

SOUTHWEST RANCHER

The Official Newsletter of Southwest Ranches

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Mayor
Steve Breitzkreuz

**Parties in
the Ranches**

I hope everyone had a chance to get out to the Farmers' Market. If not, you still have an opportunity, but you will have to wait until the Fall. As per our original plan, we are taking a break over the Summer, but we will be kicking off the Farmers' Market again in the Fall. Please stay tuned for the exact dates. The best way to do that is to subscribe to our event email that can be easily done by clicking on the "Town Talk" link toward the bottom of our website main page: www.southwestranches.org.

I want to touch on a timely topic for this time of year with all of the graduations and celebrations. Just a reminder that we have an ordinance in our Town to respect everyone's peace and quiet as well as for protection of some of our larger animals that can be spooked with loud noise. That ordinance is commonly referred to as our "Noise Ordinance." However, I call it the mutual respect ordinance. The other Saturday evening, a little after 10 PM, I got a call from a resident, who happens to live on the same road as me, letting me know that down the road a party was in progress. Since it was a nice Southwest Ranches spring evening, I took a walk down the street, only to find that yes, there was a party going on, and the music was cranked up way beyond what our ordinance allowed. I could feel the bass pounding 5 or 6 houses away. And this was after the Davie PD had already stopped by and provided a warning.

After speaking with the owner, I found out that this was a special birthday party for someone that was from out of the country. Then speaking with Davie PD, they let me know that this house had never had an issue with loud music before. Was the resident aware that there was a noise ordinance prior to that day? I will give the benefit of the

doubt and say probably not. However, once the police stop by and the music is cranked up again, then all sympathy from me is lost. The police came by a second time and the incident was formally recorded. I believe that Davie PD handled it correctly.

I relay this story because the best ending for this story is one where neighbors are respectful of neighbors. If you are going to have a party, I encourage you to follow the Town ordinance. But I also encourage you to inform your neighbors and to be respectful of your neighbors. Neighbors may need their rest or there may be more serious health issues involved where rest is critical. On the positive side, I am continually reminded just how special our community is. There are some awesome neighbors that have worked together as a neighborhood to keep noise down for another neighbor that is going through serious health issues. I can't thank them enough. Working together, before the police need to get involved is always the best plan for everyone. Please be respectful of your neighbors as we get out of quarantine and once again enjoy those special occasions with friends and family.

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

Steve (954) 296-6018



Council
Member
Bob Hartmann

As the pandemic begins to fade in our rearview mirror, Town and HOA activities are slowly resuming. With the end of the school year approaching, the School and Education Advisory Board (SEAB) has been very busy raising monies for the 2022 scholarship fund.

In February, four flocks of flamingos began spreading out all over Town, every morning letting our neighbors know who was flocked. This fun activity raised a lot of smiles and funds for this year's student scholarships. It also provided high school and college students an opportunity to gain community service hours towards their school requirements and for their scholarship requisites.

Next, in March, the SEAB held the Barn Dance fundraiser. All participants were dressed in western or country-wear, cowboy hats and big smiles. There was great food supplied by Outback, a silent auction, and lots of line dancing. Again, this event provided an opportunity for our students to obtain community service hours.

In April, the SEAB partnered with the Sikh Society of Florida to conduct the Fourth Annual Race for Unity in Diversity. This year the racecourse was moved from Green Meadows to the Rolling Oaks Barn. Participants traveled on Mather Boulevard to the south end and back. Over two hundred runners and walkers enjoyed the beautiful morning, a little bit of competition, a lot of community spirit and limitless fun. The race also attracted over 200 volunteers. This event was planned and carried out by the Sikh Society; their fundraising effort led to a \$10,000 donation to the scholarship fund this year.

Throughout the pandemic and onward, the SEAB continues to serve our children and provide scholarships without interrup-

tion. Their dedication is exemplary of our Town's advisory boards demonstrating their selfless dedication to our community, families, and lifestyle.

