

SOUTHWEST RANCHER

The Official Newsletter of Southwest Ranches

July 2020 HIGHLIGHTS

HAPPY
INDEPENDENCE DAY

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JULY 4TH INDEPENDENCE DAY

America was built on courage,
on imagination and
unbeatable determination.

Harry S. Truman



THE BLUE ANGELS FLY OVER FLORIDA HONORING THOSE WHO
SERVE OUR COMMUNITIES...

We salute and thank all healthcare workers, first responders and other essential
personnel serving on the front lines to help fight against COVID 19.





**Mayor
Doug McKay**

Dear Residents,

As Independence Day approaches I wanted to ask residents to exercise

extra care and caution during their celebrations. Around this time every year I ask for your cooperation in being mindful of your fellow neighbors by not using excessively loud fireworks. These fireworks are illegal and can cause great stress on our animals and residents who suffer from PTSD and other ailments. The appeal to exercise greater care takes on extra significance this year with the existence of the COVID-19 pandemic. Having large gatherings to celebrate the holiday are not recommended as they could increase the likelihood of virus spread. If you ignore this advice, I suggest you at least practice social distancing and the use of face coverings if you do host or attend a family gathering.

As it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Town continues to monitor the latest information provided by the CDC. We continue to work with our State and County partners to get the latest information possible and resources needed to help protect the residents of Southwest Ranches. Studies suggest that a second wave of the virus will lead to a surge in the number of infected people in South Florida by the fall with grim predictions of fatalities. CDC guidance suggests that infections can be minimized by using a face covering, and taking other precautions consistently. I ask that you protect yourself and your families by consistently wearing face coverings.

As the Town attempts to return to some sense of normalcy during this pandemic we have modified our operations slightly. All Town employees have returned to working from Town Hall, and we are hoping to have in person Town Council and Advisory Board meetings as soon as Governor DeSantis places Broward County into Phase 2 of his Recovery Plan. We ask that you monitor the Town's webpage and social media accounts on Facebook and Twitter or check the Town's Hotline at 954-343-7455 for the latest information on the restoration of Town operations.

As always, please call me at 954-274-6508 if there is any issue I can help you with.

**Your Mayor,
Doug McKay**



**Council Member
Bob Hartmann**

The COVID-19 global pandemic represents the gravest public health challenge

that this country and the world have faced in a century. The rapid pace with which it has developed has been staggering. While it may look like everything is returning to normal, please continue to be vigilant and careful when you venture out into public spaces. The pandemic is not over, on May 26th, things were looking good, the number of new cases daily appeared to be going down, Florida had 480 new confirmed COVID-19 cases. Things began opening around mid-May. On June 6th, we had 1,426 new cases reported. The first week of June had the highest average number of new cases since this problem started. Southwest Ranches now has five positive cases, up two from last month.

Please continue to wash your hands frequently, wear your mask, and maintain physical distance of at least six feet – these are the keys that will help us all get through this pandemic. Please protect your family and yourself. Let's all work together to help stop the spread of this virus. We will get through this.

Concerning the Floyd George protests, at this point, all activities in and around our locale have been peaceful. For those who follow Twitter and Facebook may have seen that when the rioting started in Broward there was some negative social media activity concerning our town. The administration took the risk very seriously and continues to monitor the situation closely.

As if we don't have enough to deal with right now with all the above, we have had a rash of preventable car burglaries and thefts. With many people out of work, thieves are stepping up their efforts and we (and all over Broward County) are getting hit hard. What did these nine car burglaries, that all happened on the same night, have in common. ALL NINE WERE UNLOCKED. These are preventable crimes of opportunity. Thieves will try the doors and frequently move on if the vehicle is locked and nothing of value is apparent. You can easily protect yourself and family from becoming victims by following these simple points:

- Always lock your car doors.
- Don't leave anything of value in your vehicles.
- Always lock your car doors.
- Don't leave anything of value in your vehicles

I dislike being repetitive and we have all heard it before but avoid the hassle and lock your car doors.

On to something a bit more cheerful. In my role as a council member and as a resident of our town, I have frequent contact with children who volunteer at our town activities and local events. Occasionally, one rises above all challenges and sets themselves apart. Madison Sullivan is one such person.

