# SOUTHWEST RANCHER

The Official Newsletter of Southwest Ranches

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# Mayor's Message



# Mayor Steve Breitkreuz

I think I say this every year but each year it is more and more true! It is hard to believe that we are already headed

back into hurricane season. And that means it is time to once again prepare for this year's potential storms.

Inside this addition of the Rancher are a number of articles that will assist in reminding you of the essentials of preparation for a hurricane. I will not rehash them here. I just ask that you set aside a small portion of your upcoming weekend to make some basic preparations. By this I mean consider doing the two following tasks that really are quick, easy and can provide a peace of mind as we head into the summer.

The first task is to take a shopping trip and get the supplies that will be essential should a storm arrive. As we all know, if you were here through Hurricane Irma last year, it is much easier and quicker to get those supplies now rather than wait until the storm is around the corner. On this trip we are picking up the basics for a storm, the water, canned goods, batteries, fuel, (if it can be stored safely) and other storm related items that may be needed. Right now, the store has them all, unlike later when we are in the middle of a storm warning.

Second, take five minutes and get the family together and run through the plan for a storm. Know the plan for preparing your home and know the plan for where the safe room is in your house and where all your supplies are stored. Take a few minutes to go over how that plan will all come together for your family. My kids are grown and out of the house, but when they were young, we had fun going over our plan, everyone with a job. Before we started, I just knew that I had everything covered, but when we were done, I inevitably had a list of things to do, to really be ready. It is a great exercise.

Now, enjoy your summer! It is a great time of year even though it is the storm season. But don't forget these two final steps before you head out of town!



# Council Member Bob Hartmann

Hi neighbors,

Hi neighbors,

The Town Council has agreed, at the Mayor's

request, to review the noise ordinance adopted in 2020 and the large party / assembly registration regulations passed in 2005. The noise ordinance was written to supplement the existing 2005 party / assembly regulations. A workshop is planned for May 25th at 6:30 PM at Town Hall to discuss these items among the Council. The Council may address any proposed changes in the two June Council meetings scheduled for June 8th and June 22nd. Any discussion planned for this matter will be listed on the Council meeting agendas, downloadable from the Town website. If you are interested in these ordinances and want to participate in the law-making process, please review the 2020 Noise Ordinance and the Town's code concerning large party and event registrations on the Town website. If you want to help make a difference, be prepared. The noise ordinance is on the Town website under Departments and Town Clerk under the Ordinances tab. The ordinance number is Ord. 2020-006. The party regulations are under Departments and Town Clerk under the Town Code tile. The code sections covering the large event permits are Code Sec. 035-040. - Outdoor event permits and Sec. 035-080. -Indoor and outdoor assembly in rural and agricultural districts.

There may be a case to further revise our ordinances based on changes from this year's Florida legislative session, particularly concerning residential property short-term rentals like Airbnb. Some residents feel we need more regulation, and others may think differently. We ask for your feedback.

The resolution of these noise issues kicked off four years ago when the Town began to receive a growing volume of noise complaints. The preceding Council decided that action was needed to protect our unique lifestyles in the Spring of 2020. The noise complaints reported before 2020 were rarely neighbors complaining about their neighbors; however, as the pandemic ramped up, bars, restaurants, and commercial venues closed, and a new trend emerged here in Town. It indicated noise complaints increased markedly from large private and commercial parties.

Throughout the pandemic, empty residential homes around Town were rented exclusively for parties, and AirbnB rentals were used for onenight rentals as party venues. We had homes being rented for weddings and commercial events that featured live bands attracting hundreds of people. Our community, recognized for its large houses and lot sizes, also attracted advertised, for-fee parties that charged admission and sold alcohol without the compulsory Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco-issued liquor licenses. The Town enforces these rules to ensure that our neighbors are not exposed to excessive noise and risks from safety issues that may be avoided, interrupting their serenity and quality of life. Our previous law established maximum decibel levels for various noise sources, such as automobile alarms, construction, and music. It also had quiet periods from 11 PM to 6 AM on weekdays and other time-oriented components.

One of the challenges the Town had in enforcing the prior version of the noise ordinance was to measure sound levels. It required expensive, specialized equipment called a noise dosimeter and training to use the device to assess the noise level consistently and accurately in decibels. This approach made it essential for Code Enforcement to be available seven days a week and all hours, day and night, to measure sound levels and enforce our noise laws. Since noise complaints are usually reported via 911 to the Davie Police, the 2020-006 ordinance gave the police the lead in enforcing the Town's noise and party laws.

Significant changes were made to the methods to assess noise violations. Under the changes made in 2020-006, Davie PD makes the judgment call on nuisance noise levels from the complainant's property line and whether to warn or cite the property owner based on their investigation. These changes also eliminated the quiet period and added that the noise nuisance aspect of the law must be enforced regardless of the time of day.

If you are interested in this discussion and the outcomes, I encourage your informed participation.

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

Bob - 954-801-1758





# Council Member David S. Kuczenski

Howdy Ranchers,

As we welcome the month of June, there are two important

events to keep in mind. The first event is Father's Day. Remember to give your dad a gift, send a card, take him out for dinner. Show him how special he is to you. Secondly, the 2023 Atlantic Hurricane season is just around the corner. Please ensure that your generator is ready to run, and you have stocked up on any other necessary hurricane supplies. The Town has an email list called Town Talk, which pro-

by Russell Muñiz
Clerk's Corner –

BRIEF LEGISLATION FROM THE MARCH 23, 2023 Town Council regular meeting:

Adopted Resolution 2023-042 approving a change order for a solar powered License Plate reader (LPR) with Vetted Security Solutions, Inc.

