

SOUTHWEST RANCHER

The Official Newsletter of Southwest Ranches

FEBRUARY 2022 HIGHLIGHTS



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Mayor
Steve Breitreuz

As we head into the harsh February winter weather (or maybe not so much!), this is a great time to appreciate just how fortunate we are to live here in South Florida and, more than that, to live in a community as special as Southwest Ranches.

I just have a couple of quick call-outs that I want to touch on to be sure that you are aware. First, in last month's article I provided some information regarding the challenges we are facing with the upcoming waste contract. We want to be sure we select the best service from the best provider for regular waste, recycling, and bulk. I requested your feedback on thoughts and preferences, and I have been very pleased with the number of responses. However, I just want to send out a reminder: if you have thoughts on this topic, I would really like to hear from you. Please email me at SBreitreuz@southwestranches.org. Your feedback would be much appreciated!

Second, I want to do a shout out to our Police protection from Davie. Can I just say that they are awesome? They are! Our family recently took a vacation to Colorado to spend a portion of the holidays with our oldest daughter and her family. When planning for the vacation, I signed up for the Davie PD Vacation Watch

(<https://www.davie-fl.gov/654/Homeowners-Vacation-Extra-Watch>) or Google "Davie Vacation Watch." It was great to have this peace of mind while we were out of Town. They came out at least daily to ensure that all was as it should be. At one point I was notified by Officer Laguna that a package was on the front porch, and she placed it in a more discreet location and let me know where it was. The service and the officers that perform it are just fantastic. They are tremendous partners in our community, and I am thankful for their service both as a private resident and as Mayor.

Have a wonderful February, braving our blustery winter! 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



Council
Member
David S.
Kuczenski

Howdy Folks:

Our Town has been quite busy. Let me begin by saying I hope everyone is being safe healthy. I personally recovered from being Covid19 positive recently. It was far from pleasant.

First, the Rural Arts and Design Advisory Board moved forward with accepting an artist to render a mural along the wall facing west at Founder's Park. I recently drove by and it is looking very nice. I think this will be a beautiful enhancement to the park. Once the project is completed, it will be advertised.

Around our Town, the intersection at Volunteer Road and Sheridan will undergo a change allowing the car dealership access directly to west-bound Sheridan. A separate aspect of that proposed change was to eliminate the U-turn at SW 146th Ave and installing a direct north-bound turning lane at Volunteer Road. Our residents objected. One of the first acts of this Council was to pass a Resolution opposing the proposed north-bound lane from eastbound Sheridan. If the final decision had been only taken from our residents, the decision to adopt the proposed change would have had no support; however, some residents on the west side of Volunteer without thinking of the consequences of increased traffic supported the proposal. The latest word on the proposal is that the intersection



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



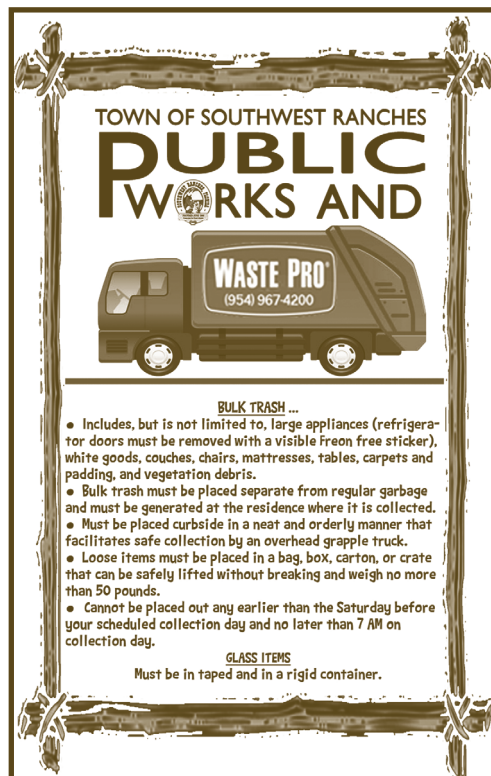
will remain unchanged concerning access to Volunteer Road. We are keeping close attention on this important issue.

