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The Official Newsletter of Southwest Ranches



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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR: THE STREET OF THE STREET

Our Southwest Ranches BSO Commander, Wally Haywood, recently announced his transfer effective March 7, 2013. Commander Haywood has done an outstanding job on behalf of our Town and we wish him well.

Congratulations and welcome to our new District Chief Linda Canada-Stuck. Chief Canada-Stuck was selected by a unanimous vote of our Town Council at our meeting on March 7th. She has been a member of the Broward Sheriff's Office since 1987, and has held a number of leadership positions within the organization over the years. She is very familiar with the Town's current law enforcement organizational structure and history. We welcome our new District Chief and look forward to a continuation of outstanding service provided by BSO under her command.

In a recent unanimous decision by the Town Council, the proposed Farm Bill will be rescinded due to resident's concerns and outcry of the community. The Council heard your voice and will continue to serve you with the greatest honor and respect.

I am honored to announce that the Town has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (CAFR) for FY 2011-2012. This award is one of the highest achievements for financial reporting in a local government. This is a huge and significant accomplishment and I congratulate the Town Administrator, Andy Berns and Town Financial Administrator, Martin Sherwood the for their continued efforts and dedication to making the Town fiscally responsible.

It is an honor and pleasure to serve you!!

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ASTER KNIGHT PARKS FOUNDATION PROUDLY PRESENTS THE 1ST ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF.

Saturday, May 18, Noon to 5:30 pm at the Sunshine Ranches Equestrian Park. Just 15 contestants & their chili pots! Get your tastebuds ready! \$5 to taste the chili & vote. Tasting & voting will take place throughout the day. Winner announced at 4:45 pm.

Food, Music, Bake Sale, Child-friendly Fun!



Vice Mayor Steve Breitkreuz

One of the aspects of being on the Council is that you not only

get to work on the big things that the Town is attempting to accomplish but you also hear from individual residents on some of the smaller individual items that contribute to larger frustrations. So, I just wanted to highlight a couple of those items in the hope that we can all be better neighbors.

One of the issues that I hear about regularly is that of parties and noise issues that go well into the night. We all have special events and have parties that we enjoy. However, I would ask everyone to remember that there is an ordinance in Town that limits that noise after ll:00 PM. Our Town has always been a town that believes in the independence that each of us has regarding our property and the ability, within limits, to enjoy that property without heavy code citations or a city or HOA telling us to do this or not do that. However, noise is something that can easily transcend the boundaries of our property. So, I would ask that you be considerate of your neighbors and respect that II:00 PM timeframe.

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Another area that I hear often is that of multiple commercial vehicles on a property. That is something that is often tolerated by neighbors who want to maintain a good relationship with their neighbor. However, it is a disruption when the large vehicles are started in the morning, it is a threat to our safe ground water supply when those vehicles are parked on open land, and depending on the visual buffer that is, or is not, provided it can be a real eye sore as well. Our code allows one commercial vehicle for a property and out of respect for your neighbors, if you have more than one on your property. I would request that you consider relocating all but one of those vehicles.

As I mentioned, these are not huge issues. However, I have always thought that Southwest Ranches is as much a family as it is a town. So, out of respect for those around you, I would ask, if either of these issues apply to you, that you consider making some changes to retain harmony in our community.



Council Member Freddy Fisikelli

A few things going on in the Town this month, at the last Council meeting

there was an ordinance introduced to rezone approximately 3.8 acres of the Weekley property located on Griffin Road from rural ranches to recreation and open space district. Until recently, the Weekley's owned several acres of open land with an enclosed pavilion on SW 54th place in Pembroke Pines, which they used as a retreat for family gatherings and various gatherings for civic groups, including Boy Scout campouts. The Weekley family sold the property in January and are

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now proposing to use their 3.84 acre property on Griffin Road as a replacement. The Council passed the ordinance on first reading with some issues to be addressed before second reading in April.

Also at the last Council meeting, an ordinance came back for second reading to approve the rezoning of approximately 1.06 acres owned by the South Florida Hindu Temple from rural estate district to community facility district. The property lies directly south of the Temple's community worship center. There are a lot of residents that live close to this property and were not in favor of this change. Ultimately, the ordinance was tabled in order for the applicant and the residents to meet before it came back for second reading again.

We are still working on Fishing Hole Park, the parking lot is almost completed. The final step will be the installation of parking stops. The next phase of the project will be building the playground area which phase one has to be completed by September 2013. Then following that phase will be the building of the restrooms which is scheduled for next year, but I am trying to get that done this year since we already have a grant to build them. Hopefully, we may be able to open some of the park up to some type of use very soon. The residents have enjoyed Equestrian Park in the east, Rolling Oaks Park in the center of Town, and now I look forward that all residents can be proud of a park located on the west side as an addition to the Town's park system.



