

SOUTHWEST RANCHER

The Official Newsletter of Southwest Ranches

AUGUST 2021 HIGHLIGHTS



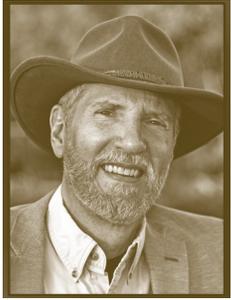
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"Whoos is out there?"

PHOTO CONTEST SUBMISSION
BY RESIDENT: KIANA KIDDER





Mayor Steve Breitreuz

We are truly blessed in our Town with all the volunteers that share the heart and the vision of our Town. All our Boards serve the Town in a critical way and for me personally I want to thank all that serve on these boards. Your time and dedication are sincerely appreciated.

In the last month, there were two events that I wish to highlight because they were so special, in two separate ways. For each, the dedication of the board and how they involved the residents of our Town are both worthy of being noted.

First the Town's Comprehensive Plan Advisory Board. They had the significant task of reworking the "Nursery" ordinance. I put nursery in quotes because, true nurseries have an Agriculture designation, and they are governed by the State, not the Town. So, this ordinance has very little to do with true nurseries. However, it has more to do with commercial businesses operating within residential neighborhoods. This is obviously an important topic for our Town and one that the Comp Board has been working on for a while. They garnered a significant amount of input from the residents. They went through the document line by line. They took the time to hear from nursery owners, homeowners, both as members of the Board as well as residents that were participating through Zoom. In the end, they made significant progress, but there was one section that was passed back to the Council and still needs work. So, I am hopeful that the Council will review this in the coming

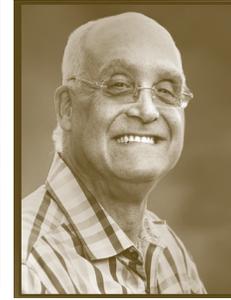
months and conclude this multi-year effort. However, the work and the hours that the Comp Board put into reviewing these elements should never be minimized or overlooked. They did a tremendous job.

Second, I want to recognize the work of the Town's Schools and Education Advisory Board. They do a great job of keeping the Town informed regarding school related issues. In addition to this, each year they coordinate a scholarship program for our students here in the Ranches. With all the challenges associated with COVID, they knew that 2020 was going to be a difficult year. However, through a number of events, most notably the "Flamingo Flocking", they raised record funding. Now let me be clear, they did an amazing job, but it was the hard work of the students and the support of you the residents that was key to the success. It was great over the last 6 months to hear story after story about the generous nature of our residents and the commitment of our students to keep the effort going.

Along these same lines I want to callout and recognize the exceptional contribution of the Sikh Youth Society here in our Town. Their students and leadership pulled together the 5k run in spite of the 2020 challenges and it was once again a major success. Through this they made a significant contribution, but beyond that they once again opened the doors to communication and understanding so that we as a Town could take yet another step forward in the conversation of diversity and be a part of leading by example.

We are blessed to live in a community that has this level of positive community involvement, and it is my sincere honor to serve you as your Mayor and, together with you, preserve our beautiful Town of Southwest Ranches.

Steve



Council Member David S. Kuczenski

Friends, Neighbors, Ranchers;

We are back to all fully open meetings at Town Hall. This does not mean Covid-19 is over; it just means the state feels the rate of new infections has decreased to the extent that it is less of a concern. By no means does this mean that Covid-19 is of no concern. If you have not been vaccinated yet, it is important that you get your vaccine.

I was saddened to learn that one of the founding members of the rural Arts and Design Advisory Board recently stepped down. Joan Boyd has been a treasure to our Town, and her dedication to Preserving the Rural character of our Town through detailed selection of signs, art and a palette that promotes the rural character of our Town that will endure for many generations. Thank you Joan.

As many of you may know, if you are coming into Southwest Ranches from northbound I-75 at Sheridan, you actually have to drive to SW 146th and make a U-turn on to Sheridan westbound before turning onto Volunteer. While this traffic pattern is slightly cumbersome, the beneficial impact of this turn leads to lesser traffic on Volunteer Road. A few months ago, we successfully protected the turn; however, the issue is not yet put to rest. We are working very hard with our neighbors in Davie along the Volunteer Road corridor to preserve the U-turn. If you wish to help, contact the Sunshine Ranches HOA.

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Finally, we thank State Representative Robin Bartleman for her exceptional skills in securing over \$350,000 in state revenues to help our neighbors in the Country Estates neighborhood with seriously needed drainage relief. The funding will allow construction of a drainage collection system with underground piping and drainage inlets providing a direct connection to the existing trunk-line along SW 54th Place that ultimately ties into the canal and floodgate that connects to the C-11 Canal. The goals of this project are to alleviate flood staging and routing while improving water quality by capturing runoff and transporting it via swales; lower the Community Rating System score which should reduce flood insurance; improve our Town's overall drainage flexibility in the event of a major blockage or failure on either end of the system; and reduce longstanding stormwater staging experienced by properties adjacent to Frontier Trails Park and to significantly increase water quality. Great Job Rep. Bartleman!

We have one Town of Southwest Ranches. It is our rural equestrian Town to protect. If we do not conscientiously protect it, we give it up. Like you, I believe we have the best location in South Florida.