Another issue causing great concern with the entire Town is disposal of solid waste: both bulk and garbage. The contract for the current service provider concludes in September, and the bidding process has begun. This is not a simple project. First, the contract concerns three issues: recycling, garbage and bulk. The provider has an interest in minimizing costs while fulfilling the contractual obligations. If the service provider needs to return to pick-up at a missed location, that adversely affects the company's profits. When employees are sick, that too adversely affect the company's profits. In the next few months, we will discuss the solid waste disposal contract. Keep an eye on the meeting agendas.

Lastly, as a Council, we are charged with preserving our rural lifestyle. Without our equestrian, farm and domestic animals, we cannot purport to be rural. If we do not protect our animal community, we cannot in good faith proclaim we are preserving our rural lifestyle. A common antagonist to the well being of our animals, many of which are quite valuable, is any loud noise associated with fireworks, including both the loud explosive commercial fireworks and the smaller bangs. As a result, we unanimously passed a resolution supporting legislation that will exempt the Town of Southwest Ranches from the statewide law permitting the use of fireworks on designated days. State Representative Robin Bartleman introduced this measure as one of her

sponsored bills. Because of the unique circumstances in our Town, I similarly believe it is critical that this local bill be passed. Without it, Southwest Ranches will be unable to protect its equestrian citizens and their horses from the danger to our prized animals associated with the use of fireworks. When our horses are startled, it is common for them to gallop and tremble, and as a result, these prized animals are subject to injury. Because of the Town of Southwest Ranches' unique position as a horse haven, our Town should be exempted from that legislation. Since the identical language passed last year for the Village of Wellington, we do not anticipate any obstruction to this passing. If I can be of assistance to you on Town matters, feel welcome to contact me.

Very Truly Yours,
David S Kuczenski, Esq.,
Council Member Dist. 4



TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES
PUBLIC WORKS AND

WASTE PRO
(954) 967-4200

BULK TRASH ...

- Includes, but is not limited to, large appliances (refrigerator doors must be removed with a visible Freon free sticker), white goods, couches, chairs, mattresses, tables, carpets and padding, and vegetation debris.
- Bulk trash must be placed separate from regular garbage and must be generated at the residence where it is collected.
- Must be placed curbside in a neat and orderly manner that facilitates safe collection by an overhead grapple truck.
- Loose items must be placed in a bag, box, carton, or crate that can be safely lifted without breaking and weigh no more than 50 pounds.
- Cannot be placed out any earlier than the Saturday before your scheduled collection day and no later than 7 AM on collection day.

GLASS ITEMS
Must be in taped and in a rigid container.

Clerk's Corner

by Russell Muñiz

Brief legislation from the December 16, 2021 Town Council Regular Meeting:

- **Adopted Ordinance 2022-004** adopting the five-year schedule of Capital Improvements.
 - **Adopted Resolution 2022-017** correcting various easements for the Akai Estates subdivision.
 - **Adopted Resolution 2022-018** accepting a Firefighter Assistance Grant totaling \$46,377.50 to purchase five self-contained breathing apparatus.
 - **Adopted Resolution 2022-019** extending the term of the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Board.
 - **Adopted Resolution 2022-020** extending the term of the Drainage and Infrastructure Advisory Board.
 - **Adopted Resolution 2022-021** extending the term of the Fire Advisory Board.
 - **Adopted Resolution 2022-022** extending the term of the Parks, Recreation, Forestry, and Natural Resources Advisory Board.
 - **Adopted Resolution 2022-023** extending the term of Rural Public Arts Board.
 - **Adopted Resolution 2022-024** extending the term of the Schools and Education advisory Board.
 - **Adopted Resolution 2022-025** creating a Public Safety and Traffic Committee.
 - **Adopted Resolution 2022-026** expressing support for the Broward County audit of the Animal Care and Adoption Division.
 - **Adopted Resolution 2022-027** designating the Southwest Ranches Volunteer Fire Rescue Department as an authorized provider of fire services.
- To view these approved items in their entirety please visit the Town Clerk's Department page on the Town website and click on the Resolutions and/or Ordinances link.**

AROUND THE TOWN

Leave the Leaves to Benefit Wildlife

BY SCOTT HOFFMAN BLACK on 12 November 2020

CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS ISSUE

When you think of what animals need, it is best to visualize natural areas where they have evolved. Natural areas are not manicured, sticks and leaves are not “cleaned up” and removed, grasses grow long, seed heads are left for song-birds to feed on, and seeds can fall where they might germinate.

