

SOUTHWEST RANCHER

The Official Town Newsletter

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WISHING YOU A

*Happy
Thanksgiving.*

MAY THE BLESSINGS OF THIS
SEASON FILL YOUR HEART AND
HOME WITH JOY AND GRATITUDE

NOVEMBER 2024

IN TOUCH

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MOSQUITO CONTROL	(954) 765-4062
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[Facebook@SWRLostandFoundAnimals](https://www.facebook.com/SWRLostandFoundAnimals)

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TRAFFIC AND ROADWAY SERVICES

Potholes and Signs Down - Public Works	
Illicit Discharge - Environmental Response Line:	(954) 519-1499

publicworks@southwestranches.org
 online complaint form at:
<http://www.broward.org/Environment/Resources/Pages/EnviroComplaint.aspx>

OTHER

WATER DISTRICTS - CANALS

Central Broward Water Control District	(954) 432-5110
East of SW 148 Avenue (Volunteer)	
South Broward Drainage District	(954) 680-3337
West of SW 148 Avenue (Volunteer)	

www.centralbrowardwcd.org

www.sbddd.org



A MESSAGE FROM

Mayor
Steve
Breitkreuz

One of the goals that I had for myself when I was elected Mayor in 2020 was to build a stronger community that is Southwest Ranches. This takes shape in a lot of ways. Lowering your tax rate, our residents now have the lowest millage in 15 years, third lowest in all of Broward County. Working towards better drainage, we have completed dozens of improvements over the last 4 years. Continuing to repave our roads, on which we have made significant progress. If you have not seen it yet on your road, trust me it is on its way. Contact me if you would like more specifics. But in addition to all of these, I wanted to have more events that we as a community could come together for to assist in getting to know our neighbors and building stronger ties between our residents.

So please join me in thanking the full Council and our Administration on being able to deliver such great fiscal news. It is a great team effort!

As always, I am sincerely thankful for the opportunity to serve the residents of this Town as your Mayor. It is truly a blessing and an honor.

I am exceedingly proud of how much progress we have made. It started with kicking off the Farmer's Market each Saturday. This was something that I had been pushing for years but it was only after you elected me Mayor, that I was able to make it a reality. It started small and for only part of the year. Now it is much bigger and runs year-round. If you have not had the chance to enjoy it yet, please check it out. I think that you will enjoy what you see and I am guessing that you will see some of your neighbors as well and can renew some relationships.

Next, we kicked off the Mayor's Chess Challenge. This is a time where we can meet one Saturday a month at Town Hall and try our hand at sharpening our chess skills, as well as once again meeting our neighbors. Aside from being beaten by some chess players whose ages are still in the single digits, I have thoroughly enjoyed those Saturdays!

Finally, this past summer, and going into the Fall, we have kicked off our youth sports programs. So many of our neighboring Towns have vibrant programs and at times our youth were not able to participate because those neighboring communities'

teams were filled up with their own residents, leaving no space for ours. Starting our own program ensures that this will not happen any longer. Plus, at the risk of repeating myself, yes exactly, this is yet another way for you to get out and meet your neighbors and build a stronger more vibrant community.

I hope that you will join us in one or more of these activities. If you do, I look forward to meeting you and getting your thoughts on these opportunities and others that you

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think might be beneficial.

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Mayor Steve Breitkreuz
954-296-6018;
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A MESSAGE FROM

Council Member
Gary Jablonski

Hello everyone,

I think that the single most critical issue currently facing Southwest Ranches is the potential for an incinerator being placed just outside the western border of our Town. Your Mayor and Council have provided significant leadership in this area to ensure that this does not occur.

Specifically, the Town has created a Town Zero Waste Board (thank you Council Member David Kuczenski), which helps us to lead the way in not only showing that we don't want the incinerator near our community, but that together we can find a better option. In addition, we are partnering with the Countywide Broward Zero Waste Task Force to communicate the benefits of Zero Waste vs. Incineration.

Our Mayor, Steve Breitkreuz, has also become a leading participant in the Solid Waste Authority Board. This is the Countywide board that is actually developing the recommendations for Broward County and deciding if incineration will be part of this plan



Our Mayor was selected to be on the Executive Board of this group by his peers. (Please note it took several tries for him to be appointed, as other participants tried to prevent the Town from having a seat on the Board.) This Executive Board is the working group that is working with the consultants to develop the plan for our future. The Mayor has done a great job in developing a consensus toward solutions other than incineration. As long as he is our Mayor, he can continue this work to stop the incinerator from becoming a reality. I believe the Lobbyists for the incineration industry are very eager for him to be replaced. We are making a lot of progress in stopping the incinerator and I encourage all of you to join and support this effort.

"If you do not have the time to help directly, you can help by recycling correctly as much as possible. Simple tips such as not co-mingling garbage in your recycling container is a huge help in preventing the recycling load from being contaminated."

