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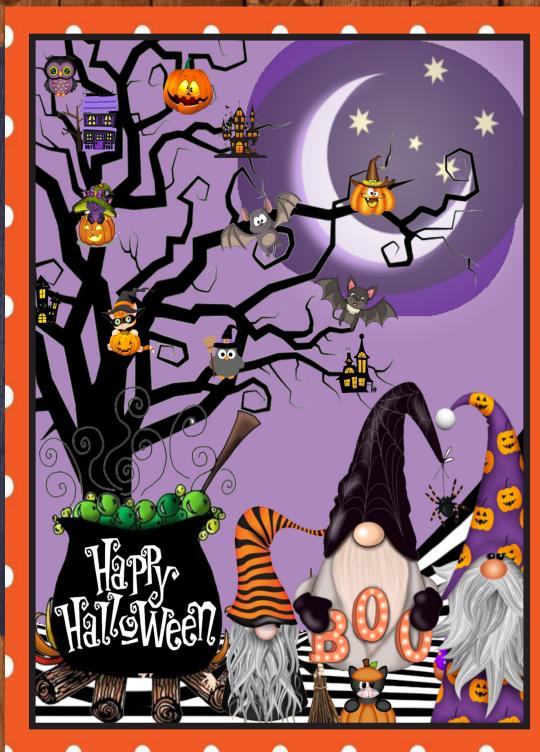
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Mayor Steve Breitkreuz

I will admit that at times I have taken for granted

the realities of those who put their lives at risk each and every day when they go to work. These are the first responders. The police, fire, medical staff and others that we often don't thank enough until there is an incident.

This past July, the Town organized a "Thank-you" photo session for these first responders. Thank you to all who participated and to those who were on -duty, serving, and were not able to participate. A special thank you also to Vice Mayor Bob Hartmann for his time in preparing and ensuring this event was properly photo documented. As this event pointed out, we are blessed in our Town to have so many selfless first responders.

Unfortunately, there was tragic accident where one of the first responders, who called Southwest Ranches his home, lost his life. I share this with you as a tribute to what he did and also as a reminder of who these first responders are and all that they give.

Chris Villa, who lived on SW 188 Avenue, served the City of Hialeah for 24 years as a firefighter. He was off-duty and working with his wife to repair a fence at a property they own in North Miami. Suddenly and without warning, a truck involved in an accident crashed through the fence they were working on. His last act was to push his wife out of harm's way, saving her life, before he was struck by the truck. Chris tragically passed away at Ryder Trauma Center following the accident.

I want to thank the residents on 188th that shared his story with me. Chris Villa lived a life giving and protecting others. He died a hero, and he will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go to all of his family and friends.

We are blessed to live in this community. We are so very fortunate to have the quality of individuals that live in our Town, and serve here or elsewhere in South Florida, as well as those that live outside our Town but come here to serve our residents when they need it the most. I encourage you to thank our first responders, wherever they serve, for all that they do to keep us safe and healthy.

Steve

(954) 296-6018



Council Member Jim Allbritton

Where has the year gone? As we

welcome the fall season this October, we are also starting to see advertisements for Christmas. Why do we try to push time ahead?

This time of year many parents have experienced sending their children off to college. It seemed like yesterday we held them in our arms to feed them a bottle, watched them take their first steps, ride a bike, start elementary school, graduate high school and now they are off to start their own chapter in life, leaving Momand Dad as empty nesters. I wish all these students a Bright and Fruitful future.

In September, our Town's Rancher Newsletter paid a tribute to our First Responders with a centerfold picture, taken by Vice Mayor Hartmann and organized by the Town's Rural Public Arts and Design Board. This was a great event for all of us to say "Thank you" to those who are in the front lines every day. On Saturday, September II, 202I, our Town held a Memorial Remembrance in honor of those who "gave all" on that terrible day 20 years ago.

I am giving a very special Thank-You to our Town Administration and all the resident volunteers who serve on our Town's Boards that help keep Southwest Ranches a very special place to live.

There has been interest in restarting a civic association in the Green Meadows and Deems Ranches area. Please give me a call (305) 903-7043 if you would like to be a part of restarting the association. I feel this would be a great way for all residents to keep up with what is happening in our neighborhood.

I am proud to be a part of this Town Council. I feel we always have the best interest of the Town at heart.

I am here for all residents, so feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Jim Allbritton



Council Member David S. Kuczenski

Friends, Neighbors, Ranchers:

Our Patriot Day, September 11th memorial was an outstanding event. I was pleased to see so many residents paying respects to those who perished, those who fought the terrorists to prevent a fourth disaster, and port authority police, the entire New York City fire department and those of our military who fought for freedom overseas. As we age, younger generations who were not with us when we watched the horror within hours of the tragedies, have no idea how it felt. I was told by one friend that it felt as if the World was going to come to an end. The sad part for our entire republic is we lost our innocence: we are not as free as we used to be. We know one thing: never again will a group of terrorists be able to take control of a commercial jet and use it as a weapon of mass destruction.