Now visualize your yard. Do you have any of the messiness of the local natural area? If not, you are likely not providing for all of the important animals that help pollinate your plants, provide pest control in your garden, and help build healthy soils.

Now you are likely asking—how can I possibly have a yard with the wildness of a natural area? For many people there is no way that they are going to give over their entire yards just to nature. After all, most yards are designed for humans—not nature. That said, I believe you can provide both a great place to live, to entertain and for kids to play and provide vital winter habitat for the bees, butterflies, birds, and other wildlife that also need homes.

My yard is a great example. If I had my way, it might look like the local natural area but there are many considerations. We have been quite successful in providing for our needs and those of wildlife. We maintain enough lawn for the kids to play and where we can set up our trampoline. We also need to consider neighborhood association rules. In addition, my wife likes a little sense of tidiness.

We leave our wildflowers to go to seed for the birds—it was amazing and fun to watch how many birds fed on my sunflower seeds this year—and let our vegetable garden bolt to provide resources for pollinators. We also allow some messiness. When I finally trim back bushes, I pile the branches in out-of-the-way places where they can provide shelter for overwintering bumble bees or butterflies. An added benefit is that we have had spotted towhees nest in these same branch piles.

When the leaves fall we rake them but do not discard them. Instead, we pile them on our garden beds or in the corners of our yard where they might be used by the animals that need this shelter. In the spring, we either dig them into the garden beds or put them in the compost. I also often

look at what is using these leaves. Spiders and pill bugs are common, as are predatory centipedes and beetles. Where the leaves are in contact with the soil, I often find great numbers of earthworms that help make better soil for my garden.

Leave the leaves does not mean ignoring them and leaving them where they fell. You can move them to places in your yard where they are out of the way, will not kill your turf, and will still help wildlife. A thin layer of leaves can actually help turf—but too much will kill the grass. Consider raking leaves into areas around trees, or use them as winter mulch for perennials or to cover garden beds. I have found in Oregon that a thick layer of leaves in my garden beds helps minimize weed problems early in the spring and can be a great soil amendment.

We also let our neighbors know what we are doing so that they know we are not just being lazy. The same neighbors see a variety of flowers throughout the season and an abundance of pollinators and birds visiting our yard. The messiness is just an extension of our wildlife gardening and by making sure people know that wildlife need places to live year round—especially when it is cold and grey outside—it does help them understand why we should all #leavetheleaves!

So next time you have fall cleanup chores in your yard think about how you can have a yard for you, your family, and for all of the animals with which we share this planet.



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?



The Town of Southwest Ranches is seeking designs for an artistic entrance feature for Country Estates Fishing Hole Park. Our current chain link fence and gates are not beautiful So, put on your thinking cap and get inventive!

The entrance feature should reflect the Town's rural lifestyle, recreational fishing and/or equestrian activities, wildlife, or natural beauty of Southwest Ranches. The entrance feature should include gates spanning 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

