

SOUTHWEST RANCHER

The Official Town Newsletter

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

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October 11th
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OCTOBER 2026

IN TOUCH

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Carlos Grave de Peralta, <i>Police Civilian Coordinator</i>	(954) 693-8352
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Volunteer Fire Rescue - Chief Bennett	(954) 868-2057

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

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

OTHER

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LOST AND FOUND ANIMALS	(754) 224-0877
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

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A MESSAGE FROM

Mayor
Steve Breitreuz



Initially, one of our biggest concerns was that there was a push within the county to place an incinerator just south of our Town, in unincorporated Broward County. This was obviously a serious threat to our community. So, we joined the ILA to be sure that our voice was heard. As a Town, we certainly were heard.

Last month, I was so very proud to share with you the news that we were able to complete the process of finding the proper buyer for the property that we owned in the area near unincorporated Broward County, and that with the proceeds of that sale we are now a “debt-free” Town. That is a huge positive accomplishment. This will be even more important as we take on the potential decline in ad valorem taxes. This is truly a defining moment for our Town.

However, there is more good news. As you may recall, three years ago, we were approached to join an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with other municipalities in Broward County to determine a Master Plan for handling our waste disposal for the next 40 years. Broward County to determine a Master Plan for handling our waste disposal for the next 40 years. We joined what would become the Broward Solid Waste Authority (BSWA), a group of 28 municipalities (all but 3 Broward County municipalities), along with Broward County itself, to develop this plan.



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our community. So, we joined the ILA to be sure that our voice was heard. As a Town, we certainly were heard.

I was elected to join the BSWA Executive Committee, the smaller working group, that met at least once a month, and often we met multiple times a month, to do the actual work of hiring the professionals and providing them with direction of what we wanted to see within the plan. Via this seat at the table, I was able to engage in the conversations and provide input from Southwest Ranches at every meeting. So, with this seat and the tremendous support from Southwest Ranches residents and administration, we were a strong voice as the plan was being developed. The professionals we hired did great work in researching options, developing white papers on all of the different aspects of the plan, so we could digest the options and debate what was right for our County, for the next 40 year. They did a great job!

Through these meetings, over time, we were able to eliminate new incineration from within the current plan. This was a huge win for our community. The committee was exceptionally open to understanding what the South Florida community was looking for and it therefore focused on new, better, and cleaner options rather than the standard burn or bury options. The plan not only includes the general plan and timeline for implementation, it also includes the education required, as well as the anticipated cost for implementation. As we implement this plan, we will need to put more of a focus on recycling, reuse, and composting.

After the plan was completed in April of this year, the plan was required to be voted on and approved by the individual municipalities. To pass, at least 80% of the population of BSWA membership, (Continued...)

(Continued...) needed to approve the agreements. This was a challenge. Just getting it on the on the calendars of the 28 municipalities along with Broward County, took a lot of coordination. We had a hard deadline, set out in the original ILA, that approval was required no later than August 14th of this year. I'm proud to say that Southwest Ranches was among the first to formally approve the plan.

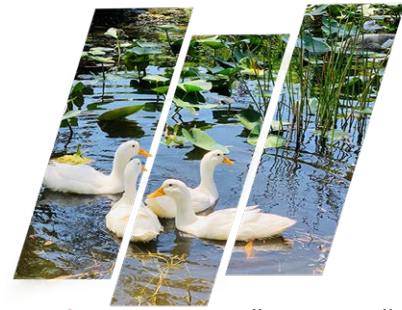
However, in late July, Davie was the municipality that put us over the 80% mark. Now the real work begins for implementation This plan provides a 40-year outline for Broward County that will ensure a cleaner, safer, and healthier future for our children and grandchildren. Besides doing the right thing, there is another benefit for our Town. Due to economies of scale, combining our waste tonnage with other municipalities, should provide us with a much more competitive fee for disposal in future years. This should bring down our costs, resulting in a lower assessment on your annual tax bill. In addition to this, perhaps the biggest plus is that we were able put this together with no new incineration sites in the plan. This is huge for those of us in western Broward County, including Southwest Ranches.

I want to express my thanks to all the residents who came to the meetings, expressed their strong opposition to incineration and expressed their support for new and cleaner options. There are too many to list, and all are sincerely appreciated, but I do want to give a special thanks to both Debbie Green and Richard Ramcharitar. They were both there consistently and were instrumental to our success. Finally, I want to thank Russell Muñiz, our Town Administrator, and our Town staff. They participated in a technical subcommittee that was key to working out a number of the technical details that also were key to our success. Our small town was truly a leader in this effort. We had more resident support than any other municipality and it speaks volumes about who we are. So, thank-you to all of those residents who were involved or supported those involved. We would not have had this success without you.

Keep on the lookout for educational pieces on how you can get involved in the implementation and educational needs around this plan. If you would like to find out more, we have a Town Board that is focused on what we can do in reducing waste right here in Southwest Ranches. They meet the first Tuesday of every month, at Town Hall at 7:00 PM. It would be great to have you join us!