One issue that I campaigned on was to strictly scrutinize growth development in our Town. I believe this is important today because there is no other place like our Town. Over the previous few months we have enacted ordinances that we feel are important to preserve what we have here. For example, if a proposed development has two different zoning classifications, we now limit new parcels to be no smaller than the least dense zoned parcels.

In the next few months we will be considering proposals that may limit the use of water bodies to meet the minimum lot sizes to accommodate a barn; limit the use of land under a powerline easement to accommodate a minimum lot size, and address the ingress and egress on new flag pole lots. Keep in mind that these proposals are intended to affect future split parcels and existing parcels are not affected.

I am honored with being entrusted in this office. I thank those of you who call me to discuss the many concerns we share. If I can be of help, feel free to reach out. If I do not answer immediately, please

do not answer immediately, pleas leave a call back number.

I remain, very truly yours, David S. Kuczenski, Esq.

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Brief legislation from the July 29, 2021 Town Council Regular Meeting:

- Adopted Resolution 2021-064 approving Waiver of Plat WP-29-21 to subdivide 9.97 acres of property into two lots of 7.47 and 2.50 acres.
- **Adopted Resolution 2021-065** setting the proposed millage rate for Fiscal Year 2022.
- Adopted Resolution 2021-066 approving preliminary fire protection assessment rates for Fiscal Year 2022.
- Adopted Resolution 2021-067 approving preliminary solid waste service assessment rates for Fiscal Year 2022.
- Adopted Resolution 2021-068 extending a Zoning in Progress for a period of 90 days to further regulate any new commercial nursery, expansion of an existing commercial nursery, or storage or growth of any plant material in containers.
- Adopted Resolution 2021-069 enacting a Zoning in Progress directing Town staff to defer the acceptance and processing of waiver of plat applications.

- Adopted Resolution 2021-070 establishing a Charter Review Committee pursuant to the Town Charter
- Adopted Resolution 2021-071 Requesting the Florida Legislature to adopt a local bill to allow the Town to determine if it would like to protect its farm animals by prohibiting the sale and use of fireworks except by permit.
- Adopted Resolution 2021-072 accepting and approving an agreement with RG Underground Engineering, Inc. to complete the SW 50 Street and SW 182 Terrace drainage improvements.
- Adopted Resolution 2021-073 accepting and approving an agreement with Broward County to receive \$737,045 in Surtax Funding to complete the Transportation Surface Drainage And Ongoing Rehabilitation Of SW 196th Lane, SW 199th Avenue, SW 2018t Terrace, SW 202nd Avenue, SW 49th Street, SW 49th Place, SW 49th Court, SW Soth Place, And SW Soth Manor.
- Adopted Resolution 2021-074 accepting and approving an agreement with Broward County to receive \$1,223,165 in Surtax Funding to complete the Transportation Surface Drainage And Ongoing Rehabilitation Of SW 128th Avenue, SW 130th Avenue {Melaleuca Road}, SW 133rd Avenue, SW 135th Avenue

{Lupo Lane), And SW 136th Avenue {Holatee Trail).

• Adopted Resolution 2021-

075 authorizing a purchase order to All Power Generators, Corp, in the amount of \$12,500.00 to replace the radiator for the generator at Town Hall.

Brief legislation from the August 26, 2021 Town Council Regular Meeting:

- Adopted Resolution 2021-077 approving an agreement with DBI Services, LLC for guardrails along Hancock Road.
- Adopted Resolution 2021-078 approving an agreement with the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection to execute a grant agreement in the amount of \$355,000 to complete the Country Estates Drainage and Water Quality Improvement Project.
- Adopted Resolution 2021-079 to issue a Purchase Order to American Pride Mechanical for two air conditioning systems at Rolling Oaks Park Barn Facility.

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.



On November 6, 2018, Broward County voters approved a one cent surtax to fund transportation and infrastructure improvements County-wide. The town is using these funds to construct the SW 182nd Avenue and SW 50th Street Drainage Improvements.

Estimated Project Cost: \$148,835
Broward County Surtax Funding: \$124,000
For additional information,
call the Southwest Ranches
Public Works Department at
(954) 434-0008



Broward County Property Appraiser's Office

115 S. Andrews Ave, Room III, Ft Lauderdale, FL 33301 (954) 357-6830 • Fax: (954) 357-8474 www.bcpa.net

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FILING DATES
ANNOUNCED FOR TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES

Broward County Property Appraiser, Marty Kiar has announced special 2021 homeowner sign-up dates for Homestead, Senior and other property tax exemptions at <u>Southwest Ranches Town Hall 13400 Griffin Rd, Southwest Ranches, FL 33330</u>

September 20, 2021 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM October 18, 2021 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Documents required to file a Homestead Exemption include:

- · A current Florida driver's license or Florida identification card, AND
- A current voter registration card or declaration of domicile
- Non-US citizens must also provide proof of legal residency.
- If you are a new resident to Florida, please provide your
 Settlement Statement from your prior out of state property.

Qualified residents 65 years of age or older as of January 1, 2021 may also apply for the additional Senior Exemption (after January 1, 2021). Seniors must bring a copy of their 2020 Income Tax Return or a copy of their 2020 Social Security 1099 form (if no tax return was filed).

