

SOUTHWEST RANCHER

The Official Newsletter of Southwest Ranches

SEPTEMBER 2022 HIGHLIGHTS



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WELCOME



WASTE MANAGEMENT

Our new vendor for household garbage, recycle and bulk.

Waste Management (now known as "WM") will become the environmental services provider for Southwest Ranches beginning October 1st.

Your collection days for Garbage WILL NOT change. Your collections day for Recycling and Bulk Trash MAY change.

Beginning in mid-September, you will receive a new, 96-gallon green cart for garbage along with an informational packet in the mail. **Do not use this cart until October 1st when WM begins its automated service.**

Please refer to the informational packet and included magnet to know your Recycling Collection Day (which will be your second garbage collection day of the week) along with your every other week Bulk Collection Day and bulk trash guidelines.

Beginning Saturday, October 1st, your garbage should be bagged and placed inside your new green cart. Garbage outside your cart or in another container WILL NOT be collected. Recycling should be loose (not bagged) and placed in your regular recycling container.





**Mayor
Steve Breitzkreuz**

I hope that you had a safe and enjoyable summer. We had some wonderful family times and it is hard to believe that the Summer is winding down and the Fall is in full swing. The Town also is getting busier, with the Town boards meeting regularly again and our other events are moving along in full swing once again.

There are two events that will be re-starting that I wanted to highlight. They are the Farmer's Market and the Mayor's call. Last Spring, we had our first series of Farmer's Markets. It was a great experience for our Town. We have made some improvements based on what we learned last Spring and are looking forward to seeing this event come together again this Fall. It is every Saturday, starting Saturday September 24th. I look forward to seeing you there!

The second event that I wanted to highlight is the monthly Mayor's call. This is a one-hour Zoom call where I go over some of the things that are happening in Town. But more than that, it is really a time when I am available to discuss any topics related to our Town in a more informal environment. It may be questions, clarifications or perhaps a recommendation related to what you see going on in Town. I am here to represent you. This is a great way for me to hear directly from you as to what you see that is going well or needs to be corrected. The call is the second Wednesday of every month (Starting 9/14) at 7:00 PM. The link to the call is found on the Town website.

Finally, on a separate note, I wanted to recognize that Councilmember Jim Allbritton has done a great job pulling together a group of residents in the Green Meadows /Ivanhoe Estates/ Deems Ranches area of Town to reconstitute a civic association for that part of Town. I am very glad to see this coming together and I am very appreciative of Jim's efforts in making this a reality. Thank-you Jim and thank-you to all those that are participating in this effort. The HOAs

and Civic Associations in Town are a key way that we as the Town Council are able to hear your concerns, so I am very excited to see this coming together.

Welcome back to the all of the activities that come back with the Fall season! As Mayor, it is a pleasure to share these experiences with you. And it is truly an honor to share this wonderful Town with you and serve as your Mayor.

Steve 954-296-6018



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**



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PARKS?

We would like your input!

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

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

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

Contact the Parks Department at
954-343-7452 or via email at
parks@southwestranches.org.



**Council
Member
Bob Hartmann**

There is much to cover this month,

but first a heartfelt thank you to two equestrian families that responded to my request for halters for Davie Police to use when they respond to loose-horse calls. Nancy Unger Fink from Condee Farm on Thoroughbred Lane and Lorena Kaelber from LK Equestrians at Hancock Road and East Palomino donated two halters each for the police to use when they round up loose horses. Thank you again!

At the July 28 meeting, the Town Council awarded the Solid Waste, Recyclables, and Bulk Waste Collection and Disposal Franchise Agreement, to Waste Management Inc. (WM). Ccollection services will begin on October 1, 2022.

The selection process began with the Council holding a Saturday workshop last spring to collect feedback on resident expectations for a new trash, recycling, and bulk collection contract. The attendees made it clear that the frequency of pickup, as it stands today, for all three services is most important. There was consensus to move from manual pickup using garbage pails to automated pickup using 96-gallon solid waste carts (same style as our present recycling carts), if there was benefit over our present garbage pail method. The attendees made it clear that the hauler must be held accountable for bulk pile cleanup after collection and swift repair to any lawn damage.