We all need to do our part in meeting the State's goal of recycling 75% of our waste. Composting our organic food waste is also a good way to reduce our solid waste impact, and the Town is looking forward to creating a pilot composting program in the near future.

I hope that everyone has a healthy and happy holiday season.

It's an Honor and Privilege to serve you.
Gary

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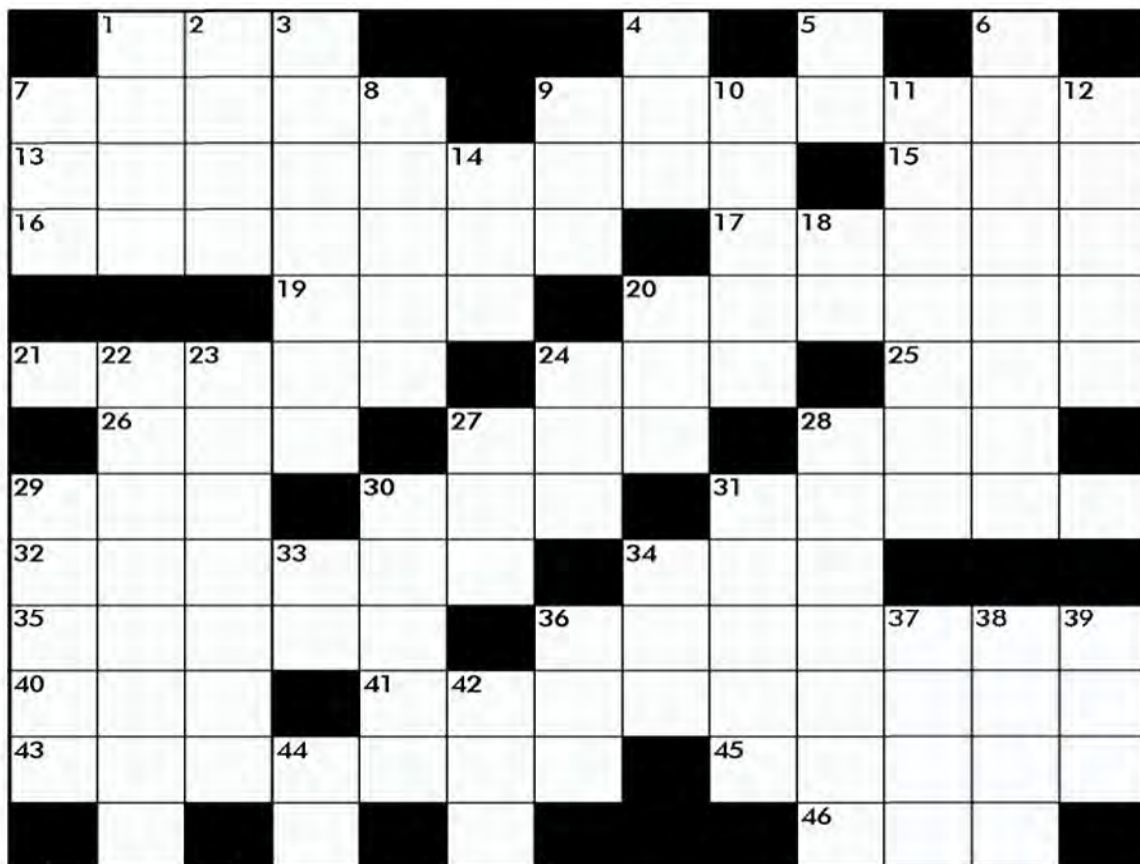
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PROTOTYPE BARN



In furtherance of the Town's goal of preserving its rural lifestyle, the Town Council has given residents a simpler mechanism to build a barn that is in compliance with Florida statutory requirements. As such, the Town contracted with an architect who agreed to create a prototype barn drawing, in compliance with the Florida Building Code, which can be permitted for residents throughout the Town. The plans are for a three stall barn with a tack room.

A Town resident looking to build a barn can simply purchase a pre-drafted architectural plan from the Town, which they then can submit, at a reduced cost, and on an expedited basis, to get a permitted barn that will be in compliance with both state and local regulations.

Please call or email Emily Aceti for more information:
eaceti@southwesttranches.org.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY...

We missed this new residents birthday
Matthew Ure' - October 3rd

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Kimberly Thomason - November 1st
Danny Capo - November 27th



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:
Skutzu@southwesttranches.org

RECYCLE RIGHT

HOW TO IMPROVE & INCREASE YOUR RECYCLING

**RECYCLE
RIGHT**

To learn more,
visit wm.com/recycleright



Most Common Contaminants

Keep these common contaminants OUT of your recycling bin.



No Recyclables In Plastic Bags

Empty recyclables directly
into your bin and leave the
plastic bag out.



No Food & Liquids

Compost instead! Otherwise
it belongs in the trash.