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



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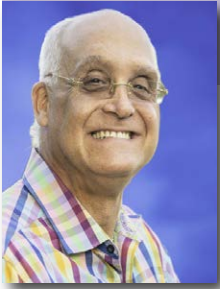
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SHOW YOUR TOWN SPIRIT

SWR stickers are available at
Town Hall
13400 Griffin Road
for \$1.00

A MESSAGE FROM



Council Member
David S. Kuczenski, ESQ.

Howdy Ranchers,

SPOOKY SEASON IN SOUTHWEST RANCHES: **Halloween Events, Festivals, and Trail Updates**

Southwest Ranches is gearing up for an exciting October lineup of festive Halloween events, family-friendly gatherings, and community volunteer opportunities designed to celebrate the Town's unique rural lifestyle. From equestrian competitions to pumpkin patches, there is plenty for residents to look forward to this fall.

SOUTH FLORIDA TRAIL RIDERS HOST HAUNTED HORSE SHOW

The South Florida Trail Riders are kicking off the spooky season with their annual **Haunted Horse Show** at the Equestrian Park. The action-packed day begins with a creative costume contest, followed by six exciting equestrian shows and novelty events: Egg and Spoon Race, Two-participant Toilet Paper Race, Pumpkin Toss, Two-participant Witchy Rroom race, Pole Bending, and Barrel Racing. Registration opens early at 9:00 a.m., with the first class official starting at 10:00 a.m. While full competition is reserved for members, the organization is offering a special **\$10 day membership** so everyone can get in on the fun. Entry fees are highly affordable at just **\$5 per individual class, or an all-inclusive rate of \$15 for all six classes**. For more information, interested participants can reach out to Kathy at 954-593-6478 or Brianna at 954-598-1010.

FUN FOR THE FAMILY AT THE PUMPKIN PATCH FESTIVAL

The Southwest Ranches Parks Foundation is bringing back a seasonal favorite with the **Southwest Ranches Pumpkin Patch Festival**. The three-day weekend event will take place at the Southwest Ranches Sanctuary Park, located at 16290 Griffin Road. Activities begin on Friday, October 16, all day Saturday and wrap-up on Sunday the 18th. Ride bands will be available for purchase.

The Rural Public Arts and Design Board invites you to join the fun and participate in the **HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR YARD DECORATING CONTEST!** Who will have the most haunting yard in Southwest Ranches? Get creative, have some fun, and show off your Halloween spirit by decorating your yard for a chance to win!

Registration Deadline: October 16

Judging: October 20

Awards: October 23rd (1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners)

We can't wait to see the spooky, creative, and spectacular decorations throughout our community!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: REOPENING THE LOCAL HORSE TRAILS

In a nod to the Town's rich equestrian heritage, local officials are exploring plans to **reopen the historic, overgrown horse trail** that begins at the turn of Appaloosa Trail and Old Sheridan Street and runs along Sheridan Street toward Flamingo Road.

Municipal crews will handle the initial heavy clearing, but the Town is looking for passionate community volunteers to assist with additional trail restoration work. As autumn weather begins to cool down, a formal call to action will be issued for residents to gather and help revitalize this beautiful local pathway. Stay tuned for official project dates and come out to help protect and enjoy our beautiful trail system!

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*

A MESSAGE FROM Council Member Bob Hartmann



As my current term comes to an end, I want to share with you that I will be retiring from public service. This is not a decision I take lightly. Southwest

Ranches has been part of my life for nearly four decades, and serving this community has been one of the greatest honors of my life. As I step back from public office, I want to offer a heartfelt message to the neighbors who have shaped my life, my purpose, and my sense of home.

My journey here began long before we were a town. In 1988, Nancy and I purchased our land in what was then simply a rural corner of Broward County. We were drawn to the quiet beauty of the area—the open space, the wildlife, the sense of possibility. We planned and built our home with our own hands, and in 1994, just one week after our daughter Dawn was born, we carried her through the front door. Jessica soon followed, and both girls grew up surrounded by the land, the horses, the neighbors, and the values that define life in the Ranches. This community shaped them, just as it shaped me. Everything changed in 1996, when our rural area faced its first annexation threat. What began as concern quickly grew into a grassroots movement unlike anything I had ever seen. Neighbors gathered around kitchen tables. Homeowner associations mobilized. Committees formed. People who had never met before stood shoulder to shoulder to protect the lifestyle they cherished. I was honored to be one of the founders of that effort, and in 2000, Southwest Ranches was officially chartered. That moment—when our community secured its future—remains one of the proudest chapters of my life.

From the very beginning, I made a pledge: to keep Southwest Ranches rural. I have never backed away from that promise. Every decision I made, every meeting I attended, every policy I supported was guided by the commitment to preserve the land, the lifestyle, and the character that make this town unique. Protecting our rural heritage has been the cornerstone of my service, and it will always remain the cornerstone of my heart.

