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Dear new resident,

Welcome to Southwest Ranches! We're glad you are here! Our Town was founded in 2000 because residents took ownership of our area and fought to establish our Town. Volunteers remain a vital part of our identity. Our Town offers a diverse population united in our commitment to preserving the rural lifestyle, a desire for open space, a love for our beloved animals, and the quiet enjoyment of our properties.


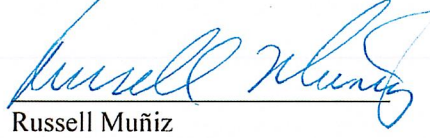
Open spaces can be found all over our Town, and we invite you to enjoy them. There are events and activities for everyone; from the annual Horse Show at the Equestrian Park, the Farmer's Market at the Preserve, the Chili Cook-off, and Classic Car Show at Rolling Oaks Barn, to the annual 5K Unity in Diversity Run/Walk. Our goal is to serve our community, and if you have ideas on how to do so, let us know!

These are some things which make our Town unique:

- We value "Dark Skies". If you wish to add outside lighting to your property, there are ways to do so which will help you accomplish your intent without negatively impacting your neighbors with lighting spillover that they may not want. Code Compliance staff is always available to answer any questions you may have.
- We value the quiet enjoyment of our properties, both inside and out. The Town has a Noise Ordinance designed to help us do so. While we want you to enjoy your home and property, please keep noise and music volume at a level that will only be heard on your property. Keep in mind, renting your property for a party is prohibited.
- Fireworks are currently legal in the State of Florida three days per year. Those days are Independence Day, New Years' Eve and New Years' Day. If you wish to set off fireworks, please restrict it to those days. Please keep in mind that our pets, livestock, veterans, and people with autism can be significantly affected by fireworks.
- Another concern is flooding and the elevation of our properties. Some of our properties have a low elevation, and new owners often wish to bring in additional fill material to raise their elevation. Because changes in elevation can significantly impact neighboring properties, it is necessary to obtain a fill permit before beginning work. Fill permits are handled by the Town's Public Works & Engineering Department.

We invite you to get involved by joining your Civic Association or HOA, attending Council Meetings and/or learning about the Town Advisory Boards. If you want to get involved and participate, we welcome you to our family. Information can be found at www.southwesttranches.org, the Southwest Rancher newsletter, or by calling Town Hall at (954) 434-0008. Town staff is always available to answer questions or concerns you may have.

On behalf of the Town Council and Staff, we're here to serve you, and once again, welcome!


Steve Breitzkreuz
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