Welcome New BSO Chief!

The Town of Southwest Ranches is pleased to welcome our new BSO District Chief, Captain Linda Canada-Stuck. Captain Canada-Stuck is a 25 year veteran of the Broward Sheriff's Office, and comes to us most recently from the City of Oakland Park. She started her career as a road deputy in 1987, and has served as field training officer, school resource deputy, bicycle patrol deputy and coordinated community projects in Lauderdale Lakes. She received her Bachelor's Degree from Barry University and is a graduate of the National Sheriff's Association/ Southern Police Institute Executive Leadership Program.

A "meet and greet" was held with residents on March 7, where she got off to a wonderful start with our residents. She will also be reaching out to our HOA's and other community groups in order to get to know our Town. Please introduce yourself and wish her a warm Southwest Ranches welcome!

The Town of Southwest Ranches and The Education Advisory Board are proud to announce their 1st Annual Scholarship.*

Southwest Ranches students will be chosen to receive a college scholarship.

For more information on applying, or the opportunity to create a legacy by donating to the scholarship fund, please contact Juanita Romance at Town Hall (954) 434-0008 or jromance@swranches.org

* Scholarships are funded by donations, No tax dollars are used for this purpose.





Photo by Bob Hartmann

The Town of
Southwest Ranches
had a wonderful
day at Water Matters
Day! Visitors to our
garden enjoyed their
stay and learned
about water
conservation.

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As always, our devoted residents and friends step up to help and are the key to every success we enjoy as a Town! Special thanks to the following folks who gave their time and effort to see we had the help we needed to pull it off:

Christine Brownlow
Ralph Lauretano
Brian Haines
John Hanley
Bob Parker
Andy Berns
Councilman Doug McKay
and Ryan McKay

Thanks for all you do!

And, of course, our active and involved Mayor and Council, whose wholehearted support keeps us going: Jeff Nelson, Steve Breitkreuz, Freddy Fisikelli, Gary Jablonski, and Doug McKay.

How to File an Environmental Complaint Online at Broward County

Environmental complaints can be reported to Broward County 24 hours a day / seven days a week to 954-519-1499 or online. Broward County's regular business hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.. For non-environmental concerns please call the Broward County Call Center

954-831-4000 during regular business hours.

Broward County responds to information regarding alleged environmental violations or problems received from the public within the jurisdiction of Broward County regulations. To file the complaint online, enter the information requested in the online form and submit it. If the individual reporting

an environmental problem wishes to remain anonymous, do not complete Complainant Information section. The link to Broward County's Environmental Complaint Online is: http://www.broward.org/EnvironmentAndGrowth/EnvironmentalProgramsResources/Enforcement/Pages/Reporting.aspx



Sunshine Ranches Equestrian Park wins County's prestigious Emerald Award

We knew it was a jewel; and Broward County's NatureScape Emerald Award Committee agrees! Recognized in August 2008 by the National Wildlife Federation as a Certified Wildlife Habitat, the park was recently selected as a winner of Broward County's 2012 Emerald Award program.

What are the Emerald Awards? The Annual Broward County Emerald Award Program recognizes county businesses, governments, individuals, and organizations demonstrating a commitment to protecting and preserving our environment by creating and maintaining model Florida-friendly landscapes or exceptional projects.

Nominations were accepted in December 2012, and the site was visited by the Award Committee and recommended as a finalist for the award in February. Winners selected by the panel of Judges were honored at the

Emerald Awards Ceremony at Water Matters Day on March 9.

The Emerald Award, a handcrafted mosaic stepping stone created by students and faculty of Cross Creek School, will be given a place of honor in the landscape and is presently on display at Town Hall for all to enjoy.





The Vision of Southwest Ranches

KEEPING OUR GREAT RURAL HERITAGE IN SIGHT

"The Vision of The Town of Southwest Ranches is to enhance and preserve the unique rural character of its community. The Town shall promote, maintain and protect its agricultural, residential and equestrian lifestyles, sensitive to the natural environment."

The Town Council sets the vision for our Town and reviews goals yearly to reflect that vision and guide decision-making at all levels of Town government. The goal setting process builds Council consensus on policies and projects that impact Town residents, businesses and the community as a whole. The Administration uses the Town Council's vision and goals to set

priorities, direct work activities, and allocate staff and financial resources. Below is a list of goals set by the Town Council for the 2012 calendar year.

