SOUTHWEST RANCHER

The Official Newsletter of Southwest Ranches

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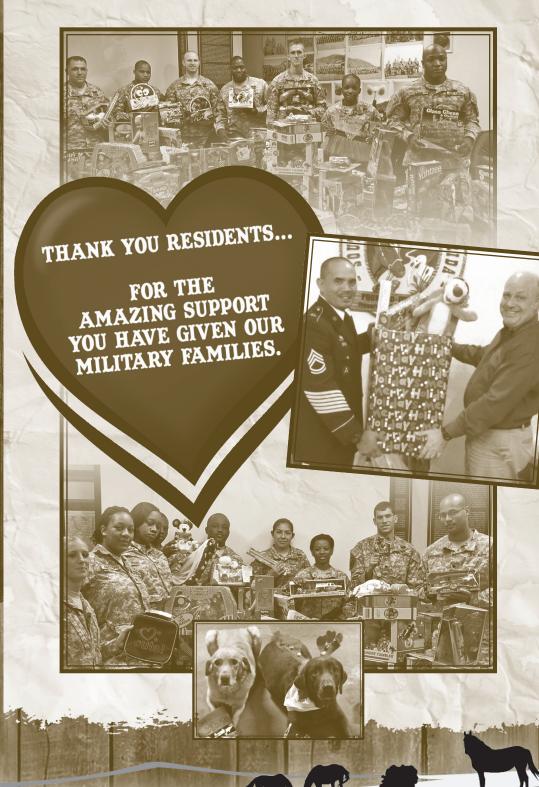
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Mayor Jeff Nelson

Community involvement in our great Town is quite evident.
There is not a day

that goes by that I do not hear an amazing story of a neighbor helping another or a community organization stepping up and helping a family in need. I wanted to thank the Town's residents for donating toys, food, and clothing to military families in need this past holiday season. The response from residents was overwhelming and truly it is an honor to be a part of such a wonderful and responsive community. Again, thank you. With that being said, the Schools and Education Advisory Board Scholarship application is now available to resident students. Applications may be obtained through the Town's website or at Town Hall. The Town also plans to extend the scholarship to surrounding private schools in the area where our resident children attend. Please read the requirements carefully and good luck.

This Town is lucky to have an active citizenry who stays informed and engaged as we navigate and work to remain a rural community. It's an honor and pleasure to serve you.





Council Member Steve Breitkreuz

In 2014 we have some changes in our town. One is that we now have the officers of the

Town of Davie serving our communities. It is a pleasure to welcome them to the Ranches. We have a lot in common and I believe that you will find that they are spending a significant amount of time interacting with each of us as residents. It is a great opportunity to partner with our neighbor Davie.

Also new this year is the opening of our Fishing Hole Park, located in the west section of our town. You can enter the park on 190th via Griffin Road.

I am very appreciative of the many individuals that have contributed in this effort. Specifically, I would like to thank all of the volunteers that have worked in the park over the last several years as well as our administration and specifically our program director, December Lauretano-Haines. Each has been tireless in their dedication to this project. This has truly been a team effort with great assistance from everyone, from the town grant writer to the town engineer.

However beyond each of those, I would like to thank fellow Council Member, Freddie Fisikelli. He has been a consistent driving force behind this project, continually moving it forward. His effort has been key not only verbally keeping this in the forefront of the town but also volunteering his effort and equipment to see that progress was made. I am truly appreciative of everyone's efforts in getting us to where we are today.

Which leads us to the good news that, yes, the park is now open! While it is not yet fully functional, many parts are available. I would encourage you to stop in and see what has been accomplished. There is an equestrian trail. A playground for young children and there are some open spaces to enjoy. However, this is just the beginning. The town is moving at the pace of the funding. At it becomes available, we add more components. There are a number of pieces which are funded and are currently under construction including a pavilion and restrooms.

This is one more park that is coming together. The completion of the barn in Rolling Oaks is not far behind. Thank-you for your patience as this has taken shape. Now I would encourage you to stop by and begin to enjoy it.





