

# SOUTHWEST RANCHER

*The Official Newsletter of Southwest Ranches*

October 2015

## HIGHLIGHTS



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Mayor  
Jeff Nelson

While the President declared September as National

Preparedness month and we emerged unscathed from the effects of Tropical Storm Erika, I urge my fellow residents to remain vigilant in their preparedness for weather related emergencies. Historically, more than 60% of United States mainland hurricane strikes occur between the months of September and October. For Town staff, Tropical Storm Erika served as a great "drill" to test our preparedness efforts. Staff prepared Town Hall for the worst, communication was established with our emergency services providers, and information was disseminated to the public via our emergency management hotline at 954-343-7455. Thankfully the storm dissipated without much impact to our community and the Town opened for normal operations on Monday August 31st. While it's been a slow season thus far, we are not yet in the clear. Stay prepared.

On another note, I am happy to report that initial indications from Broward County are that they have approved and will fund the guardrail installation along Griffin Road west of I-75 in their fiscal year 2016 budget. Getting this accomplished was a high priority for the Town Council.

Lastly, Pembroke Pines has approved the construction of a 2,600 student Charter School located on 207th Avenue just south of Griffin Road. Our concerns with regards to the school's location and ancillary traffic issues resulted in litigation with Pembroke Pines. While unsuccessful with regards to this litigation, we

will do whatever we can to minimize the traffic and other impacts the opening of this school creates at this location.

It is an honor and pleasure to serve you!

Jeff



Council Member  
Steve Breitkreuz

One of the issues that we have been facing on the west side of town is the possibility that a

2,500 student charter school may be placed in that area, specifically just south of Griffin Road on 207 Terrace. This location is actually within Pembroke Pines and was approved by their commission. Because of the disruption to the Ranches from a lights standpoint, a traffic standpoint, and sound standpoint, the potential of having a school situated at this location has been something that the Ranches has been watching very closely. In fact, the Town even challenged Pines' approval, which the Town believed to have been improper. Despite the Town's attempt to meet with Pines on this issue, and the Town's attempt to challenge the way Pines approved this school, it now appears that the school will be a reality.

As important as it is to have schools and educational facilities, it is unfortunate that this location was chosen as it will clearly have a wide variety of negative impacts to our community, and it will pose a major safety risk to those traveling to get there.

Given that the school is coming, it may be necessary to revisit the idea of widening Griffin Road all the way to US 27, and at a minimum working with the County or Pines to install a guardrail along Griffin Road. As much as I believe that the majority of our residents prefer to have Griffin Road remain a more rural 2 lane road, this school with its over 2500 student capacity, and virtually all of that traffic flowing off of Griffin, really does not allow that to remain a possibility. The road, the way it is

today, helps to minimize the through traffic from I75 to US 27. However, given the proposed increase in traffic from the new school, and even though Broward County says that the current capacity is sufficient, I believe this school traffic will make this section of the road a traffic nightmare during certain times of the day.

It is unfortunate that Franklin Academy chose this site, a rural site, a quiet site, to put a hub of noise and traffic. However, at this point, our job is to minimize the stress and disruption that they are placing on our community. Please be on the lookout for updates as plans become more formalized.



## Vice Mayor Freddy Fisikelli

I hope everyone had a nice Labor Day. The weather has been very good for our area, we have had a good amount of rain which make everything grow. Which is good for our area most of us have animals and they depend on that grass for feed. Also we have not had a severe storm go through our area this year which is good because they cause major damages which affect everyone's pocketbook and property. In my opinion the most important item that has come before the Council this year is the development of the Tara Property. According to their plans they plan to build 16 new homes on the property to do this they are required to build a road on the west side of the property if you are coming from the west you will enter the property by making a right turn onto the new road Downey Ranches Drive on the west side of the property if you are coming from the east you will make a left turn at the light at Bonaventure Blvd. and right turn at the new road built by the developer which takes you to Downey Ranches Drive. The developer will be required to rebuild the existing canal to the requirements of the South Broward Drainage District but they will not be required to build the proposed road SW 184th Ave. which means the residents on the east side of the property will still have the use of the road right away. When this property is developed they will be required to build a pond as part of their requirements which will help all the adjacent property.