No Electronics & Small Appliances

Donate if in good condition,
or schedule a bulky item
pickup, if available.
Check earth911.com for
a local drop-off site.



No Textiles, Bedding, Rugs & Carpet

Donate these items if they
are in good condition.
Large quantities may
require special disposal.



No Tanglers, Holiday Lights, Hangers & Extension Cords

They wrap around
equipment and can shut
down an entire facility!
They all go in the trash.



No Plastic Bags, Film/ Sheeting & Flexible Film Packaging

Take plastic bags back to
local retailers to keep them
out of the recycling stream.
Visit plasticfilmrecycling.org
to find a drop-off location
near you.



No Paper Napkins, Plates, Cups & Tissues

Compost if possible, and
remember to recycle the
cardboard tube.



No Polystyrene Foam

Foam and plastic containers
are not recyclable curbside.
Find drop-off programs
for items like foam packing
peanuts at earth911.com.



No Tires, Auto Parts & Scrap Metal

(Not in recycling or trash.)
All can damage equipment
and are safety hazards.
Contact your local scrap
recyclers or retail tire stores
for recycling options, or
check earth911.com for a
drop-off center near you.



No Concrete, Wood & Construction Debris

Can damage equipment &
are safety hazards. You may
be able to schedule a bulky
item pickup - otherwise
throw it in the trash or order
a roll off bin by contacting
Waste Management
Customer Service.



No Yard Waste & Wood

Compost or put in your
yard waste cart, if available.
Otherwise it belongs in
the trash.



No Non-Recyclable Plastic

Not everything that is
plastic is recyclable!
Recycle only food &
beverage bottles, jugs
and tubes.

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ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

FROM SHRED FORCE
OUR SHREDDING & DESTRUCTION SERVICES

See how shredding at Rolling Oaks Park helps the environment.

POUNDS

TONS

EVENT DATE

4,400

2.2

9/28/2024

TREES SAVED: 37.4

WATER SAVED: 15400

OIL SAVED: 1018.6

LANDFILL SPACE: 6.6

EVENT VOLUME 2.2

ATTENDEES: 39



RECYCLING ONE TON OF OFFICE PAPER SAVES:

**17 trees,
7,000 gallons of water,
463 gallons of oil, and
3 cubic yards of landfill space.**

Based on service and volume averages, as compiled by the Environmental Protection Agency.



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: jmarques@southwestranches.org



PUBLIC NOTICE

FROM THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES

The Town of Southwest Ranches will commence a drainage project within the SW 49th Court right-of-way just west of SW 205th Avenue on October 7th. The construction is estimated to be completed within 90 to 120 days from that date.

The project consists of excavation, clearing, installation of reinforced concrete (RCP) drainage pipe, installation of drainage inlets and associated grates, associated erosion control measures, swale re-grading, street and driveway restoration, and installation of grass sod. These improvements will be installed along SW 49th Court right-of-way from SW 205th Avenue to the cul-de-sac. The benefit of the project is to reduce flooding during heavy rainfall events.

UPCOMING EVENTS



THE RURAL PUBLIC ARTS AND DESIGN BOARD
PRESENTS...

7th 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
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, 2024
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
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

AWARDS WILL BE
PRESENTED
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

Call Susan: (954) 434-0008
or email:
Skutz@southwestranches.org

PLANTING FOR OUR FUTURE
BROWARD COUNTY

WATER MATTERS DAY

SATURDAY MARCH 8, 2025
TREE TOPS PARK, DAVIE

SAVE THE DATE!

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: _____
EMAIL: _____

I UNDERSTAND, ACKNOWLEDGE, AND AGREE THAT THE SUBMISSION OF THE PHOTOGRAPH OF MY HOME, WHICH I HAVE TAKEN, TO THE TOWN CONSTITUTES A "WORK MADE FOR HIRE," 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 17 U.S.C. SECTION 106A(a), AND SHALL CONSTITUTE A WAIVER BY ME OF ANY RIGHTS IN THE WORK SET OUT IN OR OTHERWISE GRANTED BY 17 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 NATURE OF "DROIT MORAL" RELATING TO ANY CONTINUING INTEREST I MAY HAVE IN THE MAINTENANCE OR MODIFICATION OF THE WORK, ARE EXPRESSLY WAIVED AND, INsofar AS SUCH RIGHTS ARE TRANSFERABLE, ARE ASSIGNED TO THE TOWN. MY WORK IS ORIGINAL AND IT COMPLIES WITH ALL APPLICABLE PATENT, TRADEMARK AND COPYRIGHT LAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND CODES. I UNDERSTAND, ACKNOWLEDGE, AND AGREE THAT THROUGH THE CONVEYANCE OF MY SUBMISSION THE WORK WILL REMAIN THE PROPERTY OF THE TOWN AND MAY BE USED, REPRODUCED, SOLD, OR MODIFIED BY THE TOWN IN THE TOWN'S SOLE DISCRETION.

