

# SOUTHWEST RANCHER

*The Official Newsletter of Southwest Ranches*

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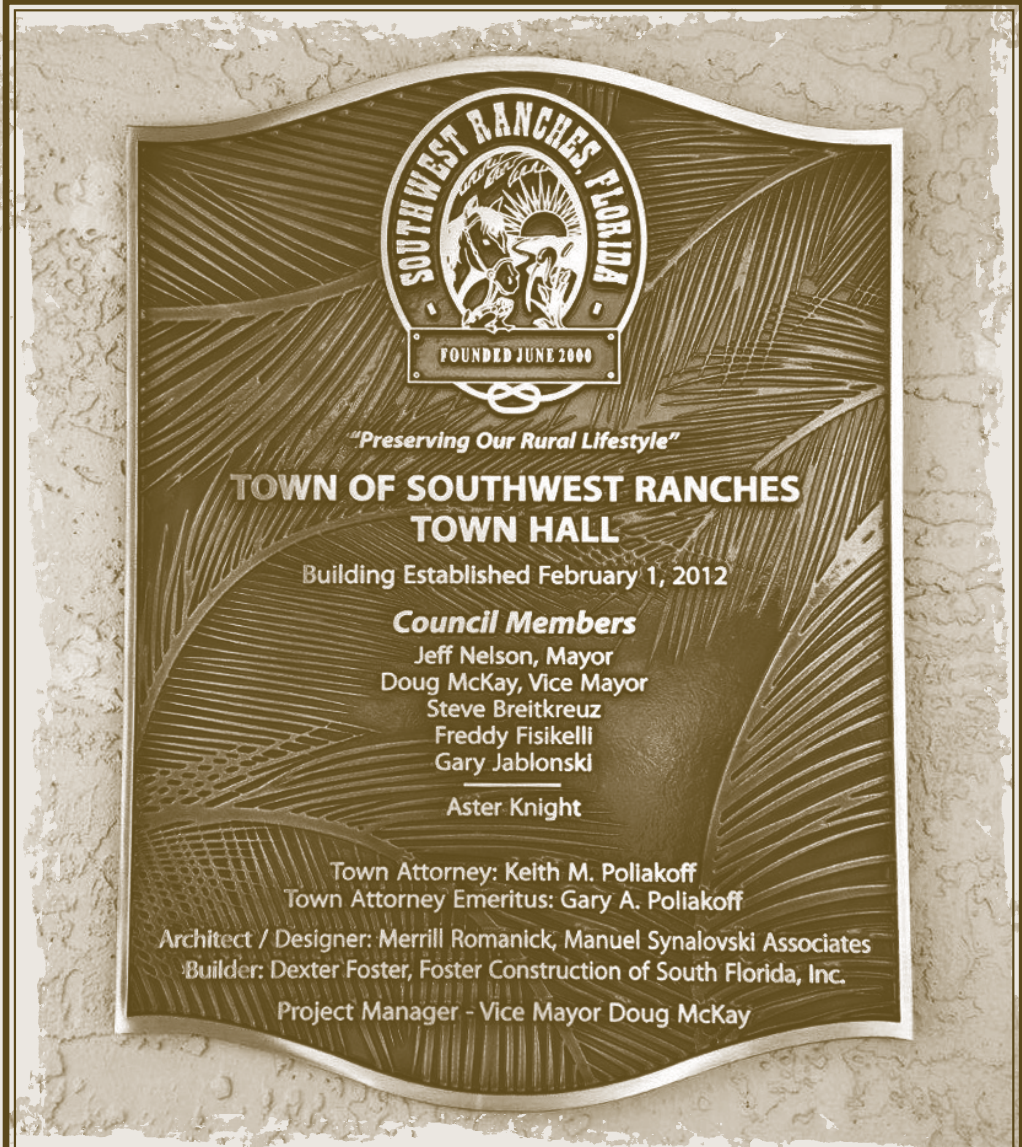
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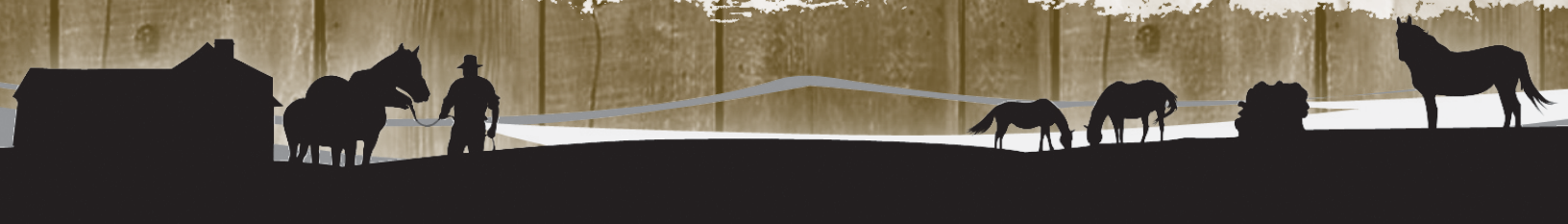
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## TOWN HALL COMMENCEMENT PLAQUE