Before the pandemic, Madison, a West Broward High School junior was working on bridging the generation gap between our older and younger residents by hosting a women's

self-defense classes. At the outset of the pandemic, she organized a group of people to begin sewing face coverings. This effort pairs experienced residents who sew with younger residents who do not. They have produced over 1000 hand-made masks for our community.

Madison's latest accomplishment was planning a drive through celebration for resident high school graduating seniors. The graduates were thrilled. Thirty-three graduates from West Broward and Archbishop McCarthy participated in the parade. Broward School-board Member Patti Good and West Broward Principal Brad Fatout were on hand to wish them well and congratulate them on their achievement. Madison worked with a team that included Russell Muniz, Debra Ruesga, and Danielle Caban from Town Hall and several volunteers including students from the WBHS GAP Club, and Makenna Cunningham, the student photographer who covered the celebration. I am so glad this group came together to create special memories that will last a lifetime for our graduating seniors and their families.

Madison's next endeavor is a plan to create a SWR Youth Council to help prepare young people to be future civic leaders and help civic engagement. She proposes the youth council be composed of students from schools within SWR and serve as an advisory board to the town council. Her inspiration is based on a roadmap developed by the Florida League of Cities. Youth councils have been successfully implemented in Belleair, Cutler Bay, Destin, Homestead, Milton, Miramar, Mulberry, Niceville, Sanford, Tampa, Titusville and West Palm Beach.

This is a wonderful idea and great approach to bring in new ideas and get our kids involved in our municipal government. I support this initiative and will work with the administration to bring it to realization through a resolution that establishes a youth council.

I am proud to know Madison and the Sullivan family, she is a person who will go far in life and achieve important things. I am quite delighted to live in Southwest Ranches because while Madison is very special, she is not unique. Over the years I have met many fantastic kids in our small town who have gone on to become professional musicians and athletes, entertainers, flourishing business, medical, and legal professionals and kids who are successfully helping run mom or dad's business.

Knowledge and determination has put these young people in the position to discover and to express their unique gifts and has given them the criteria upon which to determine who to be with in life and how to participate with them to achieve important things that set them apart. I see Madison heading down the same path.

Please remember that through the 244 years of our great history we have faced many other crises – yellow fever, Spanish flu, cholera, energy shortages, acts of nature, fires and wars. We have always recovered and returned even better. This time will be no different. COVID-19 will be contained and defeated. Our community will be filled with life and family from Florida and all over the nation and world again. Life will return to normal, possibly even enhanced by the creative and innovative use of virtual technologies. Crowds will cheer again at high school graduations and athletics events. I am fully confident that with all of us working toward this end, we will succeed.

Be safe, be compassionate, stay connected, and, most importantly, help one another.



Council Member
Delsa Winslow
Amundson

Hello Everyone,
Hopefully, the COVID19 virus will soon be behind us, and life as we knew it, will be back in full swing. Our Town's Graduates of 2020 had a bit of a celebration on June 7, at Rolling Oaks Equestrian Park. Thanks to Madison Sullivan for coming up with the idea. You are the BEST!

In our last newsletter, I mentioned getting ready for Hurricane season. One of our neighbors suggested I ask all homeowners to cut back any branches affecting powerlines. The cutting away of tree branches and other vegetation is very important. Naturally, if you have branches within the powerlines, call FPL. They can help you professionally take care of it. We don't want anyone getting hurt.

Please remember to call me or email me with any questions or comments. I will do my very best to get answers for you. If you want to know what we are doing this month, remember to view our Monthly Calendar at <http://www.southwestranches.org>

Your friend and neighbor,
Delsa

**Household
HAZARDOUS
WASTE
Disposal Days**

**Household Hazardous Waste,
Electronics & Bulk Drop Off Event**
Saturday, July 11th, 2020
8:00am to 2:00pm

**Location: Rolling Oaks Barn - 17630 SW 56th St.
Southwest Ranches, FL 33331**
Document shredding from 10 - 1pm
Prescription drug drop off 8 - 2pm

*This service is provided for Town residents only. Proof of residency is required.
NOTE: Event may be cancelled due to rain, excessive winds or other hazardous conditions as determined by the Town.*

ACCEPTABLE HHW ITEMS

Aerosol Cans Antifreeze / Coolant / Paint	Garden Chemicals
Batteries & Auto Batteries	Latex / Oil-Based Paint
BBQ & Camp Size Propane Cleaners	Pesticides / Pool Chlorine
Flourescent Tubes / Bulbs	Tires (Up to 4 tires per household, no rims)
	Used Oil & Filters

