

# SOUTHWEST RANCHER

*The Official Newsletter of Southwest Ranches*

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Mayor  
Doug McKay

Dear Residents,

Let me first apologize for running essentially the same message I wrote about last month, but it's so important that I cannot stress the message enough. I'm hoping that by running this again it will reinforce the idea that we all have to do our part in crime prevention.

Our community has been victimized by home burglaries recently. Interestingly, a majority have happened on Saturday evenings, presumably because the perpetrators believed most people would be out for the evening on a Saturday night. While Davie PD is working hard to crack these cases, we need your help in remaining alert. If you see something, or someone out of the ordinary in your neighborhood, please report it to the Davie Non-Emergency phone number (954) 693-8200. Davie will send out a unit to look into it. Better to help prevent a crime, than be the victim of one. Obviously, if you witness a crime in progress call 911 - don't try to be a hero.

Additionally, please do your part to keep from becoming a victim by locking your car doors and securing your valuables every night before you go to bed. Residents are urged to remove their personal items such as electronics, cameras, and other high-priced items

from their vehicle (even in your own driveway). If not practical, at least store them in the trunk or under your seats. Often times thieves get access to your possessions merely because your vehicle parked in the driveway was left unlocked, or worse yet, with the key fob inside! What's worse is that once they get into the vehicle your garage door opener is inside, which may allow thieves access to your home while you are sleeping. The Town is considering starting a Crime Watch program to help prevent these types of crimes. If you are interested in participating, or have other useful tips to prevent these crimes, please contact me at 954-274-6508.

As always, please call me if there is any issue I can help you with. If I don't know about a problem, I can't help you get it resolved.

Your  
Mayor Doug McKay

**HAWKES BLUFF ELEMENTARY PRESENTS**

Trucks from  
Food Truck Invasion,  
Tacos, Burgers, BBQ,  
Desserts and MORE!!

**Friday,**  
August 23rd,  
5:00pm - 9:00pm

**Sunshine Ranches Equestrian Park**  
5840 Southwest 148th Avenue, Southwest Ranches

**ENTERTAINMENT**

Live Music  
Silent Auction benefitting the SWR Scholarship Fund  
Petting zoo

**Bring a chair and join us for great food and family fun!**

*Clerk's Corner*

by Russell Muñiz



**Brief legislation from the June 13, 2019 Town Council Regular Meeting:**

- **Adopted Resolution 2019-039** approving an agreement with Miguel Lopez, Inc. to complete several drainage projects partially funded from a grant.

**Brief legislation from the June 27, 2019 Town Council Regular Meeting:**

- **Adopted Resolution 2019-040** approving an agreement with Keefe McCullough & Co., Inc. for external audit services.

- **Adopted Resolution 2019-041** guaranteeing the Town's performance of required improvements on the property previously owned by Corrections Corporation of America n/k/a Core Civic.

**Brief legislation from the July 11, 2019 Town Council Regular Meeting:**

- **Adopted Resolution 2019-042** supporting the addition of the Griffin Road Widening/Bicycle Lanes and Lighting project into the final 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

- **Adopted Resolution 2019-043** supporting the addition of the Weston Road Bridge Widening project into the final 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

- **Adopted Resolution 2019-044** supporting the addition of the SW 184th Avenue project into the final 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

- **Adopted Resolution 2019-045** accepting the FY 2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grant award and authorizing the purchase of extrication tools and a thermal imaging camera.

**To view this approved item in its entirety please visit the Town Clerk's Department page on the Town website and click on the Resolutions and/or Ordinances link.**





# TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES BUDGET HEARINGS AND WORKSHOP

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

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2019

Budget Workshop on Proposed Budget (7 PM) - Mayor and Town Council (Community Invited)

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

First Public Hearing for Tentative Millage and Budget Adoption for FY 2019-2020 (via a resolution and ordinance, respectively). Final Fire Protection and Solid Waste special assessment - Adoption (via resolutions) @ 6:00 PM. (September Regular Council meeting @ 7:30 PM)

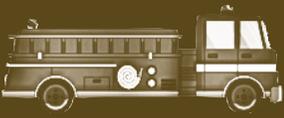
## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2019

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

# BE AWARE

Residents, please be vigilant and lock your car doors...