## Clerk's Corner

by Russell Muñiz

### Brief legislation from the August 13, 2015 Town Council meeting:

- **Adopted Resolution 2015-063** authorizing a grant application to the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) for Country Estates Park.
- **Adopted Resolution 2015-064** authorizing a purchase order for Jaffer Well Drilling for fire protection wells.
- **Adopted Resolution 2015-065** opposing an oil drilling permit application submitted for the Florida Everglades.

### Brief legislation from the August 27, 2015 Town Council meeting:

- **Adopted Ordinance 2015-005** creating a new section of the Code of Ordinances pertaining to "Parking, Stopping, and Standing Enforcement."
- **Adopted Resolution 2015-066** approving an agreement with the Broward County Clerk of the Court for parking citation processing.
- **Adopted Resolution 2015-067** approving a purchase and sale agreement with Florida Power and Light to construct and maintain a public right-of-way.

## Mini-Flow:

### Florida Licensing on Wheels

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 Dept. of Motorist Services Mini-FLOW Florida Licensing on Wheels will be at Town Hall.

**Thursday, October 22, 9:30-2:30**  
**Thursday, November 19, 9:30-2:30**



# AROUND THE TOWN

## DAVIE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Everyone wants to have a safe and happy Halloween this season. Using some basic safety tips and common sense will make the most of this Halloween season, keeping it as enjoyable for the kids as it is for you. The excitement of children and adults this time of year can sometimes make them not as careful as they would normally be. Here are some tips and ideas to use while celebrating Halloween.



# TRICK OR TREAT

- Children should Trick-or-Treat with an adult and not alone. If children are mature enough to be without parental supervision, they should stay in familiar areas that are well lit and in groups.
- Make sure that costumes are not too heavy or restrictive to avoid overheating. Have your children drink plenty of water to minimize dehydration.
- Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.
- Put electronic devices down and keep heads up. Walk, don't run across the street.
- Teach children to never run out into the street from between parked cars.
- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape, and use light/glow sticks if possible.
- Choose face paint instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision.
- Carefully inspect treats. Discard any that are not commercially sealed or are open. If something does not seem right with a particular treat, discard it. It is better to be safe than sorry.
- While driving, take extra time to watch for kids at intersections or in residential neighborhoods.

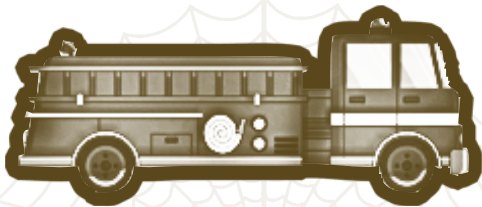
Popular Trick-or-Treat times generally are in the early evening. Sunset this Halloween will be at 6:40 PM. Carry a flashlight or extra light sticks if the group plans on being out past sundown. The Davie Police Department wishes everyone a safe and happy Halloween.

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Twitter and Facebook

 **facebook.** [www.facebook.com/DaviePolice](http://www.facebook.com/DaviePolice)

 **@DaviePolice**

## Southwest Ranches FIRE RESCUE



There is a new Assistant Fire Chief for Southwest Ranches, Chris Parrino, he is a Retired Chief Officer from Miami Beach Fire Rescue. He

comes to the Southwest Ranches Fire Rescue with Twenty-six years of experience in the fire service.

School is in session, please drive carefully as children are walking to and from bus stops in your neighborhood. There will be more vehicle traffic due to the children coming and going from school.

If your car is in a large body of water and sinking, the outside pressure against the doors and windows will only build. Once the vehicle is submerged, it will almost be impossible to open the doors and windows. Electric windows may not operate due to a short circuit. so,

try to open the doors and windows prior to the vehicle being completely submerged.

Be prepared, buy a combination tool that has a hammer and a knife blade. The hammer can be used to break glass and the knife blade can be used if the seat belt gets jammed. Keep the combination tool where it is secure and easy to obtain in the time of need. Make sure all family members are briefed on the location and proper operation on the use of the tool.

