

SOUTHWEST RANCHER

The Official Town Newsletter

Happy Father's Day

**Being ready today can make
all the difference tomorrow.**

Hurricane Preparedness

GUIDE

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IN TOUCH

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LOST AND FOUND ANIMALS	(754) 224-0877

PUBLIC SAFETY

EMERGENCY	911
Non-Emergency	(954) 764-4357 (HELP)
Davie Police Department	(954) 693-8200
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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
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www.centralbrowardwcd.org

www.sbddd.org

The newsletter is mailed to approximately 2,800 residents, with additional copies available at Town Hall.

A MESSAGE FROM



Mayor
Steve Breitkreuz

As you are probably aware, I have been our representative at the Broward Solid Waste Authority over the last 2 and a half years. Over this time period, the SWA has provided direction to our consultants on how we would like to see our waste handled over the next 40 years. Waste handling is far from a glorious task, but it is a critical one to every community. However, it was exceptionally important to our Town because one of the proposed incinerator plant locations was in our backyard.

Currently the county generates over 5 million tons of garbage every year. That comes down to 20,000 pounds every minute. And unfortunately, we recycle only a small portion of that waste. At this point it is about 38%. The State goal is 75%. But the important point is that every time we throw something away rather than recycle it, we are taking up critical space in a landfill or we are burning it. Neither is a good solution.

So, this new Master Plan promotes the use of state-of-the-art recycling facilities, one of which was just recently opened by WM. Also, we will continue our composting plan in Town. While there is a modest annual cost, of about \$3.00 per household to support the efforts of the SWA, by combining our purchasing strength with nearly all of the municipalities here in the County, I expect that we will see an overall decrease in our annual cost, which will be reflected in a decrease in your annual waste assessment. And, in addition to this, the plan does not include any new incineration plants as previously proposed.

However, we are at a critical juncture in the plan. The plan is now complete but it needs to be approved by the 28 municipalities that would constitute 80% of the population within the 28 municipalities that signed on to develop this plan. So, we are in the process of obtaining that approval from each of the municipalities. I am proud to say that Southwest Ranches was one of the first to approve this Master Plan and the related Facilities Amendment. So, we are working with other municipalities so that they can realize these benefits as well and vote in favor of adopting this plan going forward.

It is exciting to see what was once just a vision, become a reality. I will continue to keep you posted on our progress. I am hopeful that by this summer all will be approved and I will be sharing with you the initial steps associated with implementation of the plan.

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

Mayor Steve Breitkreuz – 954-296-6018; sbreitkreuz@southwestranches.org; X@SteveBreitkreuz

**SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
OF BROWARD COUNTY**

Post Copy:

Small actions can make a BIG impact. Join the movement and take the pledge to reduce waste, recycle



Take the Pledge

As a resident or business owner in Broward County, I pledge to:

1. Create less waste in my daily life
2. Recycle correctly
3. Reuse and repurpose as many items as possible
4. Support the work the Authority is doing to decrease our dependency on the landfill and waste-to-energy facility

Working together, we can:

- Stop 62% of our waste from ever reaching the landfill or waste-to-energy facility
- Increase our recycling rate
- Stabilize the long-term cost of processing and disposing of our waste



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.



A MESSAGE FROM



Vice Mayor
Gary Jablonski

A QUICK CORRECTION & IMPORTANT COMMUNITY UPDATES

First, I'd like to offer a sincere apology for an oversight in my previous article regarding bulk pickup of "white goods." While residents can put out old refrigerators and freezers, **the Freon must be removed by a licensed professional first.** A notice must be clearly marked on the item stating that the coolant has been

removed before it is picked up.

Moving on, I want to highlight several valuable services provided by the Davie Police Department and our Town Hall—many of which are free for our residents.

DAVIE POLICE DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS

- **Vacation Watch:** Planning a trip? You can request a Vacation Watch via the Town of Davie website at least three days before you leave. You'll provide details like your travel dates, vehicles on-site, and house sitter info. You can even choose the level of service, from a simple drive-by to a check of doors and windows. An officer will email you a status update (usually once per shift), giving you peace of mind three times a day.
- **Welfare Checks:** If you are concerned about a local family member, you can request that the Davie Police conduct a welfare check to ensure they are safe.
- **Security Details:** For those needing a dedicated presence, police offer hired security details. This service requires a four-hour minimum and has an associated cost. Since officers work there on their own time, please contact the department directly to check availability.
- **SaferWatch App:** Download the free **SaferWatch** app (available on App Store and Google Play) to report non-emergency incidents directly to Davie Dispatch. Most requests are addressed within 15 minutes. You can choose to remain anonymous or speak with responding officers. **Note: Always dial 911 for life-threatening emergencies.** The app also sends alerts for road closures and dangerous conditions.