With this feedback the Town, according to its procurement code laws, developed a request for proposals (RFP) and held a proposal mandatory meeting in April, with nine haulers in attendance. Two pricing scenarios were requested in the RFP responses. The scoring formulas for service and pricing were also provided in the RFP. When switch to automated pickup was examined, it was suggested that the industry was moving from manual pickup to automated for a few reasons: convenient and easy method for residents to dispose of trash; wheeled containers are easier, more maneuverable, and safer for residents because there is no carrying or lifting of heavy trash cans; the capacity of most cans provided in these programs



is equal to three or four regular trash cans; the containers keep wildlife and pets out of trash given the tight lids; and collection costs will be higher than automated collection based on slower route service time, additional labor and vehicle costs. Thus, manual pickup was not considered in the bidding scenarios. Both scenarios used automated cart collection, the difference was frequency of solid waste and recycling collection as it is today in the first scenario, as compared to the costs of once-a-week for solid waste and every other week for recycling, so approximately ½ the collection service. Bulk would stay the same. Four proposals were received by the May deadline. Five selection committee members, made up of staff and external experts, (it's illegal for any Council Members to be involved in procurement selection process) evaluated and scored the proposals. The experts evaluated the pricing. Three evaluation criteria were used: hauler's experience, qualifications, and prior performance, next their equipment, personnel, technical approach, and implementation plan and finally the price.

A quick note on chasing the lowest price. The Town's last two contracts were with the lowest bidder. The first was a startup company, who offered the lowest price, that the Town took a risk on and speaking as a resident the service was terrible for most of the contract duration.

One of the partners sold their routes to WM, the other went out of business and they are still in court. Concerning the current provider, again the lowest cost bidder, speaking as a resident, service has been worse. As a Council Member, the number one complaint I get, is on these services. When I bring brought complaints back to the vendor, before the pandemic, their response was, they cannot get drivers. During the pandemic, it was the pandemic, and now, again they cannot get drivers. My thought is that they underbid our fixed price contract to get the work, fuel has skyrocketed, inflation is taking its toll on them, and after the pandemic they cannot find drivers at a rate they can pay and stay in business.

This time, given the selection criteria used and price being 35% of the weighting, we expect a different outcome. The service aspect weighting shows WM with a score of fifty-seven out of sixty-five and the lowest price bidder scored a thirty-three on service, the lowest score of the four bidders.

Concerning the two pricing scenarios mentioned above, with the first being our current service and the second scenario supplying half the number of pickups, except bulk which would remain the same at every other week, the price difference is quite marginal. The average for all the companies between the two

scenarios is a difference of \$6.56 per month. The lowest difference was \$4.18 for the lowest cost bidder, WM is \$7.11, and the highest price bidder is \$13.75 per month difference. The reason the margin is so narrow between the two scenarios is the fees paid to dump the trucks (tipping fees) at the solid waste facility or transfer station do not change. People will put out the same amount of trash regardless of the number of pickups. The number of carts supplied doesn't change; the number of stops on the route is the same, the number of pickups to service the Town is cut in half, so labor cost is half and fuel is half, however, the largest cost is tipping fees, which won't change between the two scenarios. So, with respect for our resident priorities noted above and the marginal difference in price between the two scenarios, our current frequency of pickups will remain the same and WM has committed to do their best to keep the same pick-up days we currently have.

The weighted scoring for price gave the lowest priced provider thirty-five points, the highest cost vendor scored twenty-two points, and WM thirty points. WM was selected because, in this competitive RFP, they score significantly higher than the others in service and second in price receiving 87-points total. The highest bidder of the four came in over \$50 a month higher than WM, while the lowest bidder priced its bid \$11.72 lower than WM.

I have been cautious about providing monthly cost per household figures because the final costs for your solid waste fee also includes bulk, which is dependent on the size of your property, and the Council has not had our budget workshop or budget hearings, so the solid waste fees associated with this new contract have not been agreed by the Council.

The Town Administration team is working in partnership with WM on the transition and communications plan that will be used to implement the new services and inform our neighbors and local businesses on what to expect and when things such as when new carts will be delivered to each home. Information will be provided in this issue of the Rancher, on the Town website and along with the new carts when they are delivered. For future reference, please keep this issue of the Rancher and the documentation and refrigerator magnet provided with the new carts.

Finally, my term ends in November, and I am seeking re-election. It's been an honor and pleasure to serve you. I am always here to help! If I can assist with any questions or Town issue, or you would just like to have a chat, please call me.