I am honored with being entrusted in this office. I thank those of you who call me to discuss the many concerns we share. If I can be of help, feel free to reach out. If I do not answer immediately, please leave a call back number.

I remain, very truly yours,
David S Kuczenski, Esq.

THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION'S

**MAYORS
MONARCH
PLEDGE**

MEET YOU at the PARKS

GOOD BUNNY!

By December Lauretano-Haines
and Christina Brownlow

Marsh Rabbit *Sylvilagus palustris*

If you look carefully while driving along Griffin Road or by one of Southwest Ranches' lovely parks at dusk, you may be fortunate to catch sight of our native rabbits. One of two species of rabbits that are native in Florida, the marsh rabbit is slightly smaller and darker than its cousin, the eastern cottontail. Marsh rabbits also have shorter ears and legs, and a brown tail.

Marsh rabbits are semi-aquatic, living in low-lying areas where thick vegetation exists near wetlands, lakes, canals, and flooded fields in fresh or brackish water. They are strong swimmers, an important skill for an animal needing to escape! Animals such as snakes, hawks, owls, foxes, bobcats, and alligators all prey on rabbits.

Marsh rabbits live alone, though multiple individuals may nest close by where resources are plentiful. Nests are made from grasses and weeds and lined with fur, located in thickets on the ground, in stumps or logs.

Breeding occurs year-round in south Florida. Females produce multiple small litters each year, bearing their young after 4 or 5 weeks of gestation. Young rabbits are born blind and helpless, nursing for approximately 2 weeks until they become independent. At just four weeks of age, young rabbits can forage for themselves.

Marsh rabbits are herbivores, eating a wide variety of leaves, bark, roots, and fruit of plants that grow near water. Habitually nocturnal, marsh rabbits are most active between dusk and dawn, and can be seen coming out to feed near their nests as the daylight hours turn to night.

When and where marsh rabbits proliferate, so, too, do their predators. Young rabbits are vulnerable to snakes and also to flooding of nests. Habitat loss and fragmentation impact marsh rabbits, which serve an essential role as a food source

in the wetlands
food chain.



Clerk's Corner

by Russell Muñiz



Brief legislation from the May 27, 2021 Town Council Regular Meeting:

- **Adopted Ordinance 2021-010 amending Article 130** of the Town Code concerning Zoning Map Amendments to preclude rezoning of any property to a higher density than that of any abutting property.
- **Adopted Resolution 2021-053** approving a phasing agreement Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy High School to grant up to two years to erect two multiple classroom modular buildings.
- **Adopted Resolution 2021-054** approving the Canal Drive Ranch Plat allowing four single family dwelling lots on 9.59 gross acres.
- **Adopted Resolution 2021-055** approving amendments to two interlocal agreements with Broward County for the distribution of local option gas tax proceeds.
- **Adopted Resolution 2021-056** authorizing the establishment for appropriate attire to be worn at Town facilities.
- **Adopted Resolution 2021-057** approving a purchase order for the purchase of fire hose equipment from Ten-8 Fire and Safety, LLC.

Brief legislation from the June 10, 2021 Town Council Regular Meeting:

- **Adopted Resolution 2021-058** approving a lease agreement with Toshiba America Business Solutions, Inc. for three copier/printer/scanners.
- **Adopted Resolution 2021-059** approving a purchase order for the purchase of a new camera system for the Town Council Chambers from Sound Planning Distributors.

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.

AROUND THE TOWN

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PROPERTY APPRAISER

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PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FILING DATES ANNOUNCED FOR TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES

Broward County Property Appraiser, Marty Kiar has announced special 2021 homeowner sign-up dates for Homestead, Senior and other property tax exemptions at **Southwest Ranches Town Hall 13400 Griffin Rd, Southwest Ranches, FL 33330**

Aug. 16th, 2021 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Sept. 20th, 2021 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Documents required to file a Homestead Exemption include:

- A current Florida driver's license or Florida identification card, AND
- A current voter registration card or declaration of domicile
- Non-US citizens must also provide proof of legal residency.
- If you are a new resident to Florida, please provide your Settlement Statement from your prior out of state property.

Qualified residents 65 years of age or older as of January 1, 2021 may also apply for the additional Senior Exemption (after January 1, 2021). Seniors must bring a copy of their 2020 Income Tax Return or a copy of their 2020 Social Security 1099 form (if no tax return was filed).

Fill, Excavation and Site Grading Permits

BY: PHILIP CHORATH

Did you know that any activity or project involving fill, excavation, dredging or grading will change the topography of a property will require a Fill, Excavation and Site Grading Permit? This is in accordance with Chapter 4, Code of Ordinance of the Town of Southwest Ranches. Addition of fill or an excavation will have the ability to change the amount of pervious area available and the topographic elevations of a parcel. In turn, this will affect the flow of stormwater as well as the drainage pattern inside from the property. This has the ability to impact adjacent properties. Therefore, it is essential for the Town of Southwest Ranches and the respective Drainage District to be able to review and monitor such activities.

There are three levels of Fill Permits – Level One, Level Two, and Level Three. The level is determined by the amount of fill being brought in and the size of the property. Please note that one large truck of fill is approximately 18 cubic yards.