AROUND THE TOWN

Town of Southwest Ranches 4th Annual December Holiday Lights Contest



1st Place - The Champion Family



2nd Place - The Palma Family



3rd Place - The Garcia Family

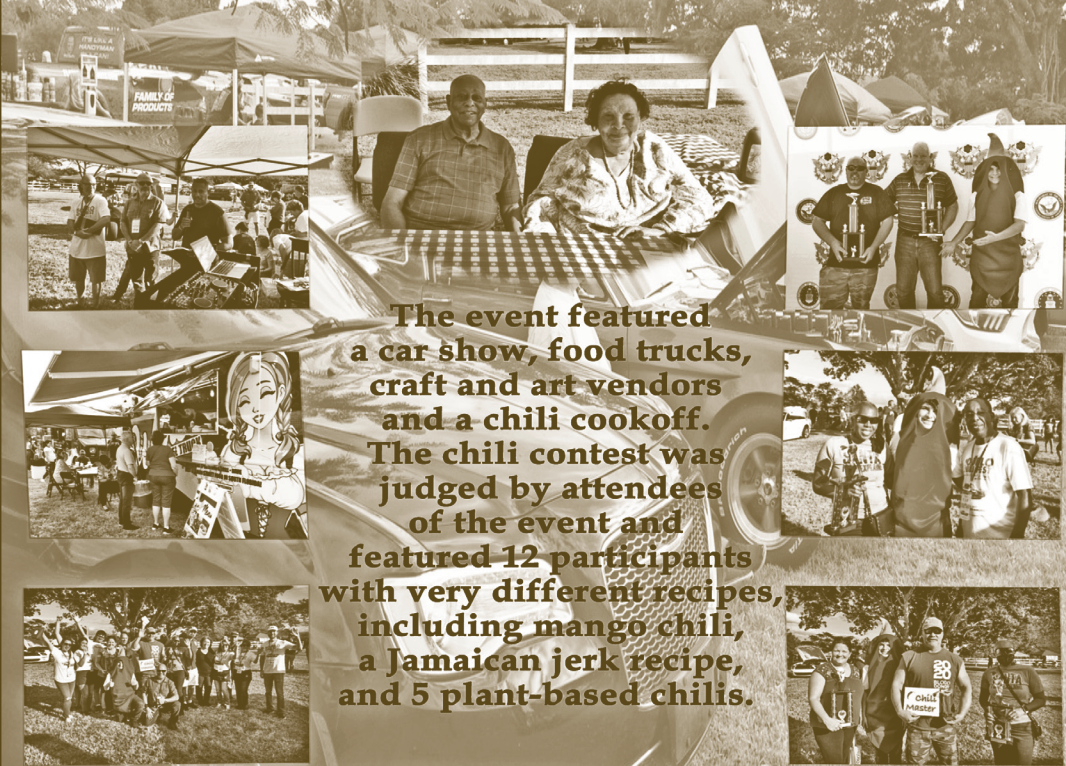
The Rural Public Arts and Design Board would like to thank the SWR Volunteer Fire Rescue for making this event so exciting for the residents and certainly for all who attended. The following residents participated in this magical Town event:

*Alina and Waldo Rivas, Bobby Dickman, Elly Keane, Angel and Odalis Morales, Fern Loo, Denise D'Alessandro and Evelyn and Ysmel Cruz.
Hope to see you all next year!*

AROUND THE TOWN

SOFLO CHILI FEST

The Aster Knight Southwest Ranches Parks Foundation held its annual SoFlo Chili Fest on Saturday, December 4, 2021. This event was the Foundation's first in over a year and it was the best event ever!



The event featured a car show, food trucks, craft and art vendors and a chili cookoff. The chili contest was judged by attendees of the event and featured 12 participants with very different recipes, including mango chili, a Jamaican jerk recipe, and 5 plant-based chilis.

WINNERS OF THE SOFLO CHILI COOK-OFF:

- Darren Rush - 1st place
- Glennis Simmonds - 2nd place
- Deborah Domenech - 3rd place

The event was a smashing success and garnered over \$30,000 for the Foundation's mission of supporting and enhancing Southwest Ranches' parks.



Southwest Ranches FIRE RESCUE

The Southwest Ranches Fire Rescue will continue training to better serve the Ranches. Training is a priority for Southwest Ranches Fire Rescue. Our fire personnel have completed all levels of Incident Command Emergency Management Training and received Certificates of Achievement. The Training Chief for Southwest Ranches Fire Rescue, Bruce Evans, is a big believer in training. He is sharing his knowledge of several decades in the fire service with our department. He trains our fire personnel with enthusiasm and real-life situations.