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Computers / Cables	Printers / Scanners
DVD Players	Radios / Stereo
Keyboards / Mice	Components
Adapters	TVs / Tape Players / VCRs
Monitors	

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Appliances	Medical / Infectious Waste
Asbestos	Non-Residential Waste
Explosives or Ammunition	

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



by Russell Muñiz

**Brief legislation
from the May 14,
2020 Town Council
Regular Meeting:**

• **Adopted Resolution 2020-035**
submitting the two-year combined TSDOR project to Broward County for consideration of Cycle One funding of the Transportation Surtax program.

• **Adopted Resolution 2020-036**
approving the selection of EDJ Service, LLC for Town-Wide Right-of-Way Maintenance Services.

• **Adopted Resolution 2020-037**
approving the selection of Budget Sprinkler Repair, LLC for Town-Wide Irrigation Maintenance and Repair Services.

• **Adopted Resolution 2020-038**
approving the selection of EDJ Service, LLC for Town-Wide Parks and Property Maintenance Services.

• **Adopted Resolution 2020-039**
approving the selection of Reliance Contractors for Town-Wide Facilities Maintenance Services.

**Brief legislation from the
May 28, 2020 Town Council
Regular Meeting:**

• **Adopted Resolution 2020-040**
approving a waiver of plat to subdivide 4.2 net acres of property into two lots generally located at SW 52nd Court and Mather Boulevard.

To view these approved items in their entirety please visit the Town Clerk's Department page on the Town website and click on the Resolutions and/or Ordinances link.

To date there has been no information nor evidence to suggest that the new coronavirus could be transmitted by mosquitoes.

The new coronavirus is a respiratory virus which spreads primarily through droplets generated when an infected person coughs or sneezes, or through droplets of saliva or discharge from the nose.

To protect yourself, clean your hands frequently with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water. Also, avoid close contact with anyone who is coughing and sneezing.

FACT:
The new coronavirus
CANNOT
be transmitted through
mosquito bites



#Coronavirus #COVID19

AROUND THE TOWN



CERTIFIED WILDLIFE HABITAT

YOUR SOUTHWEST RANCHES TREE CANOPY OUR NATIVE FLORIDA HOLLIES (*Dioecious*)



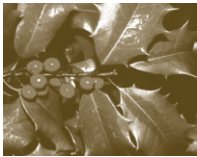
Hollies range in size and form from large trees to small shrubs, and can be used within the Southwest Ranches landscape as hedges or accent trees.

Three hollies are native to Florida: American, Yaupon, and Dahoon. Plants vary in size, shape and growth form. All produce the shiny green leaves and red berries associated with holly.

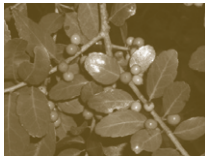
Hollies are dioecious, each plant is either male or female. Only the female plants produce berries, which are a source of food for wildlife. To ensure the female tree produces berries, a male tree must also be nearby.

Hollies tolerate various growing conditions, require minimal pruning and are known to withstand wind well.

You can use the attractive foliage in indoor arrangements or enjoy the show as birds feed on the berries outside.



American Holly
Ilex opaca



Yaupon Holly
Ilex vomitoria

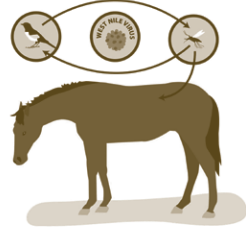


Dahoon Holly
Ilex cassine



HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF WEST NILE VIRUS!

The Florida Department of Health has confirmed a case of West Nile Virus in a horse located in northern Broward County. West Nile Virus is a mosquito-borne disease that affects birds but can be transmitted to humans and animals, such as horses, through the bite of mosquitoes carrying the virus. Mosquitoes that transmit West Nile virus bite during the day and night. People can avoid mosquito bites by using insect repellent (formulated with Permethrin, Picaridin, or DEET), by wearing long-sleeved shirts and pants, and by treating clothing and gear. Protect your horse by making sure it is vaccinated against the virus. When possible, keep your horse stabled and spray it with a horse mosquito repellent that contains Permethrin, Picaridin, or DEET. You can also control the mosquito population around your property by dumping standing water or treating it with mosquito larvicide products available at local home improvement stores.



