

SOUTHWEST RANCHER

The Official Newsletter of Southwest Ranches

JUNE 2021 HIGHLIGHTS

STAY INFORMED
AND BE SAFE.

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Happy Father's Day





**Mayor
Steve Breitreuz**

As this current Council came together last November, there were areas we wanted to focus on. I have truly been pleased to see how the Council has been focused on preserving open space, getting traffic issues under control, promoting and protecting our agricultural roots, as well as taking definitive steps toward preserving our Rural Lifestyle.

There has been a level of mistrust between the agricultural community and the Town, which has gone on for years. This is not something that will quickly go away. It takes years to build trust. However, I have been so pleased with how we have begun the process of coming together as a community. We now have two representatives from the Ag community on the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Board, which helps us map out what our Town will look like in the coming decades. It is critical that the Ag Community has a voice at this table, and I could not be more thankful to see Jorge Lorenzo and Daniel Pradilla now on that Board. We have always had a seasoned Board with a wealth of knowledge and expertise. However, with Jorge and Daniel on the Board, I think that we are in a much better position to move forward together as a Town. And both gentlemen have jumped right in and contributed both on the Board and beyond within our Town. They have worked to find the middle ground, protecting the rights of the Ag community, while working with non-Ag residents to come up with creative so-

lutions. Thank you both and thank you to the entire Comp Board under the direction of Chair Jason Halberg.

We are also moving forward with approving new protections regarding rezoning. This is critical to preserving our open space. If a property is being requested to be rezoned, and let's say the property touches zoning that has a minimum of one acre but also touches properties that have a minimum of 2 acres, it can only be rezoned to 2 acres, the less dense of the two options. This will send a message to developers, before they arrive on what to expect when rezoning in the Ranches. This of course does not restrict property owners' rights for their property within their current zoning.

I also want to thank those who joined our initial Mayor's Q&A call in April. It was a great time with people joining and dropping off as their schedules allowed. Just a good conversation on a number of topics, some which were planned and some which were not! But it was all good! The calls are on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. The details are on the Town website. Please join us on our next call.

It is my sincere honor to serve you as your Mayor and to enjoy and preserve our beautiful Town of Southwest Ranches together.

Steve (954) 296-6018



**Council
Member
David S.
Kuczenski**

Howdy Folks, June brings us the advent of Hurricane Season. Over the years our Town has increased its presence with protecting our properties, our animals and ourselves. First, the Town implemented the CodeRED community alert notification system. The purpose is to notify residents of critical events to put neighbors on notice of concern, whether it be gas leaks, evacuation notices, police activities, fire emergencies, missing persons and more. The notifications come via texting, email, social media, and telephone calls. There is no charge for registering or participating, and the information transmitted is quite useful. The Town website provides a link; however, if you prefer to fill out a form in hand, feel welcome to contact me. I will make sure you have the necessary form to participate.

After the unforgettable rainfall from tropical storm Eta, we have been looking into opportunities to accommodate our farm animals. The Legislature recently passed funding to look at the flooding issues that plagued us last year. We will not stop the hurricanes nor the rainfall, but hopefully, we can look into draining off the excessive rainfall before it comes to be a prob-



lem. Another possibility we are considering is using Town property to create a sort of temporary sanctuary where residents may keep our farm animals who have lost their dry standing ground. Of course we need to look into trying to prevent uncomfortable situations from developing, and this is where resident input is essential.

In many parts of the Town, we have seen FPL replacing utility poles with concrete poles. In addition to FPL, the poles also serve to locate lines for AT&T (BellSouth) and Comcast (Xfinity). Until the other utilities remove their connections from the old poles, FPL will not be permitted to remove the older poles.

Our Advisory Boards are all looking into projects to help make us a better place to live. The Rural Public Arts and Design Advisory Board is once again seeking an artist to paint a large-scale mural at Founder's Park, which is located behind CVS Pharmacy on Griffin Road. The deadline to submit is **July 1, 2021**. If you are interested, please contact Susan Kutz at Skutz@southwestranches.org. In addition, the Rural Public Arts and Design Board would like to invite all Southwest Ranches First Responders and Front-Line Workers to get together for a socially distanced drone photo **July 13, 2021** at 5:00 PM at Rolling Oaks Park. Please RSVP to Susan before **July 6, 2021** if you would like to attend. The Ninth Annual Photo Contest is right around the corner. This year's theme is **Southwest Ranches Parks**. Now is your chance to visit our beautiful parks

and enjoy taking pictures of the peace, tranquility, and open spaces of our Town. Email your photos to Skutz@southwestranche.org before **September 13, 2021**.

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 place to call home 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.



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 Philip at pchorath@swranches.org

THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION'S

MAYORS MONARCH PLEDGE

Water for Butterflies

BY SUE CHALMERS

Turn your air conditioner discharge outside easily into a water source for birds, bees and butterflies. With a little planning, this water source can be self-sustaining, requiring little maintenance while providing much needed water for wildlife on hot, dry days.

How:

Extend a PVC pipe from the Air Conditioning drain to a desired location. Must be lower than the discharge area. Place a brick or step stone under the dripping pipe with a small dish to collect the water into a puddle. Discharged water keeps flowing into the dish, recharging the puddle and self-cleaning as it flows.

For your puddle station to self-maintain, it should be small enough to avoid wildlife stepping into it, discharging fecal matter or having a bath that pollutes the water. The overflow and wet stone provides a view of available water, also for bees and butterflies to access and a solid foundation for drinking wildlife. Add a screen to cover the pipe discharge area to avoid unwanted creatures from entering!