Bob - 954-801-1758

Clerk's Corner

by Russell Muñiz

Brief legislation from the July 28, 2022 Town Council Regular

Meeting:

- **Adopted Resolution 2022-067** approving an agreement with Waste Management of Florida, Inc. for Solid Waste, Bulk, and Recycling services.
- **Adopted Resolution 2022-068** approving a corrective resolution related to Waiver of Plat application WP-30-21 to correct legal descriptions in the exhibits.
- **Adopted Resolution 2022-069** approving a grant agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to complete drainage improvements in Green Meadows.
- **Adopted Resolution 2022-070** approving a budget adjustment for Fiscal Year 2022 to provide for surveying of Southwest Meadows Sanctuary Park.
- **Adopted Resolution 2022-071** approving the proposed millage rate for Fiscal Year 2023.
- **Adopted Resolution 2022-072** approving the preliminary fire assessment rate for Fiscal Year 2023.
- **Adopted Resolution 2022-073** approving the initial solid waste assessment rate for Fiscal Year 2023.

Brief legislation from the August 11, 2022 Town Council Regular Meeting:

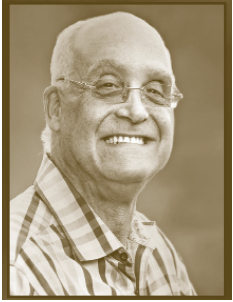
- **Adopted Resolution 2022-013** creating a new Rural Residential Zoning District with minimum plot size requirement of 2.5 net acres (RR-A).
- **Adopted Resolution 2022-074** approving the third amendment to the settlement agreement between Broward County and the settling municipalities pertaining to solid waste service.

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.



Have a birthday you would like to share with us in a future Town newsletter? Send your name and birthday to: Skutz@southwesttranches.org

AROUND THE TOWN



**Council Member
David S.
Kuczenski**

Howdy Folks,

As we enter September, we find ourselves in the middle of the 2022 Hurricane season. Review your hurricane checklist, or make plans for leaving early if a major storm heads our way. That being said, the Town has CodeRED, which is an internet based manner of communication to alert residents of time-sensitive information, emergencies, or urgent notifications. To receive these messages, you have to register to the CodeRED system. Upon entering your information, you will be provided with information such as evacuation notices, missing persons, inclement weather advisories, and more. If you plan to leave, as from personal experience do not wait until the last minute. When Hurricane Irma

came through, I decided to leave once Irma was a Category 3. Unfortunately, when we arrived on I-75 north of Wildwood, the highway was clogged with so much traffic that I was able to stop and frequently walk on to I-75. My suggestion is to plan early and stick to your plan.

September will also bring the Town's budget hearings. While we have an advantage of rising home values, and a very likely reduction in the Ad Valorem part of the Town's budget, the increases of public safety and solid waste will likely prevent a large reduction of your out of pocket end of year Town-related taxes. On the bright side, despite the increases with these contracts, your Ad Valorem taxes will not increase. I will continue to fight for a less expensive government for our Town.

Next, the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Board has been reviewing and updating the text of the Comprehensive Plan. During the July meeting, everyone learned that awhile back, under a prior Council, a broad amendment to the Town Code

eliminated the approved use of a Grooms' Quarters. Now, for some folks unaware of equestrian terminology, a Grooms' Quarters is living quarters for persons responsible for grooming and caring for horses boarded at the stable, and they are typically attached to the barn. Members of the Board expressed trepidation that the future use of a Grooms' Quarters was eliminated. I suggested during my Council Member comments that we need to re-enact the language to ensure that this use is continually protected. Basically, I believe that if we continue to chip away at the edges of what is essential to promote our equestrian community, it will not be long before we have as many horses as Plantation. (Plantation used to be an equestrian community before pavement and cement took over.) I wish to thank you for the honor of holding this office. As a Council Member, I work to help the entire Town. If you have a concern or complaint, drop a call to me. I may not answer immediately, but I strive to return my calls in 24-48 hours.

Very Truly Yours,
David S Kuczenski, Esq.,
Council Member Dist. 4

Frequently Asked Questions

FAQ

Household
garbage, recycle
and bulk

What will WM do if I have an oversize 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.

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.

What should residents do if they want another recycle cart?

Contact WM (954) 974-7500. An additional recycle cart is \$95.00.

What should residents do if they would like an additional 96-gallon garbage container?

Call Town Hall (954) 434-0008. Each additional 96-gallon solid waste container is \$100.00. There will also be a recurring annual fee of \$300.12 per each additional container to collect and dispose of the additional waste.

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

WM (954) 974-7500.

Who do I call about an illegal dump?

Contact Town Hall and call Davie Police Department (954) 693-8326 to file a Police Report.

Who do I call if there has been damage to my property? Example: fence or mailbox?

Call WM (954) 974-7500.

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 black bags filled with vegetation?

Yes. Place the black bags filled with vegetation on the bulk pile.