Accomplished Goals

Goal Detail:

- Millage Reduction; Balanced the budget without tax increase or use of reserves.
- Drainage Improvements to SW 210th Terrace have been virtually completed.
- Road Closure Gates have been completed at SW 199th Avenue, SW 202nd Avenue, and 205th Avenue.
- Completed new Solid Waste Contract with SWS, effective 10/1/12.
- Established and/or reduced the Building and Zoning Fees.

Goals In-Progress

Goal Detail:

- Evaluating the possibility of creating SWR Fire Department.
- · Updating the Town Personnel Manual.

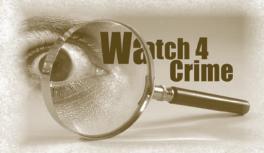
- Potential Commercial Development on Flamingo and Sheridan site.
- Developing access to South of 188th Avenue.
- Continue Developing Fishing Hole Park.
- Developing funding plan for the Griffin 345 (185th 188th project).
- · Improving roads within the Town.
- Resolving flooding issues within the Town.
- Developing a detailed Drainage Plan for the west side of the Town.
- · Reorganization of Staff.

On the Town's Radar Goal Detail

• Finalizing CCA project.

- Expanding/Funding SW 184th Avenue.
- Explore options for the Broadwing Property.
- Possible Purchase of property adjacent to Town Hall on the west side and/or property adjacent to the VFD property.

Crime Time! A word from Captain Linda Canada-Stuck, New BSO District Chief



Greetings Southwest Ranches:

It is an honor to be selected as your new Police Chief and I plan to continue the same level of outstanding service as provided by Commander Wally Haywood. I am sure everyone joins me in wishing him the best in his new assignment.

The Broward Sheriff's Office would like to remind our residents to remain vigilant and continue to contact us when you observe suspicious activity in your area. You are the eyes and ears of our community and are more often able to recognize unfamiliar vehicles or persons in the area. Statistically, residential burglaries occur more frequently during the day when residents are typically not home. A majority of conveyance burglaries involve unlocked vehicles and result in a "crime of opportunity" when residents leave valuables in their vehicles. Please remember that "if it's suspicious to you, it's suspicious to us"



Photo by Bob Hartmann

CAFR Award: Appreciating Assets

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to Town of Southwest Ranches by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its

attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

An Award of Financial Reporting Achievement has been awarded to the individual(s), department or agency designated by the government as primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning CAFR.

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high

standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals with offices in Chicago, IL, and Washington, D.C.



The Town of Southwest Ranches adopted all codes from Broward County at the time of inception.

Our codes regulate noise nuisance.

BSO responds to complaints for outside noise related to parties after 11:00 pm. Please be a good neighbor.

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and do not hesitate to call the Broward Sheriff's Office when you observe suspicious activity.

Save the Date

The Broward Sheriff's Office will hold a Shred-A-Thon and Operation Medicine Cabinet prescription drug "buy back" on Saturday, May llth from 9am-Noon at the Pembroke Lakes Mall, 400 North Hiatus Road, Pembroke Pines. The Shred-A-Thon provides residents with a safe way to dispose of their personal

documents, check stubs, credit card offers, receipts and any other paperwork that contains sensitive information. The service is free of charge. There's a limit of five boxes per person. The Shred-A-Thon events began in Broward County in May 2008, as a joint initiative by the Broward Sheriff's Office and the Florida Attorney General's Office, with the assistance of UNISHRED and The National Association of TRIADS. The prescription drug take

back program, operating under the name Operation Medicine Cabinet, allows participants to turn in unused or expired prescription medication to receive a \$5 gift card (while supplies last, limit one per family).

I look forward to meeting everyone and attending our SW Ranches Town-Wide Garage Sale on Saturday!



Wednesday, February 27, 2013, the Southwest Ranches Volunteer Fire Department had a visit from pre-schoolers from the "Mommy Group" from Crossway Church. The children really enjoyed the visit at the fire station, firefighters donned fire gear, kids were able to hold the fire hose and flow water, they saw all of the fire equipment and sat in the fire truck.



good truck event

All proceeds benefit the Southwest Ranches College Scholarship Fund

SATURDAY APRIL 13TH • 4:00 – 8:00 PM
SUNSHINE RANCHES EQUESTRIAN PARK
5840 SW 148TH AVE. SOUTHWEST RANCHES

Bring the whole family for dinner. Enjoy a wide variety of foods - something for everyone! All for a GREAT cause. Pack your lawn chairs, coolers; bring your friends and neighbors for a fun evening.

