

SOUTHWEST RANCHER

The Official Newsletter of Southwest Ranches

April 2017

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Happy Easter



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Mayor
Doug Mckay

Dear Residents,

At recent Town Council meetings, the possibility of allowing development of certain town-owned parcels has been discussed. While I and the rest of the Town Council believe that the preservation of our rural lifestyle is of great importance, it may be prudent to allow sensible development in limited areas. One of the areas that draws attention from many potential developers are the parcels of land on the northwest corner of Flamingo Road and Sheridan Street. These parcels total more than 40 acres. Because of the unique characteristics of the parcels, development projects proposed recently have not been for residential homes at one unit per 2.5 acres because most people don't want to live so close to busy roads. Rather, commercial uses have been proposed.

Resident input is of utmost importance to me and my fellow colleagues on the Town Council. I can assure you that no project, residential or otherwise, will be approved without the community having a say in the process. As your Mayor, I would love to know your thoughts about what should be allowed there? Please email me at dmckay@southwestranches.org or

call me at 954-274-6508 to let me know your thoughts about allowing development of these, or any other, parcels in the Town.

Please let me know if there is an issue I can help you with!

Doug



Council Member
Steve Breitkreuz

Hazardous Household waste is a concern no

matter where you live. However, it gets even more important when you live in a community where the vast majority of the residents obtain their water from their home well systems. That is why it was important to set up a schedule whereby residents could conveniently and properly dispose of these hazardous items.

Four times a year we have the hazardous waste drop offs. The next time that you can drop off these materials is this month, Saturday, April 8th, from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. It is always at the same location, the Rolling Oaks Barn. This is because it is fairly centrally located and the location has plenty of room for all of the various vehicles that are used to obtain the hazardous waste.

So then what can you drop off here? Most anything that is not acceptable in your normal garbage pickup. This includes old computer equipment that may contain hazardous mercury, as well as the safe disposal of computer hard drives that may still have personal information. Also, you can drop off the normal hazardous waste products such as paints and insecticides. Finally, you can even drop off a tire. There is a limit of one tire per resident per quarter, but this gives you a



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.

Highly Visible Day or Night
REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKERS

ORDER TODAY...
IT MAY HELP SAVE YOUR LIFE OR SOMEONE YOU LOVE.

IF WE CAN'T "FIND YOU"
473
WE CAN'T "HELP YOU"

\$20.00

Make checks payable to:
Southwest Ranches Fire Rescue
17220 Griffin Road
Southwest Ranches, FL 33330

For additional information call:
Chief Lee Bennett: 954-868-2057





way to get rid of these items, even if it does take a few quarters.

The other item that is especially appropriate for this time of year is the Shred-A-Thon. This is a service that is available on that same day and location from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, where you can shred those old tax returns and other financial documents that you no longer required to obtain.

So, please make use of this service. Your tax dollars are paying for this service so it only makes sense to use it!



Council Member Gary Jablonski

Allow me to tell you about my friend Aster.

Many of you may know him as one of our founders and an original Town Council Member, but there is a more to tell that many people are not aware of. My friend Aster has recently moved along with his wonderful wife, Birdie, to a new home in Plantation. They became empty nesters, and those of you who have been to many of those great parties or meetings they had at their house, know what an enormous task is to maintain a house of that size. Some parties had over two hundred people just on the patio, that's right, just the patio with even more in the house itself. I relate all of this because it took place in a time when we were forming our special Town. Birdie and Aster never hesitated to volunteer their home whenever the need or occasion arose. I remember many meetings in the late 1990's in their home; it became a central meeting place for the various neighborhoods. The late Vice-Mayor Johnny Dollar often commented on how their house was the perfect spot. Mayor Mecca Fink held many planning discussions there for the western part of our Town. Many other homes and meeting places were used over the years but Aster's house is definitely one of the most memorable.

As some of you know Aster retired

from the Council in 2010 but kept his talents and knowledge in use long after he no longer served on the Council. As I write this he is with a group of other Town Councilmembers in Tallahassee to speak to our Florida State Senators and Representatives, what most residents do not know is that he has gone every time the Council has visited the State capital (on his own time) during Broward Days. When you are in the capital with him our legislators immediately recognize us because of his efforts.