The Holiday Season is rapidly approaching. Keep in mind, to book the Santa run with your Southwest Ranches Fire Fighters and the fire truck "Big Red" So they can deliver your children's presents at your home. Also, "Big Red" can be used for all special events, weddings, birthday parties, reunions and more, for a donation. To schedule your Santa visit, you can contact Captain Bock or Fire Fighter Paramedic, Rosemary Gonzalez at 954-613-9404.

Stay Safe,  
Chief Lee Bennett

# TOWN HALL NEWS

## 9TH ANNUAL COUNTRY ROADS ARTS AND CRAFT FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 17, 2015, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Sunshine Ranches Equestrian Park  
5840 SW 148 Avenue, Southwest Ranches, FL 33330

If you would like to participate in our craft show, print this page, fill in the form below and mail with a check for the requested booth size to:

Country Roads Arts & Craft Festival  
c/o Town of Southwest Ranches  
13400 Griffin Road  
Southwest Ranches, FL 33330-2628  
ph/fax 954-434-0008 / 954-434-1490

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES**

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Crafts or Foods \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Circle Vendor Type: **Craft** **Food**

Booth size requested

Vendor Type:	Craft Fee	Food Fee
10 X 10	\$50.00	\$100.00
10 X 20	\$100.00	\$150.00
10 X 30	\$150.00	\$200.00

Please circle one of the above

Confirmation Needed:

**Yes / No** (If yes – please provide an email address to which confirmation may be sent.)

**Release Waiver:** I do hereby release, forever discharge, indemnify and hold harmless the Town of Southwest Ranches, its sponsors and the grounds from all manner of actions, suits, sums of money, damage, claims & demands from any loss or injury. Refunds will not be made. In the case of an emergency rescheduling necessity, the Town of Southwest Ranches will not be held responsible for any conflicts in exhibitors scheduling. Should acts of God, strikes, work stoppage or any other cause not within the control of Town of Southwest Ranches, it's officers & employees are jointly released from any and all claims that may arise in consequence thereof. In no event shall the Town of Southwest Ranches be liable for loss of profits, business or any other damage to exhibitor through cancellation for such causes. I have read and understood the rules and policies and agree to abide by them.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Applicant



# AROUND THE TOWN

## 5th ANNUAL SOUTHWEST RANCHES HOLIDAY FUN HORSE SHOW

Presented by: (Platinum Saddle Sponsor)

**KEITH M. POLIAKOFF, ESQ.**

Saturday, December 12, 2015

Sunshine Ranches Equestrian Park . 5840 Volunteer Road, Southwest Ranches, Florida 33330



### 2015 SOUTHWEST RANCHES HOLIDAY FUN HORSE SHOW SPONSORS

**"Title Sponsor"**

Platinum Saddle  
Keith M. Poliakoff, Esq.

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**"Awards Sponsor"**

Golden Saddle  
A Superior Towing Company, Inc.  
Florida Power & Light  
School of Rock—West Broward

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**"Horse Lover"**

Silver Saddle  
Grifs Western, Inc.

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**"Judges Choice"**

Winners Circle  
Stonegate Bank

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**"Country Style"**

Leather Bridle  
Southwest Ranches Parks Foundation

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**"Friend of the Show"**

Bronze Boot  
Health Source of Weston  
Publix  
The Hollingsworth Family

Join us for our 5th annual  
**HOLIDAY FUN HORSE SHOW**  
Trophies, ribbons and more!

Open to all competitors up to age 18,  
their families and the public...  
**AT NO CHARGE !**

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

English & Hunter, Cross Rails & Short Stirrups,  
Western, Speed and Fun Classes  
(limit 15 entries per class)

All levels welcome!  
Neat schooling attire or show clothes acceptable,  
safety helmets required

**The Southwest Ranches Holiday Fun  
Horse Show is an educational, FREE  
Equestrian event catering  
to youth riders 18 and under.**

FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE,  
MUSIC AND MORE...