Since incorporation, I have had the privilege of serving this town in nearly every capacity available: Council Member, Vice Mayor, Chair of the Charter Review Advisory Board (twice), Chair of the Drainage &

A Personal Farewell to My Neighbors My Last Newsletter Article

Infrastructure Advisory Board, and Vice Chair of the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Board. Through all these roles, my guiding belief was simple: residents should always feel heard, valued, and empowered. I encouraged Council participation in advisory and HOA meetings because I believed, and still believe, that government works best when it listens.

One of the most unexpected joys of my service has been photographing our community events. Over more than two decades, I have documented well over 100 celebrations, gatherings, and small moments that reflect who we are. Barn dances, chili cook-offs, scholarship awards, parades, holiday celebrations, horse shows, and countless moments of connection—these images are more than photographs. They are our shared history. They are the heartbeat of Southwest Ranches, preserved for future generations.

I also want to express my deepest gratitude to the current and prior Town Administrators, and to every staff member and team member I have worked with over the years. Your professionalism, dedication, and commitment to our residents have been essential to the success of our town. Thank you for your partnership, your patience, and your unwavering support.

To all the advisory board members I have served with over the past 25 years—thank you. Your volunteerism, expertise, and passion have shaped our policies, strengthened our community, and ensured that resident voices remain at the center of our decision-making.

And to every Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Member I have served with or alongside—past and present—thank you for your collaboration, your leadership, and your shared commitment to preserving the character of Southwest Ranches. It has been an honor to work with each of you.

As I retire from public office, I do so with a full heart. I have witnessed this town grow, persevere, and thrive. I have seen neighbors become lifelong friends. I have seen volunteers step forward, traditions take root, and a community define itself not by boundaries, but by shared purpose.

Southwest Ranches is more than a place—it is a story. And I am grateful beyond words to have been part of its chapters.

Thank you for your trust, your kindness, and the privilege of serving you. Though I am stepping back from public office, I remain, as always, your neighbor—and forever proud to call Southwest Ranches my home.

Patriot Day Ceremony

Friday, September 11, 2026
8:30 AM • Town Hall

*In honor of the courage and resilience
that united our nation in the face of
tragedy 25 years ago.*



GRAND OPENING OF THE SOUTHWEST MEADOWS SANCTUARY PAVILION

JOIN US FOR THE OFFICIAL OPENING ON:
OCTOBER 5, 2026!



PICTURED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: VICE MAYOR GARY JABLONSKI, MAYOR STEVE BREITKREUZ, PARKS, RECREATION, AND FORESTRY DIRECTOR DECEMBER LAURETANO-HAINES, COUNCIL MEMBER BOB HARTMANN, COUNCIL MEMBER JIM ALLBRITTON, REPRESENTATIVE ROBIN BARTLEMAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/TOWN ENGINEER ROD LEY, AND TOWN ADMINISTRATOR RUSSELL MUÑIZ



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

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



WELL CHECK PRE-REGISTRATION INFORMATION

After a hurricane or other emergency, residents may experience prolonged power and phone outages and may not be able to leave their home or let others know that they are in need. If you feel you are at risk due to a disability, health issue, regardless of age, and would like a "WELLNESS CHECK" from our Southwest Ranches Volunteer Fire Department please call Town Hall (954) 434-0008 and give us your name, and or loved one's name, address, phone number and email address so we may add you to our list.

While we hope we don't have a disaster, we need to be prepared. If you or a loved one live alone in Southwest Ranches, please consider signing up for this service. If resources are needed, they will be able to refer residents accordingly.

South Florida Trail Riders is hosting a HAUNTED HORSE SHOW October 11th

- \$5 per class or
- \$15 for all 6 classes
- Costume contest first followed by 6 events
- Food and drinks available for purchase

For more information call
Kathy at (954) 593 - 6478 or
Brianna at (954) 598 -1010



Southwest Ranches PUMPKIN PATCH FESTIVAL

October 16, 2026 - 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm
October 17, 2026 - 10:00 am - 10:00pm
October 18, 2026 - 11:00 am - 8:00 pm

Join us for three exciting days of family fun! Bring your camera and capture special moments. Pick the perfect pumpkin, enjoy fun crafts, and explore a variety of pumpkin-themed activities for all ages.



Southwest Ranches Residents... Who will have the most haunting yard in Southwest Ranches? You are invited to participate in the towns' HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR YARD DECORATING CONTEST.

Deadline to register your home - October 16th.