- Adopted Resolution 2023-043 approving a water service agreement with the City of Sunrise for 5500 SW 148th Avenue.
- Adopted Resolution 2023-044 approving a water service agreement with the City of Sunrise for 14421 Luray Road.

Brief legislation from the April 27, 2023 Town Council Regular Meeting:

- Adopted Resolution 2023-045 approving a water service agreement with the City of Cooper City for 12550 Luray Road.
- Adopted Resolution 2023-046 approving an assignment to the Public Private Partnership (P3) revenue share agreement with MG3 to BBX.

Brief legislation from the May 11, 2023 Town Council Regular Meeting:

- Adopted Resolution 2023-047 supporting the efforts of Florida Power & Light's (FPL) Lateral Hardening Program to strengthen the power grid in Southwest Ranches.
- Adopted Resolution 2023-048 opposing a restrictive use note amendment to the Regency Plat, allowing additional car dealership and automobile storage space unless a traffic study demonstrating that all of SW 148th Avenue and its intersection with Griffin Road will not be negatively impacted.

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.

vides periodic updates on activities and public safety. The enrollment form is on the Town's website at www.southwestranches.org.

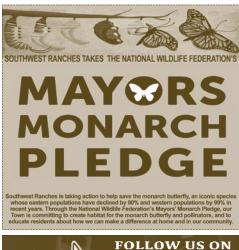
I am pleased to announce that the Town has received the long-awaited Stormwater Master Plan, which outlines areas of concern for future drainage projects.

We received good news from our Legislators and State Senator about funding for drainage projects in the Town. As of this writing, the State Budget has been finalized and we are happy to report that two of the Town's projects have secured funding. The SW 57th Court Drainage Improvement Project and the SW 69th Street Drainage Improvement Project have each secured \$340,200, totaling \$680,400, in the State budget. Our project sponsors, Representative Robin Bartleman, Representative Michael Gottlieb, and State Senator Lauren Book, all played a crucial part in working with our folks in Tallahassee to ensure that these projects were included in the final budget. Since every piece of legislation must also proceed through the Governor's office, our folks in Tallahassee are already working to see that the projects are approved in the final product.

Lastly, on the final day of the session, House Bill 1343 was brought up for consideration before the Senate for final approval. This Bill allows for the construction of agricultural employee housing on properties with the AG classification, regardless of the municipality's land use or zoning. Our Town attorney, Keith Poliakoff, asked our lobbyist to request an amendment to limit this bill to parcels of land 50 acres or larger, which was accepted. This legislation could have resulted in the construction of residences for agricultural workers, regardless of our Town's poli-Without this amendment, the bill would have had significant negative impacts on our Town.

As your Town Council Member, I aim to preserve Southwest Ranches' unique rural lifestyle and minimize any changes to it. Together, let's protect and maintain what makes our community special. I strive to return all phone calls within 24 to 48 hours. If you have questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me. As always, it has been an honor to serve as your voice on the Council.

Very Truly Yours, David S Kuczenski Council Member District 4







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



## **Hurricane Season – June 2023**



It is summer time in South Florida, which means sun and fun, but also weather concerns. It is important to be prepared as we enter Tropical Storm and Hurricane Season. It is also important that we have the necessary infrastructure in

place to deal with flooding and drainage during this time. In past legislative sessions, I have secured funding for various drainage projects in Southwest Ranches, and funding to purchase mobile storm water pumps for the South Broward Drainage District which have been delivered and are ready to use in case of a flooding emergency. During this legislative session, I am proud to announce I was able to secure state funding for 2 additional appropriation project requests to benefit the community of Southwest Ranches. These projects have been approved in the budget and are awaiting the governor's signature.

# <u>Appropriation #90: Southwest Ranches</u> - SW 57th Court Drainage Improvements

During storm events, stormwater runoff floods the SW 185th Way and SW 57th Court right-of-

way. This leads to a large area of standing water that many cars cannot safely drive through. During an emergency, this poses serious issues, and the repeated instances of this happening increase the risk of harm to human life. Constructing a stormwater conveyance system here will improve the level of service of the roadway during storm events, making it more passable for cars. This project is in the Town's Capital Improvement Element, shown on the Town's Tertiary Drainage Plan, and has been approved and prioritized by the Drainage and Infrastructure Advisory Board. This project is also supported by the SBDD, who worked with the Town to identify the solution for this drainage problem to maximize the level of service for flood protection. This \$300,000 state funding is being matched with \$100,000 from the Town.

# Appropriation #92: South Broward Drainage District – Rehabilitate Drainage Culverts

The South Broward Drainage District (SBDD) has been appropriated \$262,500. Southwest Broward County has a serious drainage issue. The funds requested here will be used for the SBDD to rehabilitate three, large drainage culverts. These culverts are critical infrastructure to convey all of the stormwater runoff for a 4160-acre drainage basin affecting thousands of homes and businesses in the cities of Hollywood, Pembroke Pines, Southwest Ranches, portions of Davie and Miramar. If

they failed, the results would be catastrophic. This \$262,500 state funding is being matched with \$262.500 from SBDD.