You can place your puddle station outside a window to give yourself a view of wildlife activity in your yard. It will be frequented by squirrels, birds and bees, raccoons, opossums.

AROUND THE TOWN



Clerk's Corner

by Russell Muñiz

Brief legislation from the April 8, 2021 Town Council Regular Meeting:

• **Adopted Resolution 2021-038** approving an agreement with Imeco, Inc. for the Green Meadows Drainage Improvement project.

• **Adopted Resolution 2021-039** urging members of Florida Legislature to oppose any proposed legislation that would erode municipal Home Rules powers.

• **Adopted Resolution 2021-040** approving an agreement with Broward County to receive Surtax funding to complete the SW 50th Street and SW 182nd Terrace drainage improvements.

Brief legislation from the April 22, 2021 Town Council Regular Meeting:

• **Adopted Resolution 2021-041** supporting a purchase order to Sheerson Painting, Inc. to complete the exterior Town Hall painting project.

• **Adopted Resolution 2021-042** supporting the refinance of the Town's Improvement Revenue Bond Series 2016 Bonds.

• **Adopted Resolution 2021-043** supporting the submission of the Green Meadows Phase III Drainage Improvement project to the Broward County Transportation Surtax Program.

• **Adopted Resolution 2021-044** supporting the submission of the SW 54th Place Drainage connection from Ivanhoe canal to Dykes Road project to the Broward County Transportation Surtax Program.

• **Adopted Resolution 2021-045** supporting the submission of the Frontier Trails Drainage Improvement project to the Broward County Transportation Surtax Program.

• **Adopted Resolution 2021-046** supporting the submission of the Green Meadows Drainage Improvement project along SW 164th Terrace project to the Broward County Transportation Surtax Program.

• **Adopted Resolution 2021-047** supporting the submission of the Dykes Road piping project to the Broward County Transportation Surtax Program.

• **Adopted Resolution 2021-048** supporting the submission of the SW 185th way and SW 69th Street Drainage project to the Broward County Transportation Surtax Program.

• **Adopted Resolution 2021-049** supporting the submission of the Dykes Road flood protection improvement project to the Broward County Transportation Surtax Program.

• **Adopted Resolution 2021-050** supporting the submission of the Country Estates SW 63rd Street drainage project to the Broward County Transportation Surtax Program.

• **Adopted Resolution 2021-051** supporting the submission of the SW 205th Avenue and SW 49th Court Drainage project to the Broward County Transportation Surtax Program.

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.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE, ELECTRONICS & BULK DROP OFF EVENT

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

Saturday, July 10th, 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

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@swranches.org.

AROUND THE TOWN

MEET YOU at the PARK...

Coyotes in Southwest Ranches

By Chris Brownlow with
December Lauretano-Haines

Looney Tunes fans remember watching "Wile E. Coyote" chase the elusive Roadrunner...and enjoying a good chuckle. In Southwest Ranches, sightings are beginning to be more commonplace. Sadly misunderstood, real-life coyotes are viewed unfavorably and often feared.

Native species, here to stay

Coyotes (*Canis latrans*) are native to North America. They arrived in Florida as part of natural range expansion linked to human urbanization, and have been documented in every county in our state for years.

This medium-sized canine is a close relative of the domestic dog. Like raccoons and other wildlife, they are extremely adaptable and can be found in rural, suburban, and urban landscapes.

Coyotes range in weight from 15-46 pounds, and hold their bushy tails down (even when running), while dogs curl their tails upward.

Coyotes are experts at catching rodents, raccoons, foxes, and other small animals. They bring live mice for their young to practice hunting. Their hunting helps maintain balance in the ecosystem, keeping populations at bay. Omnivorous, they enjoy berries, fruits, and vegetables, as well.

How to coexist safely with coyotes - Avoid conflicts

Remember that all wildlife will attempt to protect themselves or their young if

threatened — keep your distance.

Coyotes are typically shy and elusive but encounters between people and coyotes in Florida are occurring more often as habitat loss and fragmentation continue due to land development for human use. Rarely posing a threat to people, they can be curious, but generally will run away if challenged.

Do not attempt to hurt a coyote -- injured animals are more likely to defend themselves. The goal should be to scare the coyote away.

"Git, varmint!"

Methods used to deter and frighten away coyotes that approach human habitat are called "hazing."

Making loud noises and acting aggressively will typically cause a coyote to leave an area. A "coyote shaker" made from placing pebbles or coins in an empty drink container can be an effective noisemaker. Spraying water from a hose or using bear repellent can also be effective hazing methods.

Teach children to recognize coyotes. If children are approached by a coyote, have them move slowly inside and yell loudly – teach them not to run, approach, or feed coyotes.

Prevent problems

Take UP the welcome mat! Providing an unwelcoming environment will discourage coyotes from visiting. This is good for you, and even better for the coyote.

DO NOT FEED THEM, whether intentionally or unintentionally. Clean-up fallen fruit from underneath trees, and seed from around the base of bird feeders. Clean up pet feeding stations. Keep garbage bins secured.

Protect small pets and animals

Coyotes can and do prey on domestic cats and small dogs. Most attacks occur either at night or in the early eve-

ning or morning hours (dusk and dawn). To protect your pets, do not allow them to roam unsupervised. Be extra careful when walking your pet in areas with heavy foliage, where coyotes may rest.

Free-roaming cats are at a high risk of being preyed on by coyotes and other animals. Keep cats indoors.

For chickens or other small animals kept in a coop or fenced yard, be sure the fence is at least 6 feet high to deter coyotes from jumping over it and check the bottom of the fence regularly. Coyotes can climb over and under fences; installing coyote rollers or hot wire, and burying fences below the ground can prevent them getting in.