Our SWR HOAs are starting to bring their community activities back online. On April 2nd, Rolling Oaks Civic Association held their annual Egg-streme Fun Egg Hunt back at the Barn. They hosted several hundred kids from the Ranches who hunted eggs by age group and won prizes for finding the golden egg. Also, the Easter Bunny paid a visit for family photos.

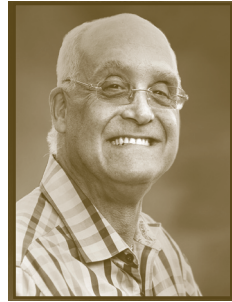
On April 10th, Sunshine Ranches HOA had their second "Party in the Park" at the Sunshine Ranches Equestrian Park with lots of food and drinks. They provided a great opportunity to get to know their neighbors, their HOA board members, and the members of our Town Council. I have a feeling that because this was the second successful "Party in the Park" there will be more.

Finally, the SWR Farmers' Market at Southwest Meadows Preserve (Griffin Rd east of SW 163rd Ave) is off to a great start. I have been to it twice, first at the Grand Opening on March 26th and once in early April. It was planned to ramp up with a limited number of vendors and increase weekly. There were a good variety of vendors with farm, personal, food, landscape, pet, and household products among many other categories. It's open 10 AM to 2 PM. There is sufficient parking, and while a few issues have surfaced, the traffic flows smoothly thru the facility. I have noticed some of the vendors tend to begin getting low on their product around noon so get there early. The Farmers' Market is planning a hiatus from May 1st and reopens on Saturday, September 24, 2022. If you are interested in selling your farmers' market appropriate products, check the Town website for contact info.

So, God willing and the COVID numbers don't rise much, our community spirit and lifestyle are back and more enjoyable than ever.

I am always here to help! If I can assist with any questions or Town issue, or you would just like to have a chat, please call me.

Bob - 954-801-1758



Council Member David S. Kuczenski

Howdy Folks,

I welcome everyone to May. Can you believe that we are already over one-third of the way through 2022? My, how time flies. I'm writing this month to update you on a few things going on around our Town.

First, for the past ten years or so, our Town has been served by our Financial Administrator, Martin Sherwood. I have gotten to know Marty over the past five years or so, and I have appreciated his talent and his humor. Regretfully to us, Marty has submitted his retirement resignation notice. I will miss his flying eagles across the financial services reports. The Town has retained Emil Lopez as our new Financial Administrator. I met Mr. Lopez the other evening and find him very qualified for the rigors, and I explained a few of the nuances of our Town. I look forward to many years with Mr. Lopez, and continued conservative fiscal principles implemented by Mr. Sherwood.

The Farmers Market has proven to be a success. I have a problem relying on the portable potties and the parking. When I was recently leaving my parking place, I found myself head-to-head with an oncoming car. There was no room for both cars to pass along the same aisle. These are minor issues that through time we can improve. The Town Council has allocated funding we received through the American Rescue Plan Act to build a restroom and parking improvements in the Southwest Meadows Sanctuary Park.

During one of the Farmers' Market events, Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz suggested that she may be able to obtain federal funds to help with Town issues. Subsequently, the Town applied for federal

funding to improve drainage on Dykes Road.

I am still working on the designated horse crossing on the Bonaventure Boulevard bridge. If you cross that bridge, there is a center dedicated lane. My concept is by working with the City of Weston, we can move those lines to the east and create an expanded designated lane along the western side of the bridge. With re-drawing the traffic lines and installing stanchions, we can provide a safe passage for our horses to cross the C-11 Canal. In my most recent conversation with Mayor Brown of Weston, she stated, this was a "no-brainer." I feel confident that this concept will be successful.

As a Council Member, I work to help the entire Town. If you have a concern or complaint, drop a call to me. I may not answer immediately, but I strive to return my calls in 24-48 hours.

