

SOUTHWEST RANCHER

The Official Newsletter of Southwest Ranches

APRIL 2022 HIGHLIGHTS



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A FLOWER'S APPEAL IS SO DELICATE IN FORM YET STRONG IN FRAGRANCE, SO SMALL IN SIZE YET BIG IN BEAUTY, SO SHORT IN LIFE YET LONG ON EFFECT.





Mayor
Steve Breikreuz

Farmers' Market

Whenever we go on vacation, here locally, somewhere else in the U.S., or somewhere around the world, we always look for the local farmers' market. That is where you get to meet local residents and hear about what is special for that part of the country or world. You also get to enjoy some of the freshest and most delicious fruits, vegetables, dairy products, and breads that you could ever imagine.

But as good as those markets are, we have some amazing growers right here in the Ranches, and I will match our gardens and chicken coops with anyone! We also have some very unique products that our Ranchers raise. For many years, we have been working behind the scenes to try to pull together a farmers' market here in the Ranches.

With the success of the event in Southwest Meadow's Sanctuary recently for the carnival, we were able to overcome some of the most difficult obstacles. So, now the effort to bring a Farmers' Market to the Ranches is coming to fruition. We have now begun having our weekly Farmers' Markets. They started in March and continued every Saturday throughout the month of April. The hours of the Farmer's Market are from 10:00 AM till 2:00 PM, at the southwest corner of Griffin Road and Dykes Road. We are taking a break for the Summer and will then begin again in the Fall.

Our first couple markets may be other local vendors that are part of a larger community that makes its way around South Florida. However, the goal is to get as many Ranchers involved and setting up stands

as possible so that we can see and enjoy all the produce that is grown in our Town.

So please keep an eye out for the notification of when the Farmers' Market is being held. We will send out notifications via email. If you are not yet getting the Town emails, you can sign up on the Town's main web page. The form is located near the bottom of the main page, called "Town Talk Self-Registration Form," and be sure to click the check box indicating that you want to receive information emails from the Town regarding Town news and events. We will also promote this via Social Media, using the Town's Facebook and Twitter.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Farmers' Market and stocking our kitchen with all the local goods and produce!

Thank-you for your trust and support. We are blessed to live in this community, and I am thankful for this Town and the honored to serve and represent you.

Steve (954) 296-6018

TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES
PUBLIC WORKS AND
WASTE PRO
(954) 967-4200

ILLEGAL DUMPING

We are seeing an increase in **ILLEGAL DUMPING** throughout the Town. If you see something, say something. Call Davie Police. (954) 693- 8352



Council
Member
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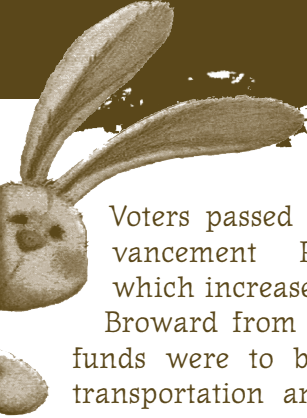
Howdy Folks,

Welcome everyone to April. I'm writing this month to follow up with a few past projects and to discuss future concerns.

First, for years our equestrians have long sought safer passage across the C-11 canal across Bonaventure Blvd. My objective to create an equestrian designated lane on the Bonaventure Avenue bridge across the C-11 Canal is moving forward. I feel this will help make a safer passage for equestrians. I will keep you updated as this progresses to fruition.

Second, in a recent Council meeting, I brokered the concept that new platted developments should include a designated trail for horseback riders. I stated when a purchaser buys a new home, it should not be a surprise to the owners a year or so later that horses are riding behind their new home. I want developers to make it clear to a new buyer that a designated horse trail exists near their home. I want these trails to be clearly marked. Our Town is premised on our horses and farm animals. It should not be a surprise to a new resident to hear the crowing of a rooster or the bray of a donkey. It should not be a surprise for a new resident to see equestrians riding behind their home on a designated trail.