We have had some car burglaries in our area. BE SAFE, make sure you don't leave anything in your car that you don't want stolen!



## Southwest Ranches FIRE RESCUE

The training for your Southwest Ranches Firefighters has been really intense. All members have completed an average of 12 hours of classroom and 15 hours of physical (hands-on) training every month. The training topics ranging from self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), donning and doffing, personal protective equipment (PPE), hose-hydrant-fire department connections (FDC), relay pumping, hose line management using attack lines on multiple story structures, apparatus familiarization, forcible entry (home & vehicle), ladder evolutions, ventilation techniques, hoisting equipment to different floor levels and tying knots and medical training (CPR, BLS, & ALS).

At the Broward Fire Academy, we have been training with live fire involving automobiles. Scenarios tested our crew's knowledge and experience of fire ground tactics and extinguishment for fully involved vehicle fires. Firefighters are also carrying forcible entry tools and making purchase points to open the hood, doors, trunk, etc. on the vehicle fire.

"The task is labor intense." Keep in mind the firefighting bunker gear weighs approximately 50 Lbs. with the heat indexes of over 90 degrees. Wearing our protective gear adds an additional 10 degrees.

Training is a daily event for your Southwest Ranches Firefighters. They do it to make our community a safer and better place.

Stay safe,  
Chief Lee Bennett



**WASTE PRO**  
(954) 967-4200

**OUR EXCLUSIVE SOLID  
WASTE, RECYCLING AND  
BULK WASTE CONTRACTOR**

- **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 (8 FEET WIDE BY 14 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](http://www.southwestranches.org) or call: (954) 967-4200.



# AROUND THE TOWN

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Southwest Ranches  
Parks Foundation presents

**BINGO <sup>AT THE</sup> BARN**

Saturday, August 24th, 2019  
Dinner 6:00pm - 7:00pm  
BINGO 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Tickets \$20.00 in advance or \$35.00 at the door.  
Ticket price includes dinner, first BINGO card  
and a chance to win door prize.

More BINGO cards available for \$1.00 each.

Call: 954-343-7452  
Email: [dlaretano@swranches.org](mailto:dlaretano@swranches.org)

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The Rural Public Arts and Design Board Presents...  
**"2nd Annual December Holiday Lights Contest"**

The 3 most festive holiday decorated homes in Southwest Ranches will be the winners of this contest.

- Entry form due: Monday, December 2nd
- Judging will commence Monday, December 9th
- Awards will be given out Thursday, December 12th by a special guest.

Call Susan: 954-434-0008  
or email: [SKutz@southwestranches.org](mailto:SKutz@southwestranches.org) for more information.

**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

**\$20.00**

**MILITARY HEROES**  
Support Foundation

**LET'S NOT FORGET OUR HEROES**

The Mission of the Military Heroes Support Foundation is to provide our military veterans direction and support in achieving an effective transition during their return home. The goal is to act as an advocate and liaison between service members, their families and available resources within the military and local communities. We work to maximize the effectiveness of all new and existing resources and to ensure accurate and timely communication to our men and women once in the home front. As always we will continue to support our military personnel deployed overseas with monthly shipments of care packages as well as monthly packages for our K-9's. We will endeavor to raise public and professional awareness and encourage our community to join us in the success of our mission.

*MHSF is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation.*



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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.

CodeRED is the FREE community notification system available to Town residents that will send you alerts concerning time-sensitive and /or emergency information that may impact your area.

The Town encourages you to actively participate in emergency preparedness by remaining informed. Safety is a two-way street, so be sure to register today to receive the information you need when it matters regarding events such as:

**HURRICANES/NATURAL DISASTER  
INCLEMENT WEATHER WARNINGS  
EVACUATION NOTICES**

**SHELTER IN PLACE/LOCKDOWNS  
BOIL WATER ADVISORIES  
ROAD CLOSURES/TRAFFIC ALERTS**

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Choice #1 - Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Choice #2 - Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile provider: \_\_\_\_\_

Choice #3 - Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Or all the above. Any questions contact Town Hall: (954) 434-0008.