A Level One Permit is free from the Town and requires the application, a sketch showing where the fill is being applied, and the Broward County Environmental Approval. A Level Two permit will additionally require the Drainage District Approval and will have a fee of \$75.00. A Level Three permit will additionally require a topographic survey before and after, a site plan, and a fee of \$150.00.

Some examples of activities that require a permit include the construction of a berm or retaining wall, excavation to create a pond, site grading, any activity that can impact a wetland, and filling in low areas. Please note

that fill will not be allowed in any surface water management areas or within the swales in the Town's right of way.

Fill material brought in shall not contain any pollution or toxic chemicals as it will adversely affect the land and ground water. Fill material that is not sufficiently permeable is not recommended.

There are several exceptions where a project will not require a Fill, Excavation and Site Grading Permit. A project with an active development permit will not require a Fill, Excavation and Site Grading Permit. This includes the construction of a new home, residential addition, pool, and deck. Routine maintenance activities such as fill for an existing horse arena or stall, tree planting, and water well repair will also not require a Fill, Excavation and Site Grading Permit. However, properties that have Agricultural Exemption are not exempt and will require a Fill, Excavation and Site Grading Permit for material brought in.

Once a Fill Permit has been approved, a Permit Card will be issued. The Permit Card can be picked up at Town Hall and will have the address, issue date, expiration date, permit level, and permit number. The Permit Card should be placed in front of the property so that it is clearly visible to everyone.

For more information please view the application for a Fill, Excavation and Site Grading Permit at <http://www.southwestranches.org/departments/town-engineering/development-permits-2/> or contact Philip Chorath at pchorath@southwestranches.org.



DON'T BE AN EASY TARGET.

DON'T LEAVE YOUR KEY FOB IN YOUR CAR!

WE HAVE RECENTLY HAD CARS STOLEN IN TOWN BECAUSE THE KEY FOB'S WERE LEFT INSIDE UNLOCKED VEHICLES. A THIEF ONLY NEEDS TO PRESS THE START BUTTON. IF THE CAR STARTS THEY KNOW THE FOB IS INSIDE AND OFF THEY GO!

PLEASE LOCK YOUR VEHICLES AND, DO NOT LEAVE KEYS IN THE CAR.

TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES BUDGET HEARINGS AND WORKSHOP

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2021 Budget Workshop on Proposed Budget (7 PM) - Mayor and Town Council (Community Invited)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 First Public Hearing for Tentative Millage and Budget Adoption introduced for FY 2021-2022 (via resolution and ordinance, respectively). Final Fire Protection and SW special assessment adoption (via resolutions) @ 6:00 PM. September Regular Council meeting @ 7:30 PM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2021 Second Public Hearing for Final Millage and Budget Adoption (via resolution and ordinance, respectively) @ 6:00 PM. September Regular Council meeting @ 7:00 PM

AROUND THE TOWN



- **Do not walk through flowing water.** If you must walk in standing water, use a pole or stick to ensure the depth of the water ahead.
- **Do not drive through a flooded area.** Do not drive around road barriers; the road may be washed out.
- **Stay away from power lines and electrical wires.** Electrical current travels through water. If possible, report downed powerlines to FPL. Do not use appliances or motors that are wet unless they have been taken apart, cleaned and dried.
- **Look out for animals, especially snakes.** Small animals that have been flooded out of their habitat may take shelter in your home.
- **Look before you step.** After a flood, the ground and floors can be covered with debris. Surfaces that have been covered with mud can be very slippery.
- **Be alert for gas leaks.** If your house is serviced by gas, do not smoke, use candles or open flames unless you know the gas has not built up. Make arrangements to turn off your electricity and gas.

To sign up to be notified via voice message, text and email for important public safety information during a storm visit <http://southwextranches.org/rapid-notify/> and broward.org/Emergency/Pages/AlertBroward.aspx.

Financial Assistance Advice

If your home or business is damaged by a flood, you may be required to meet certain building requirements to reduce further flood damage by coming into compliance with local, state, and federal criteria. To help with these costs, financial assistance such as grants, loans, rebates and the NFIP's Increased Cost of Compliance Coverage may be available.

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

National Flood Insurance Program Changes

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

Get a Flood Insurance Policy

Replacing household contents damaged by floods could place a significant financial burden on a homeowner or renter without flood insurance. Just a few inches of water from a flood can cause tens of thousands of dollars in damage. Homeowner's insurance policies do not generally cover damage from floods. However, because the Town of Southwest Ranches participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), you can purchase a separate flood insurance policy from an insurance agent and benefit from the premium discount available to all Southwest Ranches residents. Flood insurance is backed by the federal government and is available to everyone, even for properties that have been flooded previously. Please note that unless there is a special condition of the mortgage, there normally is a 30-day waiting period between the time flood insurance is purchased and the time coverage is in force. Though all home and business owners in these areas with mortgages from federally regulated or insured lenders are required to buy flood insurance, all residents should consider flood insurance to protect against significant financial losses.

If your property is in the SFHA and you have a mortgage from a federally regulated or

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

If you would like to know if your property is in a SFHA you can use the interactive map viewer. Visit <http://southwextranches.org/departments/town-engineering/flood-insurance-information/> and select Flood Maps. You can also call (954) 434-0008, provide your address and zip code, and Town staff will assist you in determining SFHA information specific to your property.

