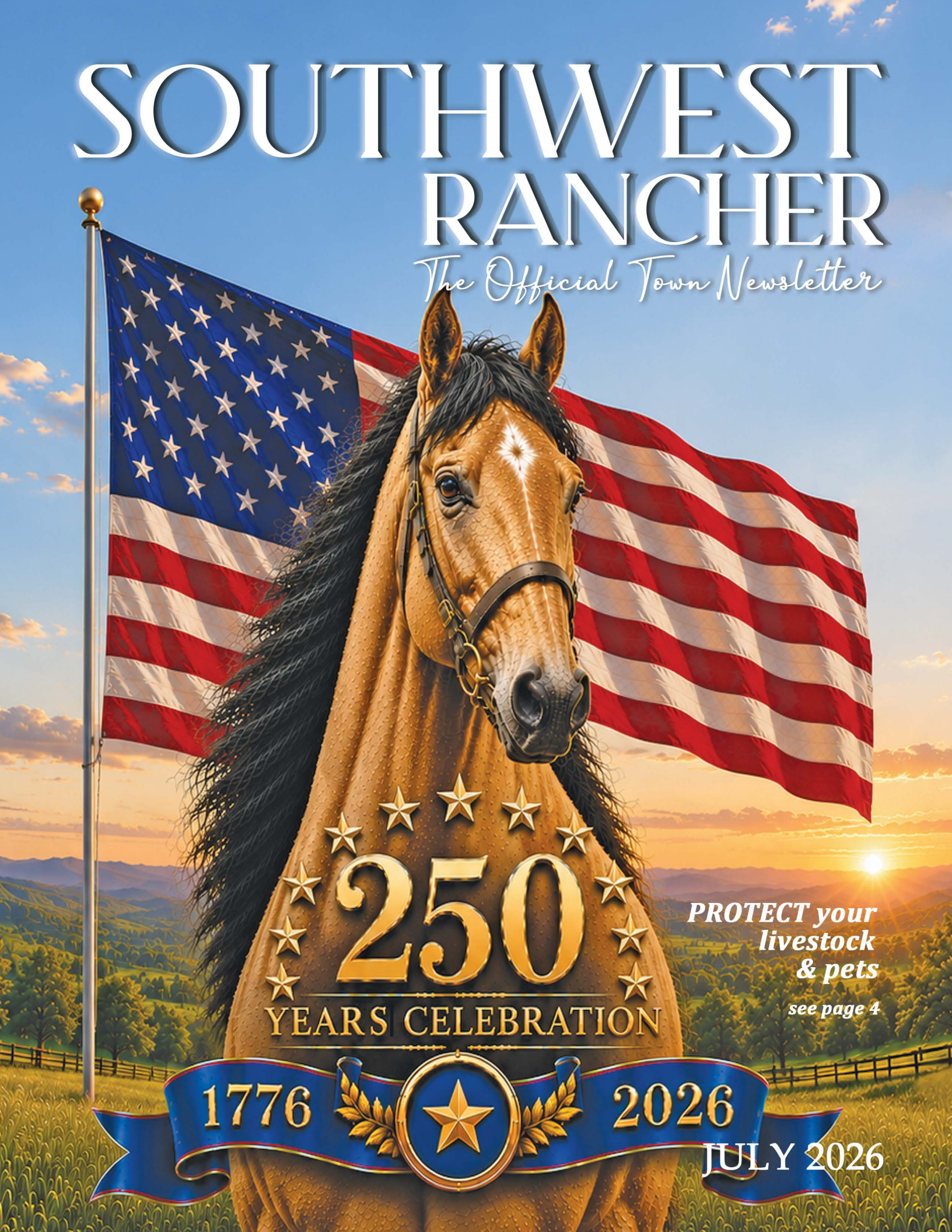


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REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKERS – Chief Bennett	(954) 868-2057
MOSQUITO CONTROL	(954) 765-4062
LOST AND FOUND ANIMALS	(754) 224-0877

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EMERGENCY	911
Non-Emergency	(954) 764-4357 (HELP)
Davie Police Department	(954) 693-8200
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Carlos Grave de Peralta, <i>Police Civilian Coordinator</i>	(954) 693-8352
Davie Fire Rescue Station 112	(954) 952-4608
Volunteer Fire Rescue - Chief Bennett	(954) 868-2057

TRAFFIC AND ROADWAY SERVICES

Potholes and Signs Down - Public Works	(954) 343-7441
Illicit Discharge - Environmental Response Line:	(954) 519-1499

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)	

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www.centralbrowardwcd.org

www.sbddd.org

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A MESSAGE FROM

Mayor
Steve
Breitkreuz

FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY ESPECIALLY AS OUR COUNTRY CELEBRATES OUR 250TH YEAR OF INDEPENDENCE.

As we approach Independence Day, and as we celebrate, I just want to remind you that we are an equestrian community. Please be aware that during this month, fireworks are only allowed on the fourth. Many equestrians do prepare their horses for the fireworks on the fourth, but firing them off either before or after the fourth, can be a real problem for the animals. So, I would ask that you not do that. It is not just illegal; it is also a kind courtesy to your equestrian neighbor.