## MOBILE OFFICE HOURS



THE OFFICE OF SENATOR  
MARCO RUBIO  
SAVE THE DATE!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2019 from 10:00am ~ 11:30am at Town Hall

Learn about services Senator Rubio's Office offers which includes:  
IMMIGRATION, MEDICARE, IRS/BANKING, MILITARY/VA,  
SOCIAL SECURITY, LEGISLATIVE ISSUES.



**BROWARD COUNTY ANIMAL CARE AND ADOPTION  
WILL SOON BE COMING TO SOUTHWEST RANCHES**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:  
IVETTE SOLERA (954) 434-0008 OR  
EMAIL: [ISOLERA@SOUTHWESTRANCHES.ORG](mailto:ISOLERA@SOUTHWESTRANCHES.ORG)

## Mini-Flow: Florida Licensing on Wheels



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

Thursday, August 22nd  
from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Thursday, September 26  
from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

## FRAUDULENT ACTIVITY IS RISING...



A TIP TO HELP  
PROTECT YOUR MAIL!

- Pick up your mail regularly.
- Don't leave letters in the mailbox for several days, over the weekend or even overnight.
- If possible make checking your mailbox part of your daily routine.
- Look into purchasing a mailbox with a lock.

## Town Talk

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

Send your email address to:  
[isolera@southwestranches.org](mailto:isolera@southwestranches.org).

## Flood Safety: Know your Risk

- **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://southwestranches.org/rapid-notify/> and [Broward.org/Emergency/Pages/AlertBroward.aspx](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://Floodsmart.gov) and [FEMA.gov/national-flood-insurance-program](http://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://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.



### **Elevation Certificate Information**

Elevation certificates for buildings are on file and may be obtained by visiting <http://southwestranches.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

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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://southwestranches.org/departments/town-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 floodway.

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.

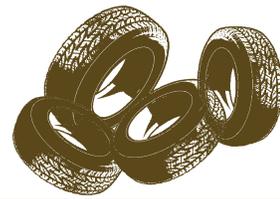
A GIS mapping application for Southwest Ranches that is publicly available includes layers related to natural floodplain functions, specifically wetlands and fish and wildlife habitat. The map includes Broward County's wetland data to provide a comprehensive picture of where wetlands are located within 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 [rlv@swranches.org](mailto:rlv@swranches.org).

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



## TALKIN' TRASH



### **HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFF EVENT**

**September 14th: 8 am - 2 pm at Rolling Oaks Barn**

### **PLEASE REMEMBER...**

**4 TIRES ONLY, NO RIMS - PERSONAL VEHICLES ONLY  
(No commercial tires, no business tires)**

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

# AROUND THE TOWN



**Broward County Property Appraiser's Office**  
 115 S. Andrews Avenue, Room III  
 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301  
 (954) 357-6830 • Fax: (954) 357-8474  
 www.bcpa.net

## PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FILING DATES ANNOUNCED FOR TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, SOUTHWEST RANCHES

Broward County Property Appraiser, Marty Kiar has announced special 2019 homeowner sign-up dates for Homestead, Senior and other property tax exemptions at **Southwest Ranches Town Hall 13400 Griffin Road, Southwest Ranches, FL 33330**

**August 18th, 2019 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM**  
**September 16th, 2019 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, 2019 may also apply for the Low-Income Senior Exemption. In order to qualify for the Low-Income Senior Exemption for 2019, an applicant must be 65 or older as of January 1, 2019, receive the Homestead Exemption on the property and have a combined household adjusted gross income for 2018 not exceeding \$30,174. Seniors must bring a copy of their 2018 Income Tax Return or a copy of their 2018 Social Security 1099 form (if no tax return was filed).

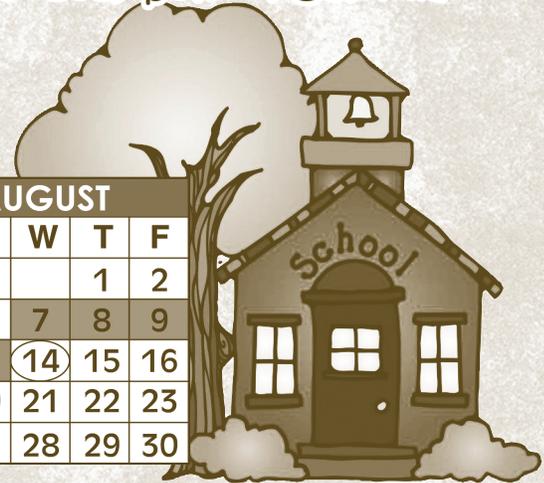
Susan Kung, CFE

M.E.I.T. (Mobile Exemption & Information Team) Specialist II  
 Office of Marty Kiar, Broward County Property Appraiser  
 Broward Governmental Center