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How to do Business with **Town of Southwest Ranches**

- 1. Visit OUR website for the latest requests for Quotations and/or Bids at:
 - a. www.SouthwestRanches.org/procurement
- 2. Once you locate an item you would like to Bid / Quote on:
 - a. Download the documents
 - **b.** Quotations will list the name of the Department Head requesting the quotations. You may contact the department head directly and submit your quote via Fax, Email or in- person at Town hall.
 - c. Bids must be submitted online using the DEMANDSTAR.com E-Bidding Platform
 - i. Many public agencies utilize DemandStar in order to notify businesses and their suppliers of quoting/ contractual solicitation opportunities.
 - ii. Registration is Free and EASY visit **Demandstar.com** for instructions
 - iii. At this stage, all questions must ONLY be directed to:

Venessa Redman, Sr. Procurement and Budget Officer

13400 Griffin Rd, Southwest Ranches FL 33330 • TEL: 954-343-7467 •

E-MAIL: vredman@southwestranches.org

- 3. After you are selected as a vendor you will need to provide at minimum:
 - a. A current IRS Form W-9 (October 2018 Form)
 - b. An E-Verify proof of registration Memorandum of Understanding Downloaded from www.E-Verify.gov/employer
 - c. Certificate of Insurance
 - d. Licenses

Thank you for your interest in working for the Town of Southwest Ranches.

QUOTES Purchasing process which solicits pricing information from several sources that does not require a formal sealed bid or invitation to Bid (ITB) process, public opening, or other formalities. Generally relegated to requirements that may be considered low value or fall under a stipulated price/cost threshold (less than \$25,000 as per the Town procurement policy)

BIDS A formal competitive Invitation to Bid (ITB) process, or proposal for specific supplies or services that provides all the requirements of the solicitation. In certain situations, a pre-bid conference may be held, and attendance may be required. All goods or services equal to or greater than \$25,000 or above must be competitively bid as per the Town procurement policy. All bid meetings are open to the

Town of Southwest Ranches purchasing thresholds:

Authority
Department Head No quotations are required.
Purchasing Card, when applicable, or Claim Voucher by Department Head and written approval by Town Administrator 2 written or verbal quotes to the extent practicable.
Town Administrator 3 written quotes are required.
Town Council 3 written quotes are required.
Town Council Competitive Procurement



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This Monument is Dedicated to the Memory Of All Who Tragically Lost Their Lives And Those Who Heroically Gave Their Lives

> We Mourn The Victims, We Honor The Heroes.



Dedicated September 11, 2021 Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida

WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER ... SEPTEMBER 11TH

Pictures from the 9/11 memorial dedication ceremony will be included in next month's Rancher.



- Do not walk through flowing water. If you must walk in standing water, use a pole or stick to ensure the depth of the water ahead.
- Do not drive through a flooded area. Do not drive around road barriers; the road may be washed out.
- Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. Electrical current travels through water. If possible, report downed powerlines to FPL. Do not use appliances or motors that are wet unless they have been taken apart, cleaned and dried.
- Look out for animals, especially snakes. Small animals that have been flooded out of their habitat may take shelter in your home.
- Look before you step. After a flood, the ground and floors can be covered with debris. Surfaces that have been covered with mud can be very slippery.
- Be alert for gas leaks. If your house is serviced by gas, do not smoke, use candles or
 open flames unless you know the gas has not built up. Make arrangements to turn off
 your electricity and gas.

To sign up to be notified via voice message, text and email for important public safety information during a storm visit http://southwestranches.org/rapid-notify/ and Broward.org/Emergency/Pages/AlertBroward.aspx.

Financial Assistance Advice

If your home or business is damaged by a flood, you may be required to meet certain building requirements to reduce further flood damage by coming into compliance with local, state, and federal criteria. To help with these costs, financial assistance such as grants, loans, rebates and the NFIP's Increased Cost of Compliance Coverage may be available.

For assistance regarding financial assistance options, please contact the Town's Engineering Department at (954) 434-0008, Broward County's Mitigation Coordinator at (954) 831-3900 or visit *Disasterassistance.gov*.

National Flood Insurance Program Changes

In accordance with 2014 Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is continuing to gradually phase out flood insurance premium subsidies on certain policyholders. The changes have and will have the greatest impact on properties located within a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) that were built prior to the adoption of Broward County's first FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) on October 26, 1972, or prior to December 31, 1974, without elevation certificate information. For more information on the National Flood Insurance Program changes visit *FEMA.gov/flood-insurance-reform.*

Get a Flood Insurance Policy

Replacing household contents damaged by floods could place a significant financial burden on a homeowner or renter without flood insurance. Just a few inches of water from a flood can cause tens of thousands of dollars in damage. Homeowner's insurance policies do not generally cover damage from floods. However, because the Town of Southwest Ranches participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), you can purchase a separate flood insurance policy from an insurance agent and benefit from the premium discount available to all Southwest Ranches residents. Flood insurance is backed by the federal government and is available to everyone, even for properties that have been flooded previously. Please note that unless there is a special condition of the mortgage, there normally is a 30-day waiting period between the time flood insurance is purchased and the time coverage is in force. Though all home and business owners in these areas with mortgages from federally regulated or insured lenders are required to buy flood insurance, all residents should consider flood insurance to protect against significant fi-

nancial losses.