There is another general sound related item that I want to also remind you of. That is related to outdoor parties. For larger parties, a permit is required and, in all cases, sound must be kept to a reasonable level and go no later than 11 PM. Generally, we are really good at this but there are always exceptions, especially this time of year. Basically, what I ask you to do is be respectful of your neighbors. Even if you have a permit, if they can hear your music or announcements in their house, that is too loud.

So, as we celebrate this very special Independence Day, I am thankful for this incredible Country in which we are blessed to live. I wish for you and your family to have a very special time together. A time that is both safe and memorable.

As always, thank-you for your trust and support as I have the honor of serving you as your Mayor.

Mayor Steve Breitkreuz – 954-296-6018

sbreitkreuz@southwestranches.org; X@SteveBreitkreuz



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

TURN WASTE INTO Gold

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A
PART OF OUR RESIDENTIAL COMPOST
PROGRAM?

Sign up on the Town's website at
<https://www.southwestranches.org/>
under Hot Topics.

START YOUR HOME COMPOSTING
JOURNEY WITH SOUTHWEST
RANCHES.



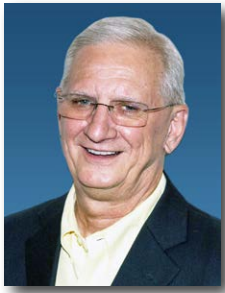
TOWN TALK



*a way to stay in touch
with the Town*

Would you like to
receive emails about
what is happening
in the Town?

Send your email address to:
Druesga@southwestranches.org



A MESSAGE FROM Vice Mayor Gary Jablonski

DID YOU KNOW?

Pre-Register for Hurricane Wellness Checks

As we head into peak storm season, your safety is our top priority. Did you know that you can register with the Town before a hurricane

hits to receive a wellness check once the storm passes?

This vital, **free service** is provided by our dedicated Volunteer Fire Department.

How It Works:

- **Get on the List:** Call Town Hall at **954-434-0008** well ahead of the storm to register.
- **The Post-Storm Check:** As soon as the storm passes and roads are clear enough for emergency vehicles, the Volunteer Fire Department will check on everyone on the list.
- **Assistance Provided:** They will ensure you are safe and help coordinate additional services if you are injured or need assistance with utility issues (like FPL). Because their specialized trucks can travel where ordinary vehicles cannot, this service is incredibly valuable for our elderly or incapacitated residents.

Crucial Timing: Register Early! The most important thing you can do is pre-register **days before** a storm is projected to hit.

Please do not wait until the last minute. As a storm bears down, Town Hall and the SW 172nd Ave Fire Station must evacuate, as these older structures are not hardened to withstand a Category 5 storm. (This vulnerability is one of the reasons we are building our new Fire Station further west—to ensure faster response times and better safety for our emergency crews!)

Beyond wellness checks, our volunteers will also be actively assessing road conditions, monitoring drainage areas, and reporting fallen debris to Town Hall so we can clear the roads as quickly as possible.

If you have any questions about the scope of this service, please contact Town Hall.

Thank you, and as always, it is a privilege to serve you, **GARY**.



KEEP PETS & LIVESTOCK ★ SAFE THIS ★ 4TH OF JULY

PETS

Keep indoors before fireworks.
 Secure doors, windows & gates.
 Reduce noise and provide a safe space.

LIVESTOCK & HORSES

Keep in familiar areas before dark.
 Provide fresh water and hay.
 Secure fencing and check animals after fireworks.

*Celebrate responsibly.
Thank you for protecting our animals!*

REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKERS

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

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

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

MOUNTING PREFERENCE:
 Vertical (up/down) _____
 Horizontal (left/right) _____

COLOR PREFERENCE:
 _____ green w/white letters
 _____ blue w/white letters

Make check payable to:
 Southwest Ranches Fire Rescue
 17220 Griffin Rd., Southwest Ranches 33331

For information call Chief Bennett: 954-868-2057



**A MESSAGE
FROM**
Council
Member
Jim Allbritton

GOOD DAY SOUTHWEST RANCHES

A Very Special Memorial Day 2026

Memorial Day 2026 marked a very special occasion as the Town of Southwest Ranches hosted its first-ever Veterans Social Café. More than 80 people attended, and I was absolutely astounded by the tremendous support and enthusiasm shown throughout the event.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to everyone who helped make this day such a success:

- Scout Troop 224 for their outstanding Presentation of the Colors.
- Madison Sullivan for her beautiful live performance of the National Anthem.
- Mike Miskew, Chairman of Honor Flight South Florida, for serving as our guest speaker.
- Rick Case for his generous contribution, which provided all of the food for the event.
- Louis Gregory for securing that wonderful sponsorship.
- The Town Council and Town Staff for their unwavering support.



I would also like to recognize several individuals whose efforts helped make the day truly special, including the high school and college students who assisted with decorating and serving food, Chris Brownlow, Susan Kutz, my wife Rose for her decorating talents, and, of course, Ms. December Lauretano-Haines.