#### Hurricane Resources

June 1st marks the beginning of Hurricane Season, and if you live in a hurricane-prone area, it is essential that you understand your risk from hurricanes and begin preparations as early as possible. Make sure you understand how to interpret forecasts and alerts, and know what to do before, during, and after a storm. If you need any assistance with your homeowner insurance, please contact my office or the offices below.

- Florida Department of Financial Services Insurance Consumer Helpline: <u>call 1(877)693-5236</u>
- Department of Financial Services Storm Hotline: call 1(800)227-8676

The safety of everyone is of the upmost importance, and we are here to help you!

It is an honor to serve you and we are here to assist with any issues or concerns you may have. I welcome ideas and suggestions.

Feel free to contact me anytime 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



Town Attorney Keith Poliakoff, who is a staunch supporter and advisor to the Foundation, Ben Wesley (not pictured) of FPL and Members of the Aster Knight Southwest Ranches Parks Foundation Board of Directors were presented with plaques in commemoration of their outstanding support. Board members Barbara Lester, Elizabeth Eskenazi, Barbara Gonzalez, Dehlia Franklin, Rick Bell, Marie Nix, Aster Knight, George Morris, Joe Huppert (not pictured), Winston Simmonds (not pictured) and Staff Liaison December Lauretano-Haines who has guided the Foundation from the time of its incorporation and continues to manage administrative needs of the Foundation.





# THAT SOUTHWEST RANCHES IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE ATLANTIC FLYWAY?

The Atlantic Flyway is one of 4 major north-south flyways for migratory birds in North America.

The Atlantic route starts in Greenland, then follows the Canada and Atlantic coasts down to the tropical areas of South America and the Caribbean.

Every year, migratory birds travel up and down this route following food sources, heading to breeding grounds, or traveling to overwintering sites. Birds follow routes where there are sources of water, food, and cover that helps in their journey.

The Atlantic Flyway is the most densely-populated land of all the four flyways crossing the United States. A big goal of Preserving our Rural Life in Southwest Ranches is creating and protecting this important habitat for migratory birds.

The other primary migration routes for North American birds include the Mississippi, Central and Pacific Flyways.

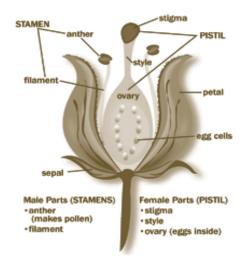
# POLLINATOR WEEK JUNE 19th – 25th 2023

(Information adapted from https://www.pollinator.org/pollinators)

# POLLINATOR PARTNERSHIP

Protect their lives. Preserve ours.

Birds, bats, bees, butterflies, beetles, and other small mammals which pollinate plants are responsible for bringing us one out of every three bites of food. They also sustain our ecosystems and produce our natural resources by helping plants reproduce. Pollinating animals travel from plant to plant carrying pollen on their bodies in a vital interaction that allows the transfer of genetic material critical to the reproductive system of most flowering plants: the very plants which bring us countless fruits, vegetables, and nuts; ½ of the world's oils, fibers, and raw materials; prevent soil erosion, and increase carbon sequestration.



When a pollen grain moves from the anther (male part) of a flower to the stigma (female part), pollination happens. This is the first step in a process that produces seeds, fruits, and the next generation of plants. This can happen through self-pollination, wind, and water pollination, or through the work of vectors that move pollen within the flower and from bloom to bloom.









Birds, bats, butterflies, moths, flies, beetles, wasps, small mammals, and most importantly, bees, are pollinators. They visit flowers to drink nectar or feed off pollen and transport pollen grains as they move from spot to spot.



Homeowners can help. Home gardens can, and do, attract pollinators. In many cases, suburbs and cities have been shown to have more diverse pollinator communities than nearby wildlands. Pollinators do not seem to be phased by city life, if there are plots and patches of flowers, they will be visited by hungry bees.



# **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.



#### 2023 Estimate of Taxable Values

The preliminary 2023 property values have posted on our website at web.bcpa.net. Florida Statutes require our office use January 1 as the date of assessment each year. Our office must consider changes in market conditions – up or down – when developing the Just/Market Values each year. The 2023 Just Values are based on the market data from January 1, 2023 back through January 2, 2022. If you purchased your property in 2023, your 2023 purchase price along with comparable market data from 2023 will be used in setting your property's 2024 Just Value. Our office will mail the 2023 TRIM (proposed tax) Notices to all Broward property owners in mid-August. This notice will show your property's 2023 Just Value, Assessed/Save Our Homes Value, all tax-saving exemptions you are receiving, and the proposed tax rates as set by the various taxing authorities.

#### **Quarterly Tax Payment Installment Plan**

While the Property Appraiser's Office does not set or collect taxes, our office receives many calls from residents inquiring about installment tax bills and their recently approved exemptions. Broward County's Records, Taxes & Treasury Division is responsible for the billing and collecting of property taxes.

For property owners on the 2023 installment payment plan, the first two installment payments (June 2023 and September 2023) are based on the previous (2022) tax year. This means residents who have been approved for 2023 Homestead Exemption or other exemptions will not see these 2023 exemptions on either the June or September installment bills. The final two installment bills (December 2023 and March 2024) will be adjusted to include any 2023 exemptions or changes to the property's taxable value. The deadline to apply for Broward County's Installment Payment Plan was May 1, 2023. Should you have any questions regarding the payment of property taxes, the Tax Collector's Office can be reached at 954.831.4000 or by email to revenue@broward.org.