After retiring from office, he founded the Southwest Ranches Parks Foundation, a non-profit foundation to supplement Town funds. The Foundation has raised and donated tens of thousands of dollars all going to the Town Park projects. Many of our parks would not have been able to move forward without the Foundation's help. The volunteers of the Foundation work year round to make all of this possible on their own time with virtually no recognition. They take great pleasure in knowing their efforts are moving our Town into the future, thanks to Aster's vision, foresight and "can do" attitude. Aster may have moved a few miles to the north but I guarantee you he will be at the next Town Council meeting and Parks board meeting. Those of you who have heard he moved away, not really, he just has to drive a few more minutes to get to Town Hall. As always it is my honor and privilege to serve you.

Gary

Mini-Flow:
Florida Licensing on Wheels

If you need to renew or replace your Florida Driver's License, Identification Card or Tag and Registration, then come to Town Hall. The Department of Motorist Services Mini-FLOW Florida Licensing on Wheels will be at Town Hall:

Thursday, April 27
From 9:30 - 2:30

TownTalk

Want to stay in touch and receive information on TOWN EVENTS?

Send your email address to:
isolera@southwestranches.org



AROUND THE TOWN



**Council Member
Dee Schroeder**

Like me, many of our residents are animal lovers. We moved here for the peace and quiet and for the ability to have our animals at home with us. Unfortunately, sometimes our animals get off our properties or we find a lost animal. Our first thought is usually, 'what should I do?'. I spoke with Leslie Kastner, administrator of Southwest Ranches Volunteer Fire Rescue's Site for Lost and Found Animals on Facebook. Her page is set up to help reunite pets and their owners in Southwest Ranches and surrounding communities like Weston, Pembroke Pines, Davie and Cooper City. You can send her a post for any lost or found animals, not just dogs and cats. She also has scanners to check found animals for a microchip. The link for this Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/SWRVFRLostandFoundAnimals/> If you don't have access to Facebook, you can contact her at **754-224-0877**.

Making sure your pets always have some type of identification is extremely important. A collar with a rabies tag and/or a tag with your information or a collar with your phone number will help get your pets back. Permanent identification like a microchip is one of the best ways because collars and tags have been known to be lost or pulled off. If your pet is microchipped, please make sure the microchip is regis-

tered and the information on record is current. Pet owners assume their pet's microchip has been registered, but that's not always true. If you didn't do it, then assume it has not been done. Also, some company's registration only lasts for 1 year. Every year or so, have your vet check the microchip to make sure it's still working, get the number if you don't have it and go to their website or **www.petmicrochiplookup.org** to make sure the information is current. If the microchip is not registered, you can either register it with the manufacturer or for free with **www.found.org**.

Hopefully this information will help if your beloved pet ever goes missing or you're not sure what to do if you find a loose animal.

Dee

Country Estates Homeowners Association

presents
Family Fun & Entertainment
at the **2nd Annual Country BBQ**

Country Estates Park
March 26 from
11 AM to 3 PM
Griffin Rd & 190th Ave

Clerk's Corner

by Russell Muñiz



Brief legislation from the February 9, 2017

Town Council meeting:

• **Adopted Resolution 2017-031** approving a cost sharing project agreement with South Florida Water Management District to complete the Dykes Road Drainage and Water Quality Project.

• **Adopted Resolution 2017-032** approving a Waiver of Plat to subdivide one lot of approximately 4.47 net acres into two lots of approximately 2.3 and 2.2 acres.

Brief legislation from the February 23, 2017 Town Council meeting:

• **Adopted Resolution 2017-033** approving an agreement with PHI Construction, Inc. to fabricate and install three Town entranceway signs.

• **Adopted Resolution 2017-034** recognizing the 45th Anniversary of the Florida Association of City Clerks.

• **Adopted Ordinance 2017-03** amending the Town's Unified Land Development Code to prohibit Cannabis related uses in various districts.