To request Mosquito Control service, please call 311, or call (954) 765-4062

or submit an online [Mosquito Service Request Form](https://browardcountyfl.qscend.com/311/request/add) at <https://browardcountyfl.qscend.com/311/request/add>.



GOLD AWARD



Girl Scouts.

The Town would like to recognize and congratulate 16 year old resident...

Allison Hernandez

Allison is a member of Girl Scout Troop 10646, and recently earned the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest achievement issued by the organization for her project "Hand-Knitted Hats for Hospital Newborns," last fall. She hand-knitted 100 hats for newborn babies and also created and posted an educational YouTube video that featured both the importance of keeping newborns' heads warm as well as a step-by-step tutorial on how to make the hats. That video may be viewed here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cV02fplfz0c>.

In February 2020, Allison delivered the hats in person to the Mother-Baby Unit at St. Luke's Presbyterian/Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children in Denver, Colorado, where they were ultimately distributed to 100 newborn babies.

get

certified

Be Prepared. Get Certified.

PRO AGRICULTURAL

Community outreach for our **nurseries**

PENNY FOR TRANSPORTATION
WHERE LOCAL CHANGE HAPPENS

SURTAX Projects:

The County is actively recruiting firms for certification and wants to increase the number of certified firms available to provide services in an array of projects funded by the Penny for Transportation. Does your business provide:

- Drainage
- Flexible Paving
- Grading
- Guardrail
- Intelligent Transportation System
- Landscaping
- Pavement Marking
- Roadway Signing
- Traffic Signal
- Sidewalk

If yes, the Town of Southwest Ranches encourages you to get certified in anticipation of projects needing these services both within our Town and throughout all Broward County. Visit the website to learn more about [certification programs](https://www.fdot.gov) and [upcoming Surtax Projects](https://www.fdot.gov). Visit the [Florida Department of Transportation](https://www.fdot.gov) at: <https://www.fdot.gov>, [Broward County](http://www.broward.org/EconDev/SmallBusiness/Pages/Certification.aspx) website at: <http://www.broward.org/EconDev/SmallBusiness/Pages/Certification.aspx>.

Office of Economic and Small Business Development
Address: 115 S. Andrews Avenue, A-680, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
Email: EconDevInfo@broward.org

BROWARD COUNTY
FLORIDA

AROUND THE TOWN



WHY IS THE CENSUS 2020 IMPORTANT TO THE RESIDENTS OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES?

CRITICAL FOR FUNDING:

- Public services
- Schools
- Hospitals
- Improving neighborhoods
- And assures us proper representation upon redistricting in:
 - Tallahassee
 - Washington DC



The results of the 2020 Census will help determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding flow into communities every year for the next decade. That funding shapes many different aspects of every community, no matter the size, no matter the location. It's critical that all Southwest Ranches be counted- and we need your help to do it!

Web site: <https://www.census.gov/>
Call Center: 301-763-INFO (4636) or 800-923-8282



TALKIN' TRASH

DO NOT CO-PILE BULK TRASH

2 or more homeowners Co-piling their bulk debris can result in...

~ A \$500.00 CODE VIOLATION ~

DO NOT GO OVER THE ALLOWED 12 CUBIC YARDS OF BULK WHICH EQUALS APPROXIMATELY 8 FEET WIDE, BY 14 FEET LONG AND 4 FEET TALL. If your bulk piles go over-the-limit of 12 cubic yards it will be picked up and the vendor will bill the resident the additional yardage at the rate of \$17.50 per cubic yard over.



TO ALL OUR RESIDENTS ON STIRLING ROAD...Please remember you are in AREA 1A for your bulk schedule.

TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES BUDGET HEARINGS AND WORKSHOP

The following publicly held Budget meetings will be in Council Chambers:

THURSDAY, JULY 30th, 2020 –

Preliminary Millage Rate and initial FY2020-2021 Fire Protection and Solid Waste (SW) special assessment Adoption at July Regular Council Meeting (all via resolutions)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18th, 2020 –

Budget Workshop on Proposed Budget (7:00 PM) Mayor and Town Council (Community Invited)

ON OR PRIOR TO TUESDAY, AUGUST 25th, 2020 -

Town advertises its non-ad valorem Special Assessments. Advertisement must run at least 20 days prior to final public hearing for assessment adoption

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th, 2020 –

First Public Hearing for Tentative Mileage and Budget Adoption introduced for FY 2019-2020 (via ordinances). Final Fire Protection and SW Special Assessment Adoption (via resolutions) @ 6:00 PM.