Next, in 2018, Broward County



Voters passed the Mobility Advancement Program (MAP) which increased the sales tax in Broward from 6 to 7 cents. The funds were to be designated for transportation and transportation related projects. During a recent meeting at Town Hall, I learned the County will not fund future new Rehabilitation and Maintenance (R&M) projects (resurfacing our streets, guardrail improvements, and curing certain drainage) for five years. This deeply troubles me because when I voted for the referendum, I cast my vote with the clear proffer from our Broward officials that the funds would include funding R&M projects, funding our popular Transportation Surface and Drainage Ongoing Rehabilitation (TSDOR) program. I felt that if the MAP funds, funded our TSDOR fund, our critical R&M projects would negate an Ad Valorem TSDOR supplement. Recently, the Broward County City Managers' Association lobbied the County to free up R&M funds, which is imperative to fund our future TSDOR projects.

One thing we do know is the one cent sales tax will not pay for R&M for design or surveying. This means those funds will have to come from our Town's funds in one way or another. The Town is currently designing the next group of roadways to be able to submit a shovel-ready project when the County opens the cycle again. Town officials are meeting with the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization MPO's consulting firm to discuss the Capital projects as the County will be accepting new Capital project submissions. Unfortunately, the County keeps reducing the eligibility of these projects.

Lastly, some have asked me why

some of the roads in Sunshine Ranches are pitched away from the canals for erosion control reasons. I decided to investigate and find the rationale. This concept is based on the concept that water flows the way of least resistance. The roads are constructed this way because if the roads were pitched towards the canals, runoff would take the path of least resistance. Through the years, the continual erosion from rainwater of the path of least resistance could very likely compromise the canal shoulder or bank which would require significant rehabilitation. Sloping the roadways away from the canals and collecting them in catch basins placed in local low-lying areas allows for the stormwater runoff to be "pre-treated" by the grassed swales before it reaches the underground structures. Pre-treatment improves the overall water quality within the canal system.

I hope everyone found this informative. I wish to thank Andy Berns, Rod Ley and Emily Aceti for their help with the information in my article. If you have questions on a policy or a project, feel free to contact me.

Very Truly Yours,
David S Kuczynski, Esq.,
Council Member District 4



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

Send your email address to:
druesga@southwestranches.org



Clerk's Corner

by Russell Muñiz



Brief legislation from the February 24, 2022 Town Council Regular Meeting:

- **Adopted Resolution 2022-040** approving application No. SP-82-22 to modify the approved Akai Estates site plan.

- **Adopted Resolution 2022-041** consenting to the City of Cooper City providing water services to 5101 South Flamingo Road.

Brief legislation from the March 10, 2022 Town Council Regular Meeting:

- **Adopted Resolution 2022-042** approving an agreement with Huurr Homes, LLC for roadway repairs and traffic sign maintenance services.

- **Adopted Resolution 2022-043** supporting the people of Ukraine's continuing quest for a free and democratic state.

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.



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



AROUND THE TOWN



MARTY KIAR
BROWARD COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER

2022 PROPERTY EXEMPTIONS – IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO APPLY

While the timely deadline to apply for any 2022 exemption was March 1, applicants can late file until September 19, 2022. If you both owned and made the property your permanent residence as of January 1, 2022, you can still apply for 2022 Homestead Exemption and any other exemptions. You can apply for all exemptions online at <https://web.bcpa.net/bcpaclient/#/Homestead>

DEPLOYED MILITARY EXEMPTION

Homesteaded property owners who were deployed on active military duty outside of the United States in support of a designated military operation in 2021 are eligible for an additional exemption for the 2022 tax year. Property owners deployed in 2022 will be eligible for this exemption for the upcoming 2023 tax year.