• **Adopted Ordinance 2017-04** adopting the five-year schedule of capital improvements for Fiscal Years 2017-2021.

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.

TOWN HALL NEWS



BCPA STAFF WILL BE ASSISTING BROWARD RESIDENTS WITH HOMESTEAD, SENIOR AND OTHER EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS AT:

THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES
13400 GRIFFIN RD

Monday, April 17, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

TO APPLY FOR A HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION, YOU MUST HAVE COPIES OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

FOR ALL APPLICANTS:

- Florida Drivers License OR Florida I.D. Card; AND
- Proof of Broward Voter Registration OR a Declaration of Domicile; AND
- Social Security Number for all owners

FOR RESIDENT ALIENS:

- Permanent Resident "Green Card," or proof of asylum, or INS I-485 letter showing that application to convert to permanent resident status is complete.

The Senior Exemption requires at least one owner be 65 as of January 1, 2016 and the total household adjusted gross income not exceed \$28,448. (call for info on required documents)

For more information please contact the Outreach Department at 954.357.5579 or at njones@bcpa.net.



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

5th Annual Photo Contest

"ANYTHING IN OUR TOWN"
(excluding people) is once again the theme for the 2017 Photo Contest.

Pictures must be submitted by **July 15, 2017.**

- Please provide a photo caption (limit 74 characters).
- Photos must be at least 8 1/2 x 11 (landscape).
- Must be a resolution of at least 300 DPI.
- No previous photos will be accepted.



This could be your picture!

Call Susan for additional information (954) 434-0008 or email: Skutz@southwestranches.org



Southwest Ranches FIRE RESCUE

Your Southwest Ranches Fire Rescue Training Division has made additional props/maze for the Firefighters to train in hazardous conditions. During the training there are several different scenarios used. This training is very intense and rugged. The Training Division has purchased and built the props/maze with their own money. The Training Division spends many hours a month building and preparing classes for training all of our Southwest Ranches Firefighters.

A special thanks to our Training Division: Training Chief, Mike Bernardo, Training Officers: Scott Bazy, Bruce Evans, Jamie Mercado,

Rich Seabrook and Chris Walton. All members of the Training Division are retired Officers from various departments. All have served for several decades in the fire service and have a lot of experience to share with the personnel they are training.

Davie and Southwest Ranches Fire Rescue have completed all the well testing in our Town. Also, the Town of Southwest Ranches purchased blue reflectors that have been placed to identify the location of a wells to better serve our community.

Stay Safe,
Chief Lee Bennett

GARAGE SALE IN THE PARK

TO THE KIND LADIES

who bought 7 of my daughter's baby dresses (as well as some toys and Easter items) at the **Garage Sale In The Park**. We were located at the front of the park. You were so sweet and we enjoyed meeting you and talking with you. We held your purchases in our car until you were ready to leave. It wasn't until I got home and spoke to one of my daughters who is away at college, did I realize I made a **terrible mistake** and sold those dresses in error. If you are reading this, I will gladly repay you the money you spent for them.

Please contact me, **Laurie Sanders, 954-478-7005**. It would mean the world to find those dresses to give back to my daughters.

**Thank You.
Laurie Sanders**

CODE ENFORCEMENT AND YOU: PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR INVESTMENT

By: Robert C. Solera, Code Enforcement Director / Code Services Inc. President



Property Owner: Are you planning on starting a home construction or a remodeling project? If the answer is yes, please being aware of the following will protect and will safeguard your investment.

According to Florida law, those who work on your property or supply materials for the work, and are not paid-in-full, have a right to enforce their claim for payment against your property. This claim, which used to be called a mechanic's lien, is now referred to as a construction lien.

If a contractor fails to pay subcontractors or material suppliers, or neglects to make other legally required payments, then any person who is owed money may seek for payment against your property, even if you have paid the contractor in full. Furthermore, they may file a lien against your property and it could be sold against your will to pay for labor, material, or other services which your contractor may have failed to pay.