STAY CONNECTED WITH THE TOWN

- **Southwest Rancher** is the official Town Newsletter mailed monthly to every residential address in Town at no charge. If you presently are not receiving the newsletter, please contact Town Hall to make sure you are on the mailing list.
- Please make sure Town Hall has your email address. Again, at no charge to you, Town Talk sends out Town News and event notifications.
- **HQE Emergency Notifications** – Sign up for urgent notifications including hurricane updates, road closures, and other emergency notifications via your choice of phone call, text message, or email.
- Our town website provides a hub for resident resources and information to stay updated on future events. You can also follow the Town of Southwest Ranches on **Facebook, Instagram, and X.**
- **YouTube:** The Southwest Ranches YouTube channel enables one to watch live Town Meetings or catch up on previous ones.

It is my sincere desire to improve communications with our residents. As always, it is my privilege to serve you, **Gary**



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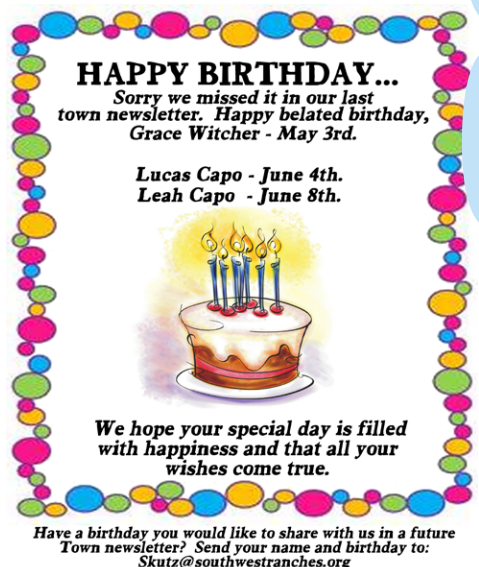
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A MESSAGE FROM



Council Member
Jim Allbritton

GOOD DAY SOUTHWEST RANCHES

As I write this article, we have not yet held our first Southwest Ranches Veterans Social Café, but I am anticipating a great turnout. I will keep you updated.

I would like to thank the Town of Davie for bringing the Vietnam Traveling Wall Memorial to the Davie Rodeo Arena the weekend of April 24 through April 27. Having served in Vietnam, visiting the wall was a very moving and meaningful experience for me.



I would also like to congratulate District #3—my district—for being the first to be recognized by the Town's Zero Waste Advisory Board as the top recycling district for the first quarter of 2026. I encourage all residents, across all four districts, to continue recycling. The more we recycle, the less waste ends up in landfills or incinerators.

Street repaving in District #3 is scheduled to begin soon. Please be patient as construction progresses and crews work to improve our roadways.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me at jallbritton@southwestranches.org or by phone at 305-903-7043.

14TH ANNUAL 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

- Animals we love
- Stunning sunsets
- Summer fun
- Eye-catching landscapes
- Town events
- Vibrant gardens in bloom
- Joyful moments in our community and more.

We want to see what Southwest Ranches means to you.

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

Submission Deadline: September 9th, 2026
Email photo to: Skutz@southwestranches.org



ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

Below is the annual volume of office paper recycled:

	Pounds	Tons	Date	Attendees
	5,700	2.85	4/11/26	45
Business Name:	Town of Southwest Ranches			
Address:	17630 SW 56 St Southwest Ranches, FL 33331			
Trees Saved:	48.45			
Water Saved:	19950			
Oil Saved:	1319.55			
Landfill Space:	8.55			

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

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.

A MESSAGE FROM



**Council Member
David S. Kuczenski, ESQ.**

Howdy Ranchers,

The Month of June has arrived. We are already six months into 2026 as we transition into the traditional summer months. June also brings us the Summer Solstice. This

astronomical event marks the longest day and shortest night of the year, signaling the official start of summer, when the Earth's North Pole reaches its maximum tilt toward the sun. June also brings Alzheimer's Awareness Month, many weddings, Father's Day, Flag Day, Gun Violence Awareness Day, World Sea Turtle Day, and Pride Month. June is recognized as Immigrant Heritage Month, Caribbean-American Heritage Month, Men's Health Month, and Great Outdoors Month.

In late 2023, the Zero Waste Advisory Board was created. As the name implies, this advisory board is tasked with recommending and promoting policies to reduce disposing recyclable items in the landfill, and encourage accurate and meaningful recycling. The main rationale behind creating this board was to oppose a suggestion from Broward County to build an incinerator on Sheridan Street around 205th Ave.

Recently, we approved a Zero Waste Consulting firm, Abbe & Associates, who demonstrated experience in Zero Waste. The Board had its initial meeting with the consulting firm on May 5th. During that meeting many plans were discussed. The most immediate discussion centered on input from our residents; this means you who are reading my article.

The overall goal is not simply to increase recycling, but to better understand how our community currently manages materials and where opportunities exist to reduce waste, improve diversion, expand composting, and encourage more sustainable behaviors.

The Zero Waste Advisory Board and the Town's consultants, Abbe & Associates, are working through a community planning process that includes:

- Advisory Board planning assessments and community checklists
- Stakeholder outreach and listening sessions
- Resident surveys and public feedback opportunities
- Town Council workshops and policy discussions

In July, the Town will host its first of many meetings to seek Town resident input. The July Town Hall session is expected to highlight:

- What residents believe is currently working well;
- Challenges or gaps in recycling and waste reduction services;
- Barriers to composting, recycling correctly, and reducing contamination;
- Ideas for improving education, participation, and accessibility;
- Opportunities for new programs, partnerships, and community initiatives.