Applicants must provide US military documentation indicating their 2021 dates of active duty deployment outside the United States in support of one of the designated military operations: Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Joint Task Force Bravo, Operation Joint Guardian, Operations in the Balkans, Operation Nomad Shadow, Operation U.S. Airstrikes Al Qaeda in Somalia, Operation Copper Dune, Operation Georgia Deployment Program, Operation Spartan Shield, Operation Observant Compass, Operation Inherent Resolve, Operation Atlantic Resolve, Operation Freedom's Sentinel, Operation Resolute Support, Operation Juniper Shield, Operation Pacific Eagle and Operation Martillo or in support of a subordinate operation to any of the preceding. Applicants approved for tax year 2022 will receive an additional exemption equal to the percentage of the year they were deployed in 2021. This exemption requires the holder to submit new supporting documentation each year to retain these valuable savings. If your deployment crosses over two calendar years, we accept pre-filed applications for the upcoming tax year to make the application process more convenient for you.

For additional information about this important exemption, please visit our website at <https://web.bcpa.net/bcpaclient/#/VeteransDeployed>. A servicemember's spouse or personal representative may apply on behalf of the servicemember.

If my office can ever be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at martykiar@bcpa.net.

Take care,

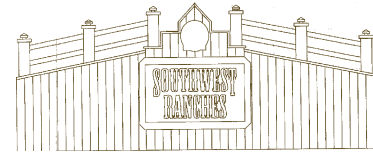
Marty Kiar

Marty Kiar, CFA
Broward County Property Appraiser



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MEET YOU at the PARK...



~ CALL FOR ENTRIES ~
COUNTRY ESTATES PARK ENTRANCE DESIGN CONTEST
Do you have what it takes to design and create a large scale, functional artwork?

Southwest Ranches is an artistic entrance Estates Fishing Hole chain link fence and beautiful! So, put on and get inventive! The entrance reflect the Town's recreational fishing activities, wildlife, Southwest Ranches. feature should spanning



The Town of seeking designs for feature for Country Park. Our current gates are not your thinking cap

feature should include rural lifestyle, and/or equestrian or natural beauty of The entrance include gates the park's vehicular entrance and exit lanes as well as equestrian and pedestrian access. The feature should contain elements of the Town's Rural Identification Program standards for any signage to be included.

Country Estates Park Fishing Hole Park is located 18900 Griffin Road. The entrance is on the West side of the property, accessed via SW 190th Ave.

Everyone is encouraged to get creative. For further information and to submit entries: email clauretano@southwestranches.org or call 954-343-7452.

Deadline: May 15th, 2022

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:

Wednesday, April 27

By Appointment Only - No Walk-Ins
Call Town Hall (954) 434-0008

ADVISORY BOARD UPDATES

PARKS, RECREATION, FORESTRY AND NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY BOARD - Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Town Hall – 7 PM.

Topics recently considered and discussed by the Parks, Recreation, Forestry and Natural Resources Advisory Board include a proposed partnership with the Broward Beekeepers Association, the upcoming farmers' market event, and a name for the Town's 5-acre parcel ("Southwest Meadows Preserve").

MAINTAIN YOUR SWALE

In Southwest Ranches, swales can be found along the front of your property and are there to contain water runoff. The centerline of the swale is typically six inches below the edge of pavement. This ensures that the roads are clear after a rain event.

Do not fill them in or plant in these areas. The swale should be clear of all obstructions in order to work efficiently. You should keep your swale well-mowed and free of litter and debris so water can flow freely. Check swales periodically for both erosion or natural build-up of sediments. If water collects in the swale, leave it alone - it means the system is working!

A swale is one of the most common type of stormwater best management practice (BMP). Swales not only convey stormwater but also help to treat runoff by reducing nutrient loading. Because swales have a wide and relatively flat profile, rainwater collected within them is slowed significantly. The reduction in the velocity of the runoff promotes temporary ponding. Reducing the water's speed allows for suspended solids such as heavy metals, eroded soil particles, and other pollutants to settle and filter into the the swale's vegetation cover. Stormwater staging in the swale allows the water to percolate into the soil, helping to reduce the volume and amount of pollutants transported downstream. The pollutant reduction will improve the water quality in surrounding water bodies.