- September Regular Council Meeting @ 7:30 PM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2020

- Second Public Hearing for Final Millage and Budget Adoption (via ordinances) @ 6: 00 PM
- September Regular Council Meeting @ 7:00 PM

We would like to wish the following Southwest Ranches resident a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY...**

Mayi Figueroa "Mayaya" ~ June 17th
Chance Moral ~ July 4th
Dr. Hermann Stubbe "Papi" ~ July 7th

Have a birthday you would like to share with us in a future Town newsletter? Send your name and birthday to: Skutz@southwestranches.org

Town Talk

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

Send your email address to:
druesga@southwestranches.org

AROUND THE TOWN

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2020



(RIGHT TO LEFT): MAYOR MCKAY,
 COUNCIL MEMBER JABLONSKI, VICE MAYOR SCHROEDER, AND
 COUNCIL MEMBER HARTMANN
 (NOT PICTURED): COUNCIL MEMBER AMUNDSON



AROUND 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 Rd.



BROWARD TAKES THE "BITE" OUT OF MOSQUITO SEASON

Spring and summer brings frequent, heavy rain to Broward County and rain brings mosquitoes. Mosquitoes are not only annoying, they can be a public health issue. The County Biologist regularly traps mosquitos, separates them by species and detects any potential viruses. Findings will determine the chemical application to be used and the type of treatment required.

THREE WAYS TO REQUEST SERVICE:

- Use the Mosquito Service Request Form
- Call 311
- 954-831-3940 (TTY for hearing impaired)

SOCIAL DISTANCING

WHY KEEPING YOUR DISTANCE HELPS KEEP OTHERS SAFE

Social distancing only works if we all participate.

And slowing down or preventing the spread of the virus will save lives

We are all responsible for protecting those at higher risk.



As the spread of COVID-19 continues, communities are being asked to reduce close contact between people. This is called social distancing, and it's an important and effective way to slow down the spread of this virus. Here's why.

"Social distancing" for all families

Because COVID-19 spreads from person to person, reducing the ways people come in close contact with each other is essential. Social distancing means staying home as much as possible and avoiding crowded, public places where close contact with others is likely. This is why stay at home orders are in place in so many communities, canceling events and gatherings of more than 10 people and closing shops, restaurants and bars. It's also why many schools have moved to online learning. For essential trips like grocery shopping, the CDC recommends wearing a cloth face covering and staying at least 6 feet away from others.

Self-isolation

COVID-19 can spread from person to person even before symptoms start. So, if someone in your family starts to feel even slightly ill, run down, tired, or achy, it's important to stay home and practice "self isolation." This means limiting contact with others. If more severe symptoms develop, like a fever, cough or shortness of breath, call your doctor. They will let you know if a COVID-19 test is needed, and what the next steps should be. If it is believed someone in your family has COVID-19, quarantine will likely be recommended.

Quarantine

Self-isolation and quarantine both mean you have no contact with the public. However, quarantine is the term used for those who were exposed to a person with COVID-19 but have yet to test positive. These people are asked to stay away from others

for 14 days or longer, to make sure they do not spread the virus during this "pre-illness" or incubation period.

Why social distancing is important

Social distancing is an essential way to slow down the spread of COVID-19. And it's important that you follow the social distancing recommendations in your community, whether you're in one of the high-risk groups or not.

With schools closed and people working from home, it may be tempting to get kids together for playdates or sleepovers, or to think that gatherings of more than 10 people are safe. But social distancing only works if we all participate. And slowing down or preventing the spread of the virus will save lives.

Remember

The spread of COVID-19 has been rapid and federal, state, and local governments are doing whatever is necessary to protect all of us from getting sick. While most people who become infected will have symptoms similar to a cold or the flu, and children seem less affected by the virus than adults, we all are responsible for protecting those at higher risk. Steps like social distancing may feel like an inconvenience, but it's the best way right now to protect our family, friends, and neighbors who may be vulnerable.