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



Clerk's Corner

by Russell Muñiz

Brief legislation from the March 24, 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.

AROUND THE TOWN

Rolling Oaks Civic Association invited all Southwest Ranches Residents 12 years old and under to the Annual Egg-streme Fun Egg Hunt Saturday, April 2, 2022



Thank you to all the volunteers that helped organize the Egg-streme Fun Egg Hunt, and special thanks to the Easter Bunny who came hopping in to spend time with the kids.



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 188th Ave - Case # 22-019413 0851 hours - Burglary

Unknown offenders wearing face masks and hoodies cut the lock to the rear of the property and stole six recreational/ dirt bike vehicles. The loss is totaling \$64,000. The caller stated he advertises the sales of the bikes on Facebook Market Place but was unsure if the thief was someone he dealt with previously or not. The video was put into Davie Property as evidence. This case will require further investigative follow up.

Hancock Rd - Case # 22-019807 2030 hours - Theft

A resident called police to make a report of two suspects he caught stealing mail from his mailbox. The resident stated he came home and saw a car with two male suspects going through his mailbox. He confronted them and they gave him back what was taken. He wanted the incident documented.

Sunset Ln - Case # 22-022244 0809 hours - Burglary

Officers responded in reference multiple vehicle burglaries in the area. Four male subjects are seen trying door handles and entering unlocked vehicles. Two firearms were taken and credit cards. This case will require further investigation.

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, May 25th

By Appointment Only - No Walk-Ins

Call Town Hall (954) 434-0008

ADVISORY BOARD UPDATES

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

- Elections were held with the following unanimous results:
Chair, Rose Allbritton; Vice Chair, Sage Cimetta; Secretary, Barbara Gonzalez. The Board also welcomed their new member, Laurie Morse.
- Founder's Park wall is almost completed.
- The new theme for the 2022 Photo Contest was voted on "Fun in the Ranches." It's what makes Southwest Ranches unique to you!
- A discussion on ideas to create a Town flag will continue at our next meeting.
- A sign for Southwest Meadows Preserve was discussed and will continue at our next meeting.



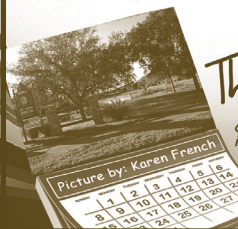
The Town of Southwest Ranches Rural Public Arts & Design Advisory Board presents...
10th Annual Photo Contest

The theme for 2022 Photo Contest is...

"FUN IN THE RANCHES"

What makes Southwest Ranches unique to you?
(favorite animals, recreation, gardens, flowers, sunsets, Town events, etc.)
Pictures must be submitted not later than September 5th., 2022.

- One photo per person in household.
- Please provide a photo caption (limit 74 characters).
- Photos must be at least 8 x 10 (landscape).
- Photos must be in the highest definition (resolution) possible.
- No previous photos will be accepted.
- To be considered, all entries must be submitted with the Town's Entry Form.
- Email your photo to: Skutz@southwestranches.org.



This could be your picture!

Call Susan for additional information (954) 343-7460

AROUND THE TOWN

KNOW YOUR NATIVE POLLINATORS

THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION'S

**MAYORS
MONARCH
PLEDGE**



(Pictured above: Atala butterfly (*Eumaeus atala*) by Mary Keim.)

“**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. This rare butterfly, once thought to be extinct, is making a comeback thanks to the popularity of its host plant in Florida landscaping.

FUN FACT: The Atala’s name is literary in origin. Eumaeus was a hero in the Trojan War and a friend of Odysseus in Homer’s the Iliad and The Odyssey. The species epithet atala comes from French author Chateaubriand’s tragic 19th century novella of the same name, which takes place amidst Native American tribes in the southeastern United States.

