SOUTHWEST RANCHER

The Official Newsletter of Southwest Ranches

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Happy Thanksgiving!

On behalf of the Town Council and Town Staff we send you many warm thoughts and wishes for you and your family. Be safe, be thankful, and create many special memories.

Have a joyous and bountiful Thanksgiving.



Mayor Jeff Nelson

The Town seeks your input, we want to know what you think! I

am excited to report that in the upcoming January 2014 newsletter we will have a Citizen Survey for you to fill out and submit. This survey will help us know your thoughts and concerns about the Town, gather input on Town services, and ask you for suggestions and ideas on ways to make Southwest Ranches better. With citizen input in hand, we will try to make adjustments to our services and to better reflect the desires of all citizens. We hope you will be more inclined to become involved if you believe that our efforts will make a difference and will serve long-term common goals. The citizens of a community have a mutual responsibility for that community's future. We want to make sure that we continue to perform at an exceptional level and that your approval of the job we are doing as your Town government is well deserved.

It's an honor and pleasure to serve you.

Jeff

STAY IN TOUCH...

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

Send your email address to: jromance@swranches.org.



Vice Mayor Steve Breitkreuz

Last month my article focused on the Charter School and the sale of the Jehovah's Witness

property. Clearly our world continues to change and it becomes even more critical that we guard our rural community and the lifestyle that we all enjoy.

Unfortunately, I have to write about yet another change to our community that will once again challenge us to maintain what we have preserved. The plans are coming together to build a new rail from Miami Dade County, up through Broward County to Central Florida where warehouse space is abundant and inexpensive. The general path of this new rail is going to be along US 27. That provides a pathway with fewer vehicular traffic interruptions than what is currently available to the east, along I-95 or Dixie Highway. The plan is to have this rail built on the west side of US 27. However, there may be several ingress / egress loops across US 27 to sites on the east side of US 27 to connect with businesses.

The general purpose of this new rail is to haul freight, not passengers. The genesis for the change actually originates from Central America. You may have heard of the New Panamax project. That is the project by which the locks in the Panama Canal are being made larger (Due to be completed in 2015) to accommodate larger freight ships. It is increasing the size of the ships from 5,000 TEU (Twenty-foot Equivalent Units) to 13,000 TEU. This increase in size is creating

competition with ports to accommodate these larger ships. Thus, the port of Miami is dredging their port to increase the depth from 42 feet to 50 feet. (Due to be completed in 2014) All this to say that with these larger ships, there will be significantly more freight coming into the port of Miami which created the need for this new rail line with fewer intersections and disruptions to vehicular traffic.

So, it seems that there is no limit to how the ever expanding and commercializing world that we live in is impacting our preservation of a rural lifestyle. I do think that it is important that we as a community understand what is happening. The comprehensive planning board is already aware of this potential impact to our town and is in the process of reviewing our comprehensive plan. While on the Council we can not stop our world from changing and growing, we can work diligently to minimize the impact of that growth on our lifestyle and this is another example of an area where we have our work cut out for us.



Cost: \$100.00 Checks should be made payable to: Town of Southwest Ranches - (Bricks)

> Mail to: 13400 Griffin Road Southwest Ranches, FL 33330 Or call: 954-434-0008





Council Member Freddy Fisikelli

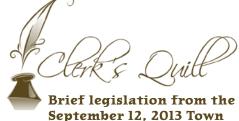
It is important that you read this article if you have a mortgage on

your house. They held a meeting on what you had to do to get flood insurance on your home.

I attended that meeting and it was explained that if you house was in a certain area you would have to pay a certain rate. The Town of Southwest Ranches falls in an area that requires flood insurance but most of our homes are built on high elevations because we are on septic tanks which require our floors to be at a higher level than most homes. What you have to do to prove that you are exempted is have a surveyor take a measurement of the ground level of one of you outside walls of your house. The people on our staff will help you with the paperwork you need to fill out and will give you advice on what has to be done.