I was especially fortunate to work alongside someone whose passion for serving our veterans is as strong as my own. Thank you so much, Ms. December!

Veterans who attended completed questionnaires that will help us plan future gatherings and programs. Based on the overwhelming success of this year's event, the Town looks forward to celebrating Memorial Day annually and continuing to provide opportunities for veterans to connect and be recognized.

According to U.S. Census data, approximately 240 veterans reside in Southwest Ranches. We have connected with about 80 of them so far. If you are a veteran, or if you know a veteran who lives in Southwest Ranches, we encourage you to contact us.

Jim Allbritton • Council Member
jallbritton@southwestranches.org
305-903-7043



A MESSAGE FROM

Council Member Bob Hartmann

Summary of "Save Our Homes from Excessive Property Taxes" and Potential Impacts on Southwest Ranches

This summary outlines the principal provisions of the constitutional amendment titled "**Save Our Homes from Excessive Property Taxes**", passed by the Florida Legislature on June 2, 2026, and scheduled for the November 2026 general election. If approved by at least 60 percent of voters, it would take effect on January 1, 2027.

General Overview

The amendment does not eliminate property taxes. Instead, it expands the homestead exemption for non-school levies, reduces the assessment cap for specified non-homestead property, and limits the use of certain county and municipal ad valorem revenues. For Southwest Ranches, it may provide tax relief to qualifying homeowners while creating fiscal pressure on local government operations.

Principal Provisions of the Proposal

1. Expands the Homestead Exemption for Non-School Levies

Qualifying homesteaded property owned by persons who maintained permanent Florida residency on or before December 31, 2026, would be exempt from non-school levies on up to **\$150,000** of assessed value beginning January 1, 2027. That amount would increase to **\$250,000** beginning January 1, 2028, and would thereafter be adjusted for positive inflation.

2. Establishes a Five-Year Phase-In for Certain New Residents

Persons who establish permanent Florida residency on or after January 1, 2027, would receive a limited exemption of up to **\$50,000** for non-school levies, with annual inflation adjustments beginning in 2028, and would not become eligible for the full expanded exemption until the fifth year. Beginning in 2030, a county or municipality could shorten or waive that waiting period by a two-thirds vote upon a determination of critical local need.

3. Reduces the Non-Homestead Assessment Cap

The amendment reduces the annual assessment increase limitation for specified non-homestead property from **10%** to **5%** for non-school levies, beginning January 1, 2027. This may slow future growth in taxable value for certain agricultural, rental, investment, and commercial properties, while also reducing local revenue growth.

4. Limits the Use of County and Municipal Ad Valorem Revenues

The amendment would restrict county and municipal ad valorem revenues to specified purposes, including public safety, infrastructure, debt, retirement obligations, and certain governmental operations and administrative costs. As a result, it could reduce both revenue capacity and expenditure flexibility.

The amendment also directs the Legislature to establish a uniform process allowing counties, municipalities, school districts, and certain special districts to increase local homestead exemptions for their own levies, subject in some cases to referendum requirements.

What the Bill Does Not Do

The amendment would not immediately eliminate all property taxes, would not reduce school district levies through the expanded homestead exemption in its final form as passed, and would not take effect unless approved by at least 60 percent of Florida voters in the November 2026 general election.

Timeline & What Happens Next

The amendment passed the Florida House by a vote of **75–26** and the Florida Senate by a vote of **30–9** on June 2, 2026. Because it amends the Florida Constitution, it must be approved by at least **60 percent of voters** in November 2026 to take effect on **January 1, 2027**.

Considerations for Southwest Ranches Property Owners

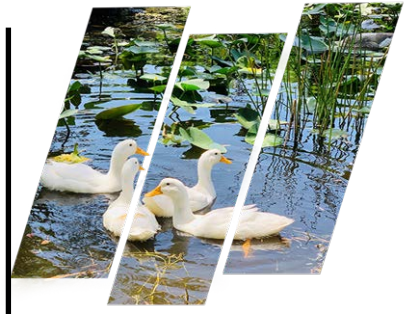
Southwest Ranches property owners should review their homestead status, assessed value, and current exemptions to determine how the proposed non-school levy exemption may apply if the amendment is approved. Any benefit will depend on assessed value, local non-school millage rates, and future implementing legislation. Florida news coverage and legislative analysis have also highlighted the potential for reduced local revenue growth, greater reliance on fees or special assessments, deferred infrastructure and facility improvements, and increased pressure on non-homesteaded property owners, renters, and small businesses.

Bottom Line for Southwest Ranches

If approved by the voters, the amendment may provide substantial tax relief to qualifying homesteaded property owners but may also adversely affect the Town of Southwest Ranches. Expanded homestead exemptions, the reduced non-homestead assessment cap, and limits on the use of certain ad valorem revenues may reduce future revenue capacity and budget flexibility. As a result, the Town may face increased pressure to defer capital projects, constrain service enhancements, or consider expenditure reductions, fee adjustments, special assessments, or other alternative revenue sources.