Council Member Freddy Fisikelli

It's seems that I just wrote my January newsletter and it is time to

write one for February. There is not many new things to talk about but let's give it a try. I think the most important news is the fact that Pembroke Pines at their last Commission meeting approved an application for a charter school to be built by a company called Franklin Academy on forty acres of land on SW 208 Avenue, which is owned by the city of Pembroke Pines. When the City purchased this land it was to be able to build a road so that some of their residents living within their town boundaries would be able to go south without having to go to Griffin Road, and then either going to US 27 or to SW 188th Avenue. Now Pembroke Pines has decided to sell all this land a charter School (Franklin Academy) to build this big school on this new road they are building with the only way to get all this traffic out would be to go north to Griffin Road, which is a two lane road at that point. Our Town made an attempt at that last Commission meeting to not approve this application but was not successful, so we had no other choice but to file a lawsuit against this project. They will have to go before the Broward County Commission because it will require a plat approval change we will need as many people that can make that meeting to be there to oppose this project. As soon as we know the date of this meeting we will get the information out.

I've been a little disappointed with the progress at Fishing Hole Park. Things have moved slower than I would like, however the restroom construction contract was voted on at the January 23 meeting. Hopefully things will move quickly now. We have temporarily opened the part of the park that is completed which is the Playground, the parking lot and part of the horse trail but without the bathroom and pavilion it will not get much use.

A Message from Our Town Administrator...

In last month's column, I wrote about the tremendous outpouring of support from Town residents for our Toys for Tots and the Military Heroes Support Foundation. The generosity shown during the holidays was exceptional. I have no doubt the lucky recipients were delighted to be remembered and cared for so strongly.

Although the holidays have now passed, the need for our support has not. In order to continue to meet this need. Town Hall will continue to collect items throughout the year on behalf of the Military Heroes Support Foundation. They focus on supporting our local soldiers serving overseas, especially those from underprivileged backgrounds and with limited family support. Items that can make a soldiers day include peanuts, beef jerky, Slim Jims, Tuna packs with crackers, sunflower seeds, protein bars, granola bars, crackers, dried fruit, trail mix; in short, anything they can put in their pockets when they go on their missions. A small taste of home can go a long way!

Please call Town Hall at 954 434-0008 with any questions. We thank you for your continued assistance with this very worthwhile cause.



Brief legislation from the December 12, 2013 Town Council meeting:

- Adopted Resolution 2014 011 approving Council seating and order of voting during a meeting.
- Adopted Resolution 2014 012 approving the Broward County E-911 Agreements under protest.
- Adopted Resolution 2014 013 approving the initiation of Conflict Resolution procedure with Pembroke Pines on the Franklin Academy Plat 6-12.
- Adopted Resolution 2014 014 approving Town Attorney to file a writ certiorari against Pembroke Pines to appeal the City's decision to approve the Franklin Academy Plat.
- Adopted Resolution 2014 015 appointing members to the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Board.
- Adopted Resolution 2014 016 appointing members to the Drainage and Infrastructure Advisory Board.
- Adopted Resolution 2014 017 appointing members to the Fire Advisory Board.
- Adopted Resolution 2014 018 appointing members to the Recreation, Forestry, and Natural Resources Advisory Board.
- Adopted Resolution 2014 019 appointing members to the Rural Public Arts and Design Advisory Board.
- Adopted Resolution 2014 020 appointing members to the School and Education Advisory Board.

Brief legislation from the January 13, 2014 Town Council Special meeting:

- Adopted Resolution 2014 021 approving the first amendment to the Town Clerk's agreement.
- Adopted Resolution 2014 022 approving the first amendment to the Town Financial Administrator's agreement
- Adopted Resolution 2014 023 approving the first amendment to the Town Administrator's agreement.

ONCE A MONTH!!! BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND 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 for your convenience on every fourth <u>Thursday</u> of each month in 2014:

February 27th, March 27th, April 24th, May 22nd, June 26th, July 24th, August 28th, September 25th, October 23rd 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

All credit cards are now accepted. For a complete list of document requirements visit: **www.gathergoget.com**

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

-By Erika Santamaria

THANK YOU

FROM THE

RESIDENTS OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES

We would like to thank all the Broward Sheriff's Office Deputies who have selflessly served and protected the Town of Southwest Ranches since before the Town was incorporated. The BSO Deputies who have served our community have made it a great place to live and raise a family.

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for your dedicated service to our community. Thank you for your courage. Thank you for your commitment. We appreciate all of your hard work and dedication. We wish you the best in your future endeavors.



In Memoriam MILDRED MAINARDI

-By Gabby Nuñez

Mildred B. Mainardi, 105, the oldest living resident of Southwest Ranches, Florida, peacefully passed away on the 2nd of November 2013. Surrounded by three generations of family, she passed away in the comfort of her own home, built over fifty years ago by her late husband.

Daughter of Louis Dinger and Sadie McGill, Mildred was born in New York City on the 27th day of November in the year 1907. She was the second eldest child of fourteen and was very dedicated to caring for all of her brothers and sisters. At the age of 20, Mildred married Victor Mainardi in New Jersey. The couple moved to South Florida in the 1940's with their two children where they continued to live full lives raising and caring for their family.