PLAQUE PLACED ON TOWN HALL TO CELEBRATE THE  
BUILDING DEDICATION ON JUNE 12, 2014







Mayor  
Jeff Nelson

I'd like to begin by congratulating Council Member Breitkreuz and

Vice Mayor Jablonski on being reelected to the Town Council without opposition. I believe the fact that they were reelected without opposition speaks to the level of satisfaction and trust that our residents have in them. I am grateful that these two gentlemen will continue to serve the residents and I am very proud to serve alongside them.

On behalf of the Town Council and Town staff I can assure you that we recognize that there is still room for improvement. We will not rest on our laurels. We will strive to continue to make Southwest Ranches a great place to live.

On another note, as summer draws to a close, I'd like to remind my neighbors that schools will soon again be back in session. As such, I'd like you to observe the school zone signs and indicators, and please watch your speed. The safety of our youth is of paramount importance and so I urge you to drive carefully.

I wish you all the best for the rest of the summer and have a safe school year.

As always, it is an honor and pleasure to serve you!

Jeff

## Mini-Flow: Florida Licensing on Wheels is Back in 2014

If you need to renew or replace your Florida Driver's License, Identification Card or Tag and Registration, then come on down to Town Hall. If so, the Department of Motorist Services Mini-FLOW Florida Licensing on Wheels will be at Town Hall.

**Aug 28th, Sept. 25th,  
Oct. 23rd, Nov. 13th, Dec. 22nd  
From 9:30 - 2:30**

### STAY IN TOUCH WITH CODE

Fill for horse stalls do 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 property owners 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 Emily at [emccord@swranches.org](mailto:emccord@swranches.org) or Robert at [rsolera@southwestranches.org](mailto:rsolera@southwestranches.org)**

### SPECIAL THANKS

to the **CORBITT Family** who donated the delicious corn for our Town Hall Building Dedication Celebration, **June 12, 2014**



Council Member  
Steve Breitkreuz

Recently the filing deadline for the Town Council District 1 seat

passed and as there was not another candidate, I will be appointed for another term. I wanted to take a moment to thank-you for this privilege and honor. I also want to congratulate Vice Mayor Jablonski on his re-appointment.

When I first ran for office in 2002, I ran because of the belief that I wanted to do all I could to maintain our rural lifestyle for the next generation and beyond. While I lost that election, preserving the rural lifestyle and representing our community continue to be the motivation for staying involved.

Over the years, I have been blessed to meet many residents. That is one of the very best parts of being able to serve in this capacity. However, I have also been saddened by the passing of many wonderful pioneers in our community, each of them being great individuals who had a part in building what we are blessed to enjoy today.

I am honored to be able to continue to serve and I am excited at the opportunity to meet and interact with many more neighbors in the years to come. What a privilege it is to be a part of this Council and Town, but even more of a privilege to share this community with each of you. We have a wonderful Town and it will only stay that way with involvement from everyone.