I am always here to help! If you have any questions about this information, concerns about town issues, or if you'd like to chat, please call me anytime.

With appreciation, **Bob 954-801-1758**



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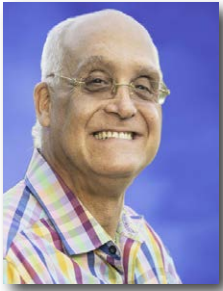
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SOUTHWEST RANCHES



A MESSAGE FROM

Council Member
David S.

Kuczenski, Esq.

Howdy Ranchers,

The Month of July has arrived. The seventh month of the year features many days of recognition and my favorite holiday, the Fourth of July. We also recognize National Barbequed Spare Ribs Day (7/4), National Bikini Day (7/5), National Fried Chicken Day (7/6), National Father Daughter Take A Walk Day (7/7), All American Pet Photo Day (7/11), National I Love Horses Day (7/15), National Mango Day (7/22) and National Mutt Day (7/31).

FIREWORKS ARE PERMITTED ONLY ON JULY 4.



Some of our veterans who served in combat now suffer from PTSD, similarly most animals experience anxiety from the loud noises associated with large exploding fireworks. Over the years, I have been sent photographs of horses who were so scared by the loud fireworks that they sustained fatal injuries while inside the paddock. Our Town has an ordinance that makes it a code violation for using fireworks on any day other than the state approved days. From an equestrian perspective, owners or stable hands must administer one of a few different medications to calm their horses. The medications often used to calm

horses include trazadone, acepromazine or sedavet. Trazadone pills *usually need time to build up in the system, and this medication takes several hours for the calming medication to take effect.* With acepromazine or sedavet, *the reaction time is usually shorter but must be administered long before the loud noises begin.* Additionally, these medications must be administered in the stall or in a quiet environment to have the maximum effect. Finally, none of these calming medications will work if the horse is already scared. Many horses are terrified by the loud booms. This is why just allowing fireworks at any time presents a problem in our Town. If our neighbors who house horses feel the Town is not sufficiently protecting their investments, they will simply move and sell their property to a developer. We cannot be a "Ranches" community if we no longer protect and promote our equestrian roots. Therefore, we adopted an ordinance that makes it a violation for a property owner to allow fireworks on any day other than these three days.

On July 4, our republic celebrates the day our colonies declared our independence from Great Britain. That Declaration, memorialized in the Declaration of Independence contains this one statement that has endured through the ages proclaims:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

Over the last 250 years, those foundational words have driven a continuous journey to ensure justice, liberty, and self-governance for all. From a collection of 13 colonies, our republic has grown into a global leader in innovation, culture, and democratic resilience.

The story of the United States began on July 4, 1776 when the Continental Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence, severing ties with Great Britain and establishing a new nation rooted in self-governance. Penned primarily by Thomas Jefferson, the document boldly declared that "all men are document built on the powerful, radical idea that all men are created equal" and endowed with unalienable rights, including "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." This document functioned as a revolutionary blueprint for democratic governance. These words declare that everyone, not just those of wealth or status, is created equal. The words do not exclude they include. By asserting that governments derive their just powers from the "consent of the governed," the Founders established a foundational principle that would eventually inspire liberation movements across the globe.

As our country embarks on its next chapter, the 250th anniversary goes beyond a simple retrospective. It serves as a call to action for local leaders and everyday citizens to shape a vision for the future. Whether through preserving civil liberties, investing in youth, or advancing technology, the nation remains dedicated to the continuing pursuit of "a more perfect union." In the next few months, I will be writing to explain how the proposed property tax amendment will drastically adversely affect our Town. Approximately ninety percent of the homes in our Town are privately owned properties with homestead protection. Lowering the amount residents pay for Town services will not happen without consequences.

As your Council Member from District 4, my goal is 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 also strive to return all phone calls within 24 to 48 hours. My cell phone is 305-815-0990. If you have questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me. It has been an honor to serve you on the Council.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS



TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES PHOTO CONTEST

Let your creativity take flight and share the beauty of Southwest Ranches through your camera or phone. This year's theme, "Wings Over Southwest Ranches," invites you to showcase everything that makes our community special:

A few examples.

Animals we love, Summer fun, Town events, Joyful moments in our community, Stunning sunsets, Eye-catching landscapes, Vibrant gardens in bloom.
"What the Town of Southwest Ranches means to you."

RULES

- No previous photos will be accepted
- Photos must be at least 8.5 x 11 (landscape) - 300 DPI resolution
- All entries must be submitted with entry form and a short caption for the photo
- Photos must be taken in Southwest Ranches

Submission Deadline September 9th, 2026

Submit your best photo for a chance to be featured in the Town's 2026-27 Calendar.

Email photo to: Skutz@southwestranches.org along with any questions.



TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST ENTRY FORM

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

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ CELL: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

CAPTION FOR PHOTO: _____

I UNDERSTAND, ACKNOWLEDGE, AND AGREE THAT THE SUBMISSION OF PHOTOGRAPHS 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 continuings 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) _____



WINGS OVER THE RANCHES

Wings Over the Ranches: Birding Tours

"Where Nature Takes Flight—Right in Your Backyard"

Southwest Ranches sits on the edge of the Everglades, one of the most biodiverse ecosystems in North America. Our Town is a part of the seasonal corridor used by migratory birds and is a year-round home for native species.

Join Council Member Bob Hartmann for tours designed to highlight the ecological richness of our parks and provide a first-hand look at the multiple species visiting or calling Southwest Ranches Home. Bob is a seasoned Audubon birding expert with decades of experience leading tours across Florida's wetlands. Bob blends storytelling, science, and humor to make every walk memorable.

Each tour spans a variety of park terrains — from walkways to marsh trails — so be sure to wear sturdy footwear and don't forget the bug spray! For details, please visit <https://www.southwestranches.org/departments/parks-recreation-and-open-space/birding/>

When: Saturdays, 8:00 AM – 10:30 AM

• **Aug 15, 2026 Southwest Meadows Sanctuary & Calusa Corners (Park here) 4701 Hawks Bluff Avenue**

• **Cost:** Free with registration. Use this link to sign up: www.southwestranches.org/wings-over-the-ranches-application

• **Group Size:** Limited to 15 participants, 18 years and up, per tour

• **What to Bring:** Binoculars, water, sun protection, and curiosity!



"FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 BUDGET"



"BUDGET WORKSHOPS AND BUDGET HEARINGS"

The following publicly held Budget workshop/meetings will be in Council Chambers.

Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at 7PM

- Budget Workshop on Proposed Budget

Thursday, September 10, 2026 at 6PM (Tentative)

- First Public Hearing for Tentative Millage (via resolution) and
- Budget Adoption for FY 2026-2027 (via ordinance – First Reading)
- Final Fire Protection and Solid Waste special assessment adoption (via resolution)

Thursday, September 24, 2026 at 6PM

- Second Public Hearing for Final Millage (via resolution) and
- Budget Adoption for FY 2026-2027 (via ordinance – Second Reading)

"HOW TO DO BUSINESS WITH THE TOWN"

The Town welcomes participation from all vendors qualified to do business with the Town.

Please visit the Procurement page on the Town's website and complete the Vendor Application.



RANCHES ROUNDUP

"Cultivating Our Agricultural Community"

by Isabel McNulty, Agriculture Liaison

As part of Southwest Ranches' continued commitment to pre-serving our rural lifestyle, this regular agricultural column, "Ranches Roundup," is being created to connect residents with useful agricultural information, local resources, and educational topics that matter to our Town.

Each column will highlight agricultural subjects relevant to Southwest Ranches residents. Topics may include livestock and equine resources, local agricultural workshops/events, gardening and landscaping tips, invasive species and wildlife management ideas, seasonal updates, emergency preparedness for animals, and other issues affecting agriculture in our community.

The goal of Ranches Roundup is not only to share information, but also to create an ongoing resource that reflects the interests and needs of our residents. We encourage you to participate! Future editions will continue to evolve based on resident feedback and suggestions.

Residents are welcome to submit questions, recommend topics, share local agricultural news, or suggest resources and events that may benefit the community. Whether you are a longtime ranch owner, hobby farmer, gardener, or simply interested in preserving the rural character of Southwest Ranches, your input is valued and appreciated.

It's a joy and privilege to serve as your Agricultural Liaison! As always, please feel free to contact me at 954-358-2550 or imcnulty@southwestranches.org.



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





- **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://southwestranches.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://southwestranches.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 rley@swranches.org.

Source: Broward County Flood News, Summer 2018, Volume 24, Issue 1

BE AN INVADER DETECTOR: USING CITIZEN SCIENCE TO HELP TRACK INVASIVE ASIAN SWAMP EELS



University of Florida researchers are urging South Florida citizens to help stop the spread of an invasive fish now secretly moving through canals, marshes, ponds, and wetlands across the region's most vulnerable environments.

Residents, and outdoor enthusiasts in western Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-

Dade counties are asked to report sightings of the Asian swamp eel or white eel, scientifically known as *Monopterus albus/javanensis*. Asian swamp eels are difficult to find, and that's why the public's help is needed.

Native to East and Southeast Asia, Asian swamp eels were first detected in the United States in the 1990s and later observed in the Florida Everglades in 2007. Since then, they have established multiple populations across South Florida, raising concern among natural resource managers about their impact on native ecosystems as this species preys on and competes with native wildlife, with evidence suggesting declines in crayfish and amphibians in some areas, raising concern over how invasive species like these will interact with the Everglades restoration. If we get the water right, but can't control invasive species, have we really restored the Everglades?

Part of what makes Asian swamp eels so challenging is how well they adapt to South Florida's environment. They can breathe air, survive in low-oxygen conditions, and persist through wet and dry seasons by burrowing into mud. They're mostly nocturnal and their secretive behavior also makes them difficult to detect. While researchers have developed new tools, including environmental DNA techniques that can detect the species in water samples, those methods cannot cover every canal and wetland. That gap is where the public plays a critical role. Previous outreach campaigns showed just how powerful citizen science can be. People who live, work and spend time



outdoors in these areas are the best eyes on the ground.