IDENTIFICATION: With a wingspan of 3.8 – 5.1 cm, the Atala is the largest hair-streak in Southeast Florida. It is also the most iridescent, with a velvety black surface and turquoise shimmer on the dorsal side of its wings. This coloring is striking in males and can be bright blue or greenish teal. Blue scales are more common in summer months, while the wings favor a greener shade in winter. The underside of the wings bears three curved rows of ultramarine spots and a large red spot on the hindwing. The abdomen is orangish-red, matching the butterfly’s hindwing spot. Males have a pheromone-emitting structure known as a “hair pencil” at the end of their abdomen. Female butterflies are larger than their male counterparts. Atala butterflies are relatively sedentary. They have a slow flight pattern that is similar to the flight of moths. Males will fly erratically only when showing off. Males often perch on the top side of leaves, while females usually can be found hanging upside down underneath the leaves. Atalas are most active in early morning or late afternoon.

FORAGING PREFERENCES: The Atala butterfly has a short proboscis and requires easily accessible nectar. Their preference is for white flowers. Some of their favorites are Saw palmetto (*Serenoa repens*), Cabbage palm (*Sabal palmetto*), Florida swampprivet (*Forestiera segregata*), Beautyberry (*Callicarpa americana*), White indigoberry (*Randia aculeata*), Blue porterweed (*Stachytarpheta jamaicensis*), Dahoon holly (*Ilex cassine*), Bahama blackbead (*Pithecellobium bahamense*), Florida Keys blackbead (*Pithecellobium keyense*), Catclaw blackbead (*Pithecellobium unguis-cati*), Florida fiddlewood (*Citharexylum spinosum*), Pineland lantana (*Lantana depressa*), Buttonsage (*Lantana involucrata*), Wild coffee (*Psychotria nervosa*) and Spanish needle (*Bidens* spp.). Coontie (*Zamia integrifolia*), North America’s only native cycad, is the host plant for the Atala butterfly. The two have a mutualistic relationship. The caterpillars eat the plant’s leaves and their abundant fecal droppings fertilize the surrounding soil. The leaves contain cycasin, a toxic chemical that the larva ingests and keeps in its body throughout its life cycle. This chemical is even found in their eggs. The Atala uses aposematic coloration — bright warning

colors — to alert predators that it is poisonous. Probably because of the security they have in their protective toxin, these butterflies are usually not frightened off easily. They do not have many natural predators.

HABITAT: Atalas naturally occur along Florida’s southeastern coast in subtropical counties of Palm Beach, Miami-Dade and Broward. Outside of the United States, the Atala is found in the Bahamas, Turks and Caicos, the Cayman Islands and Cuba. In their range, you can find the Atala butterflies fluttering in shady hammocks and gardens where Coontie is abundant.

DID YOU KNOW? Although toxic, an edible starch (known as Florida arrowroot) can be made from the Coontie root with proper preparation. Early settlers overharvested the plant for this starch. The Atala butterfly disappeared along with Coontie and was thought to be extinct from 1937 until 1959 when scattered specimens were found. In 1979, the butterflies were discovered on a barrier island off the coast of Miami. The species is believed to have rebounded from this population. Oddly the Atala is not federally listed under the Endangered Species Act. Florida lists it as a “species of greatest conservation need.” Although rare, the Atala has rebounded considerably and has even moved beyond its historic range along the southeastern coast of Florida to localized areas near Florida’s west coast.



Atala pupae by Mary Keim



Atala larvae by Mary Keim

LIFE CYCLE: The Atala breeds year-round. Its cream-colored eggs are 1–1.25 mm in diameter and laid in clusters of more than 60. Newly hatched caterpillars are 0.5–1 mm and pale but become red with yellow spots within two days of hatching. The larvae molt (known as the instar phase) three to five times until they are fully grown at 2.5 cm.

On the tenth day of the last instar, the larvae look for a pupation site and will come together with other larvae. They release silk that connects to the other larvae and their host plant as an anchor from strong winds. Ten-day-old pupates produce sound known as stridulation, although it is inaudible to humans. This sound may coordinate emergence with other pupates. Atala populations peak in June and January. Adults may live as long as two months in ideal settings with plentiful nectar resources. Because of their lengthy lifespan, these butterflies may mate intergenerationally, which promotes genetic diversity and species resilience.