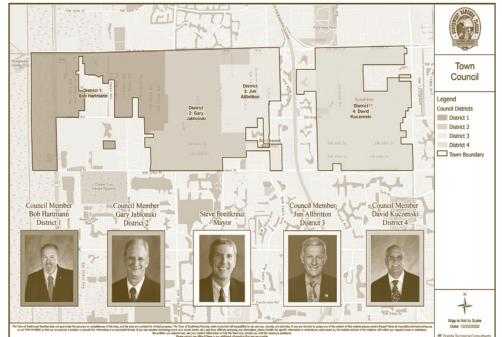
If my office can ever be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at <a href="mailto:martykiar@bcpa.net">martykiar@bcpa.net</a>.

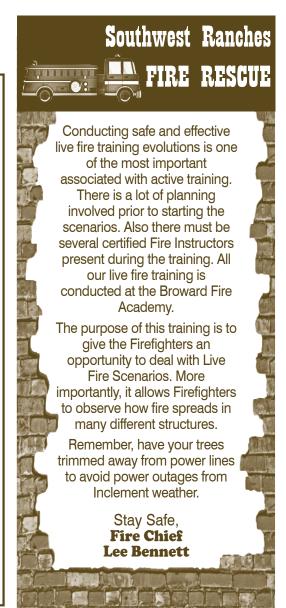
Take care

Marty Kiar, JD, CFA

Broward County Property Appraiser







#### TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES 2024 PHOTO CONTEST CALENDAR ENTRY FORM

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

NAME:		
ADDRESS:		
PHONE:		
CELL:		
EMAIL ADDRESS:		

I UNDERSTAND, ACKNOWLEDGE, AND AGREE THAT THE SUBMISSION OF PHOTOGRAPHS TO THE TOWN CONSTITUTES A "WORK MADE FOR HIBE": AND I HEREBY WAIVE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS TO THE WORK AND THE WORK PRODUCT, INCLUDING MORAL OR OTHERWISE. THIS STATEMENT SHALL CONTROL OVER THE PROVISIONS OF IT U.S.C. SECTION 106A(a) AND SHALL CONSTITUTE A WAIVER BY ME OF ANY RIGHTS IN THE WORK SET OUT IN OR OTHERWISE GRANDED BY IT U.S.C. SECTION 106A(a), VISUAL ARTISTS RIGHTS ACT OF 1990. ALL OTHER RIGHTS IN AND TO THE WORK, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ALL RIGHTS IN THE RATURE OF POROH MORAL. RELATING TO ANY CONTINUING INTEREST I MAY HAVE IN THE MAINTENANCE OR MODIFICATION OF THE WORK, ARE EXPRESSALLY WAIVED AND, INSOPAR AS SUCH RIGHTS ARE TRANSFERABLE, ARE ASSIGNED TO THE TOWN. MY WORK IS ORIGINAL AND IT COMPLES WITH ALL APPLICABLE PATENT, TRADEDAME, AND COPYRIGHT LAWS, RULLES, REGULATIONS AND CODES. I UNDESTAND, ACKNOWLEDGE, AND AGREE THAT THROUGH THE CONVEYANCE OF MY SUBMISSION THE WORK WILL REMAN THE PROPERTY OF THE TOWN AND ANY BE USED, REPRODUCED, SOLD, OR MODIFIED BY THE TOWN IN THE TOWN SOLE DISCRETION.

SIGNATURE:	
	(Date)
SIGNATURE OF GUARDIAN FOR CHILDREN UNDER 18:	
	(Date)

Before an emergency threatens, all Broward County residents should have a plan in place to help ensure their safety, including those who have disabilities and/or health issues that put them at risk in an emergency. All residents should be prepared before basic needs and services such as water, food, medicine, gas, electricity, or telephones are cut off for an extended period.

If you are unable to prepare an emergency plan for yourself, ask a family member or friend to help you. Before a weather emergency or other disaster strikes, you should know what you need to do and where you need to go to be "Ready. Set. Safe." (www.broward.org)

#### DO YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE?



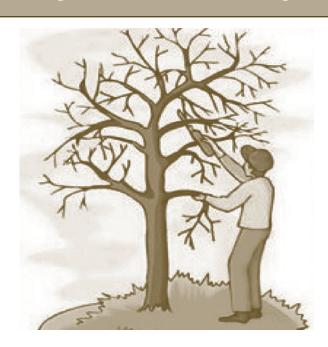
**HURRICANE WATCH** – A hurricane may pass near or through the area within 48 hours. **HURRICANE WARNING** – A hurricane is expected in 36 hours or less; all precautions should be taken immediately.

#### BEFORE THE STORM DEVELOP A HURRICANE PLAN

Just as every home should have a smoke alarm, every home should also have a hurricane plan in place because you never know when you and your family will come face to face with an emergency.

- Charge all cell phones.
- Fill all vehicles with gasoline.
- Store all important documents in sealed plastic containers.
- For insurance purposes, create visual and written records of all as assets.
- Take current photos of the interior and exterior of your home and other outdoor assets.
- Know in advance where you and your family will go if an evacuation order is issued.
- Have all family medications and medical supplies on hand including:
- Prescriptions and over-the-counter medications.
- Oxygen.
- Insulin.
- Any other medical supplies required by a member of the household.
- Have a plan in place for all family pets and livestock.

Trim all trees and vegetation at the beginning of hurricane season. Do not trim trees when a storm is imminent. They can become missiles during a storm, which cause severe damage.