BE "IN THE LOOP" **Rapid Notify Emergency Notification**

Sign-up today! The opportunity to register is available for the Town's emergency notification service. You may also contact Sandy Luongo/Juanita Romance at Town Hall to be registered. Town Hall (954) 434-0008.



September 12, 2013 Town Council meeting:

- Adopted Resolution 2013 066 approving the Final Fire Assessment.
- Adopted Resolution 2013 067 approving the Final Solid Waste Assessment.
- Adopted Resolution 2013 068 approving the tentative millage rate of 3.9404 for FY 2013-2014.
- Adopted Resolution 2013 069 approving a concurrency road agreement for Terra Ranches.
- Adopted Resolution 2013 070 approving the purchase of a picnic shelter for Fishing Hole Park.

Brief legislation from the September 26, 2013 Town Council meeting:

- Adopted Resolution 2013 071 approving the final millage rate of 3.9404.
- Adopted Resolution 2013 072 awarding a contract to PSSI to conduct a fire services operational study.
- Adopted Resolution 2013 073 approving the eleventh amendment to the BSO agreement for law enforcement services providing for a sixty day extension.
- Adopted Resolution 2013 074 approving a policy for mitigation on code enforcement fines.
- Adopted Resolution 2013 075 to initiate conflict resolution procedures with Broward County on E-911 communication funding.



As you may have seen in the Mayor's column, the Town will be conducting a resident survey to learn what you think. Town staff is looking forward to receiving this information, as it helps us understand the priorities of the community, as well as identify opportunities for improvement.

As part of this process, we will also undergo a strategic planning process in order to establish Town goals. The goals will be tied to performance measures specific action plans to keep us on track and make certain we're successful.

While we believe Town staff does a good job, we know we can always improve. The community survey and strategic plan are tools that will help us better serve you. If you have any questions about the process, please let us know.

REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKERS

IT MAY HELP SAVE YOUR LIFE OR SOMEONE YOU LOVE.



Make checks payable to: Southwest Ranches Volunteer Fire Department 13400 Griffin Road Southwest Ranches, FL 33330

If you are interested in volunteering and would like to be on one of the Town boards please contact Town Hall at (954) 434-0008 or visit our website www.southwestranches.org.

RECYCLE CARTS

By now, all residents of Southwest Ranches should have received their new blue recycle carts. Each cart has a serial number that is issued to an address to ensure that the Town maintains the appropriate inventory and to assist in tracking the carts in the event of missing or stolen carts. Residents are encouraged to write down the serial number and keep it in a safe place for future reference.

Please note that these carts are for single stream recycling and not for solid waste. To ensure that we are recycling properly, please see the



attached diagram that will display exactly what can be and cannot be discarded in the recycle carts. Let's work together and keep our Town GREEN!



If you have not yet received your new recycle cart or need additional information, please contact Sandy Luongo at Town Hall at 954-343-7476 or 954-434-0008.

Our Future...Recycle.

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Clean paper, Milk Cartons, Cardboard (limit 18 x 24) Junk Mail, Paper Egg Cartons, Cereal Boxes



Newspapers Magazines, Catalogs Phone Books



Plastic Bottles and Juas (no caps) Plastic Dairy Tubs (yogurt margarine, etc.) no lids