## Council Member Freddy Fisikelli

By the time you get this newsletter the Fourth of July will have come and gone and all

the fireworks have been set off. I hope everyone had a good time and nobody was injured, but now it is time to get back to work on some of the most pressing things that will be coming up in the future.

The one that I talked about in my last newsletter is the part of Griffin Road from SW 188th Avenue to US 27 which is still a two-lane road. The question is, does it need to be made a four lane road like the rest of Griffin? This road belongs to Broward County and they would be the one to do so.

The first step we must take is the Town of Southwest Ranches must pass a resolution that we are in favor of having it done. At our last Council meeting I made the suggestion that we should do this, but after a discussion the Council decided that we needed to bring it back to the Council as a discussion item. Because of the July 4th holiday, it was decided to do it at the July 24th meeting.

In order to meet our printing deadline, I am writing this column before that meeting, so I can't update you now, but will in my next article. I have worked hard to listen to as many opinions on this as I can, as it is very important the Council understands what our residents think about this. If the Council decides this needs to be done, we will pass a resolution stating that decision, then send that resolution to the MPO of Broward County. At the present time they have it on their 20 year plan to be done, we need to ask them to move it from their 20 year plan to the five year plan so it can be funded.



by Russell Muñiz

### **Brief legislation from the June 12, 2014 Town Council meeting:**

- Adopted Ordinance 2014-004 authorizing three questions that would amend the Town Charter to be placed on the November 2014 ballot which would exempt elected officials and advisory board members from disclosing outside employment compensation, and also clarifying the definition of "lobbyist."

### **Brief legislation from the June 26, 2014 Town Council meeting:**

- Passed on first reading, an ordinance that would allow the construction of roof eaves without impacting overall plot coverage.

## **BUDGET WORKSHOP**

*The following publicly held Budget meetings will be in the Council Chambers*

### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2014**

- Budget Workshop on Proposed Budget (7 PM) - Mayor and Town Council  
*(Community Invited)*

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2014**

- 1st Public Hearing for Tentative Millage and Budget Adoption introduced for FY 2014-2015 *(via ordinances)*.  
Final Fire Protection and SW special assessment Adoption *(via resolutions)*  
@ 6 PM. Sept. Regular Council Meeting  
@ 7:30 PM

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

- 2nd Public Hearing for Final Millage and Budget Adoption *(via ordinances)*  
@ 6 PM. Sept. Regular Council Meeting  
@ 7 PM



## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES**

**Marly Del Rio**, Graduated from West Broward High School  
Attending the University of Florida

**Dakota Haley Gordon**, graduated from Nova High School and will attend Broward College

**Brynn James Martinez**, from The Sagemont School. He will be attending Quincy University, Quincy, Illinois.

**Lukas Volpe**, graduated from Cooper City High, will be attending Methodist University in North Carolina.

**Michelle Searle** graduated from Western High School and will be attending Florida Gulf Coast University.

**Cassie Gubnitsky** is graduating from the University of Central Florida in Orlando.

**Blake Marin-Dzikowski** graduated from University School at Nova. Going to Occidental College in LA.

## **“BRACE” ... FOR THE STORM ONLINE WORKSHOP**

**AUGUST 19, 2014 FROM 10AM – 12PM**

**This informative webinar will provide residents with a thorough understanding of how to prepare their homes for the next disaster while helping them to save money on the windstorm portion of their homeowner's insurance premium.**

**To participate - preregister at**

**WWW.BEREADYFLORIDA.ORG**



# AROUND THE TOWN



## BUILDING DEDICATION



On June 12th, 2014, we celebrated the dedication of the new Town Hall and our Town's 14th birthday. The volunteer Fire Department had hot dogs on the grill, Council member Fisikelli and his wife Sara prepared corn on the cob, and a DJ played songs and reminisced about the summer of 2000 when we officially became a Town. As the photos show, a good time (rain AND shine) was had by all enjoying the festivities!