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Print pre-registration form at:  
[www.southwestranches.org](http://www.southwestranches.org) and return to:  
Town Hall

13400 Griffin Road Southwest Ranches, FL 33330

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



## IN MEMORY OF *Joe Stewart*

The Town mourns the passing of longtime Rolling Oaks resident and U.S. Navy veteran Joseph H. Stewart. Mr. Stewart was born in Olathe, KS on February 21, 1924. He graduated from Naval Flight Training in 1944. After returning home, he became a commercial pilot, achieving Captain status at age 35. He remained based in Miami until his retirement in 1984. Later moving to Southwest Ranches, he married Laura Driskell in 2005. Mr. Stewart passed away peacefully at home on August 21, 2015, at age 91. He is survived by his wife Laura, his daughter Marsha Brentlinger, his sons Randy and Joel Stewart, their spouses, children, and grandchild, plus his sister Jean Thompson, and her family. His ashes will be interred in Arlington National Cemetery, VA in the spring of 2016. A brick is being placed at the Southwest Ranches Town Hall Flagpole in his memory.

## RAPIDNotify

"Mass Emergency Notification System"

### BE DISASTER AWARE

#### SIGN UP NOW

The Rapid Notify System can be used to warn you of possible hazards that could affect your health and safety. An alert could be sent in the event of a major emergency such as:

- Severe Weather Conditions
- Police Activity
- Evacuation
- Missing Person Alert
- Large Fire
- Notice
- Contaminated Water
- Chemical Spill

For FAQ's and to SIGN UP go to the towns web site: [www.southwestranches.org](http://www.southwestranches.org).

For additional information contact: Sandy Luongo at 954-343-7476 or

email: [Sluongo@southwestranches.org](mailto:Sluongo@southwestranches.org)

### TAKE ACTION TO PREPARE

**ATTENTION**



# AROUND THE TOWN



**GARAGE SALE IN THE PARK!**  
**Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> 8:00am – 2:00pm**  
 Sunshine Ranches Equestrian Park  
 5840 Volunteer Road, Southwest Ranches, Florida 33330



**FOR SOUTHWEST RANCHES RESIDENTS ONLY!**  
**TWO WAYS TO PARTICIPATE...**

Last year's venue provided a high concentration of buyer potential in a secure, accessible and festive environment for the entire family at the Equestrian Park. Those who want to participate in the "GARAGE SALE IN THE PARK" at the Equestrian Park must provide your own tent (optional), table, chairs etc. Resident setup will be 6:00 - 7:30AM, breakdown begins at 2:00PM. The Town will provide all advertising for this event. Please fill out the application, SIGN and mail to: Town Hall (13400 Griffin Road, Southwest Ranches, Florida 33330), email: ([Skutz@southwestranches.org](mailto:Skutz@southwestranches.org)) or fax: (954-434-1490) to the attention of Susan

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Please note that space is limited and subject to availability.

**(Please check) Yes, I will be participating at the EQUESTRIAN PARK on February 20, 2016**

- ✓ I understand that **I will not** be able to sell or provide food, beverages or water at this event to garage sale participants.
- ✓ I understand that **I must** enter the park **no later than 7:30AM** to set up and that **no vehicles will be granted access after 7:30 AM due to safety concerns for the general public.**

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

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

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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**(Please check) Yes, please place my address on the MAP for distribution on February 20, 2016**

- ✓ I will not be participating in the "GARAGE SALE IN THE PARK" but will be having a garage sale at my home on February 20, 2016. I would like to add my address to the map that will be distributed **at the Equestrian Park on the morning of February 20, 2016.**

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

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

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

*I further agree not to represent myself as an officer, agent or employee of the Town of Southwest Ranches and to acknowledge that I am voluntarily participating in this Town event, on my own time and outside the scope of my employment, and that I am not entitled to any Town stipend, or fringe benefit acknowledge that the Town will not be responsible or liable for any personal injury or property damage caused in whole or in part to or by my participation in the Garage Sale in the Park. I have read this Release and Wavier of liability form and fully understand its terms. I further understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing this form and have signed it freely and without any inducement or assurance of any nature and intend it to be a complete and unconditional release of any and all liability to the greatest extent permitted by law and agree that if any portion of this Release and Waiver is held to be invalid, the balance notwithstanding, shall continue in full legal force and effect.*