Aluminum Cans Steel or Tin Cans



Loose Glass Bottles and Jugs





No Pizza Boxes No Aerosol Cans



No Hoses



No Plants



No Toys



No Dishes/ **Paper Plates**



No Juice Boxes or Pouches



No Tires



No Styrofoam



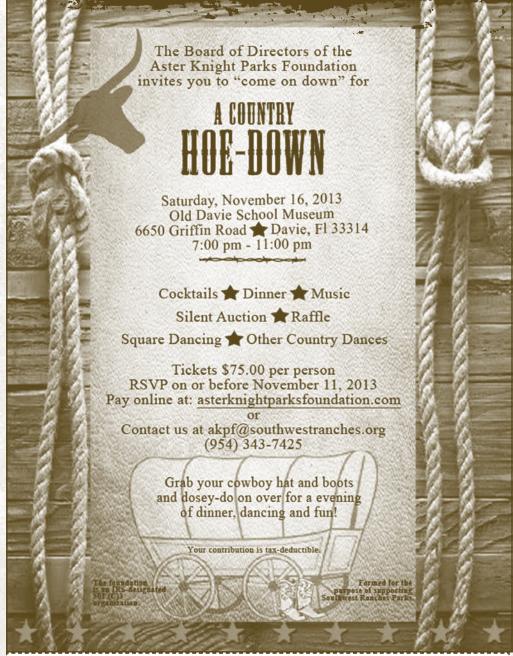
No Clothes Textiles/Carpet







No Batteries No Plastic Baas No Electronics



RSVP for a Country Hoe-Down

4th annual Aster Knight Parks Foundation Benefit
On or before November 11, 2013

Name:	Email:
Address	
	Number of Guests @ \$75 each or Number of Tables @ \$750 each
	Payment options (please indicate your choice):
	it card (or PayPal) online at: asterknightparksfoundation.com or heck (enclosed) payable to Aster Knight Parks Foundation
The Aster Knight Park	s Foundation is an independent 501(c)3 organization formed to benefit the parks and open

spaces of the Town of Southwest Ranches.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

FLOWMOBILE IS COMING BACK IN 2014!

Due to popular demand "FlowMobile" Licensing Services by DHSMV will be returning in 2014. The new schedule will be published in the December issue of the Rancher, tentatively it is scheduled for the fourth Thursday of every month.

The Town of Southwest Ranches announced its partnership in August with Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and Florida House Representative Rick Stark to bring motorist services directly to the public, saving residents a possible trip to DMV offices. The Florida Licensing On Wheels (FLOWmobile) will be at

Southwest Ranches Town Hall, 13400 Griffin Road, from 9:30 to 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12, 2013.

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SOUTHWEST RANCHES Holiday Fun Horse Show



Sponsored in part by
MOTOR TREND OF BROWARD/WARREN HENRY MOTORS



Saturday, December 14, 2014

Sunshine Ranches Equestrian Park 5840 SW 148 Avenue (Volunteer Road) Southwest Ranches, FL 33330

8:00 am Check in / Registration Classes Begin at 9:00 am

FREE Horse show for youth up to Age 18

Western, English, Hunter, Speed and Fun Classes (limit 15 entries per class)

All levels welcome!
Registration Required

Contact: December Lauretano-Haines

954-343-7452 dlauretano@southwestranches.org

Visit our event page on FACEBOOK: https://www.facebook.com/events/445117978941649/

CLASSES: Western, English, Hunter Speed Challenges, Fun Classes

FALL MIGRATION SEASON

The fall migration season has started and we anticipate seeing hummingbirds and other migratory bird species in our area. It's a good time to clean out your birdbaths and provide some of the flowering plants that attract insects. Our two-year Habitat Oases foraging surveys show that insects constitute 80% of the diet of migratory songbirds.

We need your help!
We still have gaps in the flyway within Broward County.

Can you help? Certify your yard, school, neighborhood park or other

property and encourage your family, friends and neighbors to do the same.

Providing for wildlife - Attract birds and other wildlife to your yard by providing the four basic components of habitat: food, water, cover, places to raise young.

Planting native plants is fundamental. Create and certify your yard as a Backyard Wildlife Habitat with the National Wildlife Federation at nwf.org/gardenforwildlife

Need a unique gift idea? Certify a

Hummingbirds love red and orange flowers like Firebush. They also eat tiny insects.

yard as a gift for someone that loves wildlife.

Need volunteer hours? Help somebody create a habitat or help a teacher with their schoolyard habitat.