Enjoy the New Year
Fire Chief Lee Bennett

THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION'S

MAYORS MONARCH PLEDGE

DON'T BE AN EASY TARGET



HELLO RESIDENTS! Recently we have seen an increase in mail thefts. Suspects are pulling up to mail boxes and removing mail, checks, and credit cards. This puts us all at risk of identity theft, theft of funds and other crimes. Please remove mail from your mailbox daily when possible. We offer a big blue box at Town Hall where outgoing mail is picked up daily if you do not feel comfortable leaving your outgoing mail in your own mailbox. Thanks and be well.

Cheryl Danner
SWR Police Services Coordinator



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

AROUND THE TOWN

The Town of Southwest Ranches Grand Opening of...
DRIVE UP COVID 19 TESTING SITE AT TOWN HALL



COVID TESTING



You may also call 954-22 COVID (954-222-6843) to schedule your appointment

The Town Council and representatives from UrgentMed recently celebrated the grand opening of a drive up COVID 19 testing and vaccination site in the parking lot at Town Hall. Testing with quick results, ideal for travelers, is offered as well as all three approved vaccines. Additionally, all booster shots are available.

Drive up service is available
Monday through Saturday from 9 am until 5 pm.

ADVISORY BOARD UPDATES

The Town recently extended the terms for another year for our standing advisory boards and appointed several new members. We'd like to thank those who have answered the call for community service by volunteering their valuable time and talents to serve on these various boards. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

The Town also established a new Public Safety and Traffic Committee to examine issues related to speeding, traffic, and safety concerns on the Town's roadways and neighborhoods.

If you would like to be considered for a board appointment, please complete the advisory board application located within the Advisory Board link on the Town's website and mail to webmaster@southwestranches.org.

SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD - Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at Town Hall – 7 PM. The Board met December 13, 2021 and enjoyed guest speakers Angel Gomez and Maria Elena Manrique who provided flyers and spoke to the Board Members about education and emotional and mental health resources for children and families within Broward County School System. The next meeting will be January 10, 2022

PARKS, RECREATION, FORESTRY AND NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY BOARD - Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Town Hall – 7 PM. The Board is currently focused on actions required to fulfill commitments for the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors Monarch Pledge. 2022 will be the Town's second year of participation in the program.

RURAL PUBLIC ARTS & DESIGN ADVISORY BOARD – Meets the 3rd Monday of the month at Town Hall – 7 PM.

A reminder...the Rural Public Arts and Design Board 2022 Photo Contest calendars are on sale for \$5.00 at Town Hall.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ADVISORY BOARD – Meets the third Thursday of each month at Town Hall – 7 PM.

MARTY KIAR
BROWARD COUNTY
PROPERTY APPRAISER

Broward County Property Appraiser's Office

115 S. Andrews Ave, Room III, Ft Lauderdale, FL 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 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

February 17th, 2022	April 21st, 2022	June 16th, 2022
March 17th, 2022	May 19th, 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).

THE FLAMINGOS ARE BEGINNING TO MIGRATE TO SOUTHWEST RANCHES.



Be on the lookout for more information in a future Town newsletter."



MAP Broward Mobility Advancement Program Brought to you by the Penny for Transportation

On November 6, 2018, Broward County voters approved a one cent surtax to fund transportation and infrastructure improvements County-wide. The Town is using these for the Transportation Surface Drainage and Ongoing Rehabilitation of SW 196th Lane, SW 199th Avenue, SW 201st Terrace, SW 202nd Avenue, SW 48th Street, SW 48th Place, SW 49th Court, SW 50th Place, and SW 50th Manor.

Estimated Timeline: - November 2021 to June 2022

Broward County Surtax Funding: \$737,005

For additional information, call the Southwest Ranches Public Works Department at (954) 434-0008



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

LET'S ENJOY OUR DARK SKIES ...

DID YOU KNOW THE TOWN IS BRINGING BEAUTIFUL DARK SKIES BACK TO THE RANCHES?

Did you know the Town is bringing beautiful dark skies back to the Ranches? In order to maintain clear visible skies at night, the Town is proactively enforcing the lighting ordinance. This will allow star gazing to become a way to spend quality time with family and loved ones.