MAINTAIN YOUR SWALE

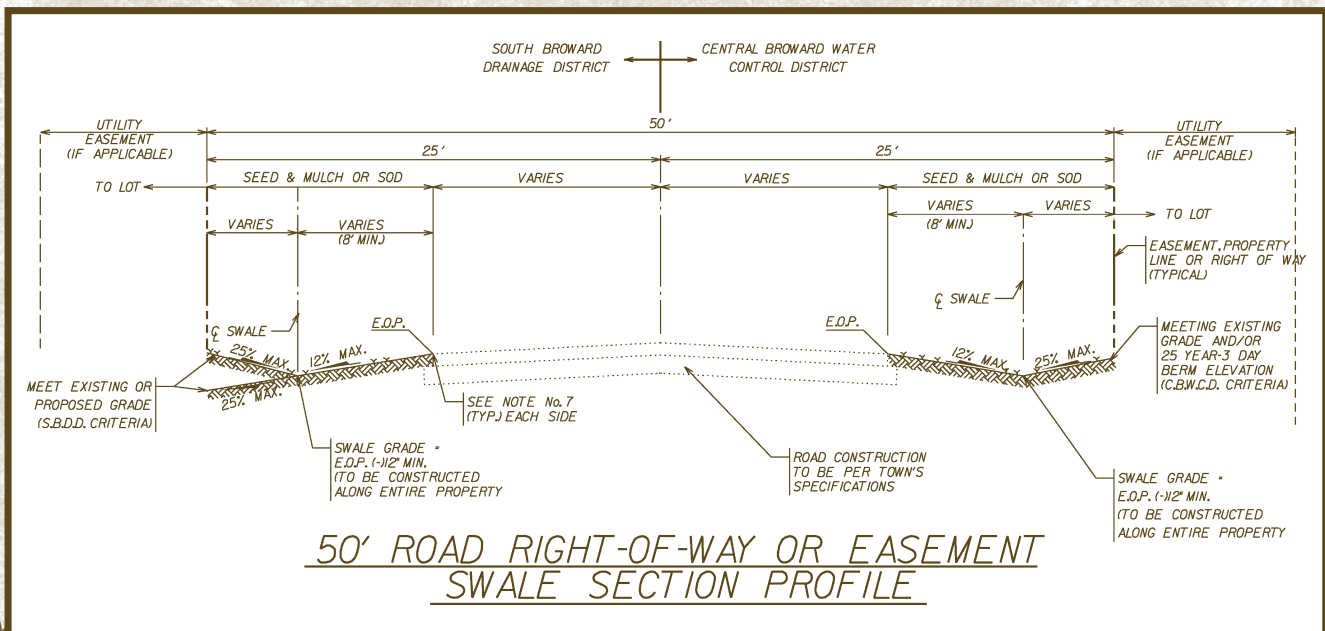
- Mow the swale.
- Remove and then compost leaves and grass clippings.
- Keep good grass growth.
- Minimize use of fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides.
- Aerate soils to restore percolation rate.
- Inspect for erosion. Any damaged sod should be replaced immediately.

DO NOT MISUSE YOUR SWALE

- Do not pile garbage, trash, leaves, limbs or debris in swales - this adds pollutants, which can wash into downstream waters.
- Do not park vehicles in the swale - this compacts the soil so less runoff is absorbed.
- Do not plant trees or shrubs or place obstructions within the swale.

LET THE WATER POND

- Runoff should temporarily pond in the swale for up to 72 hours.

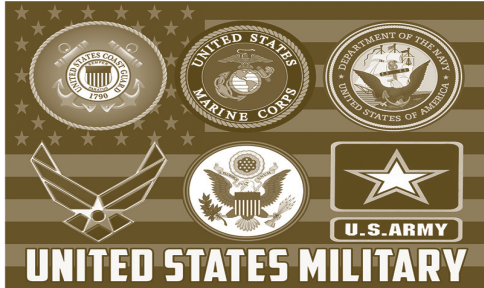


AROUND THE TOWN

SOUTHWEST RANCHES SUPPORTS OUR MILITARY FAMILIES.