AROUND THE TOWN



STORMWATER MASTER PLAN WORKSHOP

First Public Involvement Workshop

The Town of Southwest Ranches is getting ready to prepare its Stormwater Master Plan and we want to hear from you!

Project Overview

The Town of Southwest Ranches is preparing a comprehensive Town-wide Stormwater Master Plan (SWMP) with the purpose of identifying opportunities to protect surface water quality and to reduce flooding throughout the Town's jurisdictional boundaries. The SWMP will include a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) that addresses priority stormwater improvement projects throughout the Town. These proposed projects will be based on public input, observed flooding, roadway conditions, traffic volumes, and hydrologic and hydraulic analysis. The SWMP will also include the development of an Operation and Maintenance program with an annual budget to improve the condition and performance of both the Town's new and existing stormwater infrastructure.

The projects that will be identified in the SWMP will include capital improvement projects, localized drainage improvements, and the implementation of the recommended Operation and Maintenance program. Those efforts will enhance and improve the Town's stormwater infrastructure and flood resiliency.

The Town is ready to prepare a SWMP to examine the performance of the existing drainage system, the

effectiveness of the current

Operation and Maintenance program and identify viable capital improvement projects. The prioritized projects will aim to improve stormwater management and water quality throughout the Town. The SWMP will also review and address impacts associated with sea level rise, resiliency, and changes in the construction industry that should be reviewed and incorporated into the budgets for the stormwater program.

What to Expect

The first public involvement workshop will be held at Town Hall to obtain input from residents. The Town's Consultant will hold a presentation and be available to answer questions from the public. We encourage residents to not only provide their feedback, but to participate in this discussion.

Stay Informed

Follow us on Facebook (@SWRGOV) and Twitter (@SWR_Gov). With any questions, contact the Public Works Department at (954) 343-7444 and/or RLey@southwestranches.org.

Date:
Tuesday, September 20, 2022

Time:
7:00 PM -9:00 PM

Location:
Town Hall
Council Chambers
13400 Griffin Road
Southwest Ranches, Florida 33330

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**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

White-lined Sphinx Moth



"Know your native pollinators" is a series of articles that will help you identify and appreciate Florida's varied pollinators, including bees, wasps, butterflies, moths, beetles, flies, birds, and bats.

Pictured above:

White-lined sphinx moth (*Hyles lineata*) by Ronnie Pitman. If it looks like a hummingbird and sounds like a hummingbird, then it's probably a... White-lined sphinx moth?

CLASSIFICATION

- Order: Lepidoptera
- Family: Sphingidae
- Species: *Hyles lineata*

FORAGING PREFERENCES

White-lined sphinx moths will forage on a wide variety of flowers. Their long tongues make them well-adapted to sip nectar from long-necked flowers, and they are common visitors of night-blooming flowers.

- Morning glory (*Ipomoea* spp.)
- Blazing star (*Liatris* spp.)
- Sages (*Salvia* spp.)
- Columbine (*Aquilegia* spp.)
- Coral honeysuckle (*Lonicera sempervirens*)
- Wild plumbago (*Plumbago zeylanica*)
- Thistle (*Cirsium* spp.)

DID YOU KNOW?

The common name "Sphinx moth" was given to this group because of their caterpillar's resting position. It sits with the front part of its body raised in the air, much like the Great Sphinx of Egypt.

ABOUT

White-lined sphinx moths can be found throughout the world, but are especially common in North America. They live in habitats ranging from desert to tropics, and feed on nectar from a variety of long-necked flowers.

Like most moths in this family, White-lined sphinx moths are fast fliers, clocking in at around 25 mph. They have triangular wings and thick bodies that taper to a point, much like a small jet. In addition to fast flight, these insects can hover in mid-air, and are frequently confused for hummingbirds when sipping nectar from flowers. Their powerful wings beat so quickly, they make a distinct humming sound. But don't let their bold features fool you. Despite their fast flight, exceedingly long tongues and sharply pointed bodies, these friendly insects cannot bite or sting.

ADULTS

White-lined sphinx moths have many common names including hummingbird moth, hawk moth, or just sphinx moth. Their large forewings feature a thick white stripe running from body to wingtip, while the smaller hind wings are bright pink.

Adults may be active any time of the day or night, but are most frequently spotted at dusk. At first glance, it's easy to mistake these large, hovering insects for hummingbirds. But if you look closely, you'll see the moth's long proboscis extended into the flower probing for nectar. Like hummingbirds, these sphinx moths will dart from flower to flower so quickly that they may not even take the time to roll their long tongue back up under their head between flower visits.