Be sure to stop by Town Hall and see the new plaque, mounted next to the front door.





# TOWN HALL NEWS

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR TOWN ADMINISTRATOR...

Several questions were received regarding traffic enforcement by the Davie Police Department. The questions centered on two areas. 1) It seems like the Davie Police are writing more traffic tickets than BSO did, if so, why? 2) Where does the money go?

To begin, Davie is writing more tickets than BSO was at the end of their contract. When Davie took over law enforcement services for the Town in February, they were directed to enforce speed limits and stop signs in the Town. While I made this request as Town Administrator, it was by resident request. I had heard from many residents (dozens) about the unsafe conditions on our local roads. In some areas, residents were afraid to walk their dogs, jog or walk, or ride bicycles. As much as we might like to blame the cut-through traffic, in many cases it was our own friends and neighbors who needed to slow down and be more careful. The Davie PD was directed to help calm our traffic conditions, and I believe they have done a good job. While I still have occasional complaints about speeders, in most areas their efforts have helped slow traffic down.

For tickets issued in Southwest Ranches, the municipal portion of the tickets are received by the Town. The funds are received here in Southwest Ranches, they do not go to the Town of Davie. While it is not a large amount of money to the Town, the money received is placed into our budget and supports our efforts in maintaining our Town.

**ALL CRAFTERS WELCOME!**  
**8TH ANNUAL**



**COME ONE!** **COME ALL!**

The Town of  
**SOUTHWEST RANCHES**

**Country Roads**  
**Arts and Crafts Festival**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2014**  
**10 AM - 4 PM**  
**SUNSHINE RANCHES EQUESTRIAN PARK**  
**5840 SW 148 AVENUE, SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FL 33330**

**APPLICATION AVAILABLE ON THE WEB AT:**  
**WWW.SOUTHWESTRANCHES.ORG**  
**OR CONTACT DECEMBER LAURETANO-HAINES AT 954-434-0008**

## TOWN TALK...

Join our email list and get information on  
 . Town events  
 . Notices  
 and much more.

Email:  
**Jromance@swranches.org**



## THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES IS PARTNERING WITH MILITARY HEROES SUPPORT FOUNDATION TO SEND CARE PACKAGES TO OUR MALE AND FEMALE TROOPS DEPLOYED IN AFGHANISTAN, UKRAINE, AND AFRICA.

*Our great Nation celebrated 238 years of Independence this year. Please celebrate our Independence and drop off donated goods to Town Hall: 13400 Griffin Rd., Southwest Ranches, FL 33330.*

A list of suggested items:

- Beef Jerky • Protein Bars • Individual Bags of Nuts • Dried Fruit • Trail Mix or Sunflower Seeds • Boxed or Individual Drink Packs (Crystal Light, Kool Aid, Hot Chocolate) • Foil packed Tuna and Chicken • Crackers, Oreos, individual packs of Cookies • Baby Wipes (no bigger than 2 1/2 wide packages) • Hand Sanitizer • Eye Drops • Hand and Body Lotion • Body Wash • Batteries (AA or AAA) • Foot Powder • Deodorant • Toothpaste • Socks (white or black knee-high) • Greeting Cards to send home





# AROUND THE TOWN

## Invasion of the Native Snatchers – Invasive Exotics 101

Invasive plants are a major threat. Across the U.S., invasive plants infest 7 million acres of our national park lands. State and private lands are also plagued with invasive plants.

### SO WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

Diverse native vegetation in Florida's wetlands, lakes and forests supports a great variety of birds and wildlife. Invasive plants threaten these delicate ecosystems, reducing the availability of food and suitable cover that wild animals depend upon. Control of invasive exotics costs Florida taxpayers millions of dollars each year. If invasive plants win, the native plants and wildlife lose, and so do the people who enjoy them.