The tail end

Coyotes are an important part of the South Florida ecosystem. By learning to prevent conflicts, we can co-exist with our native wildlife.



SHOW YOUR TOWN SPIRIT

SWR stickers are made for residents
by the Country Estates Homeowners
Association. Sticker's are \$1 each
and are available at Town Hall,
13400 Griffin Rd.



HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS GUIDE

**PRE-RECORDED EMERGENCY MESSAGE FOR
SOUTHWEST RANCHES RESIDENTS 954-343-7455**

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR RESIDENTS

Before an emergency threatens, all Broward County residents should have a plan in place to help ensure their safety, including those who have disabilities and/or health issues that put them at risk in an emergency. All residents should be prepared before basic services such as water, gas, electricity or telephones are cut off for an extended period of time.

If you are unable to prepare an emergency plan for yourself, ask a family member or friend to help you. Before a weather emergency or other disaster strikes, you should know what you need to do and where you need to go to be "Ready. Set. Safe."

BEFORE THE STORM

DEVELOP A HURRICANE PLAN

Just as every home should have a smoke alarm, every home should have an emergency supply kit packed and ready. Being prepared doesn't have to cost money.

Follow these steps to create a family hurricane plan.

- ✔ Charge your cell phones, ensure you have a car charger
- ✔ Fill up your vehicles with gas
- ✔ **IMPORTANT:** Trim your trees and vegetation early in the season. **Do not trim trees when a storm is imminent. These items can be missiles during a storm and can cause severe damage or worse!**
- ✔ Keep important documents in a sealed plastic bag.
- ✔ Document Assets... Make a visual and written record of your assets for insurance purposes. Also, photograph the interior and exterior of your home.
- ✔ Turn off circuit breakers before the power goes. Leave one circuit breaker on with a lamp so you will know when power is restored.
- ✔ If possible, purchase a generator and an ample supply of fuel to power the generator in the event of power outages. Safely store your generator outside when running it. Do not run your generator in an enclosed area.
- ✔ Please remember to prepare ahead for your medical needs such as dialysis, insulin, oxygen, and any prescription drugs.
- ✔ The emergency refill law allows you to obtain a 30-day supply of medications when an emergency is announced. Pregnant women who are two weeks from their due date, at high risk, or otherwise concerned should contact their physician.
- ✔ Make a plan for your pets and animals.

PREPARATION KIT

A family preparedness kit is one of the most important tools at your disposal to keep your family safe in a disaster.

- ✔ **COVID-19 SUPPLIES:** Masks, Gloves, Hand Sanitizer
- ✔ **DRINKING WATER:** At least one gallon, per person, per day for five days (preferably for two weeks). Extra water is needed for food preparation and personal hygiene. Use food-grade containers to store drinking water. You can use clean, airtight containers such as two-liter soda jugs, but no milk containers. If you re-use disposable plastic bottles do not keep them more than a month.
- ✔ **FOOD:** At least enough for five days, per person per day, including nonperishable packaged or canned food, canned or shelf milk, cereal, snack foods, etc.
- ✔ A five-day supply or more of special items such as formula, food, wipes, diapers for babies, and special foods for the elderly; toiletries and extra toilet paper
- ✔ Manual can opener/bottle opener
- ✔ Paper goods including plates, bowls, napkins, towels, plastic eating utensils, re-sealable plastic storage bags, heavy-duty aluminum foil and disposable aluminum pans
- ✔ Unscented household bleach and medicine dropper
- ✔ Extra bedding such as blankets, pillows, sleeping bag, etc. (in case you must evacuate)
- ✔ Clothing including rain gear and sturdy shoes
- ✔ First aid kit and hand sanitizer
- ✔ Medicines/prescription drugs: at least a two-week supply
- ✔ Flashlight and extra batteries
- ✔ Battery-operated or hand-crank radio
- ✔ Disposable batteries, car chargers or solar charger for your cell phone
- ✔ Hardline telephone with jack (not cordless)
- ✔ Books and games or toys
- ✔ Pet food, cat litter and other pet care items
- ✔ Tool kit including cord, rope, hammer, wood nails, saw, hatchet or axe, crowbar, chainsaw blades, tarp, duct tape, plastic trash bags/ties and heavy working gloves
- ✔ Extra charcoal or propane gas for outdoor cooking. Sterno can also be used. Never cook with any of these items inside your house. The smoke and fumes are deadly.
- ✔ Fire extinguisher (ABC type)
- ✔ Matches in a waterproof container
- ✔ Mosquito repellent with DEET, and sunscreen
- ✔ Any special equipment or items you may need