Judging - October 20th

Awards will be given to

**1ST, 2ND & 3RD PLACE WINNERS -
October 26th.**

Email your entry form to
Skutz@southwestranches.org



12th Annual Mayor's Chess Challenge October Dates:

Town of Davie
October 3, 2026 - 10 am to noon
Pine Island Multipurpose Center
3801 South Pine Island Drive
954-797-1181

City of Weston
October 10, 2026 - 10 am to noon
Weston Community Center
20200 Saddle Club Road
954-389-4321

Town of Southwest Ranches
October 17, 2026 - 10 am to 1 pm
Southwest Ranches Town Hall
13400 Griffin Road
954-343-7452

City of Lighthouse Point
October 24, 2026 - 9 am to 11 am
John Trudel Community Center
4521 NE 22nd Avenue
954-784-3439

City of Tamarac
October 31, 2026 - 10 am to noon
Tamarac Community Center
8601 West Commercial Blvd.
954-597-3461

City of Delray Beach
November 8, 2026 - 10 am to noon
Delray Beach Community Center
50 NW 1st Avenue
561-243-7250 option 3

12th annual

MAYORS'

CHESS

CHALLENGE

Players of all ages and skill levels are welcome.
Join families, elected officials and community leaders for a free and friendly meetup.
**IN SUPPORT OF
SCHOLASTIC CHESS!**

Visit sunrisefl.gov/chess for the full schedule and event details.



SOUTHWEST RANCHES COUNTRY FAIR AND CARNIVAL



The three most festive holiday decorated homes in Southwest Ranches will be selected as the winners of this year's contest!

Deck your halls, light up your yard, and let your holiday spirit shine!

Email: SKutz@southwestranches.org

Southwest Ranches Country Fair & Carnival (nonprofit established in 2009 by Aster Knight) is proud to present the 4th annual Country Fair
Thursday, January 14th, 5-10pm
Friday, January 15th, 5-10:30pm
Saturday, January 16th, 1-10:30pm
Sunday, January 17th, 12-6pm

a four-day community event benefitting the improvement of Southwest Ranches' seven public parks. The exciting fair will take place at

Southwest Meadows Sanctuary Park
16290 Griffin Road

and will have a diverse assortment of games, contests and attractions for all ages to enjoy.



REGISTER NOW

**\$30 DISCOUNT FOR
SOUTHWEST RANCHES RESIDENTS
PROMO CODE: SWR**

- Organized programs for boys and girls ages 3-15
- Age appropriate instruction for each division.
- Coaches background checked and certified.
- All skill levels welcome. No tryouts!
- One day per week! Practice held before game.

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PROPERTY TAXES AND AMENDMENT 3: WHAT HOMEOWNERS NEED TO KNOW.

Keeping Our Residents Informed.



In preparation for the Amendment 3 ballot question concerning property taxes to be considered by Florida voters in November, the Town would like residents to be informed with facts.

Please review the following to see how this Amendment could impact your property taxes and the ability for the Town to provide municipal services. Our goal is to provide residents with the facts and information they need to make their own informed decision. If passed by the voters, the proposed amendment would increase the Homestead Exemption to \$150,000 the first year; increase the exemption amount to \$250,000 the second year; and the Florida Legislature could then create a schedule to ultimately eliminate homesteaded property taxes. If approved by the Florida voters, the amendment would take effect on January 1, 2027. It should be noted the constitutional amendment will apply to all taxing authorities except the Broward County School Board.

For more detailed information visit:
<https://www.southwestranches.org/amendment-3/>

Where does the 23 percent go? Take a look below!

How will Amendment 3 affect Southwest Ranches?

Most services provided by Southwest Ranches come from property tax revenue. The calculations below show the reductions in revenue for Year 1 and Year 2 if Amendment 3 passes, and what a full elimination of property taxes would look like. All three will lead to a reduction in services.

(The projections below are calculated as if Amendment 3 were in effect for the 2025 tax year.)

\$150,000 Homestead Exemption if Applied to the 2025 Tax Roll

Southwest Ranches	
Number of Homesteaded Properties	2,168
Average Savings for Properties with <u>less</u> than \$150,000 of assessed value	\$ 1,032
Average Savings for Properties with <u>more</u> than \$150,000 of assessed value	\$ 1,027
Total Taxes Levied	\$10,801,348
Total Taxes Levied if \$150,000 Homestead Exemption was in Effect for 2025	\$ 9,976,717
Total Tax Dollar Impact	(\$824,631)
	(7.6% decrease)

\$250,000 Homestead Exemption if Applied to the 2025 Tax Roll

Southwest Ranches	
Number of Homesteaded Properties	2,168
Average Savings for Properties with <u>less</u> than \$250,000 of assessed value	\$ 2,039
Average Savings for Properties with <u>more</u> than \$250,000 of assessed value	\$ 2,063
Total Taxes Levied	\$10,801,348
Total Taxes Levied if \$250,000 Homestead Exemption was in Effect for 2025	\$ 9,171,625
Total Tax Dollar Impact	(\$1,628,723)
	(15.1% decrease)