Did you know there are health benefits to having dark skies? It helps by resetting our circadian clock. This helps improve your sleep patterns, eating habits, and regulating body temperature. Artificial lighting creates light pollution which has been linked to various chronic health conditions. Let's all do our part in preserving our night skies and preserving our rural lifestyle.

Our Code Department will continue our efforts seek out any violations proactively, however it may take some time to reach certain areas as our evening Officer only has a couple of hours of nighttime to inspect. If there are any potential violations that you would like to have addressed promptly, please contact our evening Officer, Marlon Gonzalez at 954-343-7440.

If you'd like to know whether your lighting is following our Code, please review the following sections as a reference.

The following types of lighting are prohibited:

- (A) Up-lighting, unless limited to eighteen hundred (1,800) lumens and either shielded by an architectural overhang or landscape element or used to illuminate the flag of the United States of America.
- (B) Area lights other than those with full cutoff fixtures.
- (C) Lighting that results in glare onto adjacent properties or streets; provided that fixtures activated only when motion is detected within the property upon which they are located may

cause glare if the fixture shuts off within five (5) minutes of being activated, is not aimed at any residential window, and is not consistently activated by human activity or animal activity after 11:00 p.m.

- (D) Athletic field lighting.
- (E) Streetlights within residential zoning districts, except as determined necessary by the Town Council to protect the public health, safety and welfare based upon consideration of traffic volumes and roadway conditions.

In addition to the prohibited lighting all lighting must adhere to the following standards.

- The overspill of light originating from any plot, regardless of zoning, onto any other plot or street located within a residential zoning district in the town shall not exceed one-tenth (0.1) horizontal foot-candle measured at grade level at the property line.
- Vegetation screens shall not be employed as the primary means for controlling glare. Glare control shall be achieved primarily through the use of cutoff fixtures, shields and baffles, and the appropriate application of fixture mounting height, lighting intensity, placement and angle.
- Open air parking lighting shall be controlled by automatic devices that extinguish the lighting between 11:00 p.m. and dawn.



AROUND THE TOWN

2022 Broward County School Calendar

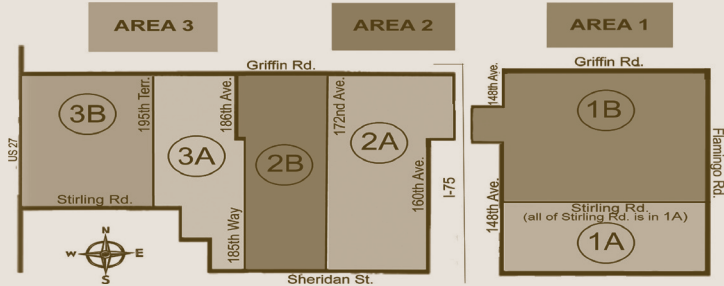
FEBRUARY				
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14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
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Thursday, February 3rd - Report Cards Issued
 Friday, February 11th - Interim Reports Issued
 Monday, February 14th - Early Release Day
 Monday, February 21st - School and Administrative Offices Closed

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
FEBRUARY 2022	3-A	2/09 - 2/23	2-A	2/08 - 2/22	1-A	2/07 - 2/21
	3-B	2/02 - 2/16	2-B	2/01 - 2/15	1-B	2/14 - 2/28
MARCH 2022	3-A	3/09 - 3/23	2-A	3/08 - 3/22	1-A	3/07 - 3/21
	3-B	3/02 - 3/16 - 3/30	2-B	3/01 - 3/15 - 3/29	1-B	3/14 - 3/28

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



The following incidents are from actual police reports involving crime in Southwest Ranches. Please review so you know what's going on. While our Town enjoys a low crime rate, incidents can and do occur. This information is being made available to raise awareness. Don't be a victim. Be aware, if you see something suspicious, call 911 immediately.

SW 168th Ave - Case # 21-108436 0323 hours - Stolen Vehicle

Resident called to report he was awoken to the sound of his corvette being driven away. Resident advised he left his key fob inside the car. He ran outside and saw his car being driven away from his house. He was able to activate OnStar, and they disabled the vehicle. It was recovered a short time later in Lauderdale Lakes. The suspect also entered 2 other vehicles that were left unlocked on his property, but nothing was taken.