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SHELTER OPTIONS

- Arthur Ashe/Rock Island** 1701 NW 23rd Ave., Ft. Lauderdale 33311
- Coral Glades High School** 2700 Sports Plex Drive, Coral Springs 33065
- New Renaissance Middle School** 10701 Miramar Blvd, Miramar 33025
- Monarch High School** 5050 Wiles Road, Coconut Creek 33073
- Everglades High School - Pet Friendly 17100 SW 48th Ct, Miramar 33027**
- West Broward High School** 500 NW 209th Ave, Pembroke Pines 33029
- Lyons Creek Middle School - Pet Friendly 4333 Sol Press Blvd, Coconut Creek 33073**
- Pines Middle School** 200 NW Douglas Rd, Pembroke Pines 33024
- Orange Brook Elementary School** 715 S. 46th Ave, Hollywood 33021
- Falcon Cove Middle School - Pet Friendly 4251 Bonaventure Blvd, Weston 33332**
- Panther Run Elem. School** 801 NW 172nd Ave, Pembroke Pines 33029
- Parkside Elementary School** 10257 NW 29th St, Coral Springs 33065
- Park Lakes Elementary School** 3925 N. State Rd 7, Lauderdale Lakes 33319
- Silver Lakes Elementary School** 2300 SW 173rd Ave, Miramar 33027
- Park Trails Elementary School** 10700 Trails End Road, Parkland 33076
- Plantation Elementary School** 651 NW 42nd Ave, Plantation 33017
- Liberty Elementary School** 2450 Banks Road, Margate 33063
- Beachside Montessori Village Elem School** 2230 Lincoln St, Hollywood 33020
- Dolphin Bay Elem. School** 16450 Miramar Parkway, Miramar 33027
- Tradewinds Elementary School** 5400 Johnson Rd, Coconut Creek 33073
- Gator Run Elementary School** 1101 Glades Parkway, Weston 33327
- Coconut Palm Elementary School** 13601 Monarch Lakes Blvd, Miramar 33027
- Coral Cove Elementary School** 5100 SW 148th Avenue, Miramar 33027
- Everglades Elementary School** 2900 Bonaventure Blvd, Weston 33331
- Silver Shores Elementary School** 1701 SW 160 Avenue, Miramar 33027
- Sunset Lakes Elementary School** 18400 SW 25th Street, Miramar 33029
- Manatee Bay Elementary School** 19200 Manatee Isles Dr., Weston 33332
- Lakeside Elementary School** 900 NW 136th Avenue, Pembroke Pines 33026
- Pompano Beach High School** 600 NE 13th Avenue, Pompano Beach 33060
- Fox Trail Elementary School** 1250 Nob Hill Road, Davie 33324
- Silver Palms Elementary School** 1209 NW 155th Ave, Pembroke Pines 33028
- Watkins Elementary School** 3520 NW 52nd Avenue, Pembroke Park 33023
- Hallandale Elem School (Gulfstream Academy)** 1000 SW 8th St, Hallandale 33009

Not all shelters may be open during a state of emergency. In the event of an evacuation order, monitor news reports or call the Broward County Emergency Hotline, 311 or 954-831-4000, for specific shelter openings. Emergency shelters are a service of the Broward County Commission, American Red Cross, Broward County School Board and Florida Department of Health in Broward.

PET-FRIENDLY SHELTERS

A pet-friendly shelter operated by Broward County and the Broward County Humane Society is available to residents with pets on a first-come, first-served basis. Advance, in-person registration is recommended, but not required. For more information call the Humane Society at 954-989-3977.

SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTER

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

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

VULNERABLE POPULATION

• Vulnerable Population Registry is a program that allows people who would be at risk following an emergency to register in advance so that emergency workers may plan a better response during a recovery effort. The Registry is a joint partnership between municipalities and Broward County. Each municipality may use the Vulnerable Population Registry list in a different way, based on their local recovery effort.

WHO SHOULD REGISTER

- You should register in the Vulnerable Population Registry if you elect to stay at home during an emergency and have a disability, frailty or health issue that would make you vulnerable in an emergency. If you live in an evacuation zone, you should plan to evacuate. Registration does not guarantee that you will be provided services or placed on a priority list for emergency responders. However, it will help your community be better prepared to respond.

HOW DO I REGISTER?

- The easiest way to register is online at Broward.org/Atrisk. You can register yourself, or a family member or caregiver can register for you, if you authorize them to do so. If you don't have access to a computer, you can also register by calling Town Hall, or the



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Broward County Call Center at **311** or **954-831-4000 (TTY 954-831-3940)**.

REMEMBER . . .

- Register only once. If you move, or no longer want to be included in the Registry, call your Town Hall or the Broward County Call Center to update or delete your registration.
- Registration is not a guarantee that you will be provided services or placed on a priority list for emergency responders, but it will help Town Hall better respond during a recovery effort.
- All information will be held in the strictest confidence as required by State law.

PREPARE IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

- Make a list of your Personal Support Network – the people you can count on to help you before, during and after an emergency. Document contact information (home, work and cell phone numbers) for each person on the list, including family members, friends, coworkers and neighbors. The individuals in your Personal Support Network should be familiar with your functional abilities and limitations.
- Create a Personal Information Card with all your health information (doctors, insurance policy numbers, hospital preferences, current medications, medical conditions, etc.) Identify your disability-related or special medical needs.

PREPARE EQUIPMENT AND COLLECT SUPPLIES

- Place identification labels on any medical-support equipment you would take to the shelter with you, such as wheelchairs, walkers and nebulizers.
- Collect your emergency supplies early. Supplies will vary, depending on whether you choose to go to a shelter or stay at home. Broward County has created a convenient shopping guide that can help you spread the expense of purchasing emergency supplies over eight weeks.
- Keep ample supplies of prescription and non-prescription medications on hand, especially during hurricane season, June 1 through November 30.

TIP FOR LARGE ANIMALS

As pet owners we need to make preparations for our four-legged family members.

No one can guarantee where your animal will be safe. The decision is yours. If you cannot make your property safe because of the condition of the barn, trees, power lines, low lying land prone to flooding, or general condition of the neighboring properties, plan on evacuating your horse at least 48 hours before the storm.