Mildred was a retired realtor, Shaklee distributor, and partner of Manna Gai Kennels. As a devout Catholic, she was a dedicated member of St. Marks Catholic Church since its conception.

She is survived by one brother-Edward Dinger, daughter-Marygay Chaples, son-Henry Mainardi, son-in law-William Chaples, daughter-in law-Karen Mainardi, five grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

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.

CODE ENFORCEMENT AND YOU: IMPORTANCE OF LIEN SEARCHES

By: Robert C. Solera, Code Enforcement Director / Code Services Inc. President

It is the beginning of the year and as we continue to provide professional and courteous service to our community we want to provide you and potential newcomers to our Town with a reminder of what our Department does. In addition we want to bring home the importance of obtaining lien search information from the Town of Southwest Ranches.

Mission

The Code Enforcement Department managed by Code Services Inc. continues to apply community oriented enforcement programs. We deliver comprehensive code enforcement programs that incorporate the most current enforcement methods and techniques while maintaining a community service-oriented approach in a reactive manner as instructed by Town Council.

In the long-term this is a more effective approach that focuses on gaining voluntary compliance. This does not mean that our citizens are immune from notices of violations and civil penalties, but that warnings and fines are merely tools or a means to obtain compliance with the Town of Southwest Ranches Codes.

Our goal is to educate and assist our present and future residents through the effective and fair application of

our Town Codes and Ordinances. We are committed to the delivery of quality service to our community. Our mission statement is as follows:

"The Code Enforcement
Department is dedicated to the
education and assistance of our
citizens through the effective
application of modern Code
Enforcement programs; applied
to protect the community's
health, safety and welfare so
that, in cooperation, we may
improve the quality of life
within our Town."

Lien Searches: Why are they so important?

The economy is turning around, and the purchases of properties are beginning to increase within our Town and other areas of the County. Most of the time Title Companies request a lien search from the various agencies; say County, City and/or Town. Other times they fail to do so and it becomes a problem for the purchaser in the future.

The importance of the lien search is that it provides the purchaser peace of mind that there are no outstanding issues related to Code Enforcement or open building permits on the property. In the case of Code Enforcement issues, liens are valid for a period of 20 years from the filing of the lien with the County Clerk. A lien is the result of failure to comply/correct by the owner; being the current seller or perhaps the previous owner.

As we indicated above, our Town is reactive in nature when it comes to Code Enforcement. Only three items are part of our pro-active activity: bulk (either out of time placement, late placement, over the limit bulk or illegal dumping), fill brought unto the property without a permit (sand, dirt, etc.), and finally overgrown lots and overgrown developed abandoned properties. Non-withstanding many times a violation is called to our attention (via a personal or anonymous complaint). Once this occurs a Courtesy Notice is issued. If there is no action to correct the issue, it may lead to a Notice of Violation. If the violation remains unattended or uncorrected, a hearing takes place. When the last step occurs, then the property owner may find himself with an order from the Special Magistrate which imposes a daily fine on the property until the violation is corrected.