Keep your binoculars handy... NatureScape Broward Staff

JOHNNY DOLLAR MEMORIAL BENCH

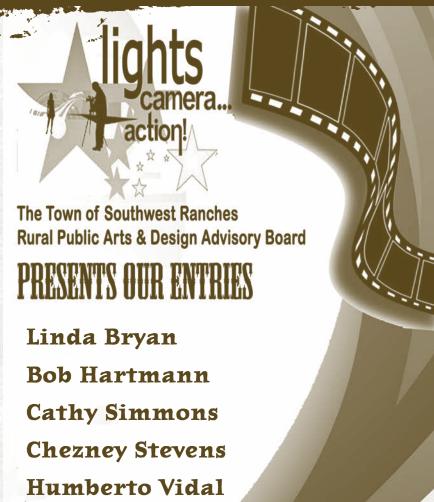
To those of you who donated towards the Johnny Dollar Bench... it has been delivered and sits outside of Town Hall Chambers. Thank you again for your contribution.



Welcome to Our New Acting District Chief

The Town of Southwest Ranches recently had a command change in our BSO District Office with the well-deserved retirement of District Chief Capt. Linda Canada-Stuck. The District Chief served BSO with distinction for over 27 years. The Town wishes her all the best and recognizes her dedication to our community.

The Town welcomed **Acting Captain Ronald Baranski** to fill in as the Chief at this time pending contract negotiations with BSO. The Captain welcomes the challenge of his new assignment. Acting Captain Baranski began his law enforcement career in 1968 after graduating from the Nassau County Police Academy in Long Island, New York. His professional law enforcement career spans over 45 years and he has worked almost all aspects of law enforcement. The Town extends a warm welcome to our new Acting Chief and we are proud to have him on the team.





SWRVFD Corner

Meet Big Red

Before you know it the Holiday Season will be approaching us. This year we have a special surprise for our SWR's residents, "BIG RED". Big Red is a 1975 Fire Truck, purchased from the Elk Mills Fire Department in Butler, Tennessee. The apparatus was sad looking and worn, upon

arrival from the mountains. The SWR's Fire Fighters worked countless hours, repairing, cleaning, sanding, painting and general refurbishing of the Fire Truck.

Engine work was performed, by one of our firefighters, who is a certified mechanic. The Fire Department



wanted a Fire Truck that looked completely different from the standard issued Fire Truck. BIG RED

> stands out with a complete transformation! With beautiful bold murals and graphics, there is no other Fire Truck like it. The SWR's Fire

Department has gotten a tremendous amount of positive reaction from the public.

In the past we used the on duty Fire Truck and personnel for special events and Santa runs. Now, BIG RED will be used for all events, with off duty personnel. BIG RED can be used for weddings, birthday parties, reunions, picnics/ BBQ's, schools or any special event - for a donation! To reserve BIG RED for the Santa Runs, or a special occasion please contact - Captain Bock at - 954-430-3532 / Assistant Chief Leslie Kastner at -754-224-0877.

Stay Safe, Chief Lee Bennett



PLAN TO TRAVEL FOR THANKSGIVING? BROWARD SHERIFF'S OFFICE OFFERS TIPS TO KEEP YOU SAFE!

The Thanksgiving holiday is fast approaching and many Broward County residents will be taking vacations or leaving town to visit with family and friends. The Broward Sheriff's Office reminds everyone that there are certain security-minded steps to take before leaving town.

Whether you're home or away on vacation, a few simple precautions can make your home less attractive

to burglars.

- Be sure your outdoor lighting illuminates all entrances to your home.
- Cut back shrubbery to discourage burglars from hiding near window and doors.
- Keep windows and doors locked at all times. Make certain your garage door is closed and locked.
- Install a peephole in your front door.
- Windows and sliding glass doors should be secured with auxiliary locks. Special door pins, available at home improvement stores, can prevent your sliding doors from being lifted from their tracks during a burglary attempt.

• Deadbolt locks should be used on all exterior doors (single or double cylinder with a minimum one inch throw is recommended).

- Never hide or store keys or tools outside.
- Before you leave town it is important to make sure your home appears occupied, remember to stop all newspaper deliveries, and ask a trusted neighbor to pick up your mail. Most importantly, tell a trusted neighbor that you are going to be away and ask them to dial 911 immediately if they see anyone on your property.