Adults will feed on a wide variety of flowers in their search for energy-rich nectar. They're long tongues are especially well-suited to feed from long, tubular flowers.

LARVAE

Caterpillars have a small horn on the last segment of their body, distinctive to the Sphingidae family. An adult moth can lay hundreds of eggs, and the developing larvae will feed on a wide variety of plants, trees, and shrubs. Although they are rarely considered garden pests, evening primrose (*Oenothera* spp.) is a particular favorite for this group.

When it's had enough to eat, the caterpillar will crawl from its food source and burrow into the soil to pupate. Most will overwinter there until they emerge as adults the following spring. Throughout most of North America, White-lined sphinx moths produce two generations a year. In warmer climates (like Florida), they may have more.

For this article and more, please visit: <https://www.flawildflowers.org/pollinators>

Most caterpillars in the Sphingidae family have a distinctive horn at the tip of their abdomen.



Photo by Joseph Berger



SOUTHWEST RANCHES TAKES THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION'S



MAYORS MONARCH PLEDGE

Southwest Ranches is taking action to help save the monarch butterfly, an iconic species whose eastern populations have declined by 90% and western populations by 99% in recent years. Through the National Wildlife Federation's 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.



AROUND THE TOWN



Addressing Flooding in the Ranches

Robin Bartleman State Representative

It's been an honor to serve the Town of Southwest Ranches. In my first term, I have successfully passed five pieces of legislation and have brought back millions of dollars to address our community's needs. Shortly after I was elected, we were hit by Tropical Storm ETA, which caused serious flooding

and trapped many in their homes. In response, I filed an Inland and Coastal Flood Control Funding Assessment bill, which I am proud to say became part of the Statewide Flooding Sea Level Resilience package and was signed into law by the Governor in 2021. That same year, I also secured funding for the South Broward Drainage District to purchase high capacity mobile storm water pumps. I secured \$355,000 for the Country Estates Drainage and Water Quality Improvement Project to construct a stormwater drainage collection system along SW 54th Place that ultimately ties into the South Broward Drainage District canal and floodgate that connects to the C-11 Canal. I also secured funding for a stormwater pump station in western Pembroke Pines for seepage management of water migrating from the Everglades Conservation Area 3A. This helps the Ranches and surrounding municipalities that are in the South Broward Drainage District.

The Central and Southern Flood Control Project is a regional flood protection system of more than 1,000 miles of canals, levees and water control structures throughout central and south Florida. The drainage systems for the Ranches and surrounding municipalities in South Florida are connected to this regional system. This system provides flood protection, prevents salt water intrusion to the fresh water aquifer, and protects our eco system. This system has proven to be very effective over the years, but it is 72 years old and is an aging system. In the summer of 2022, I began working with Broward County on a plan to upgrade and modernize the 18 flood control gates along the east coast of South Florida that are an integral part of this system. Most of the flood waters that are collected in the central and western parts of the county eventually flow to either the ocean or to the Everglades (through the C-11 Canal along Griffin Road). Due to sea level rise, these 18 gates that let out water from inland Broward County are compromised. This has the potential to impact 11 million residential homes and businesses, our aquifer, 1/3 of Florida's economy, and the Everglades. This issue is not new, it just has not been addressed in a meaningful way. Representative Demi Busatta Cabrera (R-Miami-Dade), Senator Ana Maria Rodriguez (R- Miami), and I passed bi-partisan HB 513, Comprehensive Review Study of the Central and Southern Florida Project, to evaluate and update this critical infrastructure that provides drainage and flood protection for the Ranches and Broward County, and we secured \$2 million for the study. I want to thank the Mayor and Town Council for their support on this legislation and for bringing forward and advocating for Southwest Ranches Appropriation projects. They went to Tallahassee and advocated for this legislation, and participated in the bi-partisan press conference with various elected officials from South Florida. We will need to continue to mitigate issues arising from climate change.

In 2022, I secured \$1,681,894 in appropriation funding for the Town:

\$793,166 for the Green Meadows Drainage Improvements along SW 164th Terrace project to help remove flood waters from the

roadways along SW 164th Terrace and Stirling Road.

\$479,306 for the SW 63rd Street and SW 185th Way Drainage Improvement project to help remove flood waters from those roads.

\$409,422 for the SW 54th Place Drainage Extension to Ivanhoe Canal project to ensure that SW 54th Place and Dykes Road are better protected from storm events.