Stakeholder engagement will include input from Town leadership, residents, businesses, schools, environmental groups, religious institutions, waste service providers, and potentially agricultural operations and youth volunteers.

A major focus of the initiative is community education and behavior change. Zero Waste is not just about disposal systems — it's about creating a culture where reducing waste, reusing materials, composting organics, and recycling properly become part of everyday community practices.

The process is expected to continue over the next several months, with monthly working meetings held during the Zero Waste Advisory Board meetings, which typically occur on the first Tuesday of each month.

Reducing waste that ends up in the landfill is the ultimate goal. I urge everyone to keep an eye out for meeting information, attend and speak up. This is the future we have to work toward to keep our special place in the sun.

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

TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES



HURRICANE GUIDE

2026

Hurricane Season is June 1 – November 30

**PRE-RECORDED EMERGENCY MESSAGE FOR
SOUTHWEST RANCHES RESIDENTS: (954) 343-7455
Southwest Ranches Town Hall General Info: (954) 434-0008**



“Ready. Set. Safe.”

[Hurricane Preparedness Guide \(broward.org\)](https://www.broward.org/hurricane-preparedness-guide)

Before an emergency threatens, all Broward County residents should have a plan in place to help ensure their safety—especially those with disabilities or health conditions that may increase their risk during an emergency.

All residents should be prepared with basic necessities such as water, food, medications, and fuel in case electricity or communication services are disrupted for an extended period. If you are unable to prepare an emergency plan on your own, ask a family member or friend to assist you.

Before a weather emergency or other disaster strikes, it is important to know what actions to take and where you will go to remain safe. Having a plan in place ahead of time can make all the difference in protecting yourself and your loved ones.

HURRICANE TERMINOLOGY



HURRICANE TERMS & DEFINITIONS

TROPICAL CYCLONE – A warm-core, non-frontal storm system that forms over tropical or subtropical waters, with organized thunderstorms and a defined circulation center. It is powered by heat from warm ocean waters and differs from extratropical systems, which gain energy from temperature contrasts in the atmosphere.

TROPICAL DEPRESSION – A tropical cyclone with maximum sustained winds of **38 mph (33 knots) or less**.

TROPICAL STORM – A tropical cyclone with sustained winds of **39–73 mph (34–63 knots)**.

HURRICANE – A tropical cyclone with sustained winds of **74 mph (64 knots) or higher**.

MAJOR HURRICANE – A hurricane with sustained winds of **111 mph (96 knots) or higher**, classified as **Category 3, 4, or 5** on the Saffir-Simpson Scale.

EYEWALL – A ring of intense thunderstorms surrounding the center (eye) of the storm, where the strongest winds and heaviest rain occur.

STORM SURGE – An abnormal rise in sea level caused by storm winds pushing water toward shore, often leading to severe coastal flooding.

EXTREME WIND WARNING – Issued when **sustained winds of 115 mph or greater** are expected within one hour.

TROPICAL STORM WATCH – Tropical storm conditions are **possible** within **48 hours**.

TROPICAL STORM WARNING – Tropical storm conditions are **expected** within **36 hours or less**.

HURRICANE WATCH – Hurricane conditions are **possible** within **48 hours**.

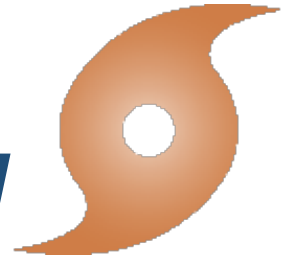
HURRICANE WARNING – Hurricane conditions are **expected** within **36 hours or less**. All precautions should be completed immediately.

Category	Wind Speed (mph)	Damage
1	74 - 95	Very dangerous winds will produce some damage
2	96 - 110	Extremely dangerous winds will cause extensive damage
3	111 - 129	Devastating damage will occur
4	130 - 156	Catastrophic damage will occur
5	> 156	Catastrophic damage will occur

A detailed description of the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale is available at <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/aboutsshws.p>



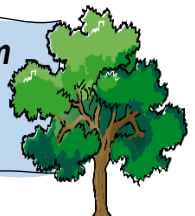
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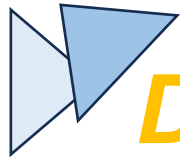


- Develop a hurricane preparedness plan for your household.
- Charge all cell phones and backup batteries.
- Fill all vehicles with gasoline.
- Store important documents in sealed, waterproof containers.
- For insurance purposes, create a written and visual record of your assets.
- Take current photos of your home's interior, exterior, and outdoor property.
- Make arrangements for all family pets and livestock.
- Identify in advance where you and your family will go if an evacuation order is issued.
- Ensure all necessary medications and medical supplies are readily available, including:
 - Prescription and over-the-counter medications
 - Oxygen
 - Insulin
 - Any other medical supplies required by household members