- ✓ Review all tips provided and implement as many as possible.
- ✓ Remove tools and loose objects.
- ✓ Board up barn windows

- ✓ Whether you decide to keep your animals in the barn, the pasture, or trailer them out of the area, it is very important that you have them haltered, preferably with a leather halter, and have them well identified.
- ✓ Attach a fetlock or mare band to your animal with your contact information written in permanent ink on the band.
- ✓ Place the animal's identification and contact information on a waterproof luggage tag and braid it close to the base of the horse's tail.
- ✓ Attach identification and contact information to the halter. Secure it tightly in a plastic bag and affix it to the halter with packing tape.
- ✓ If your animal is tattooed or has a microchip, make sure that the ownership information is current in the registration database.
- ✓ Spray paint your area code and telephone number on the side of the animal in a contrasting color. Use acrylic paint because it should wear off in 1-2 weeks.
- ✓ Shut off electricity to the barn before the storm. Unplug any appliances inside the barn so that they will not become energized by an electrical surge due to a lightning strike. This minimizes the chances of a fire.

ANIMAL SUPPLIES:

Water: Have enough water for up to 5 days.

Food: Be sure you have adequate supplies of hay and grain prior to the storm. You may not be able to get out for several days or longer. Grain should be stored in water-proof containers, and if possible be up off the floor. Hay should be at least 2 feet off the floor and covered well, in the event of leaks.

PET SUPPLIES:

- ✓ Large dogs need ½ gallon of water per day
- ✓ Treats
- ✓ Kitty litter
- ✓ Current photo of your pet for identification
- ✓ Tattoo number or microchip
- ✓ Make sure your pet is wearing its animal license tag with identification
- ✓ Medical records
- ✓ Rabies certification with tag

SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLE PICK UP

Once winds exceed 40 mph, garbage trucks are taken off the regular collection routes to protect the drivers. After the storm, as soon as roads are accessible, a first priority is to collect raw garbage. The Town's contracted hauler will collect garbage on the regular scheduled days.

Raw garbage poses a public health threat because bacteria and odor can attract scavenging animals. Do not place your raw garbage with hurricane-generated debris. The second priority will be the removal of storm-related debris.

*** DO NOT PLACE BULK OUT BEFORE STORM**



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DURING THE STORM

Once the storm arrives, there are some additional measures you can take to keep everyone as safe as possible.

- ✓ Remain calm
- ✓ Stay indoors in a secure location, or your "safe room." The strongest part of a house is usually away from windows and exterior doors.
- ✓ Place towels along window sills and at the bottom of the door heading outside to keep water from coming in.
- ✓ Use flashlights, not candles or kerosene lamps, during the storm.
- ✓ Elevate valuables to table tops or higher places if flooding occurs.
- ✓ Be aware that tornados can appear anytime during a hurricane. Monitor your local radio stations and if a tornado warning is issued, take cover in an interior hallway or "safe room."
- ✓ Stay indoors till the storm has passed. A calm period during the eye of the storm may cause some people to think the storm has passed. Remain indoors until the news stations say it is safe to move about the area.
- ✓ If your house starts to break apart, cover yourself with a mattress. If your safe room is a bathroom with a bathtub, get in the tub under a mattress.
- ✓ Use the phone for urgent calls only.

AFTER THE STORM

Some of the greatest hurricane dangers present themselves after the storm has passed. Keep these important tips in mind:

- ✓ Treat all downed powerlines as if they were live. If a powerline is sparking or arcing, stay away and call 911, if possible.
- ✓ Walk cautiously and avoid standing water, which may hide downed power lines or hazardous objects.
- ✓ Don't venture out in the dark because you may not see a powerline that could still be energized.
- ✓ Do not drive unless it is an emergency. If power is out, traffic lights will not be working. Stop signs and street signs may have blown away. Streets will be littered with debris. Treat each intersection as a four-way stop.

STORM DEBRIS GUIDE

1. Separate hurricane vegetative and structural debris items.
2. Debris must be in front of your residence or it will not be removed.
3. Do not place debris near power poles.
4. Do not obstruct fire wells and hydrants with debris.
5. Do not place debris on utility boxes.

6. Place debris away from mailboxes.
7. Do not place debris in the street, causing a public safety hazard.

NOTE: VACANT LOTS, COMMERCIAL PROPERTY, NURSERIES, NURSERY DEBRIS AND LAND CLEARING ARE NOT APPROVED FOR GOVERNMENT-FUNDED DEBRIS PICKUP. DEBRIS PILED ON VACANT LOTS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP.

The Town will post debris pickup information on the Town website, social media, emergency notification, message boards and pre-recorded emergency message for Southwest Ranches residents **(954) 343-7455**. Please call Town Hall if you have questions about the disaster clean-up process: **(954) 434-0008**.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

It is important to take photos of damaged areas and possessions. Make temporary repairs to protect your home or property from further damage. Cover holes in the roof or walls with plywood and use heavy-duty plastic to cover broken windows. Keep records, bills and paid invoices until your insurance representative visits. Notify your insurance agent as soon as possible. If you have a downed tree in your yard, and it is not blocking a road, and has not downed a powerline, it is your responsibility to remove the tree. Downed trees on private properties are the responsibility of the homeowner. Clean up the premises and remove debris within the time limits imposed by the Town and FEMA if applicable.

CANAL ISSUES

East of Volunteer Road

- Central Broward Water Control District **954-432-5110**

West of Volunteer Road

- South Broward Drainage District **954-680-3337**

C-11 Canal Only

- South Florida Water Management District **954-452-4814**

A MESSAGE FROM FEMA

The federally backed National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) does cover flood damage for homeowners, renters and business owners. This protection is available to anyone in a community that participates in the NFIP.

Southwest Ranches participates in the National Flood Insurance Program. Go to www.floodsmart.gov, there you can find out the flood risk where you live by simply typing in your address. A wealth of flood facts and protection tips are available at the easy to navigate flood smart website.



HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS GUIDE

**PRE-RECORDED EMERGENCY MESSAGE FOR
SOUTHWEST RANCHES RESIDENTS 954-343-7455**

(Continued)

More information is also available at www.fema.gov.

1. Emergency Preparedness Is a Matter of Priorities
2. Hurricane Season: June 1 – November 30
3. Hurricane WATCH – A hurricane may pass near or through the area within 48 hours
4. Hurricane WARNING – A hurricane is expected in 36 hours or less; all precautions should be taken immediately.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

| | |
|---|---|
| Emergency..... | 911 |
| Davie Police Department Non-Emergency..... | 954-693-8200 |
| Monday-Friday, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm | |
| Broward County Non-Emergency | 954-764-4357 |
| Broward County Hurricane Hotline & Emergency Shelters..... | 954-831-4000 or 311 TTY 954-831-3940 |
| Broward County Human Services Department Specials Needs Shelter Registration | 954-831-3902 TTY 954-831-3940 |
| Broward County School District Hotline | 754-321-0321 |
| Broward County Animal Care & Regulation | 954-359-1313 |
| Insurance – State of Florida Department of Financial Services Hurricane Helpline | 1-800-22-STORM TTY -711 |
| American Red Cross, Broward Chapter | 954-797-3800 |
| Florida Power and Light | 1-800-468-8243 |
| Southwest Ranches Town Hall General Information..... | 954-434-0008 |
| Southwest Ranches Recorded Emergency Message..... | 954-343-7455 |

YouTube Town of Southwest Ranches Official Channel
facebook [facebook@SWRGOV](https://www.facebook.com/SWRGOV) **TWITTER:** @SWR_Gov

OTHER HELPFUL WEB LINKS

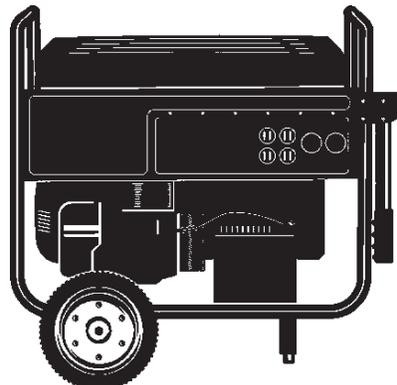
Broward County Chapter American Red Cross:
www.browardredcross.org
 FEMA: www.fema.org
 Broward County Hurricane Preparedness Guide:
www.broward.org/hurricane

PORTABLE, GASOLINE-POWERED GENERATORS

- Thoroughly read and follow the manufacturer's instructions to avoid dangerous shortcuts and ensure the safe operation of your generator.
- Set it up outside, away from all open windows, including neighbors' windows, to prevent deadly exhaust from entering a home or business.
- Use a heavy-duty extension cord rated for outdoor use to keep the generator safely outdoors. If the appliance has a three-prong plug, always use a three-prong extension cord.
- Consider using a battery-operated carbon monoxide alarm to be alerted if carbon monoxide levels become dangerous.
- Connect appliances directly to it. Do not wire your generator directly to your breaker or fuse box, because the power you generate may flow back into power lines and cause severe injuries, or even kill a neighbor or utility crew working to restore power.
- Turn off all connected appliances before starting your generator.
- Turn connected appliances on one at a time, never exceeding the generator's rated wattage.
- Don't touch a generator if you are wet or are standing in water or on damp ground.
- Never refuel a hot generator or one that is running – hot engine parts or exhaust can ignite gasoline.
- Ensure you have plenty of gas for operation stored safely in gas containers.
- Don't leave a running generator unattended; turn it off at night and when away from home.

GENERATOR READY BUSINESSES

This website lists Broward County businesses that are generator-equipped and therefore may be open for business after a storm, natural disaster or other emergency resulting in a prolonged power outage. The inclusion of a business on this list is not a guarantee that the business will be open.



Featured business categories include grocery stores, home improvement stores and other stores. To find a business near you go to www.broward.org/Hurricane/Pages/Generator-ReadyBusinesses.aspx

AROUND THE TOWN



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.

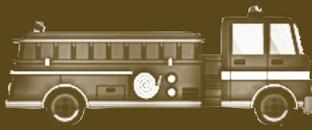
Name: _____

Address: _____

Choice #1 - Phone: _____

Choice #2 - Cell: _____

Choice #3 - Email: _____



Southwest Ranches FIRE RESCUE

I would like to thank our wonderful residents. One of our fire-trucks used for special events was in need of repair. I reached out to our residents for assistance. **Eddie Flores** immediately stepped up and offered his services to contact residents on his street. Eddie collected and personally donated, raising a total of \$2,200.



The SW 210 Terrace contributors were - **Eddie Flores, Ronald Martinez, Tom Ivey, the Khan family, Just Perfect Landscape, CID Family and Israel Cammicho.**

Other residents will be acknowledged in the next newsletter.

The Southwest Ranches Fire Rescue continues to train at the Broward Fire Academy. We are also do joint training with Davie Fire Rescue.

Stay safe, Fire Chief Lee Bennett

Broward County Public Schools JUNE SCHOOL CALENDAR

| JUNE | | | | |
|------|----|----|----|----|
| M | T | W | T | F |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | | |

Wednesday, June 9th - Early release day
Thursday, June 10th - No school for students
Wednesday, June 30th - Report cards issued

HAPPY Father's Day!



ALERT!BROWARD 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 or emails.