Left to grow unchecked, invasive plants:

- are spreading on almost all private and public lands,
- can harm the natural ecology of our wetlands, prairies, forests, lakes, and rivers
- can limit many uses on land, decreasing ours and future generations' ability to enjoy hunting, fishing, bird watching, and other recreational pursuits.

### WHAT IS AN INVASIVE EXOTIC?

An invasive exotic plant is a plant that has been introduced to an area from outside its native range, either

purposefully or accidentally, that expands into natural areas, and disrupts naturally occurring native communities. "Invasives" are aggressive, grow and reproduce rapidly, and cause major changes to the areas where they become established.

### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

You can help. Learn to recognize invasive plants and take steps to control them:

- Require your landscapers to clean equipment before they bring it onto your property – seeds travel from place to place in many ways, such as on tire treads and undercarriages.
- Don't be a vector! Many invasive plant seeds "hitchhike" on clothing, shoes, your pet's fur and even your boat or watercraft. Check for seeds or plant parts and clean equipment, boots, animals, and gear when leaving an infested area. Dispose of these in a plastic bag in a trash can.
- Remove visible plant parts, animals, and mud from your boat, kayak or other watercraft and drain all water before leaving a waterbody.

### STARTING AT HOME

Invasive species can invade your garden; their seeds spread freely from your land to your neighbor's, to swales and nearby waterways, germinating and taking hold. The best way to prevent the spread of invasive plants is to not plant them in the first place. Just because a plant is sold in a nursery or store, doesn't mean it's not invasive! Avoid using invasive species in your garden; don't share invasive species with others.

Pass it on! Make sure to tell your friends,

neighbors and family what you're doing to fight the spread of invasive exotic plants in Florida.

Invasive exotics that cause harm in Florida are not just plants, but also animals. Never release pets or animals into the wild without getting advice or a permit from local authorities.

### INVASIVE EXOTIC PLANTS: MYTHS AND FACTS

**MYTH:** All non-native species are bad.

**FACT:** Many introduced species do not cause problems and can be important for agriculture, horticulture, medicine, or other uses. It is difficult to know if an introduced species will become invasive, so great caution should be used when importing or planting new species.

**MYTH:** Invasive species don't spread from urban and suburban areas to natural areas.

**FACT:** Seeds of invasive plants can be carried in many ways—by wind, by birds eating fruits and depositing the seeds elsewhere, by water carrying seeds from your yard into swales and canals, or by car tires or shoe treads when you travel.

**MYTH:** Aren't all plants "good"?

**FACT:** All plants make oxygen and absorb carbon dioxide. That's good. However, factors that keep invasive exotics under control in their native range may not be present in the area where they're introduced. Without these, invasives are free to grow, reproduce, displace and disrupt naturally-balanced native plant communities.

## DAVIE POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Officer Craig Albertini** began working with the Davie Police Department in August 2001. After attending the 180th Broward County Police Academy, Officer Albertini worked for the Pembroke Pines Police Department and the North Bay Village Police Department prior to his tenure with the Davie Police Department. Officer Albertini graduated from McArthur High School and obtained a bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland.

During his career, Officer Albertini has been a Criminal Investigations Detective, where he



investigated everything from property crimes to child abuse and gangs, and a Special Investigations Detective, where he conducted undercover narcotics investigations. He has also been a member of the Traffic Unit, as a motorcycle officer and a traffic homicide investigator. Finally, Officer Albertini has been a Field Training Officer and a member of the Special Response Team (SRT).

Officer Albertini has been awarded the Officer of the Month five times, and has received the Meritorious Service Award, the Life Saving Award, and the Distinguished Service Award, in addition to multiple commendations.

Officer Albertini was chosen to serve the citizens of Southwest Ranches as a road patrol officer and currently works the "Charlie" shift (2pm - midnight). Mondays through Thursdays.



# TOWN HALL NEWS



## NEW VENUE! BETTER LOCATIONS! INCREASE BUYERS POTENTIAL!



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH 2014**

Introducing the new and improved annual Southwest Ranches Garage Sale now called...