The Speaker has recently made additional dollars available through local support grant requests, and I have submitted additional drainage improvement project funding requests: \$300,000 for construction of a stormwater conveyance system on SW 185th Way and SW 57th Court right of way, and \$150,000 for construction at the intersection of Luray Road and Holatee Trail in the Sunshine Ranches neighborhood. There is a limited pot of money for 959 grant requests filed state-wide. I look forward to resubmitting in the 2023 session any project that is not funded in this grant request round.

Most water projects include the installation of underground piping, draining inlets and a headwall. Each water project provides critical drainage capacity for storm-water runoff, thereby reducing roadway flooding (both volume and duration), and the frequency of property damage and personal injury to residents, motorists and pedestrians. These projects are part of the Town's overall resiliency efforts to create a healthy community while improving water quality. Note that funded projects are not completed so continue to be aware of flooding.

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.

Next month, I will provide an update on property insurance. If you are dropped by a carrier or have issues with your property insurance please call the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation at 1-877-693-5236.

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.

MARTY KIAR
BROWARD
COUNTY
PROPERTY APPRAISER

Broward County Property Appraiser's Office

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Ft Lauderdale, FL 33301
(954) 357-6830 • Fax: (954) 357-8474
www.bcpa.net

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FILING DATES ANNOUNCED FOR TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, SOUTHWEST RANCHES

Broward County Property Appraiser, Marty Kiar has announced special 2022 homeowner sign-up dates for Homestead, Senior and other property tax exemptions at Southwest Ranches Town Hall 13400 Griffin Road, Southwest Ranches, FL 33330.

10:30 am - 12:30 pm SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

Documents required to file a Homestead Exemption include:

- A current Florida driver's license or Florida identification card, AND
- A current voter registration card or declaration of domicile
- Non-US citizens must also provide proof of legal residency.
- If you are a new resident to Florida, please provide your Settlement Statement from your prior out of state property.

Qualified residents 65 years of age or older as of January 1, 2022 may also apply for the additional Senior Exemption (after January 1, 2022). Seniors must bring a copy of their 2021 Income Tax Return or a copy of their 2021 Social Security 1099 form (if no tax return was filed).

AROUND THE TOWN

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: _____

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SIGNATURE: _____

(Date)

TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES FY 2022 - 2023 BUDGET HEARINGS AND WORKSHOP

The following publicly held Budget meetings/workshop will be in Council Chambers: 13400 Griffin Rd, SWR, FL 33330

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

First Public Hearing for Tentative Millage and Budget Adoption introduced for FY 2022-2023 (via resolution and ordinance, respectively).

Final Fire Protection and solid waste special assessment Adoption (via resolutions)

@ 6:00 PM. September Regular Council Meeting @ 7:30 PM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2022

Second Public Hearing for Final Millage and Budget Adoption (via resolution and ordinance, respectively) @ 6:00 PM.

September Regular Council Meeting @ 7:00 PM



Southwest Ranches FIRE RESCUE

The men and women of Southwest Ranches Fire Rescue constantly work hard to provide a strong emergency response to our community. We train daily on shift and an additional four nights a month. Our fire personnel engage in ongoing professional development, education, and training online, in the classroom, and in hands-on-training.

Keep in mind drowning is the leading cause of accidental death among children ages 1-4.

Some Safety Tips

- Equip pools with safety barrier.
- Learn CPR.
- Stay alert.
- Put someone in charge of supervising the children at all times.
- Enroll children in swimming lessons.
- Keep rescue equipment and phone near.

School is Open
Please Drive Safely

Fire Chief Lee Bennett



DID YOU KNOW...

THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES DOES NOT HAVE A TOWN FLAG?

THE RURAL PUBLIC ARTS AND DESIGN BOARD WOULD LIKE YOUR INPUT AND IDEAS FOR A TOWN FLAG..

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE WATCH THIS YOUTUBE VIDEO...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pnv5iKB2hl4>

(CREATING A TOWN FLAG-ROMAN MARS WHY CITY FLAGS MAYBE THE WORST DESIGNED THING YOU'VE NEVER NOTICED.)