- ***Do not place bulk items curbside when a storm is imminent. Loose materials can become dangerous projectiles, causing damage to property and risking injury to people and animals.***
- ***Know your area's hurricane risk. Sign up for the Town's emergency alert system: HQE Emergency Alert System – SWRanches.sircom.org/public.***
- ***If you are in a flood-prone area, stay alert for warning signs such as heavy or sustained rainfall.***
- ***Identify a safe shelter location in advance. The safest option is a FEMA-approved safe room. If unavailable, use a small, interior, windowless room on the lowest level of a sturdy building that is not prone to flooding.***
- ***Know your evacuation zone, evacuation routes, and nearby shelter locations. Prepare supplies for at least three days, including medications and essential items for each household member and pets.***
- ***Plan ahead if you may need assistance evacuating or require public transportation.***
- ***Safeguard important documents by storing them in a secure, waterproof location or creating password-protected digital copies.***
- ***Protect your property: clear drains and gutters, install check valves to prevent plumbing backups, consider installing hurricane shutters, and review your insurance coverage.***
- ***Check batteries and stock up on essentials, including non-perishable food, drinking water, first aid supplies, and medications.***
- ***Keep an emergency supply of cash on hand.***
- ***Fuel and service all family vehicles in advance of a storm.***
- ***Be prepared to live without power, water, gas, phone, and internet services for an extended period.***

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





DURING THE STORM



- Stay indoors in a secure location or designated “safe room.”

The strongest part of a home is typically away from windows and exterior doors.

- Reduce water intrusion.

Place towels along windowsills and at the base of exterior doors to help prevent water from entering.

- Use safe lighting.

Use flashlights only. Do not use candles or kerosene lamps due to fire risk.

- Protect valuables.

If flooding occurs, move valuables to tabletops or higher surfaces.

- Be alert for tornadoes.

Tornadoes can develop during hurricanes. Monitor local radio or official alerts. If a tornado warning is issued, take cover immediately in an interior hallway or safe room.

- Do not go outside.

Remain indoors until officials confirm it is safe. The calm period during the eye of the storm can be misleading and dangerous.

- Take protective cover if needed.

If structural damage occurs, protect yourself with a mattress. If sheltering in a bathroom, use the bathtub and cover yourself with a mattress.

- Limit phone use.

Use telephones for emergency calls only to keep lines available for first responders.

AFTER THE STORM



Stay Safe

- ✓ Assume all downed power lines are energized. Stay away and call 911.
- ✓ Avoid standing water—it may conceal live wires, hazardous debris, or wildlife.
- ✓ Do not venture out at night.
- ✓ Traffic signals and signs may be down. Drive only if necessary and treat all intersections as four-way stops.
- ✓ Separate vegetation debris from structural debris.
- ✓ Place debris away from mailboxes, power poles, and utility boxes.
- ✓ Do not block fire wells or hydrants.
- ✓ Place all trash in front of your residence for collection.
- ✓ Do not leave trash in the street—it is a safety hazard.
- ✓ Check the Town of Southwest Ranches website, social media, emergency notifications, message boards, and pre-recorded messages for debris pickup updates.
- ✓ **Note:** Government-funded debris removal does not apply to commercial properties, plant nurseries, or vacant lots.
- ✓ Document all damage with photos. Make temporary repairs to prevent further damage (e.g., cover roofs and windows with plastic). Keep all receipts and records for insurance purposes.
- ✓ Residents are responsible for removing downed trees on private property that do not block roadways or power lines.

A WORD ABOUT FLOOD INSURANCE

The Town of Southwest Ranches participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). To ascertain your flood risk, go to www.floodsmart.gov to find out if your property is at risk of flooding.

THE FEDERAL NFIP DOES NOT COVER HOMEOWNERS OR RENTERS! YOU MUST HAVE YOUR OWN INDIVIDUAL FLOOD INSURANCE POLICY. Standard homeowner's insurance policies do not cover losses due to floods.



PROTECT YOUR POOL

- Keep water in the pool as it will protect the pool's finish from sand and flying debris. You may lower the water level, but no more than one to two feet. Otherwise, hydrostatic pressure could cause the pool to pop out of the ground.
- Add extra chlorine to the water to prevent contamination.
- Turn off the power to the pool equipment.
- Remove the pool pump motor and store it indoors in a dry place or wrap the motor in a plastic material such as a garment bag and secure it tightly with tape or rope.
- Remove all loose items from the pool area (furniture, pool cleaning equipment, and potted plants).
- After the storm, reinstall the pump, return the water level to normal; clean pool thoroughly; balance the pH, super-chlorinate, and run the filter until the water is clean.



GENERATOR SAFETY TIPS:

Generators can be helpful during power outages, but they must be used with extreme caution. Improper use can lead to carbon monoxide poisoning, electric shock, fire, or even death.