### “GARAGE SALE IN THE PARKS” 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

This venue will provide a higher concentration of buyer potential in a secure, accessible environment while also providing a festive atmosphere for the entire family. Both the Equestrian Park and the Rolling Oaks Park will include a designated space to display your treasures. Food, music and restroom facilities will be available at both locations.

Must provide your own tent (optional), table, chairs etc.

Resident setup will be 6:00 - 7:30 AM breakdown 2:00 - 3:30 PM and gate will open promptly at 8:00 AM. The Town will provide all advertising for this event.

Please fill out the application and mail: to Town Hall (13400 Griffin Road, Southwest Ranches Florida 33330)

email: (SLuongo@southwestranches.org) scan or fax: (954-434-1490) to the attention of Sandy

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check  Equestrian Park  Rolling Oaks Parks

Town Staff Use Only: Space number: \_\_\_\_\_

*In consideration of being allowed to participate in the Town of Southwest Ranches Garage Sale in the Parks and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I hereby agree as follows:*

*I understand that my participation in this event is voluntary. I hereby remise, release, acquit, satisfy and forever discharge the Town, including any of its officers, employees, agents, or volunteers, of and from any and all manner of action and actions, cause and causes of action arising out of any occurrence wherein I am harmed or I harm others, proximately or otherwise, from or in connection with my participation in this program. I agree that any liability of Town for personal injury to me or personal injury that I cause to others, in any way connected with my participation in this event shall be borne solely by me and I agree to indemnify, defend, protect same and hold the Town harmless from and against any and all costs, losses, liability and expense arising in connection with any liability claim, threatened claim, action, lawsuit, at all tribunal levels, or any other matter which the Town would be required to reply and/or defend. I also agree to indemnify and hold the Town harmless against all liability for injury or damage to the Town property or any other property when such injury or damage shall result from, arise out of, or be attributable my negligence, gross negligence, or intentional action.*

*I further agree not to represent myself as an officer, agent or employee of the Town of Southwest Ranches and to acknowledge that I am voluntarily participating in this Town event, on my own time and outside the scope of my employment, and that I am not entitled to any Town stipend, or fringe benefit acknowledge that the Town will not be responsible or liable for any personal injury or property damage caused in whole or in part to or by my participation in the Garage Sale in the Parks.*

*I have read this Release and Wavier of liability form and fully understand its terms. I further understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing this form and have signed it freely and without any inducement or assurance of any nature and intend it to be a complete and unconditional release of any and all liability to the greatest extent permitted by law and agree that if any portion of this Release and Waiver is held to be invalid, the balance notwithstanding, shall continue in full legal force and effect.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**This is a wonderful opportunity for you to get involved in your Town, meet your neighbors or get volunteer hours for school requirements.**



## REMEMBER... AUGUST 18 IS THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



# AROUND THE TOWN

**AARP**  
**DRIVER SAFETY**



## AARP DRIVER SAFETY CLASS AT SOUTHWEST RANCHES: CELL: 954-614-8377

AARP will provide a Driving Safety Course for non AARP members and active AARP members here at Town Hall.

Next Class **Wednesday, Sept. 17th** from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Non AARP - \$20.00 • AARP Members - \$15.00

Ed Schwartz: 954-614-8377 • 954-389-8838

Payments will only be accepted in check or money order.

## 2014-2015 School Calendar - Broward County Public Schools\*



AUGUST				
M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

**AUG 11 - 15** EMPLOYEE PLANNING

**AUG 18** FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Hurricane make-up days in order of preference: 10/23/14, 2/26/15, 3/19/15 \*Year-Round Schools Follow Different Calendar.

## Florida Department of Health in BROWARD COUNTY

**Mosquitoes** can carry dangerous diseases.

Remember that mosquitoes can breed in even a bottle cap of water. Protect yourself and your family. Drain and Cover to stop mosquitoes from multiplying.