#### GET READY... PACK YOUR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS KIT

An emergency preparedness kit is the most important thing your family can have on hand to assure its safety during a disaster of any kind. You should have the following items all in one place...

✓ **DRINKING WATER:** at least 5-14 days' worth—one gallon per person per day.

**<u><u></u> ≤ EXTRA WATER:** for food preparation and personal hygiene. Store water in food grade containers, i.e. clean.</u>

✓ **FOOD:** enough for at least 5 days per person; non-perishable packaged and/or canned food; canned or shelf milk; cereal; snack food; etc.

☑ Toilet paper; paper plates; cups; napkins; food storage bags; plastic flatware; heavy duty aluminum foil; disposable pans; paper towels, manual can/bottle openers.

✓ Feminine hygiene products; disposable diapers, incontinence supplies; etc.

✓ Unscented household bleach.

✓ Extra bedding—sheets; blankets; pillows; sleeping bags; etc.

☑ Clothing/rain gear and sturdy shoes.

✓ First aid kit.



The Emergency Refill Law allows you to obtain a 30-day supply of prescription meds when an emergency is announced. Pregnant women whose due date is within two weeks of the storm are at high risk. If you are at all concerned for your well-being and/or the well-being of your baby, you should contact your physician.

✓ At least 5 days' supply of all over the counter medications and prescription drugs.

✓ Flashlights and extra batteries

☑ Battery or hand-crank radio.

☑ Disposable batteries, car chargers, or solar chargers for mobile devices.

✓ Hardline (not cordless) telephone with jack if possible.

✓ Books, games and/or toys.

☑ Pet supplies—food; cat litter; blankets; toys; hay; feed.

☑ Tool kit including cord; rope; hammer; wood nails; saw; hatchet or axe; crowbar; chainsaw and blades; tarp; duct tape; plastic trash bags with ties; heavy work gloves.

☑ Charcoal, propane gas or sterno for outdoor cooking. Never cook indoors with any of these items. The fumes generated are deadly.

✓ Matches (stored in waterproof containers).

☑ Mosquito repellent with DEET and sunscreen.

✓ ABC type fire extinguisher.

☑ All other special equipment or items you may need to help you and your family to safely get through the storm and its immediate aftermath.

#### **BROWARD COUNTY SHELTERS**

Not all shelters are open during a state of emergency. In the event of an evacuation order, monitor news reports or call the Broward County Emergency Hotline 311 or (954) 831-4000 for specific shelter openings. Emergency shelters are a service of the Broward County Commission, American Red Cross, Broward County School Board and Florida Department of Health.



Please visit www.broward.org/hurricane/pages/shelters.aspx for shelters that are open.

#### SHELTER OPTIONS FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

If you have a medical condition that requires a greater level of care than provided at a general population shelter, but you do not require hospitalization or a medical institution, a special needs shelter may be appropriate for you. These shelters offer basic medical assistance and monitoring. Pre-registration for the special needs shelter is open throughout the year and requires your physician's involvement. To request or obtain an application for a Special Needs Shelter, call Broward County Emergency Management at (954) 831-3902 (TTY (954) 831-3940). Pre-registration is strongly encouraged to ensure the shelter will be adequately prepared to meet your needs.

- Talk to your physician or health care provider about a realistic plan for your safety. Know what you can and cannot do and which medicines you need to remain healthy.
- If you undergo routine treatments administered by a physician's office, clinic, or hospital (such as dialysis), are a home healthcare client, or require oxygen supplies, call your service provider to discuss their plans for continuing service to you in an emergency.
- Consider your sheltering options and decide on a sheltering plan that is appropriate for your needs. You should have a plan, even if your plan is to shelter at home.

### FOR OUR VULNERABLE POPULATION

The Vulnerable Population Registry is a program that allows people who would be at risk following an emergency to register in advance so that emergency workers may plan a better response during a recovery effort. The Registry is a partnership between municipalities and Broward County. Each municipality may use the Vulnerable Population Registry list in a different way, based on their local recovery effort.



#### WHO SHOULD REGISTER?

You should register with the Vulnerable Population Registry if you elect to stay at home during an emergency and have a disability, frailty or health issue that would make you vulnerable. If you live in an evacuation zone, you should plan to evacuate. Registration does not guarantee that you will be provided services or placed on a priority list for emergency responders. However, it will help your community be better prepared to respond.

#### **HOW DO I REGISTER?**

The easiest way to register is online at Broward.org/atrisk. You, a family member, or a caregiver can register for you, but only with your authorization. If you do not have access to a computer, you may also register by calling **Broward County Call Center at 311 or (954) 831-4000 (TTY (954) 831-3940).** 

#### CARING FOR OUR FOUR-LEGGED FAMILY MEMBERS - PET-FRIENDLY SHELTERS

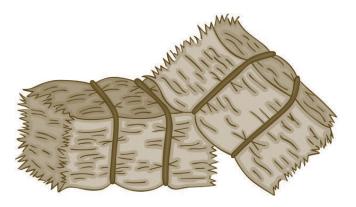


A pet-friendly shelter operated by Broward County and the Broward County Humane Society is available to residents with pets on a first-come, first-served basis. Advance, in-person registration is recommended, but not required. For more information call the Humane Society at (954) 989-3977.

#### **CARING FOR LARGE ANIMALS**

Pet owners are responsible for preparing for their fourlegged family members.

• No one can guarantee where your animal will be safe. The decision is yours. If you cannot make your property safe because of the condition of the barn, trees, power lines, low lying land prone to flooding, or general condition of the neighboring properties, plan to evacuate your horse at least 48 hours before the storm.