- Hire a licensed electrician to install a permanent generator.
- Obtain all required permits before installation.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions at all times.
- Operate generators outdoors only, in a well-ventilated area—never inside a home, garage, or crawl space.
- Do not connect a generator directly to your home's wiring, as this can backfeed into power lines and cause serious hazards.
- Be aware of carbon monoxide risks: it is colorless and odorless. If you feel sick, dizzy, or weak, move to fresh air immediately.
- Install carbon monoxide detectors with battery backup in your home.
- Turn off and cool down the generator before refueling.



GENERAL POPULATION SHELTERS:

Fox Trail Elementary School, 1250 Nob Hill Rd., Davie 33324
West Broward High School, 500 NW 20th Ave., Pembroke Pines 33029
Gator Run Elementary School, 1101 Glades Parkway, Weston 33327
Panther Run Elementary School, 801 NW 172nd Ave., Pembroke Pines 33029



SHELTER OPTIONS FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS:

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

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



VULNERABLE POPULATION REGISTRY

This Registry is a joint partnership between municipalities and Broward County. All information provided will be held in strict confidence as required by state law.

WHAT IS IT? The Vulnerable Population Registry is a tool that municipalities can use to help evaluate residents' needs in their communities and assist in planning a response in an emergency. While registering in the database is not a guarantee that you will be provided services or placed on a priority list for responders, it will help responders be better prepared to meet your needs in a recovery. You only need to register once.

PRE-REGISTER: if you are at risk due to a disability, frailty, or health issue, regardless of age, you elect to stay at home in the event of a hurricane or other emergency. In advance, and before a storm threatens, **online at: [Broward.org/Registry](#), by calling the Broward County Call Center at 311 or (954) 831-4000 (TTY 954- 831-3940).**

CARING FOR OUR FOUR-LEGGED FAMILY MEMBERS



DESIGNATED PET-FRIENDLY SHELTERS:

Falcon Cove Middle School, 4251 Bonaventure Blvd. Weston, FL 33332
Everglades High School, 17100 SW 48th Court Miramar, FL 33027

PREPARE AHEAD OF TIME

- Contact your veterinarian for a list of preferred boarding kennels and facilities
- Identify hotels or motels outside of the evacuation area that accept pets
- Ask friends and relatives outside your immediate area if they would be willing to temporarily take your pet
- Although your animals may be more comfortable together, be prepared to house them separately
- Make sure your pet is treated for heartworm, fleas and is up-to-date on vaccinations
- Consider getting your pet microchipped
- Make sure that your dogs and cats are wearing collars with a Broward County pet license tag and identification

EMERGENCY PET KIT

- Just as you prepare an emergency kit for the people in your house, think about what your pet(s) will need in case you need to evacuate due to a hurricane.
- Current photos of your pet(s) in case they get lost
- Copies of pet medical records stored in a waterproof container

including information regarding any medical conditions, behavior problems and the name and number of your veterinarian

- Food and water bowls
- Two-week supply of food, water and medications
- Leashes and collars
- Feeding schedule(s)
- Puppy pee pads, paper towels, cleaning supplies and garbage bags. Your dog will not be able to go to the bathroom outside until the storm clears
- Litter box, scoop and extra litter for cats
- Crate or sturdy carrier

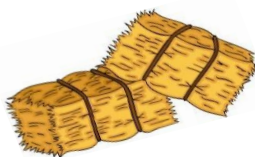
AFTER THE STORM

Your pet's behavior may change dramatically after a hurricane. For example, they may become aggressive or defensive. Also, pets may become disoriented, particularly if the disaster has affected scent markers that normally allow them to find their home.

Animal Care is dedicated to protecting Broward County residents and animals by providing animal services and community education through four pillars of service: community animal care, equitable services, public safety, and world-class shelter operations. For more information, call 954-359-1313 or visit Broward.org/Animal.

CARING FOR LARGE ANIMALS

- No one can guarantee where your animal will be safe. The decision is yours. If you cannot make your property safe because of the condition of the barn, trees, power lines, low lying land prone to flooding, or general condition of the neighboring properties, plan on evacuating your horse at least 48 hours before the storm.
- Review all tips provided and implement as many as possible.
- Remove or secure tools and loose objects.
- Board up barn windows.
- Whether you decide to keep your animals in the barn, the pasture, or trailer them out of the area, it is very important that you have them haltered, preferably with a leather halter, and have them well identified.
- Attach a fetlock or mare band to your animal with your contact information written in permanent ink on the band. Place the animal's identification and contact information on a waterproof luggage tag and braid it close to the base of the horse's tail.



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

Protect Yourself from Price Gouging

Following a natural disaster, residents may unfortunately encounter dishonest businesses or individuals seeking to profit from the misfortune of others. Florida has strong price gouging laws in place to protect residents and visitors from unfair pricing during and after a declared state of emergency.

Q: WHAT IS PRICE GOUGING?

Price Gouging is Illegal During a State of Emergency

Under Florida Statute 501.160, it is unlawful to rent, sell, or lease essential commodities, dwelling units, or self-storage facilities at an unconscionable price during a declared state of emergency.

A price is considered unconscionable if:

1. There is a significant difference between the price charged during the state of emergency and the average price in the 30 days prior; or
2. The price greatly exceeds the average price at which the same or similar item was available in the area during the 30 days before the emergency declaration.

