, the Low-Income Senior Exemption automatically renews each year unless the senior notifies our office that they no longer meet the income requirement for this exemption. People who received the Senior Exemption in 2022 and are still living at the same address do not need to send in a signed renewal card to continue receiving this exemption.

Our office will mail the Senior Exemption renewal information this month with the annual income limitation set by the state of Florida.

- If your 2022 adjusted household gross income does not exceed the income limitation, you DO NOT need to do anything to continue receiving this valuable exemption for 2023. Your exemption will automatically be renewed provided you are still living at the same address and receiving Homestead Exemption.
- If your 2022 adjusted household gross income did exceed the income limitation, you must notify our office that you no longer qualify for this tax year when you receive the annual income notification from our office. We understand the adjusted household gross income for some individuals may change from year to year so an applicant may qualify one year and then not the next.

If you did not receive the Senior Exemption for 2022 and you believe you may qualify, please visit our website at [web.bcpa.net](http://web.bcpa.net) and click on the "Senior Exemption" icon to view this exemption. You can also apply online at <https://web.bcpa.net/bcpaclient/#/SeniorsAppForm>. The absolute deadline to apply for any 2023 exemption is September 18, 2023.

If my office can ever be of assistance to you, please call us at 954-357-6830 or email me directly at [martykiar@bcpa.net](mailto:martykiar@bcpa.net)

Take care,

*Marty Kiar*

Marty Kiar, CFA  
Broward County Property Appraiser



MartyKiarBCPA  
@MartyKiarBCPA

### Broward County School Calendar HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY FEBRUARY, 2023

M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28			

Friday, February 3rd- Report Cards Issued  
Tuesday, February 14th - Interim Reports Issued and  
Early Release Day  
Monday, February 20th - Schools and Administrative  
Offices Closed



QUICK ACCESS FOR RESIDENTS TO TRACK AND GET  
INFORMATION ABOUT BULK,  
GARBAGE AND RECYCLE SERVICES

The Town has developed a way for everyone to verify the dates for  
solid waste services at your residential property in Town.

PLEASE VISIT THE TOWN WEB SITE

[www.southwesttranches.org](http://www.southwesttranches.org),

click on Town Resources, Garbage and Recycling,  
and once the page opens click on solid waste,  
bulk waste, and recycling service lookup.  
Once the page opens, type in your address and  
you will be able to determine your bulk zone,  
bulk collection day, bulk dates for 2023,  
garbage and recycling collection days of the week  
and the Council District and representative.

## 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@southwesttranches.org](mailto:eaceti@southwesttranches.org).**







PHOTO BY: Stuart Yadgaroff

# CALENDAR

## February 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 Farmers' Market 16290 Griffin Rd. 10-3 pm
	• Code Hearing - Town Hall 9 am • SWR Parks Foundation Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm • Country Estates HOA - Grace Baptist Church - 19200 Griffin Rd - 7 pm		<b>BULK ZONE 9</b>	<b>BULK ZONE 10</b>	<b>BULK ZONE 11</b>	<b>BULK ZONE 12</b>
5	6	7 • Broward County Property Appraisers Town Hall 10:30-12:30 pm	8 Q&A with the Mayor 7 pm	9 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING Town Hall 7 pm	10	11 • SWR Fun Horse Show Equestrian Park 10 am • Farmers' Market 16290 Griffin Rd. 10-3 pm
	<b>BULK ZONE 1</b>	<b>BULK ZONE 2</b>	<b>BULK ZONE 3</b>	<b>BULK ZONE 4</b>	<b>BULK ZONE 5</b>	<b>BULK ZONE 6</b>
12	13 • Schools & Education Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm	14 • Parks, Recreation, Forestry & Natural Resources Advisory Board - Town Hall 7 pm	15 • Fire Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm	16 • Comprehensive Plan Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm	17	18 Farmers' Market 16290 Griffin Rd. 10-3 pm
	<b>BULK ZONE 7</b>	<b>BULK ZONE 8</b>	<b>BULK ZONE 9</b>	<b>BULK ZONE 10</b>	<b>BULK ZONE 11</b>	<b>BULK ZONE 12</b>
19	20 TOWN HALL CLOSED PRESIDENTS DAY	21 • Drainage Infrastructure Advisory Board Meeting Town Hall 7 pm	22 • Sunshine Ranches HOA Meeting - Town Hall 7:30 pm • Flow Mobile - DMV Service 10 am - 2 pm - Town Hall by appt only	23 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING Town Hall 7 pm	24	25 Farmers' Market 16290 Griffin Rd. 10-3 pm
	<b>BULK ZONE 1</b>	<b>BULK ZONE 2</b>	<b>BULK ZONE 3</b>	<b>BULK ZONE 4</b>	<b>BULK ZONE 5</b>	<b>BULK ZONE 6</b>
26	27 <b>BULK ZONE 7</b>	28 • Rolling Oaks Civic Assoc Meeting Rolling Oaks Barn 17630 SW 56 Street, 7 pm <b>BULK ZONE 8</b>				

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17220 Griffin Rd,  
Southwest Ranches, FL 33331

For additional  
information contact  
Chief Bennett at 954.868.2057

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## 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, FEBRUARY 22nd  
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](http://www.southwestranches.org)  
**TOWN HALL TWITTER ACCOUNT:** @SWR\_Gov • **YOUTUBE:** Town of Southwest Ranches Official Channel • **FACEBOOK:** facebook@SWRGOV

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

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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
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## 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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## 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:

	(954) 519-1499	publicworks@southwestranches.org
		online complaint form at <a href="http://www.broward.org/Environment/Resources/Pages/EnviroComplaint.aspx">http://www.broward.org/Environment/Resources/Pages/EnviroComplaint.aspx</a>

## 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	<a href="http://www.centralbrowardwcd.org">www.centralbrowardwcd.org</a>
	(954) 680-3337	<a href="http://www.sbddd.org">www.sbddd.org</a>





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**PUBLIC WORKS AND**




**BULK COLLECTION SCHEDULE  
FEBRUARY, 2023**

12	9	6	3	11	8	5	2	10	7	4	1
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Monday 1 Tuesday 2 Wednesday 3 Thursday 4 Friday 5 Saturday 6  
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If you have any questions or concerns about your service please  
call WM at (954) 974-7500



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



**English  
Hunter  
Cross Rails  
Short Stirrups  
Western  
Speed and Fun  
Classes**  
(limit 15 entries per class)

**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

**Neat schooling attire  
or show clothes  
acceptable,  
safety helmets  
required**

Registration  
required at Show

Contact: December Lauretano-Haines  
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