Our military heroes and their families are extremely grateful for all that you do to enrich their lives through your on-going donations of food, toys and sundry items.

You may drop off any of the following items at Town Hall Monday thru Friday, between the hours of 8:30AM and 5:00PM.



WAYS IN WHICH YOU CAN HELP

Protein bars, granola bars, and energy bars ■ Individual bags of dried fruit, trail mix, or sunflower seeds ■ Individual bags of chips, crackers, or cookies ■ Packets of tuna and chicken ■ Drink packets (Crystal Light, Kool-Aid, lemonade, hot chocolate) ■ Hard Candies ■ Gum ■ Baby Wipes ■ Lip Balm ■ Eye Drops ■ Body Wash ■ Deodorant ■ Razors ■ Travel-size toothbrush and toothpaste ■ Hair ties and bobby pins ■ Small crossword or other puzzle books with pencils ■ Dog toys for K-9 soldiers



BULK RULES

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- **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 EQUIVALENT TO THE SIZE OF A VOLKSWAGON BEETLE (APPROXIMATELY 8 FEET WIDE BY 10 FEET LONG AND 4 FEET TALL).

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

MARTY KIAR
BR  **WARD**
COUNTY
PROPERTY APPRAISER

Broward County Property Appraiser's Office

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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 2022 homeowner sign-up dates for Homestead, Senior and other property tax exemptions at Southwest Ranches Town Hall 13400 Griffin Road, Southwest Ranches, FL 33330.

2022 Southwest Ranches Town Hall 3rd Thursday of the month 10:00 am -12:00 pm

April 21st, 2022 May 19th, 2022 June 16th, 2022

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, 2022 may also apply for the additional Senior Exemption (after January 1, 2022). Seniors must bring a copy of their 2021 Income Tax Return or a copy of their 2021 Social Security 1099 form (if no tax return was filed).

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.**



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.



AROUND THE TOWN

KNOW YOUR NATIVE POLLINATORS

THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION'S

MAYORS MONARCH PLEDGE



Pictured above: White peacock (*Anartia jatrophae*) by Steve Van Meter

“KNOW YOUR NATIVE POLLINATORS” is a series of articles that will help you identify and appreciate Florida’s varied pollinators, including bees, wasps, butterflies, moths, beetles, flies, birds, and bats.

Have you ever seen a White peacock? No, not the bird. There’s a good chance you have seen a White peacock butterfly! They are commonly seen flying low to the ground in Florida throughout the year.

FORAGING PREFERENCES Host plants of the White peacock butterfly include Herb-of-grace (*Bacopa monnieri*), Wild petunia (*Ruellia caroliniensis*), Southern frogfruit (*Lippia stoechadifolia*), Carolina false vervain (*Verbena carnea*) and Turkey-tangle frogfruit (*Phyla nodiflora*), which is also a favorite nectar flower. Another is the ubiquitous Beggarticks (*Bidens alba*), as well as other flowers in the Asteraceae family.

DID YOU KNOW? White peacock butterflies stay low to the ground because their favorite plants are also low to the ground.

IDENTIFICATION White peacocks are part of the family of brush-footed butterflies. Small to medium in size, their wingspans range from 3.5 to 6 cm. They are white with brown markings and orange margins and have a small black spot in the center of each of the forewings. Two small black spots on each of the hindwings resembling a peacock’s eyespot give this butterfly its common name. There is a short tail on the hindwings. Male and female White peacock butterflies do not differ in appearance from each other. White peacocks are smaller and darker during wet summer months and larger and paler in the drier winter months.

HABITAT In addition to Florida, the White peacock can be found throughout the southeastern United States, the Caribbean, Mexico, and South America to Argentina. Occasionally in warmer months, White peacocks will wander north to Wisconsin or New Jersey. They especially like warm weather and thrive in South Florida. Look for these butterflies in disturbed areas, ditches, canals, pond edges, marshes, lakes, roadsides and anywhere with weedy low-lying plants.