Sellers may justify higher prices only if they can demonstrate increased costs or market-driven factors.



Q: HOW DO I AVOID BECOMING A VICTIM OF PRICE GOUGING?

Plan Ahead to Avoid Price Gouging

The best way to avoid price gouging is to prepare before a disaster occurs. Assemble a disaster preparedness kit with essential, non-perishable items such as batteries, generators, canned goods, and bottled water ahead of storm season.

Planning in advance not only reduces the risk of paying inflated prices, but also helps you avoid long lines and product shortages as a storm approaches—ensuring you have the supplies you need when it matters most.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS



Emergency: 911
Davie Police Department
non-emergency:

(954) 693-8200

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

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

Broward Emergency Management for Specials Needs Shelter Registration:
(954) 831-3902 / TTY
(954) 831-3940

Broward County School District Hotline:
(754) 321-0321

American Red Cross, Broward Chapter:
(954) 797-3800

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

Canals:
East of Volunteer Rd: (954) 432-5110
West of Volunteer Rd: (954) 680-3337
C11 Canal: (954) 452-4814

Helpful Websites:
American Red Cross Broward Chapter -
<https://www.redcross.org>
[Broward County](#) | [South Florida](#) | [American Red Cross](#)

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) www.fema.org



DISASTER KIT CHECKLIST

- ✓ Water: One gallon per person, per day (for 3–7 days)
- ✓ Food: Non-perishable items and canned goods (3–7 days supply)
- ✓ Manual can opener
- ✓ Clothing: Spare clothes, rain gear, and sturdy shoes
- ✓ Bedding: For a small/compact space
- ✓ Prescription medications
- ✓ Personal hygiene items: Toilet paper, hand sanitizer, toothbrush, wipes, etc
- ✓ Special items: For infants, elderly, or individuals with disabilities
- ✓ Electronics: Fully charged devices and portable charger
- ✓ Garbage bags
- ✓ Spare cash
- ✓ Important documents: Passports, birth certificates, insurance information, emergency contacts, Social Security cards, etc.
- ✓ First-aid kit: Bandages, gauze, scissors, gloves, etc.
- ✓ Entertainment: Books, puzzles, quiet games, toys
- ✓ Vision & hearing items: Eyeglasses, contact lenses, hearing aids, and extra batteries
- ✓ Pet supplies: Food, water, bedding, waste bags or litter
- ✓ Emergency tools: Flashlight, battery-powered radio, extra batteries
- ✓ Extra set of keys: For home and vehicles



Are you receiving emergency notifications and critical information about what's happening in our Town?

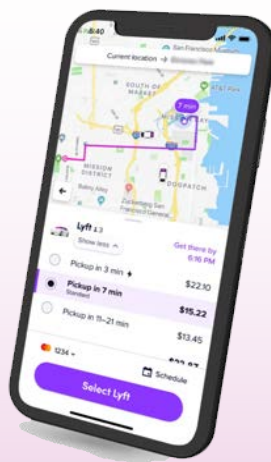
Sign up for HQE Systems to ensure you are among the first to receive important alerts, including evacuation orders, weather warnings, hazardous road conditions, and other notices requiring your immediate attention or action.

For additional information, please contact Town Hall (954) 434-0008 or email tholste@southwestranches.org.

FOLLOW US ON THE TOWN'S
OFFICIAL WEB SITE:

WWW.SOUTHWESTRANCHES.ORG

Empowered Partners **lyft** 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



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Southwest Ranches Fire Rescue

17220 Griffin Rd., Southwest Ranches 33331

For information call Chief Bennett: 954-868-2057



Start of Hurricane Season

June marks the start of hurricane season, and it is critical that we take proactive steps to prepare ourselves, our families, and our homes. Hurricane season runs from June 1 through November 30, and early preparation can make a difference in protecting lives and minimizing damage.

It is important to ensure you are prepared with at least seven days of essentials: non-perishable food, one gallon of water per person per day, medications, pet food, and personal items. In addition, you should have flashlights, extra batteries, and a first aid kit. Keep your vehicle fueled in case of shortages. Protect important documents by storing copies of identification, insurance policies, and medical records in a waterproof container. Last year, many hurricane supply items were granted a permanent sales tax exemption, so there is no need for a sales tax exemption week.

Staying informed is critical. Broward County offers several key resources:

- **Broward County Hurricane Hotline:** 311 or 954-831-4000
o This resource provides information on evacuations, shelter locations, and storm updates. They can offer a list of pet-friendly shelters.
- **Vulnerable Population Registry:** Broward.org/registry
– 311 or 954-831-4000

o The registry allows municipalities to help evaluate at-risk residents' needs in their communities and assist in planning a response in an emergency.

- **Broward County Emergency Management Division:** 954-831-3900

o They coordinate disaster plans and offer comprehensive preparedness and recovery programs.

- **Special Needs Registry:** 954-831-3902

o This resource provides support for individuals who need special medical assistance when evacuating or seeking shelter.