Review all tips provided and implement as many as possible.

- Remove or secure tools and loose objects.
- Board up barn windows.
- Whether you decide to keep your animals in the barn, the pasture, or trailer them out of the area, it is very important that you have them haltered, preferably with a leather halter, and have them well identified.

- Attach a fetlock or mare band to your animal with your contact information written in permanent ink on the band.
- Place the animal's identification and contact information on a waterproof luggage tag and braid it close to the base of the horse's tail.
- Attach identification and contact information to the halter. Secure it tightly in a plastic bag and affix it to the halter with packing tape.
- If your animal is tattooed or has a microchip, make sure that the ownership information is current in the registration database.
- Spray paint your area code and telephone number on the side of the animal in a contrasting color. Use acrylic paint because it should wear off in 1-2 weeks.
- Shut off electricity to the barn before the storm. Unplug any appliances inside the barn so that they will not become energized by an electrical surge due to a lightning strike. This minimizes the chances of a fire.
- Water: Have enough water for up to 5 days.
- Food: Be sure you have adequate supplies of hay and grain prior to the storm. You may not be able to get out for several days or longer. Grain should be stored in water-proof containers, and if possible be removed from all floors. The hay should be at least two feet off the floor and covered well, in the event of leaks.

#### **DURING THE STORM**



- · Remain calm.
- Stay indoors in a secure location, or your "safe room." The strongest part of a house is usually away from windows and exterior doors.
- Place towels along windowsills and at the bottom of the door heading outside to keep water from coming in.
- Use flashlights, not candles or kerosene lamps, during the storm.
- Elevate valuables to tabletops or higher places if flooding occurs.
- Be aware that tornados can appear anytime during a hurricane. Monitor your local radio stations and if a tornado warning is issued, take cover in an interior hallway or "safe room."
- Stay indoors until the storm has passed. A calm period during the eye of the storm may cause some people to think the storm has passed. Remain indoors until the news stations say it is safe to move about the area.
- If your house starts to break apart, cover yourself with a mattress. If your safe room is a bathroom with a bathtub, get in the tub under a mattress.
- Limit telephone use to urgent calls only.

#### AFTER THE STORM



- Assume that all downed power lines are live. Stay away and call 911.
- Avoid standing water. It may be hiding downed power lines, hazardous objects, and wildlife.
- Do not venture out at night.
- Traffic lights and signs may be down. Drive only in case of emergency. Treat each intersection as a four way stop.
- Separate vegetation debris from structural debris.
- Place all hurricane debris away from mailboxes, power poles or utility boxes.
- Do not obstruct fire wells or hydrants.
- Trash left in the street is a safety hazard.
- Refer to the Town of Southwest Ranches website, social media, emergency notification, message boards and prerecorded emergency messages for debris pick up scheduling updates.
- **NOTE:** commercial property, nurseries and vacant lots will not be cleared by government-funded pick-up services.
- Take photos of all damaged areas and possessions. Make temporary repairs to protect your property from further damage. Cover damaged roofs and windows with plastic. Keep records of all bills and payments for insurance estimators. It is the responsibility of residents to remove any downed trees not blocking roadways or power lines.

#### **GENERATOR SAFETY**

- Read and follow the manufacturer's instructions
- Avoid dangerous shortcuts and ensure the safe operation of your generator.
- Prevent deadly exhaust from entering a home or business by keeping generators outside, away from all windows.
- Use a heavy-duty extension cord rated for outdoor use. If appliances have three-prong plugs, use three-prong extension cords.
- Use a battery-operated carbon monoxide alarm to monitor carbon monoxide levels inside the home.
- Do not connect generators directly to circuit breakers or fuse boxes. Connect appliances directly to generators. Improper connections may cause serious injury or death.
- Start the generator first then turn on connected devices one by one.
- AVOID SHOCK! Do not touch the generator if you are wet or standing in water or if the ground is damp.
- Never refuel a hot generator or one that is running hot engine parts or exhaust can ignite gasoline.
- Have plenty of gasoline at hand and be certain to store it safely in approved containers.
- Never leave a generator unattended. Turn it off when you are going to be away from home and when you go to bed.
- Business owners should visit: www.broward.org/hurricane/pages/generator-readybusinesses.aspx.



#### IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND WEBSITES

**EMERGENCY: 911** 

**Davie Police Department Non-Emergency:** (954) 693-8200 Monday-Friday, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

**Broward County Non-Emergency:** (954) 764-4357

(954) 764-4357

Broward County Hurricane Hotline & Emergency Shelter: (954) 831-4000 or 311 - TTY (954) 831-3940

BROWARD COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT SPECIALS

**Needs Shelter Registration:** (954) 831-3902 TTY (954) 831-3940

**Broward County School District** 

**Hotline:** (754) 321-0321

**Broward County Animal Care & Regulation:** (954) 359-1313

INSURANCE – STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

Hurricane Helpline:

1-800-22-STORM TTY 711 American Red Cross, Broward

Chapter: (954) 797-3800

Florida Power and Light (FPL): 1-800-468-8243

Southwest Ranches Town Hall General Info: (954) 434-0008

**CANALS** 

East of Volunteer Rd: (954) 432-5110 West of Volunteer Rd: (954) 680-3337

C11 Canal: (954) 452-4814

#### HELPFUL WEBSITES

American Red Cross—Broward Chapter: browardredcross.org Federal Emergency Management Agency [FEMA] www.fema.org

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY...