Have a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving!





Thanksgiving Day, Thursday 11/28

There will be no Solid Waste pick up



CHRISTMAS DAY, WEDNESDAY 12/25

There will be no Solid Waste or Recycling pick up Bulk pick up is rescheduled for Thursday, 12/26.



New Year's Day, Wednesday 1/1/2014

There will be no Solid Waste, Recycling or Bulk pick up.

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)
Nov-13	11/13/13 & 11/27/13	11/12/13 & 11/26/13	11/11/13 & 11/25/13
Dec-13	12/11/13 & 12/26/13	12/10/13 & 12/24/13	12/9/13 & 12/23/13

RECYCLE collection occurs once per week:

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

Saturday, November 2nd Fall Food Truck Event

4:00 - 8:00 pm Sunshine Ranches Equestrian Park

Sponsored by The Southwest Ranches Education Advisory Board



Mini-FLOW: Florida Licensing on Wheels

Do you need to renew or replace your Florida Driver's License or Identification Card?

If so, the Department of Motorist Services Mini-FLOW Florida Licensing on Wheels will be at Town Hall for your convenience on the following dates:

Tuesday, November 12th: 9:30 am to 2:30 pm Monday, December 23rd: 9:30 am to 2:30 pm

For additional information please call Town Hall (954) 434-0008.

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

RESIDENTIAL BULK MAY BE PLACED IN THE SWALE THE SATURDAY BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED BULK COLLECTION DAY. (ORD 2008-07)



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Elected Officials		
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Council Member Gary Jablonski	(954) 343-7456	gjablonski@swranches.org
Council Member Doug McKay	(954) 343-7462	dmckay@swranches.org
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Town Financial Administrator,		
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Town Attorney, Keith Poliakoff	(954) 434-0008	
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Procurement and Special Projects Coordinator,		
Juanita Romance	(954) 434-0008	jromance@swranches.org
Controller, Peter Brill	(954) 434-0008	pbrill@swranches.org
Community Services Coordinator, Emily McCord	(954) 343-7453	emccord@swranches.org
Parks, Recreation, Open Space Coordinator,		
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Administrative Specialist, Susan Kutz	(954) 434-0008	skutz@southwestranches.org
Records Coordinator, Rosangela Rodriguez	(954) 434-0008	rrodriguez@southwestranches.org
Accounting Clerk, Mara Semper	(954) 434-0008	msemper@southwestranches.org
Planning, Zoning, Permitting & Occupational I	Licenses	
Building Department/Permitting M-F 8:00 am -		
Lisa Reices	(954) 888-9882/Fax: (954) 888-9860	lreices@capfla.com
Building Director, Dave Tringo	(954) 888-9882/Cell: (954) 605-0127	dtringo@swranches.org
Planning and Zoning 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) 343-7458	jmedina@swranches.org
Police/Fire/Rescue Services		
Emergency	911	
Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) non-emergency	(954) 765-432I	
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 l		
Potholes and Signs: Emily McCord	(954) 343-7453	emccord@swranches.org
Paving: Willie Nabong, PE	(954) 343-7444	wnabong@swranches.org

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Waste/Bulk/Recycling Services (Residential & Commercial)

Southern Waste Sys	stems, (SWS) LLC	(888) 800-	7732

Water Districts - Canals (Permits)

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

Environmental Complaint Hotline, Broward County

(954) 831-1499



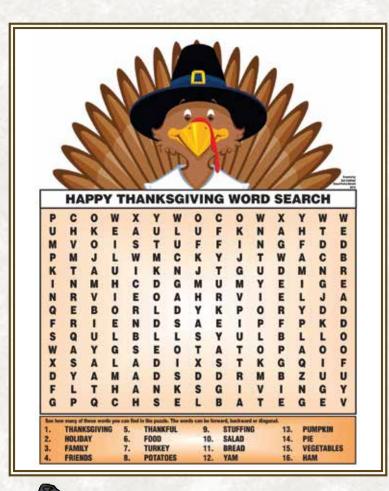
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