If you are concerned that someone in your family may be at higher risk, you can contact your doctor to discuss what preventative measures may be appropriate for you.

BULK RULES



- **AVOID A FINE OF \$500.00** - Bulk cannot be placed out earlier than the Saturday prior to your scheduled bulk pick up date.
- **AVOID A FINE OF \$500.00** - Landscaper or Contractor generated waste on your property must be removed by that vendor for disposal.
- Bulk Piles over-the-limit of **12 Cubic Yards** per household will be picked up and the vendor will bill the resident the additional yardage at the rate of **\$17.50 per cubic yard.**

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT 12 CUBIC YARDS IS EQUIVALENT TO THE SIZE OF A VOLKSWAGEN BEETLE (APPROXIMATELY 8 FEET WIDE BY 14 FEET LONG AND 4 FEET TALL).

If you have a request or complaint, please click on the Waste Pro button on our website:

www.southwestranches.org or call:

(954) 967-4200.

TOWN HALL CLOSED TO PUBLIC

Following the direction of Gov. DeSantis, Town Hall is taking numerous proactive steps to reduce the potential spread of COVID-19. Town Council Meetings will be virtual until further notice. Please go to the Towns website www.southwestranches.org to get information on how to attend meetings. Town Hall is closed to the public until further notice and events are postponed until further notice. However, most Town services will continue remotely unless circumstances have changed.

For more information please call or contact the Town as follows:

**TOWN HALL (8:30AM-5:00PM)
954-434-0008**

**TOWN EMERGENCY HOTLINE
954-343-7455**

**TOWN EMAIL:
webmaster@southwestranches.org**

We thank you for your patience and understanding while we take proactive steps to ensure the safety of the public and staff.

AROUND THE TOWN

SOUTHWEST RANCHES
CARING NEIGHBORS
PHONE CALL PROGRAM
CALL (954) 546-2599



During this time of COVID-19, we are a group of concerned Southwest Ranches residents who would like to get in touch and stay in touch with our neighbors who are senior citizens, live alone, or have special needs.

If you would like a regular check in phone call, please leave a message at (954) 546-2599, and one of our volunteers will get in touch with you.

SUPPORT SOUTHWEST RANCHES PARKS...

The Aster Knight Southwest Ranches Parks Foundation Donor Tree



Have your name engraved on one of the leaves of the "THE DONOR TREE" in Council Chambers for \$100.00

Not pictured at this time are acorns, rocks and branches with limited availability:
Acorns \$500 • Rocks \$1000 • Branches \$750

For more information contact December:
(954) 343-7452 or
email: Dlauretano@southwestranches.org

COVID 19—IMPORTANT RESOURCES AND CONTACTS

BROWARD COUNTY

www.broward.org/coronavirus
954-831-3900
Broward County Call Center
954-357-9500
Senior Citizen's Elder Hotline
954-743-9779

BROWARD COUNTY

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

www.browardschools.com/coronavirus
www.browardschools.com/learningnevercloses
Main Switchboard
754-321-0000
Emergency Hotline—Live Person
754-321-0911
BCPS & Rumor Control Hotline
754-321-0321

STATE OF FLORIDA

FOOD PROGRAMS
www.myflorida.com/accessflorida SNAP
www.feedingsouthflorida.org
Text: FLKIDSMEALS to PH# 211-211
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ELDER AFFAIRS
800-963-5337
<http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/index.php>
SHINE

SMALL BUSINESS & NON-PROFIT ASSISTANCE
www.floridadisaster.org
www.floridadisaster.biz

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN'S AFFAIRS
Veteran Clinical Contact Center
877-741-3400
CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL CDC
Call: 800-C DC-INFO 800-232-4636,
TTY: 888-232-6348.
<https://www.cdc.gov/DCS/ContactUs/Form>



SIGN UP FOR CODERED EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATIONS FROM THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES.

You will receive CodeRED alerts for emergency updates such as evacuation notices, weather warnings, hazardous traffic or road conditions, and other Town events.

CodeRED is the FREE community notification system available to Town residents that will send you alerts concerning time-sensitive and /or emergency information that may impact your area.