Elevation Certificate Information

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

Water Quality and Flood Control Effects of Drainage Systems

The success of the drainage system in your neighborhood depends on proper maintenance of the system. The swales that are commonly located between your yard and street are part of the neighborhood's storm water management system.

Gutters, storm drain pipes, lakes, wetlands, swales and canals should be kept free of debris. It is against Town Code to dump trash in waters. The drainage system may provide both water quality and flood control benefits. Lakes, wetlands, swales and canals filter pollutants from runoff or allow pollutants to settle out. Check with the Town's Engineering Department before paving, regrading or altering swales.

Protect Property from Flooding

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

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

Build Responsibly

Strict regulations govern substantial improvements to structures in the flood plain. According to NFIP, "substantial improvement" means the cost of any repair, reconstruction, or improvement of a structure which equals or exceeds 50 percent of the market value of the structure either before the improvement is started or if the structure has been damaged and is being restored.

Please be advised that any new development or improvement on a property will be subject to current Town regulations and may also be subject to state and federal regulations. Please contact the Southwest Ranches Building Code Services Division at (954) 434-0008 for specific information and to report unpermitted construction activities.

Flood Risk Specialist Available to Assist Residents

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

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engineering/flood-insurance-information/ for additional information.

Local Flood Hazards

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

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

Since portions of Southwest Ranches have been designated as a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), it is advisable to check the interactive map viewer to see the location of your property with respect to the SFHA. Visit <http://southwestranches.org/departments/town-engineering/flood-insurance-information/> and select Flood Maps. You can also call (954) 434-0008, provide your address and zip code, and Town staff will assist you in determining SFHA information specific to your property.

Protect Natural Floodplain Functions

Although much of the natural flood plain system in South Florida has been altered and is frequently over-drained, efforts are being made to enhance many historical wetlands and canals to restore them to a more natural state. These flood plain and wetland areas buffer flood flows, remove pollutants from our surface waters, recharge groundwater and create diverse habitat systems for plants and animals. The Southwest Ranches Comprehensive Plan includes policies pertaining to flood plains and wetlands. The plan provides for protection and creation of surface waters, protection and wetlands preservation.

Map Services

Maps are an effective method of communicating information about flood hazards. Residents and businesses that are aware of potential flood hazards can take steps to avoid problems and reduce exposure to flooding. Therefore, the Town offers complementary maps to supplement and clarify the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) with information on additional hazards, flooding outside mapped areas, development regulations that affect floodplain properties, flood insurance, natural floodplain functions, and property protection measures.

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

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

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

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

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

THE RURAL PUBLIC ARTS AND DESIGN BOARD
PRESENTS...

"4th Annual December Holiday Lights Contest"

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ENTRY FORM DUE
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

JUDGING WILL COMMENCE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

AWARDS WILL BE
PRESENTED
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

THE 3 MOST FESTIVE HOLIDAY DECORATED
HOMES IN SOUTHWEST RANCHES
WILL BE THE WINNERS
OF THIS CONTEST.

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Call Susan: 954-434-0008 or
email: SKutz@southwestranches.org

DECEMBER HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Town of Southwest Ranches
Rural Public Arts & Design Advisory Board
13400 Griffin Road • Southwest Ranches, Florida 33330

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

CELL: _____

I UNDERSTAND, ACKNOWLEDGE, AND AGREE THAT THE SUBMISSION OF THE PHOTOGRAPH OF MY HOME, WHICH I HAVE TAKEN, TO THE TOWN CONSTITUTES A "WORK MADE FOR HIRE," AND I HEREBY WAIVE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS TO THE WORK AND THE WORK PRODUCT, INCLUDING MORAL OR OTHERWISE. THIS STATEMENT SHALL CONTROL OVER THE PROVISIONS OF 17 U.S.C. SECTION 106A(a), AND SHALL CONSTITUTE A WAIVER BY ME OF ANY RIGHTS IN THE WORK SET OUT IN OR OTHERWISE GRANTED BY 17 U.S.C. SECTION 106A(a), VISUAL ARTISTS RIGHTS ACT OF 1990. ALL OTHER RIGHTS IN AND TO THE WORK, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ALL RIGHTS IN THE NATURE OF "DROIT MORAL" RELATING TO ANY CONTINUING INTEREST I MAY HAVE IN THE MAINTENANCE OR MODIFICATION OF THE WORK, ARE EXPRESSLY WAIVED AND, INsofar AS SUCH RIGHTS ARE TRANSFERABLE, ARE ASSIGNED TO THE TOWN. MY WORK IS ORIGINAL AND IT COMPLIES WITH ALL APPLICABLE PATENT, TRADEMARK AND COPYRIGHT LAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND CODES. I UNDERSTAND, ACKNOWLEDGE, AND AGREE THAT THROUGH THE CONVEYANCE OF MY SUBMISSION THE WORK WILL REMAIN THE PROPERTY OF THE TOWN AND MAY BE USED, REPRODUCED, SOLD, OR MODIFIED BY THE TOWN IN THE TOWN'S SOLE DISCRETION.

SIGNATURE: _____ (Date)

SIGNATURE OF GUARDIAN FOR CHILDREN UNDER 18:

(Date)

Want to stay in touch and receive
information on TOWN EVENTS?
Send your email address to:
druesga@southwestranches.org

AROUND THE TOWN

CodeRED®
Keeping Citizens Informed

Sign up for CodeRED Emergency Notification System to receive notifications from the Town of Southwest Ranches.

