

Hi Country Estates Residents,

Hope everyone is enjoying their summer.

A little over a month ago it was brought to our attention that Broward County had possible plans to build a Waste to Energy (WTE) Plant (under the guise of recycling) on land owned by Broward County adjacent to the Town of Southwest Ranches (near US27 and Stirling Rd). A WTE Plant would adversely affect the health and safety of Town of Southwest Ranches residents specifically and all the residents of Broward County generally. Data suggests that WTE plants negatively impact the environment by emitting harmful contaminants into the atmosphere, and their byproducts contain injurious and toxic materials that when landfilled could contaminate the water supply that our residents rely on.

Late yesterday afternoon the Town of Southwest Ranches became aware of the Broward County Solid Waste & Recycling Working Group (SWWG) planned Zoom meeting for tomorrow morning at 11AM. Attached is a letter from Beam Furr, Broward County Commissioner, outlining next steps to be addressed at the meeting. Also attached is the meeting agenda, which includes the Zoom meeting link. If you are interested and available to attend, please do so. There will be public comment at the end of the meeting.

Also attached here is a Town of Southwest Ranches resolution stating it's opposition to Waste to Energy Plant in or adjacent to the Town. The resolution passed unanimously at the July 13th Council Meeting. This resolution is also being shared with other cities in Broward County and urging them to do the same.

Dr. Barbara Sharief attended our last Country Estates HOA Civic Association and heard our concerns. She has since forwarded on information in regards to the project and boards being created to govern and oversee the project. There will be more information forthcoming, but in light of the meeting tomorrow, wanted to get this note out.

Our council members have been very clear in their opposition to a Waste to Energy Plant. We will be forming a resident group, that is not required to operate within Sunshine Laws requirements and will be able to work in partnership with the Town Staff and Council. This group will not only be made up of residents from Southwest Ranches, but broader to include neighboring cities.

We will keep you posted when the resident group is formed and make everyone aware of proposed meetings. Several residents have already been working very hard to gather information to forcefully oppose a WTE Plant. **This is one of those fights that will need everyone's support. It's a fight to keep our Southwest Ranches lifestyle, health, and safety of our residents.** And in turn for the betterment of Broward County.

Please feel free to reach out to me to see how you can help support this effort!

Best regards,

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