The Town encourages you to actively participate in emergency preparedness by remaining informed. Safety is a two-way street, so be sure to register today to receive the information you need when it matters regarding events such as:

**HURRICANES/NATURAL DISASTER SHELTER IN PLACE/LOCKDOWNS
INCLEMENT WEATHER WARNINGS BOIL WATER ADVISORIES
EVACUATION NOTICES ROAD CLOSURES/TRAFFIC ALERTS**

You can self-register on the Town's website: www.southwestranches.org to receive notifications by either phone call, text or email.

Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Choice #1 - Phone: _____

Choice #2 - Cell: _____

Mobile provider: _____

Choice #3 - Email: _____

Or all the above. Any questions contact Town Hall: (954) 434-0008.

AROUND THE TOWN

Waste Collection

MAKE SURE YOUR GARBAGE, BULK AND RECYCLE ARE OUT BEFORE 7 AM

TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES - Waste Collection Map & Schedule



TO ALL OUR RESIDENTS ON STIRLING ROAD...Please remember you are in AREA 1A for your bulk schedule.

Weekly **SOLID (GARBAGE)** Waste Days

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

BULK Collection Service Dates by Area

Month	Area	WEDNESDAY Only	Area	TUESDAY Only	Area	MONDAY Only
July 2020	3-A	7/01 - 7/15 - 7-29	2-A	7/14 - 7/28	1-A	7/13 - 7/27
	3-B	7/08 - 7/22	2-B	7/07 - 7/21	1-B	7/06 - 7/20
Aug. 2020	3-A	8/12 - 8/26	2-A	8/11 - 8/25	1-A	8/10 - 8/24
	3-B	8/05 - 8/19	2-B	8/04 - 8/18	1-B	8/03 - 8/17

RECYCLE collection occurs once per week:

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

Facebook

YouTube

Twitter

COMMENT

FOLLOW

FOLLOW US ON THE TOWN'S OFFICIAL SOCIAL MEDIA

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- Watch Town Council meetings
- Get updated information on Town events
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Southwest Ranches FIRE RESCUE

The COVID-19 pandemic led to many disruptions in our every day lives and has caused hardships for many. For the past several months, we have had to change the way we have done things in the past. As we move through these uncertain times, we learned the power of working together to reach a common goal.

At the firehouse we have made many changes and they have worked. We have implemented in-house fire and medical training.

Hurricanes are among the most powerful severe weather events found in nature. Along with all the recommendations and safety tips given every year for hurricanes, I would like to reinforce to have your trees cleared from the electric power lines. It can cause a house fire when the tree branches snap the electric lines and come in contact with the house. Also, once the power is out, it may take a long time for the power company to come out and restore the power. Living without air conditioning due to no electricity can be rough for a lot of people, especially people with medical conditions.

Stay Safe,
Chief Lee Bennett



* 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
			1 • Drainage Infrastructure Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 3A BULK	2	3	4 HAPPY 4th of July
5 • SWR Parks Foundation Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm • Country Estates HOA Meeting - Grace Baptist Church 19200 Griffin Road 7 pm AREA 1B BULK	6	7 • Code Hearing Town Hall 9 am AREA 2B BULK	8 AREA 3B BULK	9 • TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 7 PM • Office of Senator Marco Rubio Town Hall 10am- 11:30am	10	11 • Household Hazardous Waste Event - Rolling Oaks Park 8 am - 2 pm • Drugs Drop- Off 8-2 • Shred-A-Thon 10-1
July 12 • Schools & Education Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 1A BULK	13	14 • Parks, Recreational & Open Space Advisory Board - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 2A BULK	15 • Fire Advisory Board Meeting Town Hall 7 pm AREA 3A BULK	16 • Comprehensive Planning Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm	17	18
19 • Broward County Property Appraisal - Town Hall - 11 am - 1 pm • Rural Public Arts & Design Board Meeting Town Hall - 7 pm AREA 1B BULK	20	21 AREA 2B BULK	22 AREA 3B BULK	23 • TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 7 PM • Flow Mobile DMV Services - Town Hall - 10 am - 1:30 pm	24	25
HAPPY Parents DAY 26	27 AREA 1A BULK	28 • Rolling Oaks Civic Association Meeting Rolling Oaks Barn 17630 SW 56 Street 7 pm AREA 2A BULK	29 • Sunshine Ranches Homeowners Association Town Hall 7:30 pm AREA 3A BULK	30	31	

Due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) we reserve the right to cancel or postpone meetings in order to protect the safety of our residents and staff. Updates will be posted on our website www.southwestranches.org and all Town social media, or call Town Hall (954) 434-0008 for updates. Thank you.