- **AlertBroward:** Broward.org/Emergency/Pages/AlertBroward.aspx

o By signing up for Broward County's emergency notification system, you receive real-time alerts about severe weather, evacuations, and other critical updates.

- **FEMA Helpline:** 1-800-621-3362

o They provide federal disaster assistance, including financial aid for home repairs and other storm-related losses.

- **American Red Cross Broward County Chapter:** 954-797-3800

o This resource offers immediate emergency support, including shelter, meals, and relief supplies for families affected by disasters.

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 or our office at (954) 872-1770. You can also reach me on my personal cell at (954) 668-3662.

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FORESTRY AND NATURAL RESOURCES



Bring Back The Pollinators: Part III - Avoid Pesticides

(<https://xerces.org/bring-back-the-pollinators/avoid-pesticides>)



The vast majority of invertebrates serve vitally important roles in our environment. They control pests, pollinate flowering plants, decompose waste, and provide food for other wildlife. Only a very small number of invertebrates can cause issues in farms and gardens, and get called “pests.” Yet, the pesticides frequently used to control unwanted plants and animals rarely distinguish between helpful invertebrates and those which cause issues. “Pesticides” is an umbrella term that includes — but is not limited to — insecticides, herbicides, and fungicides, all of which can damage or kill pollinators. Pesticides often cause unintended consequences and disrupt the natural systems that sustain us.

WHY AVOIDING PESTICIDES MATTERS

*Pesticide use is a major contributor to insect declines. Each year in the United States, more than a billion pounds of pesticides are applied across home gardens, parks, and farms to manage weeds, insects, diseases, and other “pests.” The majority of pesticides used are “broad spectrum,” meaning that they kill broadly: “pests” and beneficial species alike. Unfortunately, many pesticides are approved for use despite the risks they pose to wildlife. Some pesticides can remain in the environment — and continue to harm wildlife — for days, weeks, or even months or years. Even “natural” or organic pesticides can still be toxic to beneficial insects. We don’t want to create pollinator habitat, only to have it be contaminated by toxic pesticides that sicken or kill the animals we are trying to support. **WHAT YOU CAN DO:***



ACCEPT SOME NIBBLED LEAVES IN YOUR POLLINATOR HABITAT

Plants are resilient, and can handle some munching from bugs! Especially if they are native plants living in the right conditions. Cosmetic damage means your plants are doing their job of providing food and resources for pollinators!



PREVENT PESTS BEFORE THEY ARRIVE Make sure your plants are getting the care they need, and eliminate conditions that favor pests. This will create healthy plants that are more resilient to any issues that might come up.



MANAGE ISSUES WITH GENTLER METHODS Confirm that any “pest” is actually a problem, and use safer management strategies when intervention is needed. This could include hand-picking pests, cutting and removing parts of infected plants, mulching weeds, or using ergonomic weeding tools.



ATTRACT NATURAL PEST PREDATORS Add plant diversity to create habitat for natural enemies like lady beetles, syrphid flies, and other predators and parasitoids that will help keep pests in check. Luckily, the same plants that benefit pollinators are also used by natural enemies!



BUY POLLINATOR-SAFE PLANTS Many nursery plants are grown with harmful and long-lived pesticides, in part due to consumer demand for aesthetically appealing plants. Ask your nursery for organic plants, avoid plants treated with long-lived pesticides, and ask your nursery about their growing practices.



MANAGE MOSQUITOES ECOLOGICALLY Don’t hire companies to spray for mosquitoes and other nuisance pests in your yard. Studies suggest that insecticide residue from these sprays can kill bees, butterflies, and fireflies – not just mosquitoes. Instead, remove standing water around your property and use personal protection.



BRIEF LEGISLATION FROM THE APRIL 9, 2026 TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

- Adopted Ordinance 2026-005 Prohibiting Smoking in Town Parks.
- Adopted Resolution 2026-038 approving an Agreement with Kailas Contractors for the Holatee Trail and Luray Road Drainage Improvement Project.
- Adopted Resolution 2026-039 approving the East Coast Builders Change Order 7 for the SW Meadows Sanctuary Park Improvements.

BRIEF LEGISLATION FROM THE APRIL 23, 2026 TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING:

- Adopted Ordinance 2026-006 proposing the 2026 Election Ballot Question Regarding Town Council Compensation.
- Resolution 2026-040 approving the First Amendment to the Solid Waste Authority Facilities Agreement.
- Adopted Resolution 2026-041 declaring the 1989 Ford Fire Truck as Surplus Inventory.

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.

UPDATE YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION



Many individuals have updated their Driver's Licenses in the past few years, but have you updated your Voter Registration information? If you have received a new license number, it's essential to reach out to Broward or Miami-Dade Supervisor of Elections Office to update your voter registration details.

- For Broward County residents, visit the Broward Supervisor of Elections website: Broward SOE website: <https://browardvotes.gov/>



MARTY KIAR
BROWARD COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER



2026 ESTIMATE OF TAXABLE VALUES

The preliminary 2026 property values are now showing on our website at web.bcpa.net. Florida Statutes require our office to use January 1 as the date of assessment each year. Our office must consider changes in market conditions – up or down – when developing the Just/Market Values. The 2026 Just Values are based on the market data from January 1, 2026 back through January 2, 2025 with January 1, 2026 being the date of assessment. If you purchased your property in 2026, your 2026 purchase price along with comparable market data from 2026 will be used in setting your property's 2027 Just/Market Value.