# DRAIN and COVER

### DRAIN and COVER

**DRAIN** standing water to stop mosquitoes from multiplying.

- **Discard:** Old tires, drums, bottles, cans, pots and pans, broken appliances and other items that are not being used.
- **Empty and Clean:** Birdbaths and pet's water bowls at least once or twice a week.
- **Protect:** Boats and vehicles from rain with tarps that do not accumulate water.
- **Maintain:** The water balance (pool chemistry) of swimming pools. Empty plastic swimming pools when not in use.

**COVER** your skin with clothing and use mosquito repellent.

- **Clothing:** If you must be outside when mosquitoes are active, cover up. Wear shoes, socks, long pants, and long sleeves.
- **Repellent:** Apply mosquito repellent to bare skin and clothing. Always use repellents according to the label. Repellents with DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, and IR3535 are effective. Use mosquito netting to protect children younger than 2 months.

**COVER** doors and windows with screens to keep mosquitoes out.

- Keep mosquitoes out of your house. Repair broken screens on windows, doors, porches, and patios.

For more information on mosquito-borne illness,

please visit  
[www.browardchd.org](http://www.browardchd.org)  
or

<http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/health/mosquitoes/mosquito.htm>



Revised 06/03/2014





# Household Hazardous Waste, Electronics & Bulk Drop Off Event & Shred-A-Thon

**NOTE:** Event may be canceled due to rain, excessive winds or other hazardous conditions as determined by the Town.

**A new service provided for Town Residents only!**

**Location:** Rolling Oaks Park, 5600 SW 178 Ave., SW Ranches. **Proof of Residency is required**

**SATURDAY. OCT. 11, 2014.**

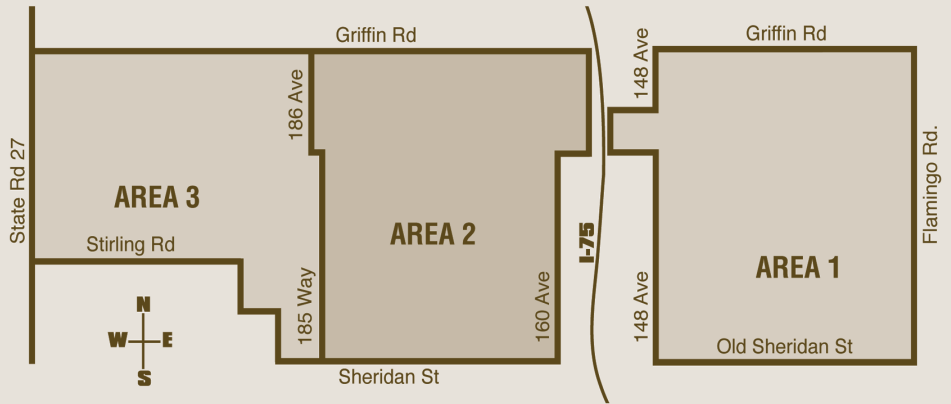
**8 AM – 2 PM**

**SHRED-A-THON 10 AM – 2 PM**

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

# Waste Collection

## TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES - Waste Collection Map & Schedule



### 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)
Aug 14	8/6/14 & 8/20/14	8/5/14 & 8/19/14	8/4/14 & 8/18/14
Sept 14	9/3/14 & 9/17/14	9/2/14, 9/16/14 & 9/30/14	9/1/14, 9/15/14 & 9/29/14

**RECYCLE** collection occurs once per week:

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

# RAPID NOTIFY SYSTEM

**YES!** Please sign me up to be included in the Town's RAPID Notify EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION service!

Questions? Call Town Hall at 954-434-0008

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	ADDRESS	EMAIL ADDRESS
SMS/TEXT NUMBER	HOME PHONE NUMBER	WORK PHONE NUMBER	MOBILE PHONE NUMBER

Note: Submission of this form acknowledges consent to terms of use.

Check this box to be included in "Town Talk" the Town's Blast Email service!