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



AROUND THE TOWN



Southwest Ranches FIRE RESCUE

The Southwest Ranches Firefighters continue training more than ever. Our goal is to protect our residents and the lives of our members. We have continued Fire and EMS training with Davie. We are jointly training on live fire scenarios, forcible entry, field operations, fire truck pump operations, and medical tactics.

Southwest Ranches Training Chief Bruce Evans has started classroom instruction and hands-on training for lost and trapped Firefighter and Rapid Intervention Crew Teams Operations (RICTO). The purpose of RICTO is to present guidelines and practices that enable basic Search and Rescue Teams to safely and effectively perform basic rescue operations to rescue trapped, lost or unaccounted firefighters.

Another instructor on the job for Southwest Ranches Volunteer Fire Rescue is Lieutenant Mike Yoder, a retired Captain from Miami Beach Fire Rescue and a Lead Paramedic Instructor at Miami Dade College for more than three decades. As the Chief of the Department, I am very proud to have these members on our team to serve our residents with knowledge, devotion, dedication and pride.

Just a reminder - Hurricane Season is approaching. Have your trees trimmed away and out of the powerlines. Once the power is knocked out, it gets hot quickly. The power companies are overwhelmed during these rough times, and it can take days or weeks to get the power restored. Please do your part and help prevent power failure.

Stay safe, Fire Chief Lee Bennett

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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**

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).

BULK RULES

WASTE PRO®
(954) 967-4200

- **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

The 5K Run was a huge success raising \$10K for the Town's College Scholarship Fund.



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

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.



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.



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.



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 and 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 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

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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 rley@swranches.org.

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

ILLICIT DISCHARGE INTO STORM DRAINS

BY PHILIP CHORATH

Storm drains are used to collect storm water runoff from streets, lawns, rooftops, catch basins, and swales. The water collected does not pass into the water treatment plant to be treated. Instead, it often flows into the nearby canals and other water bodies. Thus, it is imperative that only rainwater is collected as any contaminants will not be treated for.

The pouring or inadvertent flow of chemicals, oils, paints, and any other hazardous materials can result in negative consequences to the surrounding environment as well as poses a health risk. Other hazardous materials include motor oil, anti-freeze, mercury, thermometers, pesticides, and herbicides. Common sources for illicit discharge include leaking containers, vehicle related accidents, improper fueling, illegal disposal, and improper maintenance.



Construction related activities such as the placement of solid waste in waterways or failure to maintain proper Best Management Practices such as turbidity barriers and silt fences are also considered forms of illicit discharge. Best Management Practices should be maintained throughout the construction process.

In the event you see an illicit discharge please call the Environmental Response Line 954-519-1499 or fill out the online complaint form at <http://www.broward.org/Environment/Resources/Pages/EnviroComplaint.aspx>. This can be reported anonymously as well.

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ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE TOWN'S COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

AROUND THE TOWN

2022 BROWARD COUNTY SCHOOL CALENDAR

MAY				
M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

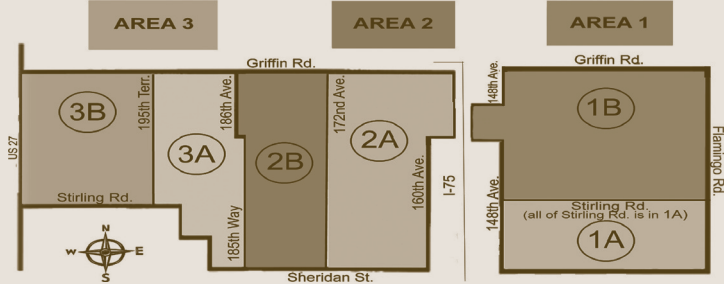
~ TUESDAY, MAY 3rd ~
Interim Reposts Issued

~ MONDAY, MAY 30th ~
Schools 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
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
JUNE 2022	3-A	6/01 - 6/15 - 6/29	2-A	6/14 - 6/28	1-A	6/13 - 6/27
	3-B	6/08 - 6/22	2-B	6/07 - 6/21	1-B	6/06 - 6/20

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

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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.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

CELL PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Please indicate your contact preference by entering a 1, 2, or 3 in the boxes below.