SIGNATURE: _____ (Date)

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



WHEN:
JAN 16th-20th

WHERE:
**Southwest Ranches
Sanctuary Park
16290 Griffin Road,
Southwest Ranches**

BENEFITING:
**Southwest Ranches
Parks Foundation**

SOUTHWEST RANCHES COUNTRY FAIR & CARNIVAL

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VENDORS WANTED**

**SPONSORSHIPS
AVAILABLE**

CONTACT: SWRCOUNTRYFAIR.COM

TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES FUN HORSE SHOW

RIDERS 18 AND YOUNGER...

**GROOM YOUR HORSES AND POLISH
YOUR RIDING HELMETS FOR THE**

**"FREE HORSE SHOW"
FEBRUARY 15th, 2025**

**CONTACT: DECEMBER LAURETANO
HAINES FOR COMPLETE DETAILS
AND HOW TO REGISTER**

954-343-7452

SAVE THE DATE

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE
THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES
25TH ANNIVERSARY - SATURDAY JUNE 7TH, 2025

THE CELEBRATION WILL BEGIN WITH A PARADE
STARTING 10:00 AM SHARP ON
MATHER BOULEVARD
AND SW 63RD MANOR (AVOCADO MANOR)
IN ROLLING OAKS



FESTIVITIES IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW
FROM 11:00 ~ 3:00 PM - AT ROLLING OAKS PARK
17630 SW 56TH STREET - SOUTHWEST RANCHES



IN LOVING

Memory

OF OUR LONG TIME RESIDENT

ROBERT HENRY PARKER



1934 - 2024

BOB WAS BORN
IN MIAMI,
WORKED AS A
UNION
ELECTRICIAN, A
VETERAN OF THE
KOREAN WAR
AND SERVED IN
THE NAVY. HE
WAS INVOLVED
IN THE MASONIC
LODGE, MAHI
SHRINERS
HOSPITAL AND
LOVED BEING
INVOLVED IN
OUR TOWN.

Bob will be missed.



Southwest Ranches Presents Open Play Chess 3rd Saturday of the month

10:00 am to 2:00 pm
FREE meet up

**for players of all ages and skill levels
beginners welcome**



**Southwest Ranches Town Hall
13400 Griffin Road, Southwest Ranches
Contact: December Lauretano-Haines
dlauretano@southwestranches.org
(954) 343-7452**

PROGRAMS START
November 5th
Rolling Oaks Park

PARKS & RECREATION

PROGRAMS START
October 15th
Country Estates Park



The Town of Southwest Ranches and Southeast Florida Skyhawks (licensed and insured) are proud to present

SuperTots Sports Academy provides sport-based development programs where children discover and develop athletic, motor, and social skills. SuperTots' curriculum is specifically designed to promote development alongside a healthy, active lifestyle.

PROGRAMS AT SOUTHWEST RANCHES

5 WEEK CLASS
\$115 FOR RESIDENT / \$138 NON-RESIDENT
Tuesdays 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. 1.5 to 3 years
Tuesdays 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. 4 to 5 years
Starting **NOVEMBER 5th, 2024**

SoccerTots

HoopsterTots
Wednesdays 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. 1.5 to 3 years
Wednesdays 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. 4 to 5 years
Starting **NOVEMBER 6th, 2024**

4 WEEK CLASS
\$92 FOR RESIDENT / \$110.40 NON-RESIDENT
Thursdays 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. 3 to 4 years
Thursdays 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. 4 to 5 years
Starting **NOVEMBER 7th, 2024**
NO CLASS NOVEMBER 21st

HockeyTots

Parental participation between age 1.5 to 3
Register at: <http://register.skyhawks.com>
LIMITED SPACE

LOCATION DETAIL:
Rolling Oaks Park Barn (indoor space)
17630 SW 56th Street
Southwest Ranches, FL 33331

Any questions? Email : broward@skyhawks.com

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PROMO CODE: SWR

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- One day per week! Practice held before game.
- Sibling discounts available.
- The earlier you register, the more you save!

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SATURDAY PROGRAMS
THE FUN BEGINS OCTOBER 2024!

Helping Kids Succeed in Life Through Sports®

register online:
i9sports.com
(954) 437-0089



FORESTRY & NATURAL RESOURCES

HOW TO CONTROL MOSQUITOES WITHOUT KILLING POLLINATORS & OTHER IMPORTANT WILDLIFE

(adapted from <https://choosenatives.org/articles/control-mosquitoes-without-killing-pollinators-important-wildlife/>)

There is a lot of information being disseminated by health organizations about health risks to humans from mosquito bites. Besides protecting ourselves from being targets, we need to work at eliminating mosquito habitat and controlling their numbers. There are a number of ways we can do this safely and effectively.