Broward School Board
39%

Broward County
34%

Town of Southwest Ranches
23%

Children Services, Hospitals, Water, & Other Districts
4%

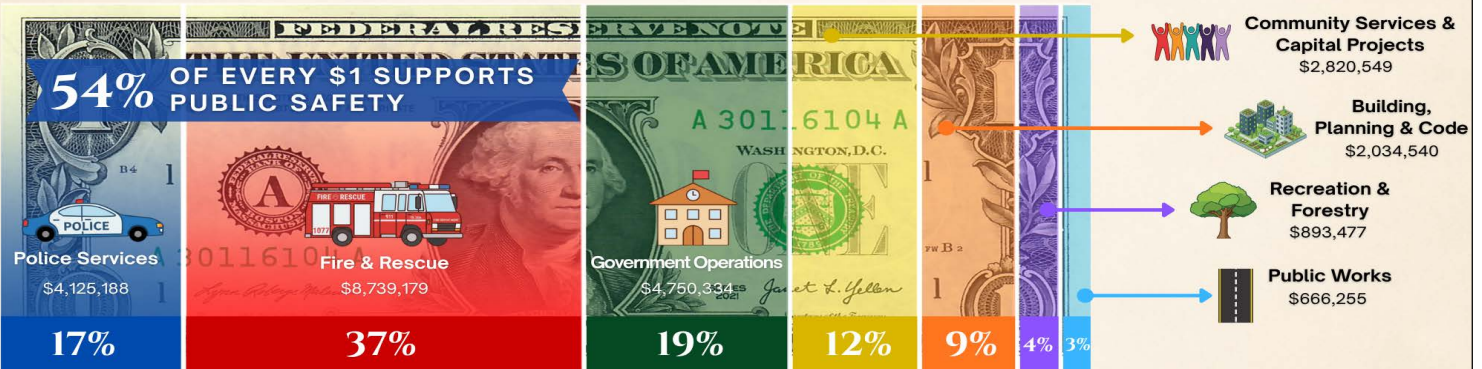
How much of your Tax Bill goes to the Town of Southwest Ranches?
Only 23 percent!

Approximate distribution based on FY 2026-2027 Proposed Budget materials.

YOUR TAX DOLLAR AT WORK

Town of Southwest Ranches General Fund

See how General Fund dollars support essential Town services.



General Fund Total: \$24,029,522

Percentages are rounded and may not total 100%.

Please note that if Amendment 3 passes, essential services such as Public Safety - which represents 54% or \$12,864,367 of the General Fund Budget - could be impacted since a 15.1% decrease in ad valorem revenue (as described above) would require a corresponding reduction in expenditures, unless other taxes were increased or other revenue sources identified. Similar reductions in services could be expected for road and drainage projects, as well as park amenities and community events.



CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND STATE FIRE MARSHAL AWARDED NEARLY \$1 MILLION TO ENHANCE THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE CAPABILITIES OF FOUR LOCAL FIRE STATIONS.

The funding awarded is through the Firefighter Cancer Decontamination Grant Program, the Firefighter Assistance Grant Program and projects appropriated in the Fiscal Year 2025- 2026 Budget. Southwest Ranches Fire Chief Lee Bennett said the community is growing with new residents every day. He added that the new fire station can't come soon enough. "We have an influx of people moving into the Ranches," Bennett said. "So, our call volume's rising and this equipment helps save lives."

The Town received \$900,000 to help construct a fire station through a State appropriation, a \$51,380 Florida Firefighter Assistance Grant to purchase an Extrication Tool Set, and a \$4,974.80 Florida Firefighter Cancer Decontamination Grant to purchase a Decontamination Extractor.

Awards made through the Firefighter Cancer Decontamination Grant

Town of Southwest Ranches - \$4,974.80

City of Green Acres - \$6,806.25

City of West Palm Beach - \$19,635

Town of Highland Beach - \$5,962.50

Awards made through the Firefighter Assistance Grant

Town of Southwest Ranches - \$51,380

Awards funded in the FY 2025-2026 Budget

Southwest Ranches Fire Station - \$900,000



RANCHES ROUNDUP

"Cultivating Our Agricultural Community"

by Isabel McNulty, Agriculture Liaison

Gardening in Southwest Ranches

October marks the beginning of South Florida's prime gardening season! Whether you're planting from seed or setting out transplants, now is the time to establish cool-season vegetables and herbs.

October garden tasks:

- If you haven't already, add compost and other organic matter to improve your soil quality.
- Transplant indoor/greenhouse mature seedlings into your garden beds
- Plant radishes, carrots, turnips, beans, squashes, onions
- Adjust irrigation for the end of rainy season

Learn more about what to plant in October: <https://tinyurl.com/octoberplanting>

Community Spotlight

"Yesterday, I saw something that reminded me why I love horses.

I noticed two horses walking all by themselves down Dykes Road with no riders, and I immediately thought, "Someone has to help!" Before I could even call the Davie Police, I saw {people} running down the street to them.

They used a red cord, got control of the horses, and walked them to safety. A few minutes later, they found a woman who had been searching everywhere for her missing horses...