Verify that your contractor is properly licensed. Contact the Town's Building Department which is provided by CAP at (954) 343-7445, and you can also look up the information at www.MyFloridaLicense.com This Building Department is able to verify if the contractor that you have hired is licensed, and also be aware that no government

agency issues a "handyman" license.

The State of Florida and Broward County agencies issue contractor licenses specific to the type of work that a professional is authorized to perform and each license /certificate will particularly list. In fact, it is your right as a property owner to request proof of such license.

Making sure that your contractor has secured the necessary building permit is also part of your responsibility. Generally, a permit is required for the erection or construction of any structure. Also, permits are required for all additions, reparations, improvements, alterations interior or otherwise, and extension of roof covering of structures (this includes, but is not limited to, the installation, alteration and / or repair of any electrical equipment wiring, electrical equipment, plumbing fixture, mechanical equipment and any gas supply systems. Before starting any improvement or construction check with the Building Department to determine whether or not the work requires a permit.

Be aware and look for the following warning signs of fly-by-night unlicensed "contractors" whom prey on uninformed property owners:

- When they request a large "down payment" or request to

be paid only in cash or, if by check, they request it be made payable to a person instead of a business;

- When they are unwilling or unable to give you a written contract;
- Are unwilling or unable to show proof of property licensing or insurance (liability or workmen's comp)
- Are unwilling or unable to obtain a permit or might be hesitant to apply for a permit;
- They might only work after normal business hours (nights and weekends) and
- They might not display their contractor license number on their vehicles, business cards, contracts or advertisements.

The Code Enforcement Department strives to provide excellent customer service to all our citizens. However, we also seek to protect our citizens through their improvement project process. Our citizens are our biggest assets, and we are here to protect you and provide as much information as possible. Please do not hesitate to contact us at 954-434-0008 with any questions or concerns.



SERIES: THE SOUTHWEST RANCHES COMMUNITY FOREST UNDERSTANDING THE ELEMENTS OF PROPER TREE PRUNING

By Chris Brownlow with
December Lauretano-Haines

In Southwest Ranches, trees are all around us, some planted, some that have volunteered. Their majestic greenery is literally such a significant part of our landscape that we tend to take them for granted.

Those who've lived through the aftermath of large wind storms and hurricanes are a little more in tune to the devastating effects these events can have on our trees, and understand that tree pruning is an essential element of successful property management.

Many of us make the mistake of merely taking to our trees and shrubs with whatever implement we find, hacking and sawing away; but our trees are crying out to us to be a LOT more careful.

This series of articles are designed to help residents understand the basic elements of tree care in easy to understand segments. With the 2017 storm season starting just a few short months ahead in May, now is the time to get started understanding the Elements of proper tree pruning.

To begin with, a good tree pruning program starts with identifying your objectives –or goals of why and how to trim your trees.

Over the last several decades, researchers at the University of Florida have been studying the effects of wind and pruning on tree growth and ability to survive through Florida's major storms. The ultimate conclusions of all this research: Structural Pruning is the way to go!

One of Florida's foremost such

researchers, Dr. Edward F. Gilman of the Department of Environmental Horticulture at the University of Florida explains:

“Many shade trees in the forest grow straight, tall trunks as they compete with neighboring trees for sunlight. In the landscape, however, the abundance of sunlight all around the canopy encourages trees to develop multiple, competing trunks or leaders. This type of structure is susceptible to mechanical breakage and can reduce life expectancy. But trees with one dominant leader and small well-spaced branches, like trees in the forest, are less likely to suffer this type of mechanical failure. The dominant leader structure also makes trees better able to retard the spread of decay within the tree.

Structural pruning in the landscape aims to develop the strong tree structure we see in the forest. Structural pruning selectively favors a single, dominant leader by suppressing competing leaders using reduction cuts. Reduction cuts shorten stems back to lateral branches at least one-third the diameter of the cut stems. Because future growth is forced into the unpruned leader and growth on pruned branches is suppressed, the ratio of branch diameter to trunk diameter (referred to as aspect ratio) becomes smaller. The small aspect ratio makes the union strong.