MUSIC BY D.J. FLASH • SILENT AUCTION GREAT FOOD • ANIMAL KINGDOM

The Southwest Ranches Education Advisory Board in conjunction with The Town of Southwest Ranches will be awarding scholarships to deserving SW Ranches students. Your help and support are needed to make this fundraiser a success! For information on applying for a scholarship, or the opportunity to create a legacy by donating to the scholarship fund, please contact: Juanita Romance at Town Hall (954 434-0008 or jromance@swranches.org.



Code Corner

Town of Southwest Ranches Waste Collection Map and Schedule

See Waste Collection Map and schedule below to find your solid waste collection days and bulk collection service dates.



Weekly **SOLID (GARBAGE)** Waste Days

Area 3	Area 2	Area 1
Wednesday & Saturday	Tuesday & Friday	Monday & Thursday

BULK Collection Service Dates by Area

Month	Area 3 (Wednesday Only)	Area 2 (Tuesday Only)	Area 1 (Monday Only)
April-13	4/3/13 & 4/17/13	4/2/13, 4/16/13 & 4/30/13	4/1/13, 4/15/13 & 4/29/13
May-13	5/1/13 & 5/15/13 & 5/29/13	5/14/13 & 5/28/13	5/13/13 & 5/27/13

RECYCLE collection occurs once per week:

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

WE "CAN" HELP!

A note to our residents:

If you need a new recycle bin please call Town Hall and we would be happy to assist you. Thank you

Town Hall: 954-434-0008



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



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14	Tax Day	Rural Public Arts & Design Advisory Board Meeting Town Hall 7 pm	17	Comprehensive Plan Advisory Board	19	20
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RESIDENTIAL BULK MAY BE PLACED IN THE SWALE THE SATURDAY BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED BULK COLLECTION DAY. (ORD 2008-07)



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Accounting Clerk, Mara Semper	(954) 434-0008	msemper@southwestranches.org

Planning, Zoning, Permitting & Occupational Licenses

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Building Department/Permitting	M-F 8:00 am - 4:00 pm	
Lisa Reices	(954) 888-9882/Fax: (954) 888-9860 li	reices@capfla.com
Building Director, Dave Tringo	(954) 888-9882/Cell: (954) 605-0127 d	tringo@swranches.org
Planning and Zoning M-F	M-F 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	
The Mellgren Planning Group	(954) 475-3070 ext 803	

Code Compliance:

Code Enforcement Director, Robert Solera	(954) 343-7440	rsolera∂swranches.org
Code Enforcement Officer, Julio Medina	(954) 343-7440	jmedina@southwestranches.org
Administrative Specialist/Code Enforcement,		
Jane Feary	(954) 343-7440	jfeary∂swranches.org

Police/Fire/Rescue Services

Emergency	911
Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO)	
Law Enforcement District 9	(954) 680-0010
Davie Fire Rescue Station 112	(954) 680-0020
Southwest Ranches Volunteer Fire Rescue	(954) 343-7466

Traffic and Roadway Services (To Report Signs Down - Pot Holes)

Pot Holes and Signs: Emily McCord	(954) 343-7453	emccord@swranches.org
Paving: Willie Nabong, PE	(954) 343-7444	wnabong@swranches.org

Waste/Bulk/Recycling Services (Residential & Commercial)

Southern Waste Systems	(CIMC) IIC	(888) 800-7732
Southern waste Systems	(5005) 1.1.0	(888) 800-7737

Water Districts - Canals (Permits)

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Central Broward Water Control District	(954) 432-5110	www.centralbrowardwcd.org
East of SW 148 (Volunteer) Avenue		
South Broward Drainage District	(954) 680-3337	www.sbdd.org
West of SW 148 (Volunteer) Avenue		

Well and Septic

Broward County Health Department	(954) 467-4700 ext 4233
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Environmental Complaint Hotline, Broward County (954) 831-1499



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Mail to: 13400 Griffin Road

Southwest Ranches, FL 33330 Or call: 954-434-0008

The Town of Southwest Ranches is pleased to sponsor the.. ANNUAL STUDENT ARKOR DAY CONTEST

2013 THEME:

"Trees are Terrific... in all shapes and sizes"

All students are invited to participate, using their creative talent to draw, write or take photographs. All entries will be displayed at Town Hall and at the Town council meeting.

RULES:

• Entries to include on the BACK of project:

Student name ____ Address ___ Phone number _ Email address

Grade ___

- Essays or poems are restricted to a maximum of 250 words.
- Art drawings are restricted to a single entry.
- Photographs must be mounted on cardboard or poster board.
- Entries must be submitted to Town Hall no later than Friday March 29th.

The Town Council will recognize participants on April 25th. Questions call Town Hall at 954-434-0008



Don't be stumped. Enter!