It was so amazing to see people jump in and help without even thinking twice. This is what a real community looks like, and it made me so proud to see

-SWR Resident

Upcoming Webinars/Events

Attend...

- UF/IFAS Broward County Extension Florida-Friendly Landscaping Program
 - o BMP's for Irrigating Residential Landscapes with Reclaimed Water
- Tuesday October 13th 10:00am (free virtual webinar)
- Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation (FWC) (see website for official dates/times)
 - o Coyotes 101 regular monthly webinar
 - o Python Patrol regular monthly webinar

Join...

- Broward Beekeeping Association
- Rare Fruit and Vegetable Council of Broward County
- Florida Wildflower Foundation

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



National Disability Employment Awareness Month

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month, a time to honor the contributions of workers with disabilities and promote inclusivity in the workforce. As a former teacher and chair of the Broward Special Needs Advisory Coalition, I understand how important it is to help individuals with disabilities reach their full potential.

Florida has an estimated 472,000 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), with about 75% living with a caregiver. As caregivers age, providing care can become challenging, leaving many adults with IDD at risk of homelessness or institutionalization. In order to address this, Senator Osgood and I were proud to secure \$2 million in our state's budget for The Villages of South Florida Autism. It is an independent living facility for adults with IDD run by the South Florida

Autism Charter School. The Villages of South Florida Autism will provide adults with IDD a supportive environment where they can build independence. It will offer social and vocational programs, including job skills training and community activities, while utilizing smart technologies for communication, monitoring, and emergency response. The facility will provide adults with IDD the tools and support they need to thrive.

As we celebrate National Disability Employment Awareness Month, we must recognize the importance of inclusivity and provide individuals with the opportunities needed to succeed. Community resources are listed below:



- **CareerSource Broward:** careersourcebroward.com
– (954) 677-5555
o Offers free career services, training programs, and specialized support for individuals with disabilities seeking employment.
- **ArcBroward:** arcbroward.com – (954) 746-9400
o Provides services for children and adults with disabilities, including Arc Works, which focuses on job readiness and work development skills.
- **Agency for Persons with Disabilities:** apd.myflorida.com – (850) 488-4257
o Provides support for individuals with disabilities, including the Employment Enhancement Project, which provides employment services for people who are on the APD pre-enrollment list.

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.

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.

TRASH TALK:

ZERO WASTE ADVISORY BOARD EDITION

- **WM Recycling Tour** scheduled for Thursday, October 1st at 5pm. Please contact Town Hall to sign up. Sign up early as last tour filled beyond capacity.
- **Zero Waste Ambassador Program** for residents (including students) to kick off in coming months. Please contact Town Hall if interested.
- The Board's work with the Zero Waste Consultants is well under way and looking forward to presenting a draft plan.
- **Sneaker Impact Box** off to a great start! Please bring sneakers to be re-used or recycled to our collection box just inside Town Hall.
- **District Recycling Contest** - Keep up the good work :)

Look for our Zero Waste Advisory Board Tile on the Town's website to keep up with all our work and coming events.



FORESTRY AND NATURAL RESOURCES



**POLLINATOR
PARTNERSHIP**
Protect their lives. Preserve ours.

How Land Development is Affecting Birds

(adapted from Andrew Robey, Education Intern <https://conservancy.org/how-land-development-is-affecting-birds/>)



The state of Florida lies along the southern end of the Atlantic Flyway which is a highly used bird migratory route that extends from northeast Canada south to the Caribbean. In the southern portion of the flyway, a major stopping point for many species during their migration is in South Florida.

Many of these migratory bird species remain here for the winter and rely on the unique diversity of wildlife and habitats in order to survive. Many other migratory birds that don't reside in South Florida for the winter also rely on Florida's tropical ecosystems as a rest and refueling stop before continuing on to the Caribbean or across the Gulf of Mexico. These birds will spend the winter in Central or South America.

Although South Florida's tropical climate makes it a perfect rest stop for many migratory birds escaping the northern cold winters, it also has become a popular destination for many people wanting to do the very same thing. However, this has caused an unfortunate conflict between people and the avian species that reside here.



The Conflicts

One major conflict is land development that results in the disturbance, fragmentation, and destruction of vital habitat for many species of migratory birds that can be found in south Florida throughout the year. This can also lead to the creation of an ecological trap. An ecological trap occurs when an animal

prefers an unsuitable habitat over a suitable one. For many birds in South Florida, ecological traps are caused by an overabundance of invasive plants. Many of these invasive plants are generalists and can easily establish large populations in habitats that may not be suitable for many native plant species. These invasives can also out-compete many of the native plants for space and resources. The result is that invasive plants can create an area that is visually enticing to a bird through the presence of possible food or shelter, even though the number or quality of resources necessary for the bird to thrive and reproduce successfully may not be present. An example of an ecological trap is the invasive Brazilian pepper plant.