# AROUND THE TOWN

## Ride for the Ranches



### CLASSIC CAR SHOW & COUNTRY FAIR

Hosted by Rockin' Rich  
 ROLLING OAKS PARK  
 17630 SW 56th Street, SW RANCHES  
 SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2015  
 11:00 AM until 3 PM  
 REGISTER AT: SWRANCHESPARKS.ORG  
 \$20 ENTRY FEE; \$40 V.I.P.  
 ADMISSION TO PUBLIC IS FREE

**BENEFITING SW RANCHES PARKS FOUNDATION**

**SPONSORED BY**

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



OCTOBER				
M	T	W	T	F
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5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22nd - EARLY RELEASE DAY**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23rd - NO SCHOOL**

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



## THERE IS LIFE IN A DEAD TREE

Dead and dying trees, often thought of as dangerous or unsightly, are usually removed. When a tree poses little threat to human safety, allowing it to remain in place provides habitat. The

National Wildlife Federation defines a dead tree that is left in place to decompose naturally as a snag.

Habitat loss—due to destruction, fragmentation or degradation of habitat—is the primary threat to the survival of wildlife in the United States.

When an ecosystem has been dramatically changed by human activities—such as agriculture, oil and gas exploration, commercial development or water diversion—it may no longer be able to provide the food, water, cover, and places to raise young. Every day there are fewer places left that wildlife can call home.

Habitat destruction is the first of the three major kinds of habitat loss. Habitat destruction includes filling in wetlands, dredging rivers, mowing fields, and cutting down trees.

### What Southwest Ranches is Doing

Two dead sabal palm trees in the parking lot at Town Hall are being preserved as snags. The trees became stressed and did not survive transplant, dying slowly over a period of about a year. As part of regular maintenance, both

were slated for removal.

Staff noticed active use of one of the trees by eastern gray squirrels and woodpeckers. While a public parking lot is not an ideal spot for a snag, the dead palms provide an opportunity for the Town to highlight the usefulness of snags and to bring awareness to another thing that makes our wonderful community so unique. Many wildlife species depend on dead trees, without which they would disappear. With more land on our properties than in surrounding areas, Ranchers may be able to safely allow dead trees to remain for the use of wildlife species that depend on decaying wood. When a tree dies in a relatively safe area, possibly the most beneficial action is to take no action at all.



The Town's arborist monitors these snags on a daily basis, allowing them to remain in place while active use by wildlife is observable. Tree stakes, which would ordinarily have been removed within the first year of the trees being transplanted, will also be left in place to reduce risk of the trees falling.

For more information about what you can do to enhance habitat for wildlife, visit: <http://www.nwf.org/Home/How-to-Help/Garden-for-Wildlife.aspx>  
<http://wildlife/Gardening-Tips/Attracting-Wildlife-With-Dead-Trees.aspx>  
[http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r6/landmanagement/resourcemanagement/?cid=fsbdev2\\_026701](http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r6/landmanagement/resourcemanagement/?cid=fsbdev2_026701)



# AROUND THE TOWN

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



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

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

**Location:** Rolling Oaks Park, 17630 SW 56th St., SW Ranches. **Proof of Residency is required**

**SAT., OCTOBER 10  
8 AM - 2 PM**

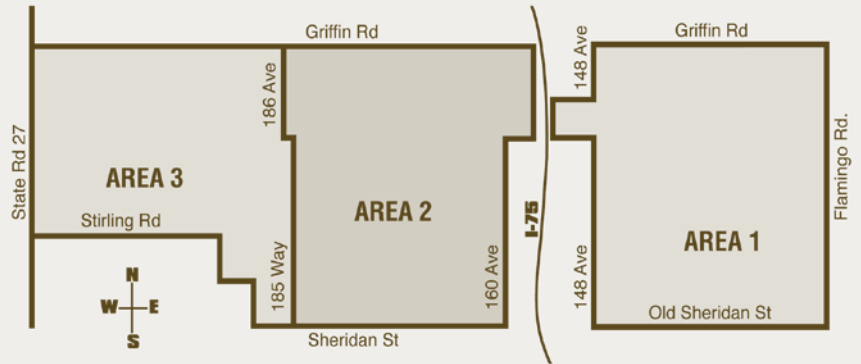
**SHRED-A-THON 10 AM - 2 PM  
(LIMIT 4 BOXES)**