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IN TOUCH

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TOWN HALL OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday / 8:30 am - 5:00 pm • **TOWN WEBSITE:** www.southwestranches.org
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TOWN SERVICES

BUILDING DEPARTMENT PERMITTING – (CAP GOVERNMENT) M-F 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Lisa Reices Nicasio, <i>Broward Operations Office Manager</i>	(954) 655-3721	lreices@capfla.com
Brian Dillon, <i>Building Official</i>	(954) 343-7446	bdillon@capfla.com
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PLANNING – (MELGREN PLANNING GROUP)

Jeff Katims	(954) 475-3070	michele@tmpgplanning.com
	(954) 435-3070	jeff@floridaplanning.net

CODE, ZONING, and PERMITTING

Code Enforcement Hotline	(954) 343-7440	zoninginfo@southwestranches.org
Julio Medina, <i>Code Enforcement Director</i>	(954) 343-7449	jmedina@southwestranches.org
Blair Bubley, <i>Code Enforcement Officer</i>	(954) 343-7458	bbubley@swranches.org
Marlon Gonzalez, <i>Code Enforcement Officer</i>	(954) 343-7457	mgonzalez@swranches.org
Jenna Anderson, <i>Administrative Coordinator</i>	(954) 343-7440	janderson@southwestranches.org
	(954) 343-7459	

WASTE/BULK/RECYCLING SERVICES (Residential & Commercial)

Waste Pro	(954) 967-4200	
REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKERS – Chief Bennett	(954) 868-2057	lbennett@southwestranches.org
MOSQUITO CONTROL	(954) 765-4062	
LOST AND FOUND ANIMALS	(754) 224-0877	Facebook@SWRVFRLostandFoundAnimals

PUBLIC SAFETY

EMERGENCY

Non-Emergency

Davie Police Department

Jeff Hobales, <i>Detective</i>	911	
Tim Weimann, <i>Police Services Coordinator</i>	(954) 764-4357 (HELP)	
<i>Davie Fire Rescue Station 112</i>	(954) 693-8200	
<i>Volunteer Fire Rescue - Chief Bennett</i>	(954) 693-8293	jeffrey_hobales@davie-fl.gov
	(954) 693-8352	tweimann@southwestranches.org
	(954) 680-0020	
	(954) 868-2057	

TRAFFIC AND ROADWAY SERVICES

Potholes and Signs Down - Philip Chorath	(954) 343-7441	pchorath@southwestranches.org
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OTHER

WATER DISTRICTS - CANALS

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



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WORRIED ABOUT FLU OR CORONAVIRUS?

HELP FIGHT THE SPREAD OF ILLNESS **POW!**

WASH HANDS OFTEN
WITH WARM WATER AND SOAP FOR AT LEAST 20 SECONDS.
HAND SANITIZER IS GOOD IN A PINCH.

KEEP HANDS AWAY
FROM MOUTH, NOSE OR EYES TO AVOID
TRANSFERRING GERMS.

CLEAN AND DISINFECT
FREQUENTLY USED SURFACES LIKE COUNTERS, LIGHT
SWITCHES, DOORKNOBS, AND REMOTES.

COVER COUGHS & SNEEZES
WITH A TISSUE, THEN THROW
TISSUE AWAY AND WASH YOUR HANDS.

IF YOU FEEL SICK, STAY HOME
FROM WORK, SCHOOL, OR OTHER ACTIVITIES AND AVOID
CLOSE CONTACT WITH OTHERS.

lights camera... action!

The Town of Southwest Ranches
Rural Public Arts & Design Advisory Board presents...

8th Annual Photo Contest
The theme for 2021 Photo Contest is...

A CHANGE OF THEME... FARMS & BARNES

Pictures must be submitted not later
than **September 7th., 2020.**

- Please provide a photo caption (limit 74 characters).
- Photos must be at least 8 x 10 (landscape).
- Must be a resolution of at least 300 DPI.
- No previous photos will be accepted.
- To be considered, all entries must be submitted with the Town's Entry Form.

This could be your picture!

Call Susan for additional
information (954) 434-0008
or email:
Skutz@southwestranches.org

Picture by: Natalie Soto