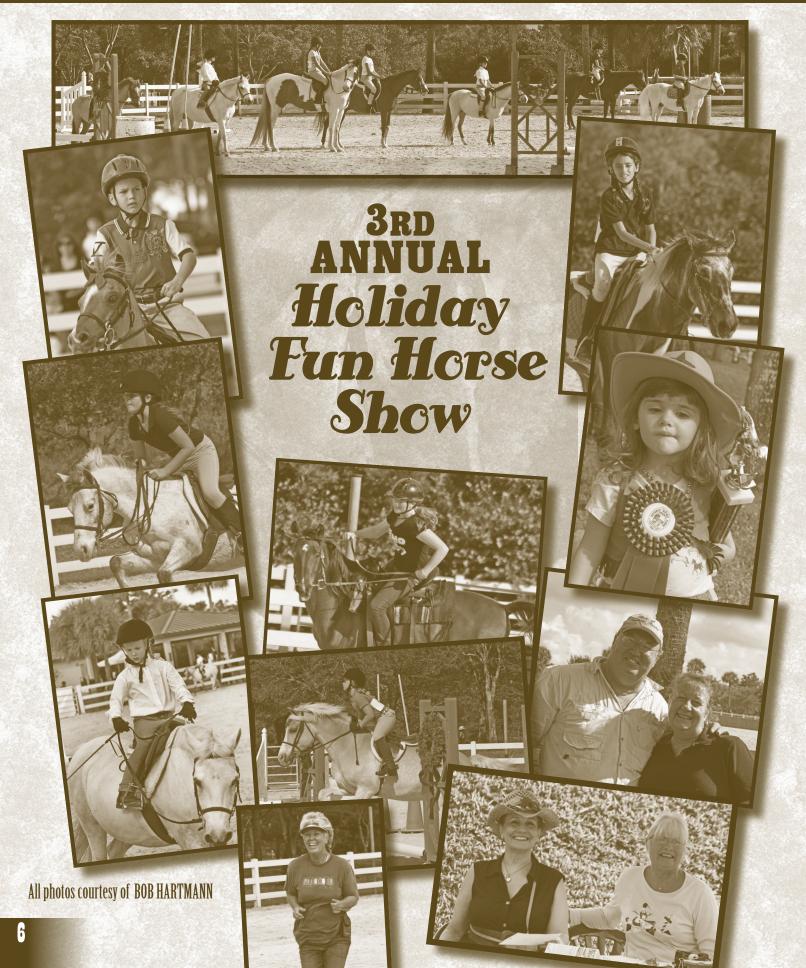
Our Department provides a search of the records since the inception of the Town back in the year 2000, for any and all cases and possible associated liens. The Department provides a letter to the requester showing either no lien or a lien with the outstanding issue and associated fees. The letter is provided to the requestor within 24 hours (rush) or 5 to 7 business days based on the needs of the requestor. Please contact our Department at (954) 434-0008 to acquire instructions as to how to request a lien search and the associated fee.

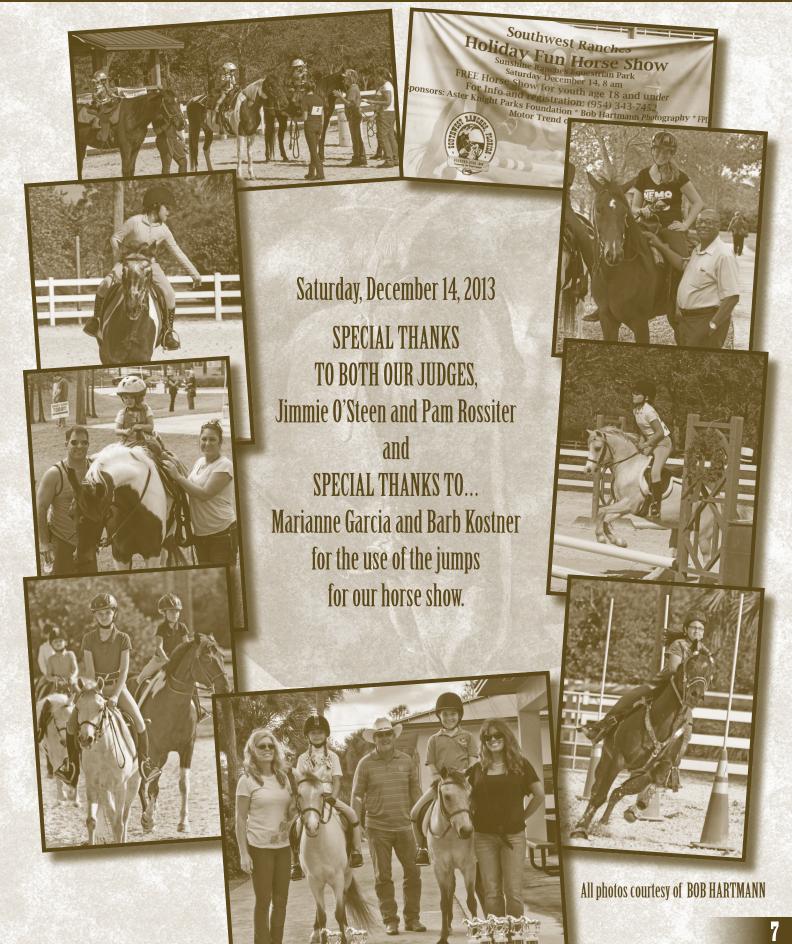
Protect yourself and your investment via acquiring a lien search. It goes a long way and provides peace of mind, not to mention an official record from the Town.



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 Road.