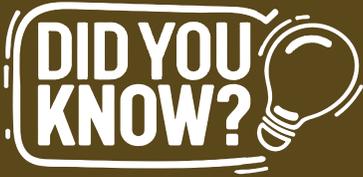
<https://www.broward.org/Emergency/Pages/AlertBroward.aspx>

ALERT!BROWARD

SIGN UP
EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS



AROUND THE TOWN



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

DID YOU KNOW that the Town is actively preserving your Dark Skies? As directed by Town Council, Code Enforcement is actively seeking out any violations of the Dark Sky ordinance in order to preserve the rural lifestyle and enjoy



our night skies. **All lighting violations are addressed by our nighttime and weekend officer, Marlon Gonzalez. If you have questions or concerns, you may contact Marlon by calling (954)343-7440.**

Another recent concern around Town is **unpermitted gatherings/parties.**



1. Any gathering that consists of 30+ people or may cause a disturbance to the neighborhood requires a permit from the Town.

2. A permit provides information to the Town and police department as to the intended duration and purpose of the event. However, it still requires the host and property owners to adhere to the Noise Ordinance.

3. Events are intended to be for friends and family and may never include any form of payment to attend.

4. Renting your property for someone else to host an event is a violation of the Town Code. The goal is to be a good neighbor. Providing notice to your neighbors and the Town prior to any event is the best way to avoid any unintentional Code violations.

Our most prevalent Code concern remains **illegal filling and/or grading.** No one wants to deal with flooding after heavy rains, however drowning out your neighbor is not the way to solve this problem. Our Code Department actively seeks out any illegal changes in elevation, and we attempt to bring them into compliance by requiring they go through the process of obtaining the proper approvals and creating an approved drainage plan. **If you have any concerns that a property is conducting illegal filling, please contact our Code Department.**



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>

TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES BUDGET HEARINGS AND WORKSHOP

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

THURSDAY, JULY 29, 2021

Preliminary Millage Rate and Initial FY 2021-2022 Fire Protection and Solid Waste (SW) special assessment Adoption at July Regular Council Meeting (all via resolutions)

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

The Town of Southwest Ranches
Rural Public Arts and Design Board
presents ...



CALL TO ARTISTS!



Have you ever dreamt of painting a large scale mural? The Town of Southwest Ranches has a wall that is waiting for your creativity! The wall is located in Founder's Park, behind CVS Pharmacy, on the southwest corner of Griffin and Flamingo Road.

The mural should reflect the rural lifestyle, wildlife, or natural beauty of Southwest Ranches.

The Town is offering a stipend of \$2,500.00 plus up to \$1000.00 in material costs.

For information email Susan at:
Skutz@southwestranches.org or call 954-434-0008.

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 |
|-----------|------|-------------------|------|--------------------|------|-------------|
| JUNE 2021 | 3-A | 6/2 - 6/16 - 6/30 | 2-A | 6/01 - 6/15 - 6/29 | 1-A | 6/14 - 6/28 |
| | 3-B | 6/09 - 6/23 | 2-B | 6/08 - 6/22 | 1-B | 6/07 - 6/21 |
| JULY 2021 | 3-A | 7/14 - 7/28 | 2-A | 7/13 - 7/27 | 1-A | 7/12 - 7/26 |
| | 3-B | 7/07 - 7/21 | 2-B | 7/06 - 7/20 | 1-B | 7/05 - 7/19 |

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

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?

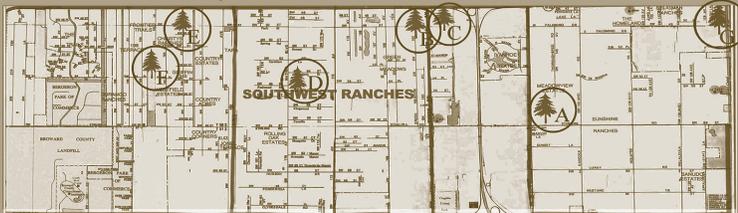
The theme for 2022 Photo Contest Calendar is...

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 Ave.
- Southwest Meadows Sanctuary Park - 16290 Griffin Rd.
- Calusa Corners Park - 4701 Hawke's Bluff Ave.
- Rolling Oaks Park - 17630 SW 56th St.
- Country Estates Fishing Hole Park - 18900 Griffin Rd.
- Frontier Trails Park - 19300 SW 51st Mnr.
- Founder's Park - 12498 Griffin Rd.

TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES

PUBLIC WORKS AND



HURICANE SEASON is right around the corner.
NOW IS THE TIME TO CLEAN YOUR YARD
AND TRIM YOUR TREES.



LIMIT OF 12 CUBIC YARDS. TREE LIMBS NEED TO BE CUT TO 4 FEET.

TREE STUMPS CANNOT EXCEED THE WEIGHT OF 100 LBS.



PHOTO BY:
Rose Gauthier "New sheriff in town."
 (From the 2021 Photo Contest Calendar)

CALENDARS

| S | M | T | W | T | F | S | |
|-------------|--|---|---|--|--|-----------|---|
| June | | 1 • Code Hearing Town Hall 9 am AREA 2A BULK | 2 • Drainage Infrastructure Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 3A BULK | | | | |
| | 6 • SWR Parks Foundation Meeting Town Hall - 7 pm • Country Estates Grace Baptist Church 19200 Griffin Road - 7 pm AREA 1B BULK | 7 | 8 • Parks, Recreation, Forestry & Natural Resources Advisory Board - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 2B BULK | 9 AREA 3B BULK | 10 • TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - 7 pm | 11 | 12 |
| | 13 • Schools & Education Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 1A BULK | 14 | 15 • Bid Opening Drainage Improvements IFB 21-007 AREA 2A BULK | 16 AREA 3A BULK | 17 • Comprehensive Planning Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm | 18 | 19 |
| | 20 • Rural Public Arts & Design Advisory Board - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 1B BULK | 21 | 22 • Rolling Oaks Civic Association Meeting Rolling Oaks Barn 17630 SW 56 Street, 7 pm AREA 2B BULK | 23 • Fire Advisory Board Meeting Town Hall 7 pm AREA 3B BULK | 24 | 25 | 26 • TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - 7 pm |
| | 27 AREA 1A BULK | 28 | 29 AREA 2A BULK | 30 • Sunshine Ranches HOA Town Hall - 7:30 pm AREA 3A BULK | | | |

Due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) we reserve the right to cancel or postpone meetings in order to protect the safety of our residents and staff. Updates will be posted on our website www.southwextranches.org and all Town social media, or call Town Hall (954) 434-0008 for updates.