Because mosquitoes have no trouble flying from yard to yard, the best way to combat them is to collaborate with our neighbors to collectively identify and implement opportunities to reduce mosquito populations. Below is a set of approaches that are suggested by entomologists, public health organizations, and agricultural extension programs.



Aedes aegypti, the mosquito that can spread viruses like Zika and Dengue. Photo courtesy USDA.

1. Eliminate potential mosquito-breeding grounds. Mosquitoes can breed in any water that stagnates for just 2 or 3 days. Actions to remove potential mosquito habitat include:

- Unclogging gutters
- Covering, turning over, or moving indoors any equipment, containers, or toys that might collect water
- Straightening sagging tarps or other covers
- Filling in areas under outdoor faucets or air conditioning drains
- Repairing damaged screens on rain barrels



• Removing English Ivy (The dense nature of ivy allows it to hold in pooled water where mosquitoes can breed, provides a humid area that mosquitoes like, and protects mosquitoes from pesticide sprays.)

2. For areas of uncovered water, like ponds or bird baths, consider these approaches:

- Changing the water regularly
- Using Mosquito Dunks® (deadly to mosquito, blackfly, and fungus gnat larvae, but harmless to other living things), or
- Keeping the water moving (e.g., with a fountain)

3. Treat mosquitoes like foes but treat bees and other beneficial insects like the friends they are! The pesticides used to kill mosquitoes also kill other invertebrates, including pollinators and other insects—insects on which birds feed and insects that eat mosquitoes. Mosquito-spraying companies typically use pesticides of a group of chemicals called pyrethroids, many of which are highly toxic to honeybees, fish, and small aquatic organisms.

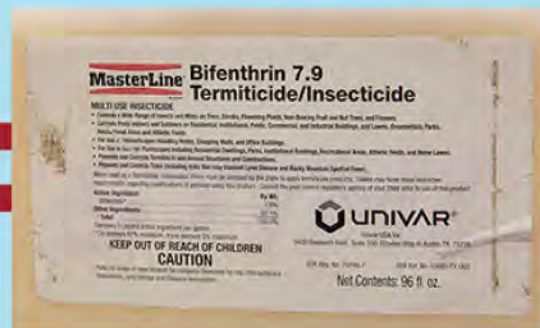


Our pollinators need to be protected from pesticide spraying.

4. If you spray pesticides or hire a company that provides such services, please consider taking the following precautions and/or asking the pesticide

spraying company to do the same:

- Spray only in the early morning or early evening. Most pollinators are not active during these time periods.
 - Do not spray flowering plants. (One company that provides pesticide spraying services says that before spraying flowers they “shoo” away bees with bursts of air. It is doubtful that this truly protects bees, as many native bees are less than 1/4” long and therefore difficult to spot. Moreover, bees will return immediately to those flowers, either into the path of the spray or to the flowers, where there may be pesticide residue.)
 - Make sure that no spray enters your neighbors’ yards and notify your neighbors before you spray so that they can take any desired or necessary precautions to protect any bees or other insects that they have in their yards.
 - Consider using nontoxic repellants in lieu of the toxic pesticides. Some mosquito-spraying companies offer such alternatives.
5. If you use sprays, do so only when needed, and not on a preemptive basis. (Spraying on a predetermined schedule can waste pesticide product, and therefore money, and may also contribute to the development of pesticide-resistant mosquitoes.) By taking these steps, we can work together as a community to fight this annoying pest while protecting our other precious environmental resources.



POLLINATOR PARTNERSHIP

Protect their lives. Preserve ours.







Flood Safety:

Know your Risk

- **Do not walk through flowing water.** If you must walk in standing water, use a pole or stick to ensure the depth of the water ahead.

- **Do not drive through a flooded area.** Do not drive around road barriers; the road may be washed out.

- **Stay away from power lines and electrical wires.** Electrical current travels through water. If possible, report downed powerlines to FPL. Do not use appliances or motors that are wet unless they have been taken apart, cleaned and dried.

- **Look out for animals, especially snakes.** Small animals that have been flooded out of their habitat may take shelter in your home.

- **Look before you step.** After a flood, the ground and floors can be covered with debris. Surfaces that have been covered with mud can be very slippery.

- **Be alert for gas leaks.** If your house is serviced by gas, do not smoke, use candles or open flames unless you know the gas has not built up. Make arrangements to turn off your electricity and gas.

To sign up to be notified via voice message, text and email for important public safety information during a storm visit

<https://swranches.sircom.org/public>.



Financial Assistance Advice

If your home or business is damaged by a flood, you may be required to meet certain building requirements to reduce further flood damage by coming into compliance with local, state, and federal criteria. To help with these

costs, financial assistance such as grants, loans, rebates and the NFIP's Increased Cost of Compliance Coverage may be available.

For assistance regarding financial assistance options, please contact the Town's Engineering Department at (954) 434-0008, Broward County's Mitigation Coordinator at: (954) 831-3900 or visit Disasterassistance.gov.