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

# CALENDARS

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

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
<b>August</b>						
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	• Aster Knight Parks Foundation Town Hall 7 pm <b>AREA 1 BULK</b>	• SWRVFD Meeting • Town Hall 7 pm <b>AREA 2 BULK</b>	• Drainage: Infrastructure Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm <b>AREA 3 BULK</b>			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		• Budget Workshop - 7 pm • Rec., Forestry, & Natural Resources Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm			• Town Council Meeting 7 pm	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	1st Day of School <b>AREA 1 BULK</b>	• Rural Public Arts & Design 7 pm <b>AREA 2 BULK</b>	• Fire Advisory Board - Town Hall 7 pm <b>AREA 3 BULK</b>			
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30
		• Rolling Oaks HOA 7 pm	• Sunshine Ranches Homeowners Assn. Town Hall 7:30 pm	• Flow Mobile 9:30 am - 2:30 pm • Town Council Meeting 7 pm		
<b>September</b>						
	<i>Labor Day</i> 1	2	3	4	5	6
	• Town Hall Closed • Aster Knight Parks Etc., 7 pm <b>AREA 1 BULK</b>	• Code Hearing Town Hall 9 am • SWRVFD Meeting • Town Hall 7 pm <b>AREA 2 BULK</b>	• Drainage: Infrastructure Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm <b>AREA 3 BULK</b>			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	• Country Est. 7 • Schools & Ed. Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm		• Ivanhoe Estates HOA Meeting Town Hall 6:30			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	• 1st Budget Hearing - 6 pm • Town Council Meeting Chambers 7 pm <b>AREA 1 BULK</b>	• Rural Public Arts & Design Board <b>AREA 2 BULK</b>	• Fire Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm <b>AREA 3 BULK</b>			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		• Rolling Oaks Civics Assn. Town Hall 7 pm	• Sunshine Ranches Homeowners Assn. Town Hall 7:30 pm	Rosh Hashanah 		
28	29	30				
	<b>AREA 1 BULK</b>	• 2nd Budget Hearing - 6 pm • Town Council Meeting Chambers 7 pm <b>AREA 2 BULK</b>				



**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

## Phone / E-Mail List:

### Elected Officials

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Council Member Freddy Fisikelli	(954) 343-7461	ffisikelli@swranches.org
Council Member Doug McKay	(954) 343-7462	dmckay@swranches.org

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Town Clerk, Russell Muñiz, MMC	(954) 434-0008	rmuniz@southwestranches.org
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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
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Parks, Recreation, Open Space Coordinator, December Lauretano-Haines, CPRP	(954) 343-7452	dlauretano@swranches.org
Administrative Specialist, Susan Kutz	(954) 434-0008	skutz@southwestranches.org
Accounting Clerk, Mara Semper	(954) 434-0008	msemper@southwestranches.org

### Planning, Zoning, Permitting & Occupational Licenses

Building Department/Permitting	M-F 8:00 am - 4:00 pm	
Lisa Reices	(954) 888-9882/Fax: (954) 888-9860	lreices@capfla.net
Building Director, Dave Tringo	(954) 888-9882/Cell: (954) 605-0127	dtringo@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) 343-7458	jmedina@swranches.org

### Police/Fire/Rescue Services

<b>Emergency</b>	<b>911</b>	
CSA Bill Gallagher at Town Hall	8:30 am - 5 pm	(954) 693-8352
Non-Emergency		(954) 765-4321 option 5
Davie Police Department		(954) 693-8200
Davie Fire Rescue Station 112		(954) 680-0020
Southwest Ranches Volunteer Fire Rescue		(954) 343-7466

### Traffic and Roadway Services (To Report Signs Down - Potholes)

Paving, Potholes and Signs: Emily McCord	(954) 343-7453	emccord@swranches.org
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### Waste/Bulk/Recycling Services (Residential & Commercial)

Southern Waste Systems, (SWS) LLC	(888) 800-7732	
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### 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.sbddd.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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### AMATEUR PHOTO CONTEST

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Submissions are due no later than October 1, 2014

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