Structural pruning on shade trees should occur regularly when the tree is less than about 20 inches trunk diameter to establish good form early. It is normally performed every few years to gradually encourage more growth in the selected leader. Proper structural

pruning should be performed on most tree species that become large at maturity to promote longevity, decrease future maintenance costs, and reduce conditions in the tree that could place people or property at risk.”

Dr. Gilman has identified six main strategies in executing a structural pruning program, including:

1. Develop or maintain a dominant leader
2. Identify lowest branch in the permanent canopy
3. Prevent branches below the permanent canopy from growing upright or too large
4. Space main branches along a dominant trunk
5. Keep all branches less than one-half the trunk diameter
6. Suppress growth on branches with bark inclusions

When preparing to prune trees, it is always important to opt for proper techniques with safety being the number one priority. Large trees aside, there are many pruning jobs property owners can do on our own. If considering hiring a professional, take time to plan the work with your arborist. Always select a professional certified by the International Society of Arboriculture, and get several prices before deciding on a course of action.

Next month, structural pruning strategies for the Southwest Ranches Resident.

This is the second in an ongoing informational series to help our residents get the most out of the trees in the Southwest Ranches Community Forest.



AROUND THE TOWN

INAUGURAL
SOUTHWEST RANCHES
RANCHERS
OF DISTINCTION
SINCE 2017

Thank you to everyone who made this event so special.

2017 School Calendar Broward County Public Schools*



APRIL				
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

MONDAY, APRIL 10th thru 14th - SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED
THURSDAY, APRIL 20th - REPORT CARDS ARE ISSUED



Photos by
BOB HARTMANN

AROUND THE TOWN

Household Hazardous Waste, Electronics & Bulk Drop Off Event

A service provided for Town Residents only. Proof of residency is required.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH, 2017, 8-2 PM

Location: Rolling Oaks Park, 17630 SW 56th Street, Southwest Ranches

LIMIT 4 TIRES PER HOUSEHOLD

(NO RIMS)

Shred-A-Thon

10 am - 2 pm

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

For more info call Town Hall (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



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 3 (Wednesday Only)	Area 2 (Tuesday Only)	Area 1 (Monday Only)
Apr 17	4/12/17 - 4/26/17	4/11/17 - 4/25/17	4/10/17 - 4/24/17
May 17	5/22/17 - 5/22/17	5/9/17 - 5/23/17	5/10/17 - 5/24/17

RECYCLE collection occurs once per week:

• Area 1 every Monday • Area 2 every Tuesday • Area 3 every Wednesday



* Scheduled meetings at time of publication. Items subject to change.

CALENDARS

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

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
April						
	2	3	4	5	6	7
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWR Parks Foundation Meeting - Town Hall - 7 pm • Country Estates Homeowners Grace Baptist Church - 19200 Griffin Rd. - 7 pm 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code Hearing Town Hall 9 am 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drainage and Infrastructure Advisory Board - Town Hall 7 pm 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ROCA Egg Hunt 11 am - 12 pm
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
 <p>PALM SUNDAY</p>	 <p>HAPPY PASSOVER</p> <p>Begins Sunset April 10 - Ends April 18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools & Ed. Advisory Board - Town Hall 7 pm <p>AREA 1 BULK</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks, Recreation & Open Space Advisory Board Meeting Town Hall 7 pm <p>AREA 2 BULK</p>	<p>AREA 3 BULK</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOWN COUNCIL Meeting 7 pm 	<p>Good Friday</p>	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
 <p>Happy Easter</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broward County Property Appraiser Services - Town Hall 11:30 am - 1:00 pm 	<p>PASSOVER Ends</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural Public Arts & Design Board Meeting Town Hall 7 pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire Advisory Board Meeting Town Hall - 7 pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive Planning Advisory Board Meeting Town Hall - 7 pm 		 <p>EARTH DAY</p>
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	<p>AREA 1 BULK</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rolling Oaks Civic Assn. Rolling Oaks Barn 17630 SW 56 St - 7 pm <p>AREA 2 BULK</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunshine Ranches Homeowners Assn. Town Hall - 7:30 pm <p>AREA 3 BULK</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOWN COUNCIL Meeting 7 pm • Flow Mobile DMV Services Town Hall 9:30 am - 2:30 pm 		
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May						
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
 <p>HAPPY MOTHERS DAY</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural Public Arts & Design Board Meeting Town Hall 7 pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire Advisory Board Meeting Town Hall - 7 pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive Planning Advisory Board Meeting Town Hall - 7 pm 		
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28	29	30				
	 <p>MEMORIAL DAY</p> <p>TOWN HALL CLOSED</p>					