Brazilian pepper was brought into Florida in the mid-1800's as an ornamental plant, but soon established itself as an invasive plant by the 1950's. This invasive provides shelter for migratory birds, but its berries lack the necessary nutrients for birds to survive. Species that often fall victim to these traps are the many different small songbirds that either spend the winter in South Florida or use it as a stopping point before journeying further south. Many of these small songbirds rely on heavily wooded areas and feed on insects, small fruits, and seeds that are being depleted due to increased human developments.

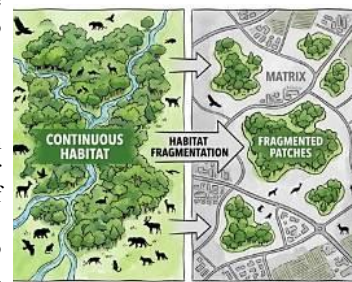
Native Beautyberry

Another effect of land development in south Florida on migratory bird species is the increase in habitat fragmentation. Habitat fragmentation is when large expanses of habitat are divided by impassible or unsuitable habitat. This increase in habitat fragmentation can have a major effect on migratory birds by not providing them places to rest during their migrations. One solution that can be used to prevent habitat fragmentation is through the development and protection of wildlife corridors.

A wildlife corridor is a piece of land that allows animals to move freely and safely from one area of suitable habitat to another. However, a wildlife corridor for a migratory bird is going to appear very different than one for a terrestrial mammal. Often times for migratory birds, what is needed are small areas of protected land and native plants that will provide shelter, food, and rest along their migration route before they continue on to their final destinations.

What Can We Do?

There are many things that can be done to reduce threats to the many migratory birds that stop in South Florida during the spring, fall, and winter months. Removing non-native and invasive plants and replanting with native ones is one such initiative. By planting native gardens, you can provide safe resting areas and nutritional food sources for migratory birds. This can not only help prevent birds from falling into an ecological trap, but it also helps create wildlife corridors. Another thing that can be done to help our birds is installing a nesting box. This provides both temporary shelter for migrating birds as well as a safe place for birds to raise their young. Done alongside planting a native garden, nesting boxes can help provide everything migrating birds need to survive.



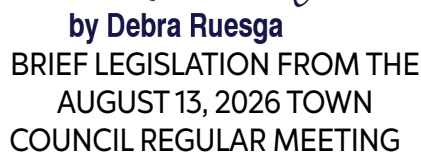
Nesting box installed by the wildlife hospital to shelter eastern screech owls



Native buttonbush flowers attract insects that power migrant birds like this northern parula



Eastern screech owls often use nest boxes to keep their young safe



- AUGUST 27, 2026 – TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

- 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.*

**SOUTHWEST RANCHES
17TH ANNUAL
FREE
FUN HORSE SHOW
FOR YOUTH RIDERS
UP TO AGE 18**

SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 13, 2027



CONTACT: DECEMBER
954-343-7452



If you applied and were approved for the Homestead Exemption for tax year 2027, this exemption will show online in December. Once approved, Homestead Exemption automatically renews each year provided there is no change in the ownership or use of the property. You do not need to reapply for this exemption if the property remains your permanent residence.

If you acquired your home in 2026, the TRIM (proposed tax) Notice you received in August reflected the previous owner's exemption status which will be removed at the end of this year. If this property is your permanent residence and you believe you qualify for a 2027 Homestead Exemption, you must complete an application in your name. To be eligible for 2027 Homestead Exemption, an applicant must both own and make the property their permanent residence as of January 1, 2027.

Please note: “permanent residency” does not require physical occupancy of the property. If you are building or intend to build a home to be used as your permanent residence, please call our Customer Service Department at 954.357.6830 to discuss Homestead Exemption eligibility requirements.

Homestead Exemption does not automatically transfer from one property to another. You can easily apply for Homestead Exemption and any other tax-saving exemptions online at <https://web.bcpa.net> under the “Exemptions & Classifications” tab. If you previously owned another Homesteaded property within the past three tax years, you will also be applying for portability. The portability application is part of the online Homestead Exemption application.

The timely deadline to apply for all 2027 exemptions is March 1, 2027. For additional information on Homestead and other exemption filing, please visit our website at <https://web.bcpa.net/> or call 954.357.6830.

If my office can be of assistance to you, please feel free to contact me at martykiar@bcpa.net.

Take care.

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Marty Kiar, JD, CFA



HAPPY BIRTHDAY...