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

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.**

Town Talk

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



AROUND THE TOWN

September, 2022 School Calendar
Broward County Public Schools



SEPTEMBER						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1	2		
5	6	7	8	9		
12	13	14	15	16		
19	20	21	22	23		
26	27	28	29	30		

Monday, September 5th -
Schools and Administrative Offices Closed

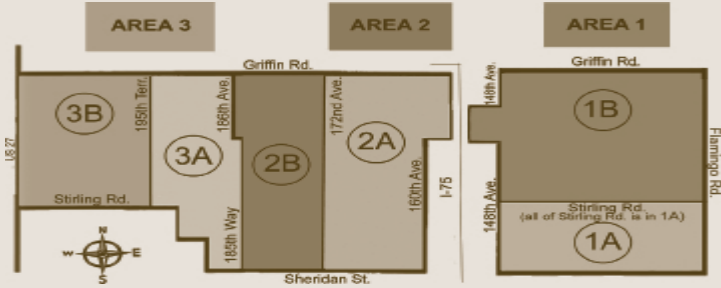
Tuesday, September 13th - Interim Reports Issued

Monday, September 26th -
Schools and Administrative Offices Closed

Waste Collection

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

TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES - Waste Collection Map & Schedule



TO ALL OUR RESIDENTS ON STIRLING ROAD...Please remember you are in AREA 1A for your bulk schedule.

RESIDENTIAL BULK MAY BE PLACED IN THE SWALE THE SATURDAY BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED

BULK COLLECTION DAY. (ORD 2008-07) PAGE 6

Weekly SOLID (GARBAGE) Waste Days

Area 3	Area 2	Area 1
Wednesday & Saturday	Tuesday & Friday	Monday & Thursday

BULK Collection Service Dates by Area

Month	Area	WEDNESDAY Only	Area	TUESDAY Only	Area	MONDAY Only
SEPT 2022	3-A	9/07 - 9/21	2-A	9/06 - 9/20	1-A	9/05 - 9/19
	3-B	9/14 - 9/28	2-B	9/13 - 9/27	1-B	9/12 - 9/26

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

New WM coming October 1

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.

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
HOME PHONE: _____
CELL PHONE: _____
EMAIL: _____

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

☐ Home phone ☐ Cell Phone ☐ Email

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, September 21th

**By Appointment Only
No Walk-Ins**

Call Town Hall (954) 434-0008

Household HAZARDOUS WASTE Disposal Days

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE, ELECTRONICS & BULK DROP OFF EVENT

Saturday, September 10th, 2022 . 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. Proof of residency is required.
NOTE: Event may be cancelled due to rain, excessive winds or other hazardous conditions as determined by the Town.*

ACCEPTABLE HHW ITEMS

Aerosol Cans Antifreeze/Coolant/Paint
Batteries & Auto Batteries
BBQ & Camp Size Propane
Cleaners
Fluorescent Tubes/Bulbs
Garden Chemicals
Latex/Oil-Based Paint
Pesticides
Pool Chlorine
Tires (Up to 4 tires per household no rims)
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



PHOTO BY: Kyle Bennett
"Our Open spaces in Southwest Ranches are surreal."
 (From the 2022 Photo Contest Calendar)

CALENDAR

September

S M T W T F S

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LABOR DAY

• TOWN HALL CLOSED

AREA 1A BULK

5

• Broward County Property
Appraiser - Town Hall
10:30 am - 12:30 pm

AREA 2A BULK

6

AREA 3A BULK

7

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• First Public Hearing for
Tentative Millage & Budget
Adoption for FY 2022-23 & Final
Fire Protection & solid waste
special assessment Adoption
- 6:00 pm
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 7:30PM

AREA 1B BULK

12

• Code Hearing
Town Hall 9 am
• Parks, Recreation, Forestry
& Natural Resources Advisory
Board - Town Hall 7PM

AREA 2B BULK

13

• Q & A with the Mayor

AREA 3B BULK

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• Household Hazardous
Waste Electronic Drop
Off- 8 am - 2 pm
• Shred-A-Thon
10 am - 1 pm
• Drug Drop Off
10 am - 2 pm
Rolling Oaks Barn
17630 SW 56th St.

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• Rural Public Arts &
Design Board Meeting
- Town Hall - 7 pm

AREA 1A BULK

19

• Drainage &
Infrastructure Advisory
Board Meeting
- Town Hall - 7 pm

AREA 2A BULK

20

• Flow Mobile
DMV Service 10 am - 2 pm
By Appointment Only
Call Town Hall

• Fire Advisory Board
Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm
AREA 3A BULK

21

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• Second Public Hearing
for Final Millage and
Budget Adoption 6 pm
• September REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING 7:00 PM

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• ROSH HASHANAH
BEGINS AT SUNDOWN

AREA 1B BULK

26

ROSH HASHANAH
Ends at Sundown
• Rolling Oaks
Civic Association Meeting
Rolling Oaks Barn
17630 SW 56 Street, 7 pm

AREA 2B BULK

27

• Sunshine Ranches
HOA Meeting
- Town Hall 7:30 pm

AREA 3B BULK

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**All Town Council Meetings and Advisory Board meetings will be held
in person at Town Hall unless explicitly stated otherwise.**

**FOLLOW US ON
THE TOWN'S
OFFICIAL
SOCIAL MEDIA**

- Facebook page:
@SWRG0V
- 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

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 HIGHLY VISIBLE DAY OR NIGHT
 Order today...
this could help save your life or someone you love.