All Town Council and Advisory Board meetings will be held virtually until further notice. Thank you.

REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKERS

HIGHLY VISIBLE DAY OR NIGHT

Order today...
this could help save your life or someone you love.

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

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

MOUNTING PREFERENCE:
 vertical (up/down) _____ horizontal (left/right)
 COLOR PREFERENCE:
 _____ green w/white letters _____ blue w/white letters

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

For additional
 information contact
 Chief Bennett at 954.868.2057



Have a birthday you would like
 to share with us in a future
 Town newsletter?



Send your name and birthday to:
Skutz@southwextranches.org

BULK RULES



- **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.southwextranches.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 Breitkreuz | (954) 343-7462 | sbreitkreuz@southwestranches.org |
| Vice Mayor Bob Hartmann | (954) 343-7447 | bhartmann@southwestranches.org |
| Council Member Gary Jablonski | (954) 343-7456 | gjablonski@southwestranches.org |
| Council Member Jim Allbritton | (954) 343-7461 | jallbritton@southwestranches.org |
| Council Member David S. Kuczenski | (954) 343-7472 | dkuczenski@southwestranches.org |

TOWN STAFF

| | | |
|--|----------------|---------------------------------|
| Andy Berns, <i>Town Administrator</i> | (954) 434-0008 | aberns@southwestranches.org |
| Danielle Caban, <i>Executive Assistant to the Town Administrator</i> | (954) 343-7474 | dcaban@southwestranches.org |
| Russell Muñiz, <i>Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk</i> | (954) 343-7450 | rmuniz@southwestranches.org |
| Debra M. Ruesga, <i>Deputy Town Clerk</i> | (954) 343-7451 | druesga@southwestranches.org |
| Sandy Luongo, <i>General Services Manager</i> | (954) 343-7476 | sluongo@southwestranches.org |
| Susan Kutz, <i>Administrative Specialist</i> | (954) 343-7460 | skutz@southwestranches.org |
| Martin Sherwood, <i>Town Financial Administrator</i> | (954) 343-7473 | msherwood@southwestranches.org |
| Rich Strum, <i>Town Controllor</i> | (954) 343-7442 | rstrum@southwestranches.org |
| 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)

| | | |
|-------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Jeff Katims | (954) 475-3070 | michele@tmpgplanning.com |
| | (954) 435-3070 | jeff@floridaplanning.net |

CODE, ZONING, and PERMITTING

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

WASTE/BULK/RECYCLING SERVICES (Residential & Commercial)

| | | |
|---|----------------|---------------------------------|
| Waste Pro | (954) 967-4200 | |
| REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKERS – Chief Bennett | (954) 868-2057 | lbennett@southwestranches.org |
| MOSQUITO CONTROL | (954) 765-4062 | |
| LOST AND FOUND ANIMALS | (754) 224-0877 | Facebook@SWRLostandFoundAnimals |

PUBLIC SAFETY

EMERGENCY

| | | |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| <i>Non-Emergency</i> | 911 | |
| <i>Davie Police Department</i> | (954) 764-4357 (HELP) | |
| Jeff Hobales, <i>Detective</i> | (954) 693-8200 | jeffrey_hobales@davie-fl.gov |
| Cheryl Danner, <i>Police Services Coordinator</i> | (954) 693-8293 | cdanner@southwestranches.org |
| <i>Davie Fire Rescue Station 112</i> | (954) 693-8352 | |
| <i>Volunteer Fire Rescue - Chief Bennett</i> | (954) 680-0020 | |
| TRAFFIC AND ROADWAY SERVICES | (954) 868-2057 | |
| Potholes and Signs Down - Philip Chorath | (954) 343-7441 | pchorath@southwestranches.org |

OTHER

WATER DISTRICTS - CANALS

| | | |
|--|----------------|---------------------------|
| Central Broward Water Control District | (954) 432-5110 | www.centralbrowardwcd.org |
| <i>East of SW 148 Avenue (Volunteer)</i> | | |
| South Broward Drainage District | (954) 680-3337 | www.sbddd.org |
| <i>West of SW 148 Avenue (Volunteer)</i> | | |



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TO ALL
SOUTHWEST RANCHES
FIRST RESPONDERS AND
FRONT LINE WORKERS

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

The Rural Public Arts and Design Board
would like to invite you to
Rolling Oaks Park
July 13, 2021 at 5:00pm
to get together for a socially
distanced drone photo.

We can never thank you enough for all you
do, but the memory of all Southwest
Ranches First Responders and Front Line
Workers together for a photo will be a cher-
ished moment that will be remembered.

Please hold the following dates:
July 20th and July 27th in case we need to
reschedule due to rain.

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Please call (954) 434-0008 or
email: Skutz@southwestranches.org
to RSVP before July 6th.

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.

Any questions please let me know.
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