Anyone who spots an eel-like fish in canals, wetlands or marshy areas is encouraged to report it immediately by calling

1-888-IVE-GOT1 (1-800-483-4681) or email

ExoticReports@myFWC.com

These reports help scientists track the species' spread, prioritize response efforts and better understand its impact on South Florida ecosystems.



Disability Pride Month

July marks the start of Disability Pride Month, a time to celebrate the achievements of individuals with disabilities and commemorate the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act on July 26, 1990. As a former special education teacher, I was proud to support individuals with disabilities this session

by sponsoring a \$2 million appropriation and cosponsoring several bills that strengthen services and promote accessibility.

I am pleased to share that I secured \$2 million in the state budget for **Villages of South Florida Autism**, a new assisted living facility for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The project is now headed to the Governor's desk for approval and is subject to a line-item veto.

Improving communication between individuals with disabilities and law enforcement is a key priority. **HB 365** establishes Florida's Blue Envelope Program, which alerts officers that a driver may have autism and offers communication guidance to improve safety and understanding.

Medicaid access continues to be a critical issue for individuals with disabilities. **HB 915** allows higher income and asset limits for employed adults with developmental disabilities enrolled in a Medicaid home and community-based services waiver while preserving Medicaid eligibility.

Disability Pride Month reminds us to celebrate inclusivity and

advance policies that expand opportunity and accessibility. For those seeking support, resources are available.

- Agency for Persons with Disabilities: apd.myflorida.com - (850) 488-4257
 - o Provides services for individuals with developmental disabilities. Individuals must apply through APD to be placed on the iBudget Waiver pre-enrollment list.
- The Advocacy Network on Disabilities: advocacynetwork.org - (305) 596-1160
 - o Coordinates and provides services for individuals with disabilities, including seminars and workshops.
- Disability Rights Florida: disabilityrightsflorida.org - (800) 342-0823
 - o Protects and advances the legal rights of individuals with disabilities.
- Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD): centerforautism.com - (469) 694-1754
 - o Provides applied behavior analysis treatment for individuals with autism.
- Florida Diagnostic & Learning Resources System: fdlrs.org - (305) 274-3501
 - o Offers support services and training to help students with disabilities.

It is an honor to serve you, and we are here to assist with any issues or concerns. Feel free to contact me anytime at **Robin Bartleman@flhouse.gov**, our office at (954) 872-1770, or on my personal cell at (954) 668-3662.



ZERO WASTE PLAN

ONLINE TOWN HALL MEETING

Help Shape the Future of Waste Reduction in Southwest Ranches

The Town of Southwest Ranches is developing a Zero Waste Plan and invites residents to help shape the future of waste reduction, recycling, and composting in our community.

Join us for an interactive online Town Hall Meeting to learn about the process, review preliminary strategies, and share your ideas and feedback.

**July 14, 2026**

**7:00 PM - 8:30 PM**

**Online via Zoom**

**Advance Registration Required**

WHAT TO EXPECT

- ✓ Learn about the Town's Zero Waste Initiative
- ✓ Review current recycling and composting programs
- ✓ Share ideas for reducing waste in our community
- ✓ Help shape future sustainability strategies
- ✓ Participate in an interactive discussion

Your voice matters. Join the discussion.

REGISTER TODAY



 tinyurl.com/ZeroWasteTownHall

After registering, participants will receive a confirmation email with information on joining the meeting.



**Town Hall**
13400 Griffin Road
Southwest Ranches, FL, 33330

**954-434-0008**

 www.southwestranches.org



TRASH TALK:

ZERO WASTE ADVISORY BOARD EDITION



- District Recycling Contest - keep up the good work.
- WM Recycling Center Tour scheduled for July 7th at 5pm. Please call Dan at Town Hall to sign up.
- The Board's work is well under way with the Zero Waste Consultants.
- Town's Zero Waste Plan Online Town Hall Meeting on July 14th at 7pm.
- To keep up to date on the board's work and events look for our Zero Waste Advisory Board tile on the Town's Website or scan the QR code here. ➔





FORESTRY AND NATURAL RESOURCES



Bring Back The Pollinators: Part 4 - Spread The Word

(<https://xerces.org/bring-back-the-pollinators/spread-the-word>)



WHY COMMUNITY MATTERS AND WHAT YOU CAN DO

One patch of habitat absolutely makes a difference, but imagine the difference if more people take action. There are many different ways to spread the word, from talking to friends to sharing information online to organizing events. The larger our pollinator conservation community, the better! Research shows that habitat in even one small yard supports pollinators. But if more yards, parks, and gardens throughout a community contain pollinator habitat, this impact is amplified across the landscape. Numerous nearby habitat patches allow bees and butterflies to move throughout urban and suburban areas, can connect to nearby natural areas, and increase the overall amount of habitat in the landscape.



Talk to the people around you.