National Flood Insurance Program Changes

In accordance with 2014 Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is continuing to gradually phase out flood insurance premium subsidies on certain policyholders. The changes have and will have the greatest impact on properties located within a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) that were built prior to the adoption of Broward County's first FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) on October 26, 1972, or prior to December 31, 1974, without elevation certificate information. For more information on the National Flood Insurance Program changes visit FEMA.gov/flood-insurance-reform.



Get a Flood Insurance Policy

Replacing household contents damaged by floods could place a significant financial burden on a homeowner or renter without flood insurance. Just a few inches of water from a flood can cause tens of thousands of dollars in damage. Homeowner's insurance policies do not generally cover damage from floods. However, because the Town of Southwest Ranches participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), you can purchase a separate flood insurance policy from an insurance agent and benefit from the premium discount available to all Southwest

Ranches residents. Flood insurance is backed by the federal government and is available to everyone, even for properties that have been flooded previously. Please note that unless there is a special condition of the mortgage, there normally is a 30-day waiting period between the time flood insurance is purchased and the time coverage is in force. Though all home and business owners in these areas with mortgages from federally regulated or insured lenders are required to buy flood insurance, all residents should consider flood insurance to protect against significant financial losses.

If your property is in the SFHA and you have a mortgage from a federally regulated or insured lender, flood insurance is required. Even if you do not have a mortgage and you live in the SFHA or you live outside of the SFHA, all property owners and renters should carefully consider the benefits of flood insurance to protect against significant financial losses from floods. For more information visit the following sites: Floodsmart.gov and FEMA.gov/national-flood-insurance-program.

If you would like to know if your property is in a SFHA you can use the interactive map viewer. Visit

<http://southwestranches.org/departments/town-engineering/flood-insuranceinformation/> and select Flood Maps. You can also call (954) 434-0008, provide your address and zip code, and Town staff will assist you in determining SFHA information specific to your property.



Elevation Certificate Information

Elevation certificates for buildings are on file and may be obtained by visiting <http://southwestranches.org/departments/town-engineering/flood-insurance-information/>.



Water Quality and Flood Control **Effects of Drainage Systems**

The success of the drainage system in your neighborhood depends on proper maintenance of the system. The swales that are commonly located between your yard and street are part of the neighborhood's storm water management system. Gutters, storm drain pipes, lakes, wetlands, swales and canals should be kept free of debris. It is against Town Code to dump trash in waters. The drainage system may provide both water quality and flood control benefits. Lakes, wetlands, swales and canals filter pollutants from runoff or allow pollutants to settle out. Check with the Town's Engineering Department before paving, regrading or altering swales.



Protect Property from Flooding

Losses due to floods can be reduced by implementing property protection measures. Furniture, appliances, clothing, and other movable items can be elevated within the structure or relocated away from potential flooding if time permits. You should also make an itemized inventory of your belongings including costs, dates of purchase and serial numbers.

There are several ways to protect a building from flood damage if feasible. One way is to make sure your lot is graded in a manner that will direct runoff away from your building. Another approach is to make your walls waterproof and place watertight closures over the doorways. This method is not recommended if water will rise to a depth of two feet or greater. A third approach is to raise the house above flood levels. Prior to making these modifications, consult with a certified contractor.



Build Responsibly

Strict regulations govern substantial improvements to structures in the flood plain. According to NFIP, "substantial improvement" means the cost of any repair, reconstruction, or improvement of a structure which equals or exceeds 50 percent of the market value of the structure either before the improvement is started or if the structure has been damaged and is being restored. Please be advised that any new development or improvement on a property will be subject to current Town regulations and may also be subject to state and federal regulations. Please contact the Southwest Ranches Building Code Services Division at (954) 434-0008 for specific information and to report unpermitted construction activities.



Flood Risk Specialist Available **to Assist Residents**

The Town of Southwest Ranches wants to

ensure that residents who have questions about flood risks, flood insurance, and retrofitting techniques, get answers in a timely manner. The Town Engineer is available to assist in the following areas: 1) Flood Insurance; 2) Flood Zone interpretation including base flood elevation and/or flood depth; 3) Additional FIRM information; 4) Problems not shown on FIRM; 5) Special flood related hazards; 6) Historical flood-related data; 7) Natural floodplain functions; and 8) Property protection measures. Please call the Engineering Department at (954) 434-0008 and ask to speak to the Town Engineer. You may also schedule a site visit to review flooding, drainage, and storm sewer problems, and to obtain advice on retrofitting techniques to provide additional protection. Go to: <http://southwesteranches.org/departments/town-engineering/flood-insurance-information/> for additional information.



Local Flood Hazards

Floods resulting from prolonged, heavy rainfall can occur in rivers and canals that drain inland areas into the Atlantic Ocean when waterway capacities are exceeded. Flooding from heavy rainfall occurs in low-lying areas and areas near rivers and canals.