Lucas Capo - June 4th Leah Capo - June 8th



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

# "HOW TO DO BUSINESS WITH THE TOWN" FROM FINANCE & BUDGET

The Town welcomes participation from all vendors qualified to do business with the Town. The Procurement page on the Town's website explains the steps for completing a Vendor Application.

Below are the processes used by the Town when soliciting goods and services.

#### QUOTES

An informal competitive process which solicits pricing information from several sources that does not require a formal sealed bid or proposal, public opening, or other legal formalities.

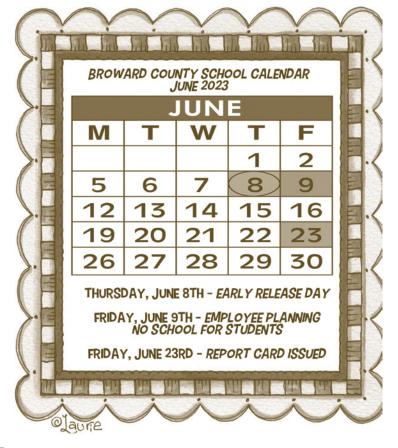


#### **BIDS**

All goods or services above \$25,000 must be competitively bid as per the Town procurement policy (ORD 2022-005). All bid meetings are open to the public and posted on the Town's website.

Town of Southwest Ranches purchasing thresholds and authority levels are below:

AMOUNT	AUTHORITY		
LEVEL 1: Less than \$1,000	Department Head  No quotations are required.		
LEVEL 2: Equal to or greater than \$1,000 But less than \$2,500	Department Head and written approval by Town Administrator 2 written or verbal quotes to the extent practicable.		
LEVEL 3: Equal to or greater than \$2,500 But less than \$25,000	Town Administrator 3 written quotes are required.		
LEVEL 4: Equal to or greater than \$25,000	Town Council Competitive Procurement		





#### **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
- TECHNOLOGY, ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA SERVICE



954.745.9779 (HELPLINE

**WEBSITE** 

ADRCBROWARD.ORG







# JUNE 2023

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			W c	1 BULK ZONE 4	2 BULK ZONE 5	Farmers' Market 16290 Griffin Rd. 8:30-1:00 pm BULK ZONE 6
4	• SWB Parks Foundation Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm • Country Estates HOA - Grace Baptist Church - 19200 Griffin Rd - 7 pm BULK ZONE 7	• Code Hearing Town Hall 9 am • Broward County Property Appraisers Town Hall 10:30-12:30 pm BULK ZONE 8	7 SWR Historical Society BULK ZONE 9	TOWN COUNCIL MEETING Town Hall 7 pm BULK ZONE 10	9 BULK ZONE 11	Farmers' Market 16290 Griffin Rd. 8:30-1:00 pm BULK ZONE 12
11	• Schools & Education Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm BULK ZONE 1	• Parks, Recreation, Forestry & Natural Resources Advisory Board • Town Hall 7 pm BULK ZONE 2	Flag Day BULK ZONE 3	• Comprehensive Plan Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm BULK ZONE 4	16 BULK ZONE 5	17 Farmers' Market 16290 Griffin Rd. 8:30-1:00 pm BULK ZONE 6
HAPPYFATHER'S DAY	June teenth June 19  *Rural Public Arts & Design Board Meeting Town Hall 7 pm  BULK ZONE 7	20 Drainage & Infrastructure Advisory Board Meeting Town Hall 7 pm BULK ZONE 8	SUMMER SOLSTICE 21  • Fire Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm  BULK ZONE 9	TOWN COUNCIL MEETING Town Hall 7 pm BULK ZONE 10	23 BULK ZONE 11	Farmers' Market 16290 Griffin Rd. 8:30-1:00 pm BULK ZONE 12
25	26 Mid-Town (District 3) Civic Association Meeting 7 pm ZOOM BULK ZONE 1	• Code hearing Town Hall - 10 am • Rolling Oaks Civic Assn Meeting Rolling Oaks Barn 17630 SW 56 Street - 7 pm BULK ZONE 2	Flow Mobile - DMV 28 Service 10 am - 2 pm - Town Hall by appt only • Sunshine Ranches HOA Meeting 7:30 - 9pm BULK ZONE 3	29 BULK ZONE 4	30 BULK ZONE 5	1 Hememode

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

Saturday, July 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. 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 Computers, Cables DVD Players, **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

For more information call Town Hall (954) 434-0008

#### **ELECTRONICS RECYCLING**

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



PIRATES MARLINS CUBS RANGERS YANKEES

ASTROS

ORIOLES

REDS

ATHLETICS

ROYALS

RED SOX

PHILLIES DODGERS BRAVES RAYS TWINS INDIANS

METS ROCKIES DIAMONDBACKS MARINERS ANGELS WHITE SOX



#### IN TOUCH

South Broward Drainage District

West of SW 148 Avenue (Volunteer)