FUN FACT Male White peacock butterflies pick out a nice territory of about 50 square feet that is full of host plants and then fight to defend it against other male butterflies. Their hope is that females will be attracted to the host plants inside their chosen area. It’s all about location!

LIFE CYCLE Eggs are green and laid singly on the host plant or nearby on the ground. Eggs will hatch within 3 to 10 days of being laid. The mature larva is black with small white spots and black spines. The chrysalis is green and can stay in this stage up to 14 days. White peacocks are a common sight in Florida, and, with multiple generations, they can be seen all year long. Their life span is about four months.

For this article and more, please visit: <https://www.flawildflowers.org/pollinators/>



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- Twitter account: @SWR_gov
- YouTube: Town of Southwest Ranches Official Channel



- Watch Town Council meetings
- Get updated information on Town events
- Quick notification to followers on emergency management issues

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EMERGENCY ALERT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

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

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Southwest Ranches, Fl. 33331

For additional
information contact
Chief Bennett at 954.868.2057


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HAPPY PASSOVER

AROUND THE TOWN



SOUTHWEST RANCHES TAKES THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION'S



MAYORS' MONARCH PLEDGE

Southwest Ranches is taking action to help save the monarch butterfly, an iconic species whose eastern populations have declined by 90% and western populations by 99% in recent years. Through the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge, our Town is committing to create habitat for the monarch butterfly and pollinators, and to educate residents about how we can make a difference at home and in our community.



Earth Day: Pollinator Planting After School with the Cubs!

On Friday, April 22, Cub Scout Pack 160 will meet at Calusa Corners Park to take part in a brief educational activity. The scouts, ranging in age from 5 to 10 years of age, will plant seeds to create a pollinator habitat, learn about bees nesting on site, take a short hike to tour the wetlands, and take part in an observation/creation time.

The health of wildlife and of our environment are connected. Habitat loss and fragmentation have placed many species in peril. One of the simplest things we can do to help is provide sources of food, water, cover and places for wildlife to raise young. On Earth Day, we will spread seeds for native flower-producing species to feed monarch butterflies and pollinators. The seeded area will be allowed to bloom and go to seed, as a demonstration of incorporating Florida Friendly Landscape practices in our yards and prioritize pollinators and wildlife.

The Earth Day activity supports the Town's efforts toward our annual Mayors Monarch Pledge. To learn more about the Mayors' Monarch Pledge: <https://www.nwf.org/mayorsmonarchpledge>

Although this activity is being planned by leaders from Cub Scout pack 160, others are welcome to attend. Please rsvp to dlauretano@southwestranches.org.

Event Details: Friday, April 22, 2022, 4:00 PM

Calusa Corners Park (behind Tom Thumb gas station)
4701 Hawke's Bluff Avenue, Southwest Ranches, FL 33331

- Meet at the east end of the park near the picnic shelter.
- Bring a snack and water in a reusable container in case you get hungry/thirsty
 - Wear comfortable shoes as there will be some walking
 - Bring a lawn chair or blanket that is easy to carry

PROTECT YOURSELVES

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

As many of you are aware, Southwest Ranches is a low crime area. However, that doesn't mean crime does not occur in our Town. Many of the issues we see are recurring crimes of opportunity. Since we are an affluent area, criminals can be drawn to our area in search of easy money. The best thing we can all do to protect ourselves is to lock our vehicles, without leaving the key fob or other valuables in place. In most cases, a thief will move on to the next car when encountering a locked vehicle, especially with no obvious valuables in plain sight.

The next best thing we can do to protect ourselves and others is to keep our eyes open. There's a lot of value to the phrase "if you see something, say something." If you see something that doesn't look right or is out of place, please call 911 immediately. We would much rather respond to a situation that turns out to be nothing, than not respond to a crime or otherwise dangerous situation.

Once again, if it's an emergency, please call 911 immediately. If you have a police matter that is a non-emergency, please call (954) 764-4357. Davie Police will respond in a timely manner, but not immediately. If you are in doubt, call 911.