Luisito Moraguez - October 7th
Zucy Moraguez - October 14th
Luis Moraguez - October 28th



***We hope your special day is filled
with happiness and that all your
wishes come true.***

Have a birthday you would like to share with us in a future Town newsletter? Send your name and birthday to:
Skutz@southwesttranches.org

PROTOTYPE BARN



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

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

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



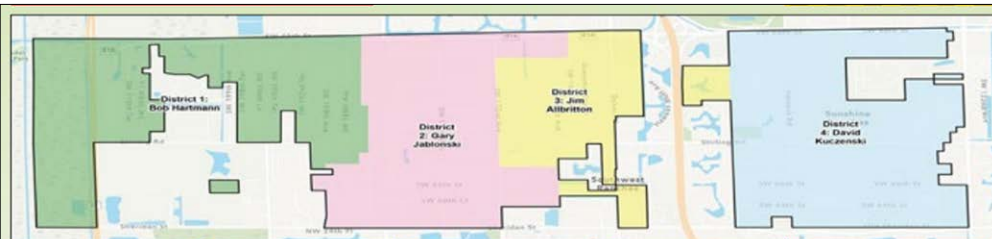
PHOTO BY: Steven Gissin
"Haunted Cabin!"

october

2026



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 • WM's New Recycling Tour 1285 SW 208th Avenue, Pembroke Pines 5-7pm	2	3 • I9 Sports - Country Estates Park 18900 Griffin Rd. 8 - 1pm • Farmers' Market 16290 Griffin Rd. 10 - 3pm
BULK ZONE 4		BULK ZONE 5		BULK ZONE 6		
4 • I9 Sports - Country Estates Park 18900 Griffin Rd. 8 - 1pm • Farmers' Market 16290 Griffin Rd. 11 - 3pm	5 • Country Estates Homeowners Association Meeting Grace Baptist Church 19200 Griffin Rd. 7-9pm	6 • CODE HEARING Town Hall 9am • BCPA Office - Town Hall 10:30 - 12:30pm • Zero Waste Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7pm	7	8 • TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - Town Hall 7-8pm	9	10 • I9 Sports - Country Estates Park 18900 Griffin Rd. 8 - 1pm 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 7		BULK ZONE 8		BULK ZONE 9		BULK ZONE 12
11 • I9 Sports - Country Estates Park 18900 Griffin Rd. 8 - 1pm • Haunted Horse Show - South Florida Trail Riders Equestrian Park 5840 SW 148 Ave. 9am • Farmers' Market 16290 Griffin Rd. 11 - 3pm	12 • Schools and Education Advisory Board - Town Hall 7pm	13 • Parks, Recreation Forestry & Natural Resources Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7pm	14	15 • Comprehensive Plan Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7pm	16 • Southwest Ranches PUMPKIN PATCH Festival - 16290 Griffin Rd. 4-10pm	17 • I9 Sports - Country Estates Park 18900 Griffin Rd. 8 - 1pm • PUMPKIN PATCH Festival - 16290 Griffin Rd. 10-10pm • Mayor's Chess Challenge 13400 Griffin Rd. -Town Hall 10-1pm
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18 • I9 Sports - Country Estates Park 18900 Griffin Rd. 8 - 1pm • Southwest Ranches PUMPKIN PATCH Festival - 16290 Griffin Rd. 4-10pm	19 • Rural Public Arts & Design Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7pm	20 • Drainage & Infrastructure Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7pm	21 Fire Advisory Board Meeting -Town Hall 7pm	22 • TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - Town Hall 7-8pm	23	24 • I9 Sports - Country Estates Park 18900 Griffin Rd. 8 - 1pm • Farmers' Market 16290 Griffin Rd. 10 - 3pm
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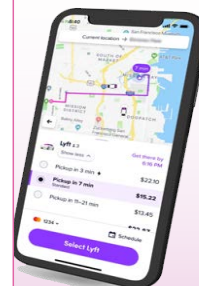


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District 3



COUNCIL MEMBER
DAVID S. KUCZENSKI
District 4

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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BROWARD COUNTY SCHOOL CALENDAR

OCTOBER

M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9TH
EARLY RELEASE DAY**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 12TH
EMPLOYEE PLANNING
(NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS)**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST
REPORT CARDS**

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE, ELECTRONICS & BULK DROP OFF EVENT

**Saturday, October 10, 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
BBQ & Camp Size Propane
Cleansers
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

Electronics Recycling

Computers, Cables,
DVD Players,
Keyboards, Mice,
Adapters,
Monitors,
Printers/Scanners,
Radios, Stereo
Components,
TV's, Tape Players,
VCRs

Unacceptable HHW Items

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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on our Website
<https://www.southwestranches.org/>

KNOW THE PLASTIC RECYCLE CODES



PET

Polyethylene
Terephthalate

COMMON ITEMS:
Water bottles,
soda bottles, juice
containers, salad
dressing bottles



HDPE

High-Density
Polyethylene

COMMON ITEMS:
Milk jugs, detergent
bottles, shampoo
bottles, household
cleaner containers



PP

Polypropylene

COMMON ITEMS:
Yogurt containers,
food storage
containers, medicine
bottles



**ALWAYS
RECYCLE**

Rinse containers
before recycling.



To learn more visit: wm.com/recyclerright

HQE SYSTEMS

REGISTER NOW

**EMERGENCY
ALERT
SYSTEM**

Are you getting emergency notifications and other critical information about what is going on in our town?

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

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

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