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 Vice Mayor Jim Allbritton (954) 343-7461 iallbritton@southwestranches.org Council Member Bob Hartmann bhartmann@southwestranches.org (954) 343-7447 Council Member Gary Jablonski (954) 343-7456 giablonski@southwestranches.org Council Member David S. Kuczenski (954) 343-7472 dkuczenski@southwestranches.org **TOWN STAFF** Andy Berns, Town Administrator (954) 434-0008 aberns@southwestranches.org Danielle Caban, Executive Assistant to the Town Administrator (954) 343-7474 dcaban@southwestranches.org Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk (954) 343-7450 rmuniz@southwestranches.org Debra M. Ruesga, Deputy Town Clerk (954) 343-7451 druesga@southwestranches.org Dan Stewart, Records and Administrative Coordinator (954) 343-7443 dstewart@southwestranches.org Tom Holste, General Services Manager (954) 343-7476 tholste@southwestranches.org Angelica Arosemena, Administrative Assistant (954) 434-0008 aarosemena@southwestranches.org Emil C. Lopez, Town Financial Administrator (954) 343-7473 elopez@southwestranches.org Rich Strum, Town Controller (954) 343-7442 rstrum@southwestranches.org Venessa Redman, Senior Procurement & Budget Officer (954) 343-7467 vredman@southwestranches.org Arianna Durbeej, Town Accountant adurbeej@southwestranches.org (954) 343-7477 Keith Poliakoff, Town Attorney (954) 909-0580 kpoliakoff@southwestranches.org Rod Ley, Public Works Director (954) 343-7444 rley@southwestranches.org Emily McCord Aceti, Community Services Manager eaceti@southwestranches.org (954) 343-7453 Susan Kutz, Administrative Specialist, Newsletter Editor & Graphic Designer skutz@southwestranches.org (954) 343-7460 Joyce Marques, Engineer Inspector jmarques@southwestranches.org (954) 343 7441 December Lauretano-Haines, Parks, Recreation & Open Space Manager (954) 343-7452 dlauretano@southwestranches.org Melinda Stringer, Administrative Assistant (954) 343-7454 mstringer@southwestranches.org TOWN SERVICES / BUILDING DEPARTMENT PERMITTING - (CAP GOVERNMENT) M-F 8:30 am - 4:00 pm Brian Dillon, Building Official swrinspections@southwestranches.org (954) 665-4392 Jennifer McCarty, Permit Technician (954) 343-7445 swrinspections@southwestranches.org Derlin Guevara. Permit Technician (954) 343-7446 swrinspections@southwestranches.org **PLANNING Jeff Katims** (954) 475-3070 ikatims@sepiinc.com ZONING/PERMITTING Iulio Medina zoninginfo@southwestranches.org (954) 343-7458 CODE Iulio Medina. Code Enforcement Director jmedina@southwestranches.org (954) 343-7458 Code Enforcement Hotline (954) 343-7449 Concepcion Campos, Code Enforcement Officer (954) 343-7457 ccampos@southwestranches.org Jenna Anderson, Administrative Coordinator (954) 343-7459 janderson@southwestranches.org Manfred Velette, Assistant Code Enforcement Director (954) 343-7440 mvelette@southwestranches.org WASTE/BULK/RECYCLING SERVICES WM (Waste Management) (954) 974-7500 REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKERS - Chief Bennett (954) 868-2057 lbennett@southwestranches.org **MOSQUITO CONTROL** (954) 765-4062 LOST AND FOUND ANIMALS Facebook@SWRLostandFoundAnimals (754) 224-0877 **PUBLIC SAFETY EMERGENCY** 911 Non-Emergency (954) 764-4357 (HELP) Davie Police Department (954) 693-8200 Eddie Velazquez, Detective (954) 693-8290 evelazquez@davie-fl.gov Cheryl Danner, Police Services Coordinator cdanner@southwestranches.org (954) 693-8352 Davie Fire Rescue Station 112 (954) 952-4608 (954) 868-2057 Volunteer Fire Rescue - Chief Bennett TRAFFIC AND ROADWAY SERVICES Potholes and Signs Down - Public Works publicworks@southwestranches.org Illicit Discharge - Environmental Response Line: online complaint form at http://www.broward.org/ (954) 519-1499 Environment/Resources/Pages/EnviroComplaint.aspx OTHER WATER DISTRICTS - CANALS Central Broward Water Control District (954) 432-5110 www.centralbrowardwcd.org East of SW 148 Avenue (Volunteer)

(954) 680-3337

www.sbdd.org

TOWN HALL: 13400 Griffin Road / Southwest Ranches, FL 33330 • PHONE: (954) 434-0008 • FAX: (954) 434-1490



#### Town of Southwest Ranches

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Southwest Ranches, FL 33330

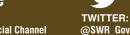
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# TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL!!!

facebook FACEBOOK: facebook@SWRGOV

YouTube



YOUTUBE: Town of Southwest Ranches Official Channel

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





## GET YOUR CAMERA READY...

and send in your favorite photo!

Pictures must be submitted no later than September 5th., 2023.

- 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.





FLORIDA HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES

VELORIDAC

Florida Licensing On Wheels mobile offices brings motorist services directly to Southwest Ranches Town Hall for your convenience. FLOW mobiles offer the following services:

- First time license
- **Convert out of state license**
- Renewals for Class E; fees vary for CDL
- Replacements for lost or stolen license
- Address/name changes
- No FEE Poverty Level ID Card.
- Reinstatements
- **Emergency Contact Information Registration**
- **Vehicle Registration Renewals**
- **Disabled Parking Place Card Issuance and** Renewals (Permanent- free)
- **Temporary**

Visit us at: https://www.flhsmv.gov/locations/florida-licensing-wheels-flow/

For your convenience the FLOW Units accepts the following methods of payment: Cash, Check, and Credit Cards.

Call Town Hall (954) 434-0008 to schedule your appointment.