Our office will mail the 2026 TRIM (proposed tax) Notices to all Broward property owners in mid-August. This notice will show your property's 2026 Just/Market Value, Assessed/Save Our Homes Value, all tax-saving exemptions you are receiving, and the proposed tax rates as set by the various taxing authorities listed on the notice.

QUARTERLY TAX PAYMENT INSTALLMENT PLAN

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

For property owners on the 2026 installment payment plan, the first two installment payments (June 2026 and September 2026) are based on the previous (2025) tax year. This means residents who have been approved for 2026 Homestead Exemption or other exemptions will not see these 2026 exemptions on either the June or September installment bills. The final two 2026 installment bills (December 2026 and March 2027) will be adjusted to include any 2026 exemptions or changes to the property's taxable value. The deadline to apply for Broward County's Installment Payment Plan was April 30, 2026. Should you have any questions regarding the payment of property taxes, the Tax Collector's Office can be reached at 954.357.4829 or by email to revenue@browardtax.org.

Take care,

Marty Kiar

Marty Kiar, JD, CFA

If my office can ever be of assistance to you, please call us at 954-357-6830 or email me directly at martykiar@bcpa.net.



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@MartyKiarBCPA



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

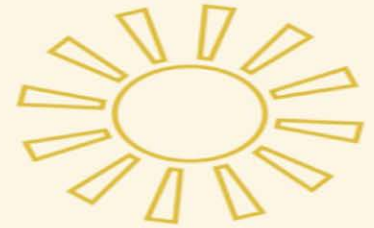
- **Aug 15, 2026** Southwest Meadows Sanctuary & Calusa Corners (Park here) 4701 Hawks Bluff Avenue
- **Cost:** Free with registration. Use this link to sign up: www.southwestranches.org/wings-over-the-ranches-application
- **Group Size:** Limited to 15 participants, 18 years and up, per tour
- **What to Bring:** Binoculars, water, sun protection, and curiosity!



PHOTO BY: Cindy Samartino
"Steven's Farm in Sunshine
Ranches comes with tractor
rides with Grandpa Tom -
Priceless"

June

2026



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	1	2	3	4	5	6
	• Country Estates HOA Meeting - Grace Baptist Church 19200 Griffin Rd. 7pm	• CODE HEARING Town Hall 9am • BCPA Office - Town Hall 10:30 - 12:30pm • Zero Waste Advisory Board - Town Hall 7pm		• Public Safety & Traffic Committee - Town Hall 7pm		• Farmers' Market 16290 Griffin Rd. 10 - 3pm
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• I9 Youth Sports Country Estates Park 18900 Griffin Rd. 8 - 1pm	• Schools & Education Advisory Board - Town Hall 7pm	• Parks, Recreation Forestry & Natural Resources Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7pm	• Zero Waste Broward Task Force Meeting - Town Hall 7pm	• TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - Town Hall 7pm		• I9 Youth Sports Country Estates Park 18900 Griffin Rd. 8 - 1pm • Farmers' Market 16290 Griffin Rd. 10 - 3pm
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• I9 Youth Sports Country Estates Park 18900 Griffin Rd. 8 - 1pm	• SWR Parks Foundation - Town Hall 7pm	• Rolling Oaks Civic Association Meeting - Rolling Oaks Barn 17630 SW 56th St 7pm	• Tentative FLOW DMV EVENT - Town Hall 10 - 2pm <u>appointment only</u> • Sunshine Ranches HOA ZOOM 7 - 9pm	• TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - Town Hall 7pm		• I9 Youth Sports Country Estates Park 18900 Griffin Rd. 8 - 1pm • Farmers' Market 16290 Griffin Rd. 10 - 3pm
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TRASH TALK:

ZERO WASTE ADVISORY BOARD EDITION



- Town's International Day of Zero Waste has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 23rd 1PM – 3PM at the Farmers' Market (Southwest Meadows Preserve)
- The Zero Waste Advisory Board looks forward to working with the Zero Waste Consultants to implement zero waste strategies in Southwest Ranches
- Be ready to participate in the Town Hall meeting with the Zero Waste Consultants in July. Date TBD. More details to follow.
- Future dates for WM Recycling Tour are coming soon. Be on the Lookout!



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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	Electronics Recycling	Unacceptable HHW Items
Aerosol Cans, Antifreeze/Coolant/Paint Batteries: Home and Vehicle 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	Computers, Cables, DVD Players, Keyboards, Mice, Adapters, Monitors, Printers/Scanners, Radios, Stereo Components, TV's, Tape Players, VCRs	Appliances Asbestos Explosives or Ammunition Medical/Infectious Waste Non-Residential Waste

For more information, please contact Town Hall (954) 434-0008

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District 4
Town Boundary

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