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

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Accounting Clerk, Venessa Redman	(954) 434-0008	vrredman@southwestranches.org
Town Attorney, Keith Poliakoff	(954) 434-0008	kpoliakoff@southwestranches.org
Town Engineer, Rod Ley, PE, LEED AP, CPESC	(954) 343-7444	rley@southwestranches.org
Engineer I, Philip Chorath, E.I.	(954) 343-7441	pchorath@southwestranches.org
Community Services Coordinator, Emily McCord Aceti	(954) 343-7453	eaceti@southwestranches.org
Parks, Recreation, Open Space Coordinator, December Lauretano-Haines, CPRP	(954) 343-7452	dlauretano@swranches.org
Building Department/Permitting M-F 9:00 am - 4:00 pm		
David Tringo	(954) 605-0127	dtringo@capfla.com
Lisa Reices Nicasio	(954) 655-3721	lreices@capfla.com
Digna Regus	(954) 343-7445	dregus@capfla.com

Planning

The Mellgren Planning Group M-F 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Code Services, Inc.

Zoning, Permitting & Certificate of Use

Enforcement Director, Robert Solera	(954) 434-0008	zoninginfo@swranches.org
Code Enforcement Officer, Julio Medina	(954) 343-7440	rsolera@swranches.org
Administrative Coordinator, Yanni Marin	(954) 343-7458	jmedina@swranches.org
	(954) 343-7459	ymarin@swranches.org

Public Safety

Emergency

CSA Bill Gallagher at Town Hall	8:30 am - 5 pm	911	william_gallagher@davie-fl.gov
Non-Emergency		(954) 693-8352	
Davie Police Department		(954) 764-4357 (HELP)	
Davie Fire Rescue Station 112		(954) 693-8200	
Southwest Ranches Volunteer Fire Rescue		(954) 680-0020	
		(954) 434-8232	

Traffic and Roadway Services (To Report Signs Down - Potholes)

Potholes and Signs: Philip Chorath (954) 343-7441 pchorath@southwestranches.org

Waste/Bulk/Recycling Services (Residential & Commercial)

Southern Waste Systems, (SWS) LLC (888) 800-7732

Water Districts - Canals (Permits)

Central Broward Water Control District	(954) 432-5110	www.centralbrowardwcd.org
East of SW 148 Avenue (Volunteer)		
South Broward Drainage District	(954) 680-3337	www.sbddd.org
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All Southwest Ranches Residents
are invited to
The Rolling Oaks
8th Annual Egg-streme Fun Egg Hunt
Egg-stravaganza & Free Continental Breakfast
Saturday, April 1, 2017
At the Rolling Oaks Park and Barn
17630 SW 56th Street
Breakfast served 11:00 AM - Noon
Egg Hunt starts at 12:00 Noon

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April 1st 2017**

Breakfast 11:00 AM - Noon
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Bring your Easter basket!

Prizes will be awarded for
the following age groups:

- 0 - 3 yrs.
- 4 - 6 yrs.
- 7 - 9 yrs.
- 10 - 12 yrs.

All children must be
accompanied by
an adult

earth day

april 22

WORD SEARCH

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R	S	A	J	J	S	M	J	J	E	J	J	J	S	L
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See how many of these newspaper related words you can find in the puzzle.
The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

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| 2. DAY | 6. REUSE | 10. LAND | 14. CLIMATE |
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