The severe flooding that occurred as a result of the exceedingly wet summers and the hurricanes of 1947 was the basis for creating what is now the South Florida Water Management District. South Florida's five-month rainy season brings more than two-thirds of the region's annual rainfall. The rainy season can also bring flooding, which may occur when large amounts of rain fall over a short period of time or from a single heavy storm, tropical system or hurricane.

Since portions of Southwest Ranches have been designated as a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), it is advisable to check the interactive map viewer to see the location of your property with respect to the SFHA.

Visit: <http://southwesteranches.org/departments/town-engineering/floodinsurance-information/> and select Flood Maps. You can also call (954) 434-0008, provide your address and zip code, and Town staff will assist you in determining SFHA information specific to your property.



Protect Natural **Floodplain Functions**

Although much of the natural flood plain system in South Florida has been altered and is frequently over-drained, efforts are being made to enhance many historical wetlands and canals to restore them to a more natural state. These flood plain and wetland areas buffer flood flows, remove pollutants from our surface waters, recharge groundwater and

create diverse habitat systems for plants and animals. The Southwest Ranches Comprehensive Plan includes policies pertaining to flood plains and wetlands. The plan provides for protection and creation of surface waters, protection and wetlands preservation.



MAP SERVICES

Maps are an effective method of communicating information about flood hazards. Residents and businesses that are aware of potential flood hazards can take steps to avoid problems and reduce exposure to flooding.

Therefore, the Town offers complementary maps to supplement and clarify the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) with information on additional hazards, flooding outside mapped areas, development regulations that affect floodplain properties, flood insurance, natural floodplain functions, and property protection measures.

A GIS mapping application for Southwest Ranches that is publicly available includes information you will need for a flood insurance policy including whether your property is in a SFHA, the community number, panel number and suffix, FIRM date, FIRM zone, base flood elevation and the elevation datum used. Additional FIRM information is also available showing areas of concern such as whether your property is located within a floodway.

The Town has mapped local drainage problem areas within the Town. In addition, the Town has a map providing information about past floods that have occurred. If you live in one of these areas, we would like to have a discussion with you regarding potential remedies.

A GIS mapping application for Southwest Ranches that is publicly available includes layers related to natural floodplain functions, specifically wetlands and fish and wildlife habitat. The map includes Broward County's wetland data to provide a comprehensive picture of where wetlands are located within the Town.

The Town provides mapping information about how deep flood waters can be anticipated in given areas of the community. Maps illustrating building and ground elevations are also available. These maps are available on the Town's website.

To view these interactive maps, please visit the Town's website. For more information regarding the flood maps and the Town's floodplain management program or if you would like assistance reading the maps, please call Town Hall at (954) 434-0008 or email rlay@swranches.org.

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PHOTO BY: Rick Bell
Annual Chilifest and car show at
Rolling OAKS
(From the 2024 Photo Contest
Calendar)



November 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
						• Farmers' Market 16290 Griffin Rd. 10am - 3:00pm
	BULK ZONE 1	BULK ZONE 2	BULK ZONE 3	BULK ZONE 4	BULK ZONE 5	BULK ZONE 6
3	4	ELECTION DAY 5	6	7	8	9
• Country Estates HOA Meeting - Grace Baptist Church 19200 Griffin Rd. 7pm • SWR Parks Foundation Meeting Town Hall 7pm	• Broward County Property Appraiser Office - Town Hall 10:30 - 12:30pm		CODE Hearing - Town Hall 9am	• Zero Waste Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7pm		• Farmers' Market 16290 Griffin Rd. 10am - 3:00pm
	BULK ZONE 7	BULK ZONE 8	BULK ZONE 9	BULK ZONE 10	BULK ZONE 11	BULK ZONE 12
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
• VETERAN'S DAY Town Hall Closed	• Parks, Recreation Forestry & Natural Resources Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7pm	• Zero Waste Broward Task Force Meeting - Town Hall 7pm	• Comprehensive Plan Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7pm		MONTHLY OPEN PLAY CHESS 10am-2pm Town Hall	• Farmers' Market 16290 Griffin Rd. 10am - 3:00pm
	BULK ZONE 1	BULK ZONE 2	BULK ZONE 3	BULK ZONE 4	BULK ZONE 5	BULK ZONE 6
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
• Rural Public Arts & Design Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7pm		• Fire Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7pm	• TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - Town Hall 7pm			• Farmers' Market 16290 Griffin Rd. 10am - 3:00pm
	BULK ZONE 7	BULK ZONE 8	BULK ZONE 9	BULK ZONE 10	BULK ZONE 11	BULK ZONE 12
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		• Rolling Oaks Civic Association Meeting - Rolling Oaks Barn 17630 SW 56th St. 7pm	• Sunshine Ranches HOA Meeting - ZOOM	 Town Hall Closed	THANKSGIVING Town Hall Closed	• Farmers' Market 16290 Griffin Rd. 10am - 3:00pm
	BULK ZONE 1	BULK ZONE 2	BULK ZONE 3	BULK ZONE 4		