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

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____
 Phone: _____

MOUNTING PREFERENCE:
 vertical (up/down) _____ horizontal (left/right)

COLOR PREFERENCE:
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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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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 SIGN UP
 EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

**BROWARD COUNTY
FLORIDA**



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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

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Steve Breitkreuz	(954) 343-7462	sbreitkreuz@southwestranches.org
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Council Member Jim Allbritton	(954) 343-7461	jallbritton@southwestranches.org
Council Member David S. Kuczenski	(954) 343-7472	dkuczenski@southwestranches.org

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Rod Ley, <i>Public Works Director</i>	(954) 343-7444	rley@southwestranches.org
Emily McCord Aceti, <i>Community Services Manager</i>	(954) 343-7453	eaceti@southwestranches.org
Susan Kutz, <i>Administrative Specialist, Newsletter Editor & Graphic Designer</i>	(954) 343-7460	skutz@southwestranches.org
December Lauretano-Haines, <i>Parks, Recreation & Open Space Manager</i>	(954) 343-7452	dlauretano@southwestranches.org
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
PLANNING – (MELGREN PLANNING GROUP)	(954) 475-3070	michele@tmpgplanning.com
Jeff Katims	(954) 475-3070	jkatims@sepiinc.com

ZONING/PERMITTING

Julio Medina	(954) 343-7458	zoninginfo@southwestranches.org
CODE		
Julio Medina, <i>Code Enforcement Director</i>	(954) 343-7458	jmedina@southwestranches.org
Code Enforcement Hotline	(954) 343-7449	
Concepcion Campos, <i>Code Enforcement Officer</i>	(954) 343-7457	ccampos@southwestranches.org
Marlon Gonzalez, <i>Code Enforcement Officer</i>	(954) 343-7440	mgonzalez@swranches.org
Jenna Anderson, <i>Administrative Coordinator</i>	(954) 343-7459	janderson@southwestranches.org

WASTE/BULK/RECYCLING SERVICES

Waste Pro	(954) 967-4200	
REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKERS – Chief Bennett	(954) 868-2057	lbennett@southwestranches.org
MOSQUITO CONTROL	(954) 765-4062	
LOST AND FOUND ANIMALS	(754) 224-0877	Facebook@SWRLostandFoundAnimals

PUBLIC SAFETY

EMERGENCY

<i>Non-Emergency</i>	911	
<i>Davie Police Department</i>	(954) 764-4357 (HELP)	
Jeff Hobales, <i>Detective</i>	(954) 693-8200	
Cheryl Danner, <i>Police Services Coordinator</i>	(954) 693-8326	jeffrey_hobales@davie-fl.gov
<i>Davie Fire Rescue Station 112</i>	(954) 693-8352	cdanner@southwestranches.org
<i>Volunteer Fire Rescue - Chief Bennett</i>	(954) 952-4608	
	(954) 868-2057	

TRAFFIC AND ROADWAY SERVICES

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

OTHER

WATER DISTRICTS - CANALS

Central Broward Water Control District	(954) 432-5110	www.centralbrowardwcd.org
<i>East of SW 148 Avenue (Volunteer)</i>		
South Broward Drainage District	(954) 680-3337	www.sbddd.org
<i>West of SW 148 Avenue (Volunteer)</i>		



Town of Southwest Ranches

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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

lights
camera...
action!

The Town of Southwest Ranches
Rural Public Arts & Design Advisory Board presents...

10th Annual Photo Contest

The theme for 2022 Photo Contest is...

"FUN IN THE RANCHES"

What makes Southwest Ranches unique to you?
(favorite animals, recreation, gardens, flowers, sunsets, Town events, etc.)

Pictures must be submitted not later than September 5th., 2022.

- One photo per person in household.
- Please provide a photo caption (limit 74 characters).
- Photos must be at least 8 x 10 (landscape).
- Photos must be in the highest definition (resolution) possible.
- No previous photos will be accepted.
- To be considered, all entries must be submitted with the Town's Entry Form.
- Email your photo to: Skutz@southwestranches.org.

This could be your picture!

Call Susan for additional
information (954) 343-7460

Picture by: Karen French

Entry form on page 8