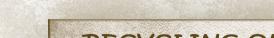


THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF BULK WASTE... BULK TRASH AND YARD TRASH

- BULK TRASH: can be furniture, white goods (refrigerators, ranges, small appliances), rubble, mixed roofing material, rock, gravel, cables, materials resulting in household goods that are customary to ordinary housekeeping operations of a residence and generated by the resident. Bulk Trash does not include contractor generated waste.
- YARD TRASH: is any vegetative matter resulting from normal yard and landscaping maintenance that is not more than four (4) feet in length. Yard trash must be generated by the resident. Yard Trash does not include contractor generated waste.
- BULK TRASH and YARD TRASH and WHITE GOODS should be placed out separately whenever possible.
- The combination of BULK TRASH and YARD TRASH should not exceed 12 cubic yards (about the size of a Volkswagen Beetle). If the bulk is over the 12

- **cubic yard limit, the resident may be issued a warning or citation.** Only the 12 cubic yards will be picked up and the resident will be responsible to remove the rest within a designated time limit by code enforcement.
- If a resident has more bulk than the 12 cubic yards, they can contact the contractor at 1-888-800-7732 and arrange for additional pick up at an additional fee.
- BULK stored in containers should not exceed 50 lbs.
- **BULK** should be placed within 3 feet of the curb, swale, paved surface of the public roadway, or closest accessible roadway that will provide safe and efficient accessibility to the contractor.
- **BULK** can be placed out no earlier than the Saturday prior to the Bulk pick-up week.

If you have not yet received your Bulk Collection Dates magnet please contact Sandy Luongo at: Sluongo@southwestranches.org or (954) 343-7476



RECYCLING ONLY YES

RECYCLE ONLY the following...

- ✓ Clean paper
- / Milk Cartons
- ✓ Cardboard (limit 18 x 24)
- Junk Mail
- ✓ Paper Egg Cartons
- ✓ Cereal Boxes
- Newspapers, Magazines, Catalogs, Phone Books
- Plastic Bottles and Jugs (no caps)
 Plastic Dairy Tubs (yogart, margarine, etc. (no lids)
- Aluminum Cans, Steel or Tin Cans

 Loose Glass Bottles and Jugs

RECYCLING ONLY NO

DO NOT recycle the following...

- 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 Bags
 - No Electronics



Waste Collection

Household Hazardous Waste, Electronics & Bulk Drop Off Event

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., Southwest Ranches. Proof of Residency is required

SATURDAY. APRIL 12, 2014. 8 AM – 2 PM

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

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)
Feb 14	2/5/14 & 2/19/14	2/4/14 & 2/18/14	2/3/14 & 2/17/14
Mar 14	3/5/14 & 3/19/14	3/4/14 & 3/18/14	3/3/14, 3/17/14 & 3/31/14

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

TOWNTALK

Join our email list and get information on . Town events . notices and much more. Email:

Jromance@swranches.org





*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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Parks, Recreation, Open Space Coordinator,	
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Planning, Zoning, Permitting	& Occupational Licenses
Building Department/Permitting	M-F 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

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Lisa Reices		(954) 888-9882/Fax: (954) 888-9860	lreices@
Building Director, Dave Tringo		(954) 888-9882/Cell: (954) 605-0127	dtringo
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Police/Fire/Rescue Services

Emergency	911
Davie Police	(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 Sign	s Down - Potholes)
Paving, Potholes and Signs: Emily McCord	(954) 343-7453

Waste/Bulk/Recycling	Services (Residential	& Commercial)
	(4214) 774	(000)

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Southern Waste Systems, (SWS)	LLC	(888) 800-77	732

Water Districts - Canals (Permits)
Central Broward Water Control District
East of SW 148 (Volunteer) Avenue

South Broward Drainage District
West of SW 148 (Volunteer) Avenue

(954) 432-5110		(954)	432-5110
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(954) 680-3337

Well and Septic

Broward County Health Department (954) 467-4700 ext 4233

Environmental Complaint Hotline, Broward County (954) 831-1499 .org

www.sbdd.org

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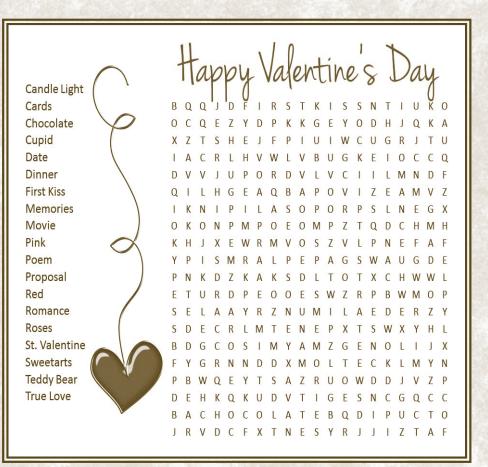
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