If your property is in the SFHA and you have a mortgage from a federally regulated or insured lender, flood insurance is required. Even if you do not have a mortgage and you live in the SFHA or you live outside of the SFHA, all property owners and renters should carefully consider the benefits of flood insurance to protect against significant financial losses from floods. For more information visit the following sites: *Floodsmart.gov and FEMA.gov/national-flood-insurance-program.*

If you would like to know if your property is in a SFHA you can use the interactive map viewer. Visit http://southwestranches.org/departments/town-engineering/flood-in-surance-information/ and select Flood Maps. You can also call (954) 434-0008, provide your address and zip code, and Town staff will assist you in determining SFHA information specific to your property.

Elevation Certificate Information

Elevation certificates for buildings are on file and may be obtained by visiting http://southwestranches.org/departments/town-engineering/flood-insurance-information/.

Water Quality and Flood Control Effects of Drainage Systems

The success of the drainage system in your neighborhood depends on proper maintenance of the system. The swales that are commonly located between your yard and street are part of the neighborhood's storm water management system.

Gutters, storm drain pipes, lakes, wetlands, swales and canals should be kept free of debris. It is against Town Code to dump trash in waters. The drainage system may provide both water quality and flood control benefits. Lakes, wetlands, swales and canals filter pollutants from runoff or allow pollutants to settle out. Check with the Town's Engineering Department before paving, regrading or altering swales.

Protect Property from Flooding

Losses due to floods can be reduced by implementing property protection measures. Furniture, appliances, clothing, and other movable items can be elevated within the structure or relocated away from potential flooding if time permits. You should also make an itemized inventory of your belongings including costs, dates of purchase and serial numbers

There are several ways to protect a building from flood damage if feasible. One way is to make sure your lot is graded in a manner that will direct runoff away from your building. Another approach is to make your walls waterproof and place watertight closures over the doorways. This method is not recommended if water will rise to a depth of two feet or greater. A third approach is to raise the house above flood levels. Prior to making these modifications, consult with a certified contractor.

Build Responsibly

Strict regulations govern substantial improvements to structures in the flood plain. According to NFIP, "substantial improvement" means the cost of any repair, reconstruction, or improvement of a structure which equals or exceeds 50 percent of the market value of the structure either before the improvement is started or if the structure has been damaged and is being restored.

Please be advised that any new development or improvement on a property will be subject to current Town regulations and may also be subject to state and federal regulations. Please contact the Southwest Ranches Building Code Services Division at (954) 434-0008 for specific information and to report unpermitted construction activities.

Flood Risk Specialist Available to Assist Residents

The Town of Southwest Ranches wants to ensure that residents who have questions about flood risks, flood insurance, and retrofitting techniques, get answers in a timely manner. The Town Engineer is available to assist in the following areas: 1) Flood Insurance; 2) Flood Zone interpretation including base flood elevation and/or flood depth; 3) Additional FIRM information; 4) Problems not shown on FIRM; 5) Special flood related hazards; 6) Historical flood-related data; 7) Natural floodplain functions; and 8) Property protection measures. Please call the Engineering Department at (954) 434-0008 and ask to speak to the Town Engineer. You may also schedule a site visit to review flooding, drainage, and storm sewer problems, and to obtain advice on retrofitting techniques to

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provide additional protection. Go to http://southwestranches.org/departments/town-engineering/flood-insurance-information/ for additional information.

Local Flood Hazards

Floods resulting from prolonged, heavy rainfall can occur in rivers and canals that drain inland areas into the Atlantic Ocean when waterway capacities are exceeded. Flooding from heavy rainfall occurs in low-lying areas and areas near rivers and canals.

The severe flooding that occurred as a result of the exceedingly wet summers and the hurricanes of 1947 was the basis for creating what is now the South Florida Water Management District. South Florida's five-month rainy season brings more than two-thirds of the region's annual rainfall. The rainy season can also bring flooding, which may occur when large amounts of rain fall over a short period of time or from a single heavy storm, tropical system or hurricane.

Since portions of Southwest Ranches have been designated as a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), it is advisable to check the interactive map viewer to see the location of your property with respect to the SFHA. Visit http://southwestranches.org/departments/town-engineering/flood-insurance-information/ and select Flood Maps. You can also call (954) 434-0008, provide your address and zip code, and Town staff will assist you in determining SFHA information specific to your property.

Protect Natural Floodplain Functions

Although much of the natural flood plain system in South Florida has been altered and is frequently over-drained, efforts are being made to enhance many historical wetlands and canals to restore them to a more natural state. These flood plain and wetland areas buffer flood flows, remove pollutants from our surface waters, recharge groundwater and create diverse habitat systems for plants and animals. The Southwest Ranches Comprehensive Plan includes policies pertaining to flood plains and wetlands. The plan provides for protection and creation of surface waters, protection and wetlands preservation.

Map Services

Maps are an effective method of communicating information about flood hazards. Residents and businesses that are aware of potential flood hazards can take steps to avoid problems and reduce exposure to flooding. Therefore, the Town offers complementary maps to supplement and clarify the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) with information on additional hazards, flooding outside mapped areas, development regulations that affect floodplain properties, flood insurance, natural floodplain functions, and property protection measures.