You will receive CodeRED alerts for emergency updates such as evacuation notices, weather warnings, hazardous traffic or road conditions, and other Town events.

You can self-register on the Town's website: www.southwestranches.org. to receive notifications by either phone call, text or email.

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Choice #1 - Phone: _____
 Choice #2 - Cell: _____
 Choice #3 - Email: _____



Southwest Ranches FIRE RESCUE



Have Fun Stay Safe During the Summer

The summer is here and good times to follow include outdoor events, BBQ, swimming at the beach or at family pools. Whether enjoying the fun in the sun, on land or in the water, some safety reminders so you and your loved ones can beat the heat safely and enjoy the gathering.

Heat-related illnesses are very common this time of year, especially as temperatures rise. Remember to hydrate (start the day before) Some symptoms of heat exhaustion may include excessive sweating, pale and moist skin, muscle cramps, dizziness, rapid heart rate, nausea, or vomiting. If you experience any of these symptoms of heat-related illnesses, find shade or go indoors (get out of the heat) and hydrate with water. If symptoms are severe or worsen, seek medical attention quickly (timing is everything) or call 911.

Heat-related tragedies are avoidable! As temperatures rise, the temperatures inside your vehicle will rise much higher than the outside ambient temperature.

- **NEVER** leave your child or pet alone in a vehicle.
- **LOOK** inside before you lock the door of a parked car.
- **CALL 911** if you see someone or an animal locked in a car.

Drowning is the leading cause of injury-related death for children ages one to five. When you are in or around water, follow these important safety reminders to keep your family safe:

- Young children should always be supervised by a responsible adult and have no other task.
- Keep small children within arm's reach and they should have flotation devices on.
- Install "child-proof" fencing, locks, alarms, or sensors to keep children from entering pool areas.
- Teach your kids how to swim.
- Be sure rescue equipment and a telephone are nearby in the event of an emergency (once an emergency takes place things can get confusing, quickly being prepared will streamline the emergency).
- Learn CPR for adults and children-It makes a difference of life and death.
- Stay Safe and enjoy your summer with family and friends.



Fire Chief Lee Bennett

BROWARD.org

ALERTBROWARD SIGN UP

EMERGENCY ALERT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

AlertBroward notifications will provide subscribers with important information in critical countywide situations such as hurricanes, evacuations, curfews, and open shelters. By signing up you'll receive time-sensitive calls to your home, business or mobile phones.s or emails.

<https://www.broward.org/Emergency/Pages/AlertBroward.aspx>

ALERT/BROWARD SIGN UP
EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

BROWARD COUNTY
FLORIDA

TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES
PUBLIC WORKS AND



• Any owner generated or contractor generated debris resulting from demolition or construction activities will not be picked up by Waste Pro.



CONGRATULATIONS 2021 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Michael Freeman, Kaleb Hobson-Garcia (not pictured), Brooke Giacin (not pictured), Brandon Harmer (not pictured), Christina Harrington, Jessica Hartmann, Isabella Martinez, Gabriella Morales, Addison Roberts, Jashanpreet Singh (not pictured), Madison Sullivan, Tyler Taporowski (not pictured) Ricky Velasquez.

Thank You

With sincere appreciation we would like to thank all the sponsors that helped support the Town of Southwest Ranches students by donating to the Town's College Scholarship Fund through-out this challenging year. You helped make it happen!

BACK TO SCHOOL BACK TO SCHOOL BACK TO SCHOOL

AROUND THE TOWN

DID YOU KNOW?

Our new monthly Town Department Corner that will feature an article from each particular department.

Illicit Discharge Into Storm Drains

BY: PHILIP CHORATH



Storm drains are used to collect storm water runoff from streets, lawns, rooftops, catch basins, and swales. The water collected does not pass into the water treatment plant to be treated. Instead it often flows into the nearby canals and other water bodies. Thus, it is imperative that only rain water is collected as any contaminants will not be treated for.

The pouring or inadvertent flow of chemicals, oils, paints, and any other hazardous materials can result in negative consequences to the surrounding environment as well as poses a health risk. Other hazardous materials include motor oil, anti-freeze, mercury, thermometers, pesticides, and herbicides. Common sources for illicit discharge include leaking containers, vehicle related accidents, improper fueling, illegal disposal, and improper maintenance.

Construction related activities such as the placement of solid waste in waterways or failure to maintain proper Best Management Practices such as turbidity barriers and silt fences are also considered forms of illicit discharge. Best Management Practices should be maintained throughout the construction process.

In the event you see an illicit discharge please call the Environmental Response Line **954-519-1499** or fill out the online complaint form at <http://www.broward.org/Environment/Resources/Pages/EnviroComplaint.aspx>. This can be reported anonymously as well.