Another way to communicate on Police matters is to contact either Police Service Liaison Cheryl Danner at CDanner@southwestranches.org, or Davie Police Detective Jeff Hobales at JHobales@Davie-FL.gov. These emails should be used for inquiries, or to provide information, not for emergencies. They will respond as their work schedule permits.

The Davie Police Department continues to do an excellent job in serving our community. They can do an even better job if we all participate and help them do so.

THE FLAMINGOS HAVE MIGRATED TO SOUTHWEST RANCHES.



For more information
contact Debra Ruesga
(954) 434-0008



AROUND THE TOWN



2022
Broward County
School Calendar
APRIL

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18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

Thursday, April 14th - Early Release Day

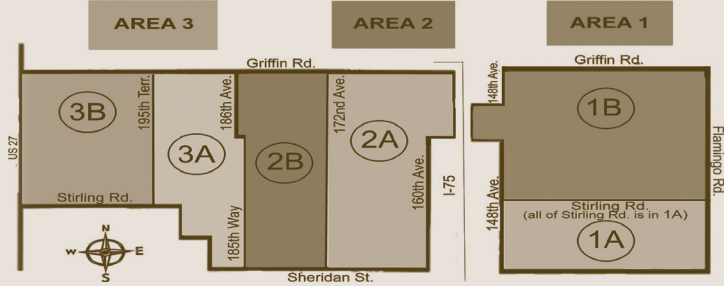
Friday, April 15th - Schools and Administrative Offices Closed

Monday, April 18th - Report Cards Issued

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
APRIL 2022	3-A	4/06 - 4/20	2-A	4/05 - 4/19	1-A	4/04 - 4/18
	3-B	4/13 - 4/27	2-B	4/12 - 4/26	1-B	4/11 - 4/25
MAY 2022	3-A	5/04 - 5/18	2-A	5/03 - 5/17 - 5/31	1-A	5/02 - 5/16 - 5/30
	3-B	5/11 - 5/25	2-B	5/10 - 5/24	1-B	5/09 - 5/23

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

CodeRED™

Emergency Notification System

REGISTER NOW

Are you getting emergency notifications and other critical information for your community?

Sign up for Code RED to be certain that you are among the first to know about an evacuation order; weather warnings; hazardous road conditions; and other notices requiring your immediate attention and/or action.

Register for CodeRED online today at www.southwestranches.org.
Get notified immediately via telephone, text message or email.

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ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

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Household HAZARDOUS WASTE Disposal Days

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE, ELECTRONICS & BULK DROP OFF EVENT

Saturday, May 14th, 2022 . 8:00am to 2:00pm
Location: Waste Pro of Florida - 17302 Pines Blvd., Pembroke Pines 33029
NO document shredding or prescription drug drop off at this location

Saturday, July 9th, 2022 . 8:00am to 2:00pm
Location: Rolling Oaks Barn - 17630 SW 56th St., Southwest Ranches, 33331
Document shredding from 10-1pm . prescription drug drop off 10-2pm

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



PHOTO BY: Debbie Morris
"Southwest Ranches sunset that stumped the goat."
 (From the 2022 Photo Contest Calendar)