A GIS mapping application for Southwest Ranches that is publicly available includes information you will need for a flood insurance policy including whether your property is in a SFHA, the community number, panel number and suffix, FIRM date, FIRM zone, base flood elevation and the elevation datum used. Additional FIRM information is also available showing areas of concern such as whether your property is located within a floodway.

The Town has mapped local drainage problem areas within the Town. In addition, the Town has a map providing information about past floods that have occurred. If you live in one of these areas, we would like to have a discussion with you regarding potential remedies.

A GIS mapping application for Southwest Ranches that is publicly available includes layers related to natural floodplain functions, specifically wetlands and fish and wildlife habitat. The map includes Broward County's wetland data to provide a comprehensive picture of where wetlands are located within the Town.

To view these interactive maps, please visit the Town's website. For more information regarding the flood maps and the Town's floodplain management program or if you would like assistance reading the maps, please call Town Hall at (954) 434-0008 or email *rley@swranches.org*.

Source: Broward County Flood News, Summer 2018, Volume 24, Issue 1

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

Send your email address to:
druesga@southwestranches.org



DON'T BE AN EASY TARGET. "LOCK IT OR LOSE IT".

HELLO RESIDENTS! HAPPY FALL!

The Davie Police Department has recently handled a run of stolen vehicles. In the past week there were 4 high value cars stolen. All vehicles were left unlocked and the key fobs were left in the cars. While our Dectectives are diligently working to find the offenders, we would like to ask you all please remember to lock your vehicles and remove your keys/key fobs from the cars. Remember "LOCK IT OR LOSE IT."

Thank you and Stay Safe. Cheryl Danner Police Service Coordinator





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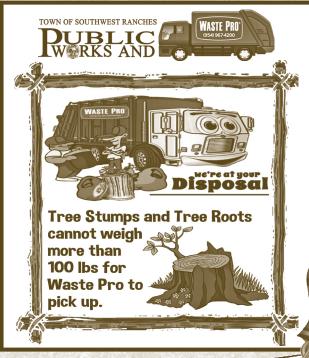
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US military personnel deployed overseas on specified military operations may be entitled to an additional tax-saving exemption. These qualifying military operations are updated by the Florida Legislature annually, so the ones listed below may not be all encompassing as some operations may be added or removed in future years. Our office does accept pre-filing for upcoming tax year(s) depending on the dates included on the applicant's military orders and the application permits a spouse, personal representative or designee under Chapter 709, Florida Statutes, to apply on behalf of the qualifying applicant.

The application for the Deployed Military Exemption can be submitted online at https://web.bcpa.net/bcpaclient/#/VeteransDeployed and can also be found in the "Download Forms" section of our website at https://web.bcpa. net and emailed to CSEmgmt@bcpa.net.

To apply for this exemption, an applicant must provide US military documentation which clearly shows the applicant's dates of active duty military service deployed outside the United States during the immediate prior year in support of one of the designated military operations: Operation Noble

Eagle, Operation Joint Task Force Bravo, Operation Joint Guardian, Operations in the Balkans, Operation Nomad Shadow, Operation U.S. Airstrikes Al Qaeda in Somalia, Operation Copper Dune, Operation Georgia Deployment Program, Operation Spartan Shield, Operation Observant Compass, Operation Inherent Resolve, Operation Atlantic Resolve, Operation Freedom's Sentinel, Operation Resolute Support, Operation Juniper Shield, Operation Pacific Eagle and Operation Martillo or in support of a subordinate operation to any of the preceding. This exemption grants total exemption to an additional percentage of your assessed value, based upon the percent of the prior year you were deployed overseas in support of one of the specified military operations and requires the applicant to submit new supporting documentation each year.

Has Your Mailing Address or Email Address Changed?

To help ensure you receive any correspondence from our office, please let us know if your mailing address or email address has changed. To update your address, please email us at address@bcpa.net with your name, property address and new mailing/email address.

If my office can ever be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at martykiar@bcpa.net.

MartyKiarBCPA @MartyKiarBCPA

Marty Kiar, CFA Broward County Property Appraiser

ADVISORY BOARD UPDATES

PARKS. RECREATION. FORESTRY & NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY BOARD - Meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month at **Town Hall - 7 PM.** In the coming months, the Parks, Recreation. Forestry, and Natural Resources Advisory Board will consider updates to established parks usage policies, among other items of business.

RURAL PUBLIC ARTS & DESIGN ADVISORY BOARD - Meets the 3rd Monday of the month at Town Hall - 7 PM. Entry due dates for the 9th Annual Photo Contest was September 13th, and the RPADB judged the photos at the September 20 meeting. The winners will be placed on the front and each month of the Town of Southwest Ranches 2021-2022 calendar with all submittals placed in the calendar for residents to enjoy. Look for updated information on when the calendars will be for sale.

Get into the holiday season and have fun decorating your home for the "Holiday Lights Contest". This will be the 4th season and every year another home adds a different theme to their street with everyone enjoying the season.