COVID-19 IMPORTANT RESOURCES AND CONTACTS

BROWARD COUNTY www.broward.org/coronavirus
954-831-3900
954-357-9500 (Broward County Call Center)
954-743-9779 (Senior Citizen's Elder Hotline)

BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
www.browardschools.com/coronavirus www.browardschools.com
754-321-0000 (Main Switchboard)
754-321-0911 (Emergency Hotline—Live Person)
754-321-0321 (BCPS & Rumor Control Hotline)

STATE OF FLORIDA

FOOD PROGRAMS www.myflorida.com/accessflorida (SNAP)
www.feedingsouthflorida.org
Text: FLKIDSMEALS to PH# 211-211

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ELDER AFFAIRS
800-963-5337 <http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/index.php> (SHINE)

SMALL BUSINESS & NON-PROFIT ASSISTANCE
www.floridadisaster.org www.floridadisaster.biz

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN'S AFFAIRS
877-741-3400 (Veteran Clinical Contact Center)

CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL (CDC)
Call: 800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636), TTY: 888-232-6348.
<https://www.cdc.gov/DCS/ContactUs/Form>

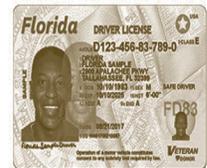
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FLORIDA HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES



Florida Licensing On Wheels mobile offices brings motorist services directly to the customer. FLOW mobiles offer the following services:

- First time license (\$48.00)
- Convert out of state license (\$48.00)
- Renewals (\$48.00 for Class E; fees vary for CDL)
- Replacements for lost or stolen license (\$25.00)
- Address/name changes (\$25.00)
- ID cards (\$25.00)
- No FEE Poverty Level ID Card.
- Reinstatements (fees vary)
- Emergency Contact Information Registration (free)
- Vehicle Registration Renewals (fees vary)
- Disabled Parking Placard Issuance and Renewals (Permanent- free; Temporary- \$15.00)



EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Visit us at <https://www.flhsmv.gov/locations/florida-licensing-wheels-flow/> to find out how you can take advantage of the services provided by our team of Community Outreach Specialists who are committed to excellence.

Let DHSMV assist you with scheduling a community event. Please visit us at <http://www3.flhsmv.gov/dd/FlowMobile/index.cfm> for a schedule of events in your area or submit your Request for a Flow at your next event.

Obtaining a Florida Driver License or Identification Card

Florida has new documentation requirements for residents renewing or obtaining a driver license or identification card. Please visit our [WhatToBring](http://www3.flhsmv.gov/dd/FlowMobile/index.cfm) website for a complete listing of documents needed and other information related to obtaining your driver license or ID card.

For your convenience the FLOW Units accepts the following methods of payment:
Cash, Check, and Credit Cards.



AUGUST 25, 2021 - BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
BETWEEN 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - NO WALK-INS
- CALL TOWN HALL (954) 434-0008

KIDS UNDER 13 BEST SHOT CONTEST.

Photo was taken by: EVA PIRIE, Age 5
"SHADY FUN"



AROUND THE TOWN

August 2021 School Calendar Broward County Public Schools



Wednesday, August 12th thru 18th
No school for students
Wednesday, August 19th
First day of school

AUGUST				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

Waste Collection

MAKE SURE YOUR GARBAGE, BULK AND RECYCLE ARE OUT BEFORE 7 AM

TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES - Waste Collection Map & Schedule



TO ALL OUR RESIDENTS ON STIRLING ROAD...Please remember you are in AREA 1A for your bulk schedule.

RESIDENTIAL BULK MAY BE PLACED IN THE SWALE THE SATURDAY BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED BULK COLLECTION DAY. (ORD 2008-07) PAGE 6

Weekly **SOLID (GARBAGE)** Waste Days

Area 3	Area 2	Area 1
Wednesday & Saturday	Tuesday & Friday	Monday & Thursday

BULK Collection Service Dates by Area

Month	Area	WEDNESDAY Only	Area	TUESDAY Only	Area	MONDAY Only
AUGUST 2021	3-A	8/11 - 8/25	2-A	8/10 - 8/24	1-A	8/09 - 8/23
	3-B	8/04 - 8/18	2-B	8/03 - 8/17 - 8/31	1-B	8/02 - 8/16 - 8/30
SEPTEMBER 2021	3-A	9/08 - 9/22	2-A	9/07 - 9/21	1-A	9/06 - 9/20
	3-B	9/01 - 9/15 - 9/29	2-B	9/14 - 9/28	1-B	9/13 - 9/27

RECYCLE collection occurs once per week: Area 1 every Monday • Area 2 every Tuesday • Area 3 every Wednesday

TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES PHOTO CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Rural Public Arts & Design Advisory Board