CALENDAR

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					APRIL FOOLS' DAY	2 • SWR Farmers' Market 16290 Griffin Road (corner of Griffin Rd., & Weston/Dykes Rd.) 10-2 pm
April	3 • SWR Parks Foundation Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm • Country Estates HOA - Grace Baptist Church - 19200 Griffin Rd - 7 pm AREA 1A BULK	4 • Code Hearing Town Hall 9 am AREA 2A BULK	5 AREA 3A BULK	6	7	8 • Sikh Youth Association 4th Annual 5K Run/Walk 8 am - Rolling Oaks Barn 17680 SW 5th St. • SWR Farmers' Market - 16290 Griffin Rd 10-2 pm
10 Palm Sunday	11 • Schools & Education Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 1B BULK	12 • Parks, Recreation, Forestry & Natural Resources Advisory Board - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 2B BULK	13 AREA 3B BULK	14 • TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - Town Hall 7 pm	15 Good Friday Passover Begins in the Evening	16 • SWR Farmers' Market 16290 Griffin Road (corner of Griffin Rd., & Weston/Dykes Rd.) 10-2 pm
17 Happy Easter	18 • Rural Public Arts & Design Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall - 7 pm AREA 1A BULK	19 • Drainage & Infrastructure Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall - 7 pm AREA 2A BULK	20 • Fire Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 3A BULK	21 • Broward County Property Appraiser - Town Hall - 10 am - 12 pm • Comprehensive Plan Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm	22 Earth Day April 22	23 • SWR Farmer's Market 16290 Griffin Rd 10-2 pm Passover Ends in the Evening
24 AREA 1B BULK	25 AREA 2B BULK	26 • Rolling Oaks Civic Association Meeting Rolling Oaks Barn 17630 SW 56 St. - 7 pm AREA 2B BULK	27 • Flow Mobile DMV Service - Town Hall - 10 am - 2 pm By Appointment Only • Sunshine Ranches HOA Meeting Zoom 7:30 pm AREA 3B BULK	28 • TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - Town Hall 7 pm	29 ARBOR DAY	30 • SWR Farmers' Market 16290 Griffin Road (corner of Griffin Rd., & Weston/Dykes Rd.) 10-2 pm

All Town Council Meetings and Advisory Board meetings will be held in person at Town Hall unless explicitly stated otherwise.

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.
 (954) 343-7460

HAPPY BIRTHDAY...

Madison Mansur - April 5th
Corey Osceola - April 12th
Valentina Espina-Birns - April 26th

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

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

SIKH YOUTH ASSOCIATION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES PRESENTS

THE 4TH ANNUAL "A RACE FOR UNITY IN DIVERSITY" 5K RUN/WALK

FUNDS TO BENEFIT THE TOWN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Leap into diversity with us on
 April 9th, 2022 at Rolling Oaks Park
 17630 SW 56 St, Southwest Ranches, 33331

Website: www.thesikhyouthassociation.org

For any questions, please contact
 Manmeet Gulati at (561) 445 - 7987

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

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TOWN SERVICES

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

Brian Dillon, <i>Building Official</i>	(954) 343-7446	bdillon@capfla.com
Joyce Marques, <i>Permit Technician</i>	(954) 343-7446	jmarques@capfla.com
Derlin Guevara, <i>Permit Technician</i>	(954) 343-7445	dguevara@capfla.com
PLANNING – (MELGREN PLANNING GROUP)	(954) 475-3070	michele@tmppgplanning.com
Jeff Katims	(954) 475-3070	jkatims@sepiinc.com

ZONING/PERMITTING

Julio Medina	(954) 343-7458	zoninginfo@southwestranches.org
CODE		
Julio Medina, <i>Code Enforcement Director</i>	(954) 343-7458	jmedina@southwestranches.org
Code Enforcement Hotline	(954) 343-7449	
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Jenna Anderson, <i>Administrative Coordinator</i>	(954) 343-7459	janderson@southwestranches.org

WASTE/BULK/RECYCLING SERVICES

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	
Cheryl Danner, <i>Police Services Coordinator</i>	(954) 693-8326	jeffrey_hobales@davie-fl.gov
<i>Davie Fire Rescue Station 112</i>	(954) 693-8352	cdanner@southwestranches.org
<i>Volunteer Fire Rescue - Chief Bennett</i>	(954) 952-4608	
TRAFFIC AND ROADWAY SERVICES	(954) 868-2057	

TRAFFIC AND ROADWAY SERVICES

Potholes and Signs Down - Philip Chorath	(954) 343-7441	pchorath@southwestranches.org
Illicit Discharge - Environmental Response Line:	(954) 519-1499	online complaint form at http://www.broward.org/Environment/Resources/Pages/EnviroComplaint.aspx

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.sbdd.org
<i>West of SW 148 Avenue (Volunteer)</i>		
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Saturdays
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Mar 19 (Grand Opening), Mar 26

Apr 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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