ENTRY FORMS ARE DUE DECEMBER 3rd. GET YOUR FORMS IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE...

(Homes do not have to be decorated for you to send in your entry form).

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Keeping Citizens Informed

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.

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

Name: Address: Choice #1 - Phone: Choice #2 - Cell: Choice #3 - Email:









AROUND THE TOWN



Southwest Ranches FIRE RESCUE

We had an excellent company training exercise with Davie Fire at the Broward Fire Academy. Utilizing different fire tactics/scenarios such as: relay pumping (pumping from one fire truck to another); drafting from a well and supplying another fire truck utilizing a few hand lines; fire attack on second floor level (advancing hose lines): Search and Rescue locating a manikin (life size adult body) and removing it out of the building to a secure area preparing for medical treatment. Driver Engineer training-spotting wells and hydrants, hooking up and flow water to firefighters hose lines and fire apparatus. The training scenarios were in full fire bunker and wearing self-contained breathing apparatus gear. All training was live hands-on. Training Chief Bruce Evans (SWR) is a 43-year veteran in the fire service, Retired Officer from Fort Lauderdale Fire Department. His Motto is: "Train like YOUR LIFE depends on it."

Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccination receives full FDA approval

The FDA granted full approval to Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccination for patients 16 and up. This is the first vaccine granted full approval in the U.S. Millions of people worldwide have received their Pfizer vaccine, and the data show it is safe and effective. For many who have hesitated to receive the vaccine, this approval may give them added confidence.

We are in hurricane season:

This has been another extremely hot year, and Florida is no stranger to hurricanes. Prepare ahead of time.

Have trees near powerlines trimmed. Once the power is knocked out from a tree branch, your house will get hot quickly. It may take the power company days to get your power restored. "Again, please have your trees trimmed away from the power lines."

Stay Safe, Fire Chief Lee Bennett

PROTOTYPE BARN

In furtherance of the Town's goal of preserving its rural lifestyle, the Town Council has given residents a simpler mechanism to build a barn that is in compliance with Florida statutory requirements. As such, the Town contracted with an architect who agreed to create a prototype barn drawing, in compliance with the Florida Building Code, which can be permitted for residents throughout the Town. The plans are for a three stall barn with a tack room.

A Town resident looking to build a barn can simply purchase a pre-drafted architectural plan from the Town, which they then can submit, at a reduced cost, and on an expedited basis, to get a permitted barn that will be in compliance with both state and local regulations. Please call or email Emily Aceti for more information: eaceti@swranches.org.

COVID-19 IMPORTANT RESOURCES AND CONTACTS

BROWARD COUNTY www.broward.org/coronavirus

954-831-3900

954-357-9500 (Broward County Call Center)

954-743-9779 (Senior Citizen's Elder Hotline)

BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

www.browardschools.com/coronavirus www.browardschools.com 754-321-0000 (Main Switchboard)

754-321-0911 (Emergency Hotline—Live Person)

754-321-0321 (BCPS & Rumor Control Hotline)

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

877-741-3400 (Veteran Clinical Contact Center)

CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL (CDC)

Call: 800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636), TTY: 888-232-6348. https://www.cdc.gov/DCS/ContactUs/Form

MEET YOU at PARK...



~ CALL FOR ENTRIES ~

COUNTRY ESTATES PARK ENTRANCE DESIGN CONTEST

Do you have what it takes to design and create a large scale, functional artwork?



The Town of Southwest Ranches is seeking designs for an artistic entrance feature for Country Estates Fishing Hole Park. Our current chainlink fence and gates are not beautiful! So, put on your thinking cap and get inventive!

The entrance feature should reflect the Town's rural lifestyle, recreational fishing and/or equestrian activities, wildlife, or natural beauty of Southwest Ranches. The entrance feature should include gates spanning the park's vehicular entrance and exit lanes as well as equestrian and pedestrian access. The feature should contain elements of the Town's Rural Identification

Program standards for any signage to be included.

Country Estates Park Fishing Hole Park is located 18900 Griffin Road. The entrance is on the West side of the property, accessed via SW 190th Ave.

Everyone is encouraged to get creative. For further information and to submit entries: email dlauretano@southwestranches.org or call 954-343-7452.

Deadline: November 15th, 2021

AROUND THE TOWN

Mini-Flow: Florida Licensing on Wheels



Come to Town Hall if you need to renew or replace your Florida Driver's License, Identification Card or Tag and Registration. The

Department of Motorist Services Mini-FLOW Florida Licensing on Wheels will be at Town Hall:

> Wed., September 22 from 10 am - 2 pm Wed., October 27 from 10 am - 2 pm

By Appointment Only - No Walk-Ins Call Town Hall (954) 434-0008



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.