13400 Griffin Road, Southwest Ranches, Florida 33330

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

CELL: _____

EMAIL: _____

I UNDERSTAND, ACKNOWLEDGE, AND AGREE THAT THE SUBMISSION OF PHOTOGRAPHS TO THE TOWN CONSTITUTES A "WORK MADE FOR HIRE," AND I HEREBY WAIVE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS TO THE WORK AND THE WORK PRODUCT, INCLUDING MORAL OR OTHERWISE. THIS STATEMENT SHALL CONTROL OVER THE PROVISIONS OF 17 U.S.C. SECTION 106A(a) AND SHALL CONSTITUTE A WAIVER BY ME OF ANY RIGHTS IN THE WORK SET OUT IN OR OTHERWISE GRANTED BY 17 U.S.C. SECTION 106A(A), VISUAL ARTISTS RIGHTS ACT OF 1990. ALL OTHER RIGHTS IN AND TO THE WORK, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ALL RIGHTS IN THE NATURE OF "DROIT MORAL" RELATING TO ANY CONTINUING INTEREST I MAY HAVE IN THE MAINTENANCE OR MODIFICATION OF THE WORK, ARE EXPRESSLY WAIVED AND, INsofar AS SUCH RIGHTS ARE TRANSFERABLE, ARE ASSIGNED TO THE TOWN. MY WORK IS ORIGINAL AND IT COMPLIES WITH ALL APPLICABLE PATENT, TRADEMARK AND COPYRIGHT LAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND CODES. I UNDERSTAND, ACKNOWLEDGE, AND AGREE THAT THROUGH THE CONVEYANCE OF MY SUBMISSION THE WORK WILL REMAIN THE PROPERTY OF THE TOWN AND MAY BE USED, REPRODUCED, SOLD, OR MODIFIED BY THE TOWN IN THE TOWN'S SOLE DISCRETION.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

SIGNATURE OF GUARDIAN FOR CHILDREN UNDER 18: _____ DATE: _____

Household HAZARDOUS WASTE Disposal Days

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE, ELECTRONICS & BULK DROP OFF EVENT

Location: Rolling Oaks Barn - 17630 SW 56th St., Southwest Ranches, 33331

Saturday, September 11th, 2021 . 8:00am to 2:00pm

Document shredding - 10:00am to 1:00pm

Prescription drug drop off 10:00am to 2:00pm

This service is provided for Town residents only. Proof of residency is required.

NOTE: Event may be canceled due to rain, excessive winds or other hazardous conditions as determined by the Town.

ACCEPTABLE HHW ITEMS

Aerosol Cans Antifreeze/Coolant/Paint
Batteries & Auto Batteries
BBQ & Camp Size Propane
Cleaners
Fluorescent Tubes/Bulbs
Garden Chemicals
Latex/Oil-Based Paint
Pesticides
Pool Chlorine
Tires - 4 tires (no rims) per household
Used Oil & Filters

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Computers, Cables DVD Players,
Key Boards, Mice, Adapters,
Monitors, Printers/Scanners,
Radios, Stereo Components, TVs,
Tape Players, VCRs

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Appliances
Asbestos
Explosives or Ammunition
Medical/Infectious Waste
Non-Residential Waste

For more information call Town Hall (954) 434-0008



PHOTO BY:

Dixie Giacin "At Meyer Farm in Sunshine Ranches"
(From the 2021 Photo Contest Calendar)

CALENDARS

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
August	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30	31				

Please note that effective July 1, 2021 all Town Council Meetings and Advisory Board meetings will be held in person at Town Hall unless explicitly stated otherwise.

REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKERS

HIGHLY VISIBLE DAY OR NIGHT

Order today...

this could help save your life or someone you love.

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Phone: _____

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Southwest Ranches Fire Rescue
17220 Griffin Rd,
Southwest Ranches, Fl. 33331

For additional
information contact

Chief Bennett at 954.868.2057



HAPPY BIRTHDAY...

~ Zucel and Luis Moraguez ~
August 19th



*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@southwestranches.org

BULK RULES

WASTE PRO
(954) 967-4200

- **AVOID A FINE OF \$500.00** - Bulk cannot be placed out earlier than the Saturday prior to your scheduled bulk pick up date.
- **AVOID A FINE OF \$500.00** - Landscaper or Contractor generated waste on your property must be removed by that vendor for disposal.
- Bulk Piles over-the-limit of **12 Cubic Yards** per household will be picked up and the vendor will bill the resident the additional yardage at the rate of \$17.50 per cubic yard.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT 12 CUBIC YARDS IS EQUIVILANT TO THE SIZE OF A VOLKSWAGON BEETLE (APPROXIMATELY 8 FEET WIDE BY 10 FEET LONG AND 4 FEET TALL).

If you have a request or complaint, please click on the Waste Pro button on our website:
www.southwestranches.org or call: (954) 967-4200.

IN TOUCH

TOWN HALL: 13400 Griffin Road / Southwest Ranches, FL 33330 • **PHONE:** (954) 434-0008 • **FAX:** (954) 434-1490
TOWN HALL OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday / 8:30 am - 5:00 pm • **TOWN WEBSITE:** www.southwestranches.org
TOWN HALL TWITTER ACCOUNT: @SWR_Gov • **YOUTUBE:** Town of Southwest Ranches Official Channel • **FACEBOOK:** facebook@SWRGOV

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Steve Breitzkreuz	(954) 343-7462	sbreitzkreuz@southwestranches.org
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Council Member Jim Allbritton	(954) 343-7461	jallbritton@southwestranches.org
Council Member David S. Kuczenski	(954) 343-7472	dkuczenski@southwestranches.org