SW 136th Ave - Case # 21-109528 1028 hours

Burglary/ Theft of Lawn Equipment - Burglary from a Lawn Trailer

Suspect pulled up next to a lawn trailer that was open because workers were mowing lawns in the area. A male suspect pulled up in a dark Nissan and entered the lawn trailer and stole \$1700.00 worth of lawn equipment. The victim had to leave and made a report via phone. There was a witness who can identify the suspect if seen again. There were no prints lifted and no video. This case will require more investigation.

SW 188th Ave - Case # 21-110726 1001 hours - Theft

A resident called to report a package had been stolen off his front porch. He received confirmation that the package arrived, but when he got home it was gone. The package contained a cell phone. There were no witnesses or cameras.

Old Sheridan St - Case # 21- 113482 1814 hours - Mail Theft

Resident called to report he saw a trash pile outside his yard. When he went to clean it up he noticed mail addressed to him that was thrown in the pile, and had been opened. He went back and reviewed his cameras, and he saw a Gray F250 pull up in front of his mailbox and remove all the contents. The truck then pulled into the swale area, and mail was tossed out the window. The resident advised he was missing some mail items that may have contained credit cards or personal information. He will be contacting his camera company to download the images, he also contacted the US Postal service to make a repro with them. This case will need further investigation.

Household HAZARDOUS WASTE Disposal Days

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE, ELECTRONICS & BULK DROP OFF EVENT

Saturday, March 12th, 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	ELECTRONICS RECYCLING	UNACCEPTABLE 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	Computers, Cables DVD Players, Key Boards, Mice, Adapters, Monitors, Printers/Scanners, Radios, Stereo Components, TVs, Tape Players, VCRs	Appliances Asbestos Explosives or Ammunition Medical/Infectious Waste Non-Residential Waste

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



PHOTO BY: Laura Palacios
"Little Ladybug on a Leaf."
 (From the 2022 Photo Contest Calendar)

CALENDAR

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
February		1 • Code Hearing Town Hall 9 am AREA 2B BULK	2 Happy Groundhog Day! AREA 3B BULK	3	4	5
6 • Schools & Education Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 6 pm • SWB Parks Foundation Meeting Town Hall - 7 pm • Country Estates HOA Grace Baptist Church - 19200 Griffin Road - 7 pm AREA 1A BULK	7	8 • Parks, Recreation, Forestry & Natural Resources Advisory Board - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 2A BULK	9 AREA 3A BULK	10 • TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - Town Hall 7 pm	11	12
13	14 AREA 1B BULK	15 • Drainage & Infrastructure Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall - 7 pm AREA 2B BULK	16 • Fire Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 3B BULK	17 • Broward County Property Appraiser - Town Hall 10 am - 12 pm • Comprehensive Plan Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm	18	19
20 HAPPY PRESIDENT'S DAY • Town Hall Closed AREA 1A BULK	21	22 • Rolling Oaks Civic Association Meeting Rolling Oaks Barn 17630 SW 56 St. - 7 pm AREA 2A BULK	23 • Flow Mobile DMV Service - 10 am - 2 pm Town Hall - by appt only (tentative) • Sunshine Ranches HOA Meeting Zoom 7:30 pm AREA 3A BULK	24 • TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - Town Hall 7 pm	25	26
27 AREA 1B BULK	28					

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

KIDS UNDER 13 BEST SHOT CONTEST.

PHOTO TAKEN BY:
AARON GAULT (AGE 8)
MAKING NEW FRIENDS AT THE EQUESTRIAN PARK.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY...

David Swait - February 5th
Katherine Easley - February 16th



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



APRIL 9TH, 2022
 AT ROLLING OAKS BARN

Website: www.thesikh youthassociation.org



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

IN TOUCH

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TOWN SERVICES

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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) 693-8293	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) 680-0020	
	(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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Cuddle	Kiss	Valentine

lights camera... action!

2022

Photo Contest Calendars are here! Don't miss out we have a limited amount.

\$5.00

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