RESIDENTIAL BULK MAY BE PLACED IN THE SWALE THE SATURDAY BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED

BULK COLLECTION DAY. (ORD 2008-07) PAGE 6

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
OCTOBER	3-A	10/06 - 10/20	2-A	10/5 - 10/19	1-A	10/04 - 10/18
2021	3-B	10/13 - 10/27	2-B	10/12 - 10/26	1-B	10/11 - 10/25
NOVEMBER	3-A	11/03 - 11/17	2-A	11/02 - 11/16 - 11/30	1-A	11/01 - 11/15 - 11/29
2021	3-B	11/10 - 11/24	2-B	11/09 - 11/23	1-B	11/08 - 11/22

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

TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES BUDGET HEARINGS AND WORKSHOP

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2021 Second Public Hearing for Final Millage and Budget Adoption (via resolution and ordinance, respectively) @ 6:00 PM. September Regular Council meeting @ 7:00 PM

ATTENTION

SOUTHWEST RANCHES KIDS UNDER 13...

Give us your
BEST SHOT OF NATURE AND WILDLIFE
IN SOUTHWEST RANCHES

The Rural Public Arts and Design Board would like to showcase your photo skills in the Town's newsletter.

We invite children ages 13 and under who live in Southwest Ranches to submit their favorite photo. This is for our young photographers to enter some type of nature or wildlife picture within the Town.

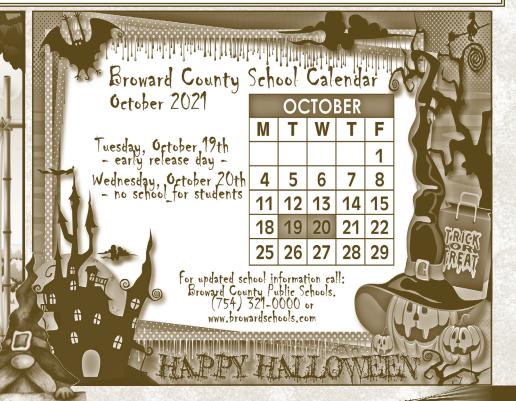
- ~ No adult assistance.
- ~ All photos should be the work of the child photographer. ~ One (1) entry per child.
 - ~ Photos should be submitted in the highest quality
- (resolution) possible.
 ~ The Town reserves the right to reject any submittal.

Please email your photo, in JPEG format to: Skutz@southwestranches.org along with your name, age

Skutz@southwestranches.org along with your name, age, phone number, and a caption about your photo (about 137 characters with spaces).

Submissions will be accepted until further notice.

Any questions please let me know. (954) 343-7460





РНОТО ВУ:

Cindy Samartino "Bland to glam starlit pavilion; luxe country evening memories made."

(From the 2021 Photo Contest Calendar)

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1 3 9 q	• SWR Parks Foundation Meeting Town Hall - 7 pm • Country Estates Grace Baptist Church 19200 Griffin Road - 7 pm AREA IA BULK	• Code Hearing 5 Town Hall 9 am • Charter Review Committee - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 2A BULK	AREA 3A BULK	7	8	9
o t o	COLUMBUS DAY • Schools & Education Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm AREA IB BULK	• Parks, Recreation, 12 Forestry & Natural Resources Advisory Board - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 2B BULK	13 AREA 3B BULK	• TOWN COUNCIL MEETING • Town Hall 7 pm	15	16
a 17	Broward County Property Appraiser Office - Town Hall 10:30 - 12:30 pm Bural Public Arts & Design Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm AREA IA BULK	• Drainage & 19 Infrastructure Advisory Board Meeting • Town Hall • 7 pm AREA 2A BULK	• Fire Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 3A BULK	• Comprehensive Plan Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm	22	23
24	25 Area ib bulk	• Rolling Oaks Civic 26 Association Meeting Rolling Oaks Barn 17630 SW 56 St. 7 pm AREA 2B BULK	• Flow Mobile - DMV Service 10 am - 2 pm - Town Hall by appt only • Sunshine Ranches HOA Meeting - Town Hall 7:30 pm AREA 3B BULK	• TOWN COUNCIL MEETING • Town Hall 7 pm	29	30
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All Town Council Meetings and Advisory Board meetings will be held in person at Town Hall unless explicitly stated otherwise.

KIDS UNDER 13 BEST SHOT CONTEST. PHOTO TAKEN BY: EVAN FREDERICK, AGE 8

OF BROTHER LOGAN FREDERICK.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY...

Zucy Mansur - October 14th Art Santiestaban - October 26th Luis Alberto Moraguez - October 28th



We hope your special day is filled with happiness and that all your wishes come true.

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

CALENDAR

- 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 **EQIVILANT TO THE SIZE OF A VOLKSWAGON BEETLE (APPROXIMATELY**

8 FEET WIDE BY 10 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: 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 TOWN HALL TWITTER ACCOUNT: @SWR_Gov · YOUTUBE: Town of Southwest Ranches Official Channel • FACEBOOK: facebook@SWRGOV **ELECTED OFFICIALS** sbreitkreuz@southwestranches.org Mayor Steve Breitkreuz (954) 343-7462 Vice Mayor Bob Hartmann (954) 343-7447 bhartmann@southwestranches.org Council Member Gary Jablonski (954) 343-7456 gjablonski@southwestranches.org Council Member Jim Allbritton jallbritton@southwestranches.org (954) 343-7461 Council Member David S. Kuczenski dkuczenski@southwestranches.org (954) 343-7472