Home phone Cell Phone Email



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

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: Sandra J. Matthews
 "Lunch Time."

(From the 2022 Photo Contest Calendar)

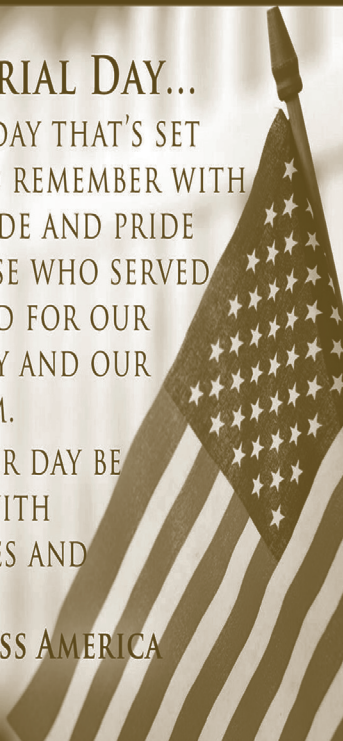
CALENDAR

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWR Parks Foundation Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm • Country Estates HOA - Grace Baptist Church - 19200 Griffin Rd - 7 pm AREA 1A BULK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code Hearing - Town Hall 9 am • Public Safety & Traffic Committee - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 2A BULK	AREA 3A BULK			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools & Education Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 1B BULK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks, Recreation, Forestry & Natural Resources Advisory Board - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 2B BULK	AREA 3B BULK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - Town Hall 7 pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RFP 22-008 Solid Waste Bid Opening 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Household Hazardous Waste - 8 am - 2 pm Waste Pro Facility 17302 Pines Blvd. Pembroke Pines, 33029 No Shred No Drug-Drop Off
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural Public Arts & Design Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall - 7 pm AREA 1A BULK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drainage & Infrastructure Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall - 7 pm AREA 2A BULK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 3A BULK		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broward County Property Appraiser - Town Hall - 10 am - 12 pm • Comprehensive Plan Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm 		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	AREA 1B BULK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rolling Oaks Civic Association Meeting - Rolling Oaks Barn 17630 SW 56 St. - 7 pm AREA 2B BULK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flow Mobile DMV Service - 10 am - 2 pm By Appointment Only Call Town Hall • Sunshine Ranches Homeowners Association Town Hall - 7:30 pm AREA 3B BULK		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - Town Hall 7 pm 	
29	30	31				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *** MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBER & HONOR • Town Hall Closed AREA 1A BULK	AREA 2A BULK					

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

MEMORIAL DAY...

...IS THE DAY THAT'S SET ASIDE TO REMEMBER WITH GRATITUDE AND PRIDE ALL THOSE WHO SERVED AND DIED FOR OUR COUNTRY AND OUR FREEDOM. MAY YOUR DAY BE FILLED WITH MEMORIES AND PEACE. GOD BLESS AMERICA



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- Facebook page: @SWRGOV
- 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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AlertBroward notifications will provide subscribers with important information in critical countywide situations such as hurricanes, evacuations, curfews, and open shelters. By signing up you'll receive time-sensitive calls to your home, business or mobile phones or emails.

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

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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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Council Member David S. Kuczenski	(954) 343-7472	dkuczenski@southwestranches.org

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TOWN SERVICES

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Jeff Katims	(954) 475-3070	jkatims@sepiinc.com

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CODE		
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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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