115 S. Andrews Ave Room 111 • Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301  
 (954) 357-7541 • E-Mail skung@bcpa.net • Fax (954) 357-6312

## Broward County Public Schools August 2019 School Calendar

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



Wednesday, August 7th - 13th - Employee Planning Day  
 (NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS)  
 Wednesday, August 14th  
 FIRST DAY BACK TO SCHOOL

## Household HAZARDOUS WASTE Disposal Days

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE &  
 ELECTRONICS DROP OFF SCHEDULE**  
 Saturday, September 14th, 2019 . 8:00am to 2:00pm

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

Document shredding - from 10:00am to 2:00pm  
 Prescription drug drop off - from 8:00am to 2pm

This service is provided for Town residents only. Proof of residency is required.  
 NOTE: Event may be cancelled due to rain, excessive winds or other hazardous conditions as determined by the Town.

### ACCEPTABLE HHW ITEMS

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

## Your Butterfly Garden:

## WILD COFFEE

## Psychotria nervosa

Wild coffee is recognized by its deeply-grooved, glossy, deep-green leaves and small, red fruits that resemble coffee beans.

This Florida native is moderately drought tolerant and will grow on any well-drained soil. It can tolerate full sun, but grows most vigorously in partial to full-shade, reaching up to 10 feet. This makes it an excellent candidate for placement in the understory -- beneath larger trees where lawn grass and other plants do not thrive.

The flowers are loved by butterflies, and the fruits attract a variety of birds, making wild coffee a great plant for pollinator and wild-life gardens.



# AROUND THE TOWN

## A Small History of the Challenge Coin



FRONT OF COIN



BACK OF COIN

Please support the Scholarship Fund of the Town of Southwest Ranches and purchase your 2019 Southwest Ranches Challenge Coin. They are available at Town Hall, and cost \$15.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT  
HOT-LINE  
954-343-7449**

## 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	WEDNESDAY Only	Area	TUESDAY Only	Area	MONDAY Only
Aug. 2019	3-A	8/14 -- 8/28	2-A	8/13 -- 8/27	1-A	8/12 -- 8/26
	3-B	8/7 -- 8/21	2-B	8/6 -- 8/20	1-B	8/5 -- 8/19
Sep. 2019	3-A	9/11 -- 9/25	2-A	9/10 -- 9/24	1-A	9/9 -- 9/23
	3-B	9/4 -- 9/18	2-B	9/3 -- 9/17	1-B	9/2 -- 9/16 -- 9/30

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

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## Congratulations Russell Duriz STATE OF FLORIDA CITY CLERK OF THE YEAR AWARD