*Broward County
Public School Calendar*

NOVEMBER				
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11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

Tuesday, November 5th
Employee Planning (no school for students) and
Report Card issued

Monday, November 11th
Schools and Administrative Office's Closed

Friday November 22nd
Interim Reports Issued

Monday, November 25th thru 27th
Schools Closed

Thursday, November 28th and 29th
Schools and Administrative Offices Closed

**SUPPORT
THE BUSINESS
DIRECTORY**

found on the Town website
by visiting the Historical Society
page or using this link:

[https://www.southwestranches.org/
southwest-ranches-resident-
business-directory/](https://www.southwestranches.org/southwest-ranches-resident-business-directory/)

**TOWN
TALK**

Want to stay in touch and receive
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Are you getting emergency notifications and other critical information about what is going on in our town?

Sign up for HQE Systems to be certain that you are among the first to know about an:
evacuation order, weather warning, hazardous road conditions and other notices requiring your immediate attention and/or action.

Register for HQE Systems online at:
swranches.sircom.org/public
Get notified immediately via telephone, text message or email.

If you need additional information please call 954-434-0008 or email: Tholste@southwestranches.org



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE, ELECTRONICS & BULK DROP OFF EVENT

Saturday, January 11th, 2025 . 8:00am to 2:00pm
Location: Rolling Oaks Barn - 17630 SW 56th St., Southwest Ranches, 33331
Document shredding from 8-2pm . 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

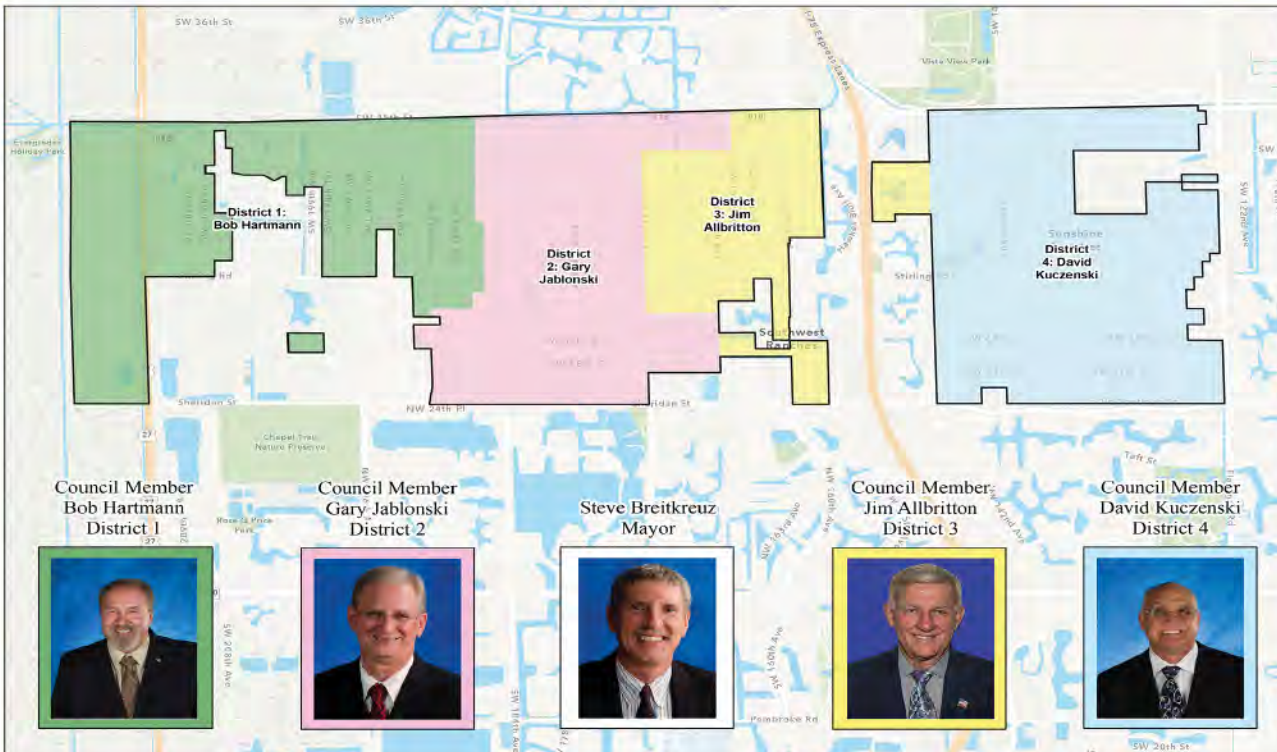
ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

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



Town Council

Legend

Council Districts

District 1

District 2

District 3

District 4

Town Boundary



Map is Not to Scale
Date: 12/22/2022

Florida Technical Consultants

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