Share on social media. Share our pre-made graphics and caption suggestions on social media to spread the word about what you are doing to help bring back the pollinators.



Engage with your friends and neighbors about why you have a pollinator garden. Let them see the joy it brings you!



Add a yard sign.

Signs are an easy way to explain what makes your space a special habitat for wildlife. Add a Pollinator Habitat, Leave the Leaves, or Pesticide Free sign to your yard, or create your own!



Share your excitement for pollinators.

Share information about pollinators on social media, such as pollinator-friendly plants or conservation events. Repost items from trustworthy organizations or experts. Xerces webinars and the Bug Banter podcast are great resources!



Get involved with your community.

Bring pollinator gardening to your community! You can form a pollinator gardening club, table at local farmers markets or events, write letters to local newsletters, organize garden tours, or join a city advisory group. If you have a neighborhood association or live in an HOA, consider working with the organization to promote pollinator gardening.



Organize together for a bigger impact.

Advocate for your town to become a Bee City USA affiliate, or for your college to become a Bee Campus! Affiliates make commitments to conserve native pollinators, reduce pesticide use, and host outreach events.



BRIEF LEGISLATION FROM THE MAY 28, 2026 TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR

MEETING

- Adopted Ordinance 2026-007 Rezoning Approximately 59 Acres From A-1 Agricultural Estate District to US Highway 27 Planned Business District.
- Adopted Ordinance 2026-008 amending the Future Land Use Map of the Town Comprehensive Plan by Changing the Designation of Approximately 59 Acres from Agricultural to US Highway 27 Business.
- Adopted Resolution 2026-042 approving an Agreement with the City of Pembroke Pines for Water Services for US 27 Highway Business District.
- Adopted Resolution 2026-043 approving an Interlocal Agreement with Broward County for Joint Participation in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES).
- Adopted Resolution 2026-044 Releasing the Restrictive Covenant on the Northern Approximately 20.59-Gross-Acres of Land Generally Located Off of Sheridan Street Between SW 185th Way and SW 190th Avenue that Restricts the Parcel to Public School/Educational Facility.

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.



MARTY KIAR

BROWARD COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER



IMPORTANT NEWS FOR NEW HOMEOWNERS

When buying/acquiring real estate, do not assume the property taxes will remain the same as the current owner's taxes. Under Florida law, a change in ownership requires the property to be reassessed at current full market value the year following the change of ownership OR if a Homestead Exemption is added/removed from the property. This reassessment could result in higher property taxes for the new owner than what the seller was paying. Please use our Tax Estimator available online to approximate your new property taxes based on the reassessed value.

If you are moving to a new home and have held a Homestead Exemption anywhere within Florida during the past three tax years, you may be eligible to transfer your Save Our Homes (SOH) benefit to your new home to help lower the property's assessed value and subsequent taxes. The Portability Estimator available online helps you approximate what your new property taxes will be using any portability you may be transferring from another property.

To use our Tax Estimator and Portability Estimator, please visit web.bcpa.net and click on "Online Tools".

The Property Appraiser does not set or collect taxes. Tax rates/fees are set by individual taxing authorities each year based on their budgetary needs. All property tax billing and collecting is handled by the Broward County Tax Collector's Office. Should you have any questions regarding payment of taxes, please visit their website at browardtax.org or contact them directly at (954) 357-4829 or revenue@browardtax.org.

Homestead Exemption and Portability save eligible property owners thousands of dollars each year. For information on all tax-saving exemptions including Homestead Exemption and the Limited-Income Senior Exemption, please visit our website at web.bcpa.net and click on "Exemptions & Classifications".

The absolute deadline to apply for any 2026 exemption is September 18, 2026.

If my office can ever be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at martykiar@bcpa.net.

Take care,

Marty Kiar

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POLICE CORNER:

Keeping Our Community Safe

On Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 2:59 PM, Officer Xan Bradford was working the C-Shift hours in Southwest Ranches, FL. While patrolling around SW 209th Avenue and Griffin Road, he saw a blue Dodge Dakota that matched the description of a Be on Look Out bulletin given by the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) for a stolen vehicle that occurred in Pompano Beach, Florida. Officer Bradford immediately jumped into action and requested back-up to stop the vehicle. Officer Bradford and other officers conducted a high-risk traffic stop and detained the driver. Officers found out the driver was wanted for the stolen vehicle incident and had an active felony warrant, so they arrested the driver.

Officer Bradford is also a Town of Southwest Ranches' native and takes the safety of his hometown very seriously. Officer Bradford's quick thinking and attention to detail removed a violent criminal from the streets, and for that the Town of Southwest Ranches is extremely grateful.

Carlos Grave de Peralta
Police Civilian Coordinator
Town of Southwest Ranches



PHOTO BY: Veronica Coll -
"At Maddalena Equestrian we
love to see our riders smile."