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TOWN SERVICES

BUILDING DEPARTMENT PERMITTING – (CAP GOVERNA	NENT) M-F 8:30 am - 4	.:00 pm
Brian Dillon, <i>Building Official</i>	(954) 343-7446	bdillon@capfla.com
Joyce Marques, Permit Technician	(954) 343-7446	jmarques@capfla.com
Derlin Guevara, <i>Permit Technician</i>	(954) 343-7445	dguevara@capfla.com
PLANNING – (MELLGREN PLANNING GROUP)	(954) 475-3070	michele@tmpgplanning.com
Jeff Katims	(954) 475-3070	jkatims@sepiinc.com
CODE, ZONING, and PERMITTING	(954) 343-7440	zoninginfo@southwestranches.org
Code Enforcement Hotline	(954) 343-7449	
Julio Medina, Code Enforcement Director	(954) 343-7458	jmedina@southwestranches.org
Concepcion Campos, Code Enforcement Officer	(954) 343-7457	ccampos@southwestranches.org
Marlon Gonzalez, Code Enforcement Officer	(954) 343-7440	mgonzalez@swranches.org
Jenna Anderson, Administrative Coordinator	(954) 343-7459	janderson@southwestranches.org

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 @SWRL ost and Found Animals

PUBLIC SAFETY

911	
(954) 764-4357 (HELP)	
(954) 693-8200	
(954) 693-8293	jeffrey_hobales@davie-fl.gov
(954) 693-8352	cdanner@southwestranches.org
(954) 680-0020	
(954) 868-2057	
(954) 343-7441	pchorath@southwestranches.org
(954) 519-1499	online complaint form at http://www.broward.org/
	(954) 693-8200 (954) 693-8293 (954) 693-8352 (954) 680-0020 (954) 868-2057

OTHER

WAIER DISTRICTS - CANALS		
Central Broward Water Control District	(954) 432-5110	www.centralbrowardwcd.org
East of SW 148 Avenue (Volunteer)		
South Broward Drainage District	(954) 680-3337	www.sbdd.org
West of SW 148 Avenue (Volunteer)		
John De los Santos, Newsletter Layout and Design	(954) 292-8850	johndelossantos@rocketmail.com

Environment/Resources/Pages/EnviroComplaint.aspx



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Town of Southwest Ranches

WASTE PRO"
Carlog For Our Communities"

Bulk Collection Route Schedule October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 WASTE PRO

Month	Area	WEDNESDAY Only	Area	TUESDAY Only	Area	MONDAY Only
Oct. 2021	3-A	10/06 - 10/20	2-A	10/05 - 10/19	1-A	10/04 - 10/18
	3-B	10/13 - 10/27	2-B	10/12 - 10/26	1-B	10/11 - 10/25
Nov. 2021	3-A	11/03 - 11/17	2-A	11/02 - 11/16 - 11/30	1-A	11/01 - 11/15 - 11/29
1000. 2021	3-B	11/10 - 11/24	2-B	11/09 - 11/23	1-B	11/08 - 11/22
Dec. 2021	3-A	12/01 - 12/15 - 12/29	2-A	12/14 - 12/28	1-A	12/13 - 12/27
Dec. 2021	3-B	12/08 - 12/22	2-B	12/07 - 12/21	1-B	12/06 - 12/20
Jan. 2022	3-A	1/12 - 1/26	2-A	1/11 - 1/25	1-A	1/10 - 1/24
Jan. 2022	3-B	1/05 - 1/19	2-B	1/04 - 1/18	1-B	1/03 - 1/17 - 1/31
Feb. 2022	3-A	2/09 - 2/23	2-A	2/08 - 2/22	1-A	2/07 - 2/21
Feb. 2022	3-B	2/02 - 2/16	2-B	2/01 - 2/15	1-B	2/14 - 2/28
Mar. 2022	3-A	3/09 - 3/23	2-A	3/08 - 3/22	1-A	3/07 - 3/21
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Apr. 2022	3-A	4/06 - 4/20	2-A	4/05 - 4/19	1-A	4/04 - 4/18
Apr. 2022	3-B	4/13 - 4/27	2-B	4/12 - 4/26	1-B	4/11 - 4/25
May 2022	3-A	5/04 - 5/18	2-A	5/03 - 5/17 - 5/31	1-A	5/02 - 5/16 - 5/30
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June 2022	3-A	6/1 - 6/15 - 6/29	2-A	6/14 - 6/28	1-A	6/13 - 6/27
Julie 2022	3-B	6/08 - 6/22	2-B	6/07 - 6/21	1-B	6/06 - 6/20
July 2022	3-A	7/13 - 7/27	2-A	7/12 - 7/26	1-A	7/11 - 7/25
July 2022	3-B	7/06 - 7/20	2-B	7/05 - 7/19	1-B	7/04 - 7/18
Aug. 2022	3-A	8/10 - 8/24	2-A	8/09 - 8/23	1-A	8/08 - 8/22
Aug. 2022	3-B	8/03 - 8/17 - 8/31	2-B	8/02 - 8/16 - 8/30	1-B	8/01 - 8/15 - 8/29
Sept. 2022	3-A	9/07 - 9/21	2-A	9/06 - 9/20	1-A	9/05 - 9/19
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