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\* 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
<b>August</b>					1	2	3
	4	5 • SWR Parks Foundation Meeting Town Hall - 7 pm • Country Estates HOA Meeting Grace Baptist Church 19200 Griffin Road - 7 pm <b>AREA 1B BULK</b>	6 • Code Hearing - Town Hall 9:00 am <b>AREA 2B BULK</b>	7 • Drainage Infrastructure Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm <b>AREA 3B BULK</b>	8 • TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - 7 pm • Office of Senator Marco Rubio from 10:00 am to 11:30 am Town Hall	9	10
	11	12 • Schools & Education - Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm <b>AREA 1A BULK</b>	13 • Parks, Recreation & Open Space Advisory Board - Town Hall 7 pm <b>AREA 2A BULK</b>	14  Historical Society Meeting Town Hall - 7 pm <b>AREA 3A BULK</b>	15	16	17
	18	19 • Broward County Property Appraisers - Town Hall - 10:30 am - 12:30 pm • Rural Public Arts & Design Board Meeting - Town Hall - 7 pm <b>AREA 1B BULK</b>	20 • Budget Workshop on Proposed Budget Town Hall - 7 pm <b>AREA 2B BULK</b>	21 • Fire Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm <b>AREA 3B BULK</b>	22 • TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - 7 pm • Flow Mobile DMV Services Town Hall 10 am - 2 pm	23 • Food Truck Event Equestrian Park 5-9 pm	24 • Bingo at the Barn Dinner 6 - 7 pm Bingo 7 - 9 pm
	25	26 <b>AREA 1A BULK</b>	27 • Rolling Oaks Civic Association Meeting Rolling Oaks Barn 17630 SW 56 Street 7 pm <b>AREA 2A BULK</b>	28 • Sunshine Ranches HOA Association Town Hall - 7:30 pm <b>AREA 3A BULK</b>	29	30	31
<b>September</b>	1	2  TOWN HALL CLOSED • Country Estates HOA Meeting Grace Baptist Church 19200 Griffin Road - 7 pm <b>AREA 1B BULK</b>	3 <b>AREA 2B BULK</b>	4 • Code Hearing - Town Hall 9:00 am • Drainage Infrastructure Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm <b>AREA 3B BULK</b>	5	6	7
	8 grand parents day 	9 • Schools & Education - Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm <b>AREA 1A BULK</b>	10 • Parks, Recreation & Open Space Advisory Board - Town Hall 7 pm <b>AREA 2A BULK</b>	11 • Historical Society Meeting Town Hall - 7 pm <b>AREA 3A BULK</b>	12 • TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - 7:30 pm • 1st Public Hearing for Tentative Millage & Budget Adoption introduced for FY 2019-2020 - 7:30 pm	13	14 • Household Hazardous Waste Event - Rolling Oaks Park - 8 am - 2 pm • Drug Drop Off 8 - 2 • Shred-A-Thon 10 - 2
	15	16 • Broward County Property Appraisers - Town Hall - 10:30 am - 12:30 pm • Rural Public Arts & Design Board Meeting - Town Hall - 7 pm <b>AREA 1B BULK</b>	17 <b>AREA 2B BULK</b>	18 • Fire Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm <b>AREA 3B BULK</b>	19	20	21
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	29 	30 <b>AREA 1B BULK</b>					

# IN TOUCH

**TOWN HALL:** 13400 Griffin Road / Southwest Ranches, FL 33330 • **PHONE:** (954) 434-0008 • **FAX:** (954) 434-1490  
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## TOWN SERVICES

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

Lisa Reices Nicasio, <i>Broward Operations Office Manager</i>	(954) 655-3721	lreices@capfla.com
Brian Dillon, <i>Building Official</i>	(954) 655-4392	bdillon@capfla.com
Joyce Marques, <i>Permit Technician</i>	(954) 343-7446	jmarques@capfla.com

### **PLANNING – (MELGREN PLANNING GROUP)**

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

### **ZONING, PERMITTING – (CSI)**

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Manfred Velette, <i>Code Enforcement Officer</i>	(954) 343-7459	ymarin@southwestranches.org
CODE ENFORCEMENT HOTLINE	(954) 343-7457	mvelette@southwestranches.org
	(954) 343-7449	

### **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	leebennett@southwestranches.org
LOST AND FOUND ANIMALS	(954) 765-4062	
	(754) 224-0877	Facebook@SWRVFRLostandFoundAnimals

## PUBLIC SAFETY

### **EMERGENCY**

<i>Non-Emergency</i>	<b>911</b>	
<i>Davie Police Department</i>	(954) 764-4357 (HELP)	
Jeff Hobales, <i>Detective</i>	(954) 693-8200	
Thomas Squarini, <i>Police Services Coordinator</i>	(954) 693-8293	jeffrey_hobales@davie-fl.gov
<i>Davie Fire Rescue Station 112</i>	(954) 693-8352	thomas_squarini@davie-fl.gov
<i>Volunteer Fire Rescue - Chief Bennett</i>	(954) 680-0020	
	(954) 868-2057	

### **TRAFFIC AND ROADWAY SERVICES**

Potholes and Signs Down - Philip Chorath	(954) 343-7441	pchorath@southwestranches.org
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## 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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**lights camera... action!**

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

**7th Annual Photo Contest**

The theme for the 2019 Photo Contest is...

**"Life in the Ranches... minus the people"**

Pictures must be submitted by **August 15, 2019**

- 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.

*This could be your picture!*

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

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