TOWN STAFF

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Sandy Luongo, <i>General Services Manager</i>	(954) 343-7476	sluongo@southwestranches.org
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Venessa Redman, <i>Senior Procurement & Budget Officer</i>	(954) 343-7467	vrredman@southwestranches.org
Gina Lawrence, <i>Town Accountant</i>	(954) 343-7477	glawrence@southwestranches.org
Keith Poliakoff, <i>Town Attorney</i>	(954) 909-0580	kpoliakoff@southwestranches.org
Rod Ley, <i>Public Works Director</i>	(954) 343-7444	rley@southwestranches.org
Philip Chorath, <i>Engineer I</i>	(954) 343-7441	pchorath@southwestranches.org
Emily McCord Aceti, <i>Community Services Manager</i>	(954) 343-7453	eaceti@southwestranches.org
December Lauretano-Haines, <i>Parks, Recreation & Open Space Manager</i>	(954) 343-7452	dlauretano@southwestranches.org
Melinda Stringer, <i>Administrative Assistant</i>	(954) 343-7454	mstringer@southwestranches.org

TOWN SERVICES

BUILDING DEPARTMENT PERMITTING – (CAP GOVERNMENT) M-F 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Brian Dillon, <i>Building Official</i>	(954) 343-7446	bdillon@capfla.com
Joyce Marques, <i>Permit Technician</i>	(954) 343-7446	jmarques@capfla.com
Derlin Guevara, <i>Permit Technician</i>	(954) 343-7445	dguevara@capfla.com
PLANNING – (MELGREN PLANNING GROUP)	(954) 475-3070	michele@tmpgplanning.com
Jeff Katims	(954) 435-3070	jeff@floridaplanning.net
CODE, ZONING, and PERMITTING	(954) 343-7440	zoninginfo@southwestranches.org

Code Enforcement Hotline	(954) 343-7449	
Julio Medina, <i>Code Enforcement Director</i>	(954) 343-7458	jmedina@southwestranches.org
Blair Bublely, <i>Code Enforcement Officer</i>	(954) 343-7457	bbublely@swranches.org
Marlon Gonzalez, <i>Code Enforcement Officer</i>	(954) 343-7440	mgonzalez@swranches.org
Jenna Anderson, <i>Administrative Coordinator</i>	(954) 343-7459	janderson@southwestranches.org

WASTE/BULK/RECYCLING SERVICES (Residential & Commercial)

Waste Pro	(954) 967-4200	
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REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKERS – Chief Bennett

MOSQUITO CONTROL	(954) 868-2057	lbennett@southwestranches.org
LOST AND FOUND ANIMALS	(954) 765-4062	
	(754) 224-0877	Facebook@SWRLostandFoundAnimals

PUBLIC SAFETY

EMERGENCY

Non-Emergency

Davie Police Department

Jeff Hobales, *Detective*

Cheryl Danner, *Police Services Coordinator*

Davie Fire Rescue Station 112

Volunteer Fire Rescue - Chief Bennett

TRAFFIC AND ROADWAY SERVICES

Potholes and Signs Down - Philip Chorath

Illicit Discharge - Environmental Response Line:

911

(954) 764-4357 (HELP)

(954) 693-8200

(954) 693-8293

(954) 693-8352

(954) 680-0020

(954) 868-2057

(954) 343-7441

(954) 519-1499

jeffrey_hobales@davie-fl.gov
cdanner@southwestranches.org

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

OTHER

WATER DISTRICTS - CANALS

Central Broward Water Control District

East of SW 148 Avenue (Volunteer)

South Broward Drainage District

West of SW 148 Avenue (Volunteer)

(954) 432-5110

(954) 680-3337

www.centralbrowardwcd.org

www.sbdd.org



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The Town of Southwest Ranches
Rural Public Arts & Design Advisory Board presents

9th Annual Photo Contest

When was the last time you visited one of our beautiful Parks?

The theme for 2022 Photo Contest Calendar is...

SOUTHWEST RANCHES PARKS

Pictures must be submitted no later than September 13th, 2021

- One photo per person in household.
- Please provide a photo caption (limit 74 characters).
- Photos must be at least 8 x 10 (landscape).
- Must be a resolution of at least 300 DPI.
- No previous photos will be accepted.
- To be considered, all entries must be submitted with the Town's Entry Form.

Email your photo to: Skutz@southwestranches.org

Town of Southwest Ranches Park Sites

Sunshine Ranches Equestrian Park - 5840 SW 148th Avenue
Southwest Meadows Sanctuary Park - 16290 Griffin Road
Calusa Corners Park - 4701 Hawke's Bluff Avenue
Rolling Oaks Park - 17630 SW 56th Street
Country Estates Fishing Hole Park - 18900 Griffin Road
Frontier Trails Park - 19300 SW 51st Manor
Founder's Park - 12498 Griffin Road

SEE PAGE 9 FOR ENTRY FORM

ATTENTION

SOUTHWEST RANCHES KIDS UNDER 13...

Give us your
**BEST SHOT OF NATURE AND WILDLIFE
IN SOUTHWEST RANCHES**

The Rural Public Arts and Design Board
would like to showcase your photo skills in the
Town's newsletter.

We invite children ages 13 and under who live in Southwest Ranches to submit their favorite photo. This is for our young photographers to enter some type of nature or wildlife picture within the Town.

- ~ No adult assistance.
- ~ All photos should be the work of the child photographer.
- ~ One (1) entry per child.
- ~ Photos should be submitted in the highest quality (resolution) possible.
- ~ The Town reserves the right to reject any submittal.

Please email your photo in JPEG format to:
Skutz@southwestranches.org along with your name, age, phone number, and a caption about your photo (about 137 characters with spaces).

Submissions will be accepted until further notice.