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BULK ZONE 9			BULK ZONE 10		BULK ZONE 11	
5 • SWR Parks Foundation - Town Hall 7pm • Country Estates HOA Meeting - Grace Baptist Church 19200 Griffin Rd. 7pm	6 • CODE HEARING Town Hall 9am • BCPA Office - Town Hall 10:30 - 12:30pm • WM Recycling Tour - 1285 SW 208th Ave. Pembroke Pines 5 - 7pm	7 • Zero Waste Broward Task Force Meeting - Town Hall 7pm	8	9	10	11 HHW Event 8-2 pm Document Shredding 8-2pm Drug Drop Off 10-2pm Rolling Oaks Barn 17630 SW 56th St. • Farmers' Market 16290 Griffin Rd. 10 - 3pm
BULK ZONE 1		BULK ZONE 2		BULK ZONE 3		BULK ZONE 6
12	13	14 • Zero Waste Plan Meeting Online via ZOOM 7-8:30 pm advanced registration required	15	16 • Comprehensive Plan Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7pm	17	18 • Farmers' Market 16290 Griffin Rd. 10 - 3pm
BULK ZONE 7		BULK ZONE 8		BULK ZONE 9		BULK ZONE 12
19	20	21 • Drainage & Infrastructure Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7pm	22 • Flamingo Greenway Public Workshop - Town Hall 5:30pm	23 • TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - Town Hall 7pm	24	25 • Farmers' Market 16290 Griffin Rd. 10 - 3pm
BULK ZONE 1		BULK ZONE 2		BULK ZONE 3		BULK ZONE 6
26	27	28 • Rolling Oaks Civic Association Meeting - Rolling Oaks Barn 17630 SW 56th St 7pm	29 • DMV FLOW - Town Hall 10 - 2pm <u>appointment only</u> • Sunshine Ranches HOA ZOOM 7 - 9pm	30	31	
BULK ZONE 7		BULK ZONE 8		BULK ZONE 9		BULK ZONE 11



BE READY BEFORE THE STORM ARRIVES



TAKE TIME TO REVIEW
YOUR EMERGENCY PLANS.



ASSEMBLE YOUR
SUPPLY KITS.



DOCUMENT YOUR PROPERTY
AND BELONGINGS.



PREPARING AHEAD OF A STORM
CAN MAKE A CRITICAL DIFFERENCE
WHEN SEVERE WEATHER IMPACTS
OUR AREA.



A MESSAGE FROM
CHIEF BENNETT
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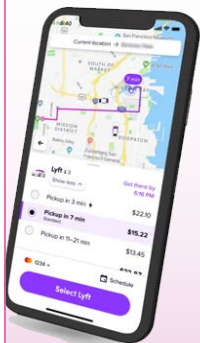
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Empowered Partners Transportation Program



Through our partnership with United Way in the Empowered Partners program, eligible older adults can be connected to transportation services through Lyft at no cost to them, for rides up to \$50 roundtrip. Older adults can attend medical appointments, social activities, and other essential engagements.

As an agency, we can schedule rides for older adults in advance (concierge) or provide them with a unique code for rides to use on their own Lyft app.

To be eligible, the older adult must be 60 years of age and older, resident of Broward County, and experiencing a transportation barrier that limits their ability to travel freely in their own vehicle.

For more information call 954.745.9779 or go to www.adrcbroward.org/transportation-resources



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE, ELECTRONICS & BULK DROP OFF EVENT

**Saturday July 11, 2026
8:00am - 2:00pm**

Rolling Oaks Barn

17630 SW 56 Street, Southwest Ranches, FL 33331

Document shredding from 8am-2pm
Prescription drug drop off 10am-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: Home and Vehicle
Batteries
BBQ & Camp Size Propane
Cleaners
Fluorescent Tubes/Bulbs
Garden Chemicals
Paint: Latex and Oil Based
Pesticides
Pool Chlorine
Tires (Up to 4 per household,
no rims)
Used Oil and Filters

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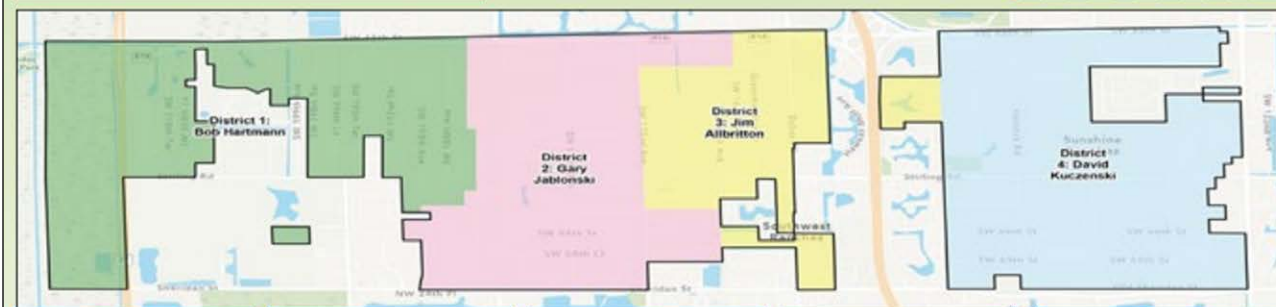
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