**For more info 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



#### 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)
Oct 15	10/14/15 - 10/28/15	10/13/15 - 10/27/15	10/12/15 - 10/26/15
Nov 15	11/9/15 - 11/23/15	11/10/15 - 11/24/15	11/11/15 - 11/25/15

**RECYCLE** collection occurs once per week:

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

28 www.herald.com SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2000 BCD

## Southwest Ranches races

On July 25, Southwest Ranches voters will head to the polls to choose their first mayor and four Town Council members. We asked the eight council candidates and three mayoral candidates the following questions:

1. Name your top three priorities for your first term.
2. Should the town negotiate or take bids for other services such as building inspection and code enforcement?
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4. Why are you the candidate voters should prefer?

For a more complete story on election issues and the 11 candidates, see today's Broward Sunday section.

**ATTENTION ALL RESIDENTS AND HOA'S**

If you have ANY historical photos, documents or any type of memorabilia on the "HISTORY" of our town, please call Juanita (954) 343-7477

### MAYORAL CANDIDATES

**Vincent Falletta**

Age 70, retired from American World Airways.

1. Hiring an attorney and town manager to establish a strong foundation to build an effective administration without building levels of bureaucracy so that we have a strong and fair committee to prepare a districting

**Marcia Hill**

Age 52, retired from Broward County Clerk of Courts.

1. Hire an attorney to immediately seek and hire a town administrator to provide our council with fact-based proposals; establish working relationships with our hired town contractors as well as neighboring communities, healing the divisive rift

**Steven Leland**

Age 52, retired from Port Promotions Services.

1. Immediately seek and hire a town administrator to provide our council with fact-based proposals; establish working relationships with our hired town contractors as well as neighboring communities, healing the divisive rift

**LORI PARRISH**  
**BROWARD COUNTY**  
**PROPERTY APPRAISER**

BCPA STAFF WILL BE ASSISTING BROWARD RESIDENTS WITH HOMESTEAD, SENIOR AND OTHER EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS AT:

THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES  
13400 GRIFFIN RD

**2015 SCHEDULE:**  
Monday, August 17 & Monday, October 19  
11:30 AM—1:00 PM

TO APPLY FOR A HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION, YOU **MUST** HAVE COPIES OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

- FOR ALL APPLICANTS:**
- Florida Drivers License OR Florida I.D. Card; AND
  - Proof of Broward Voter Registration OR a Declaration of Domicile; AND
  - Social Security Number for all owners
- FOR RESIDENT ALIENS:**
- Permanent Resident "Green Card," or proof of asylum, or INS I-485 letter showing that application to convert to permanent resident status is complete.

The Senior Exemption requires at least one owner be 65 as of January 1, 2015 and the total household adjusted gross income not exceed \$28,448. (call for info on required documents)

For more information please contact the Outreach Department at 954.357.5579 or at njones@bcpa.net.



*Lori Parrish, CFA*  
Property Appraiser



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

# CALENDARS

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

S	M	T	W	T	F	S					
<b>October</b>											
				1	2	3					
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aster Knight Parks Foundation, Town Hall 7 pm</li> <li>• Country Estates Grace Baptist Church 19200 Griffin Rd - 7 pm</li> </ul>	5	6	7	8	<p>ROLLING OAKS EVENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Household Hazardous Waste 8 am - 2 pm</li> <li>• Waste Shred-A-Thon 10 am - 2 pm</li> </ul>					
11	 <p><b>COLUMBUS DAY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schools &amp; Ed. Advisory Board - Town Hall 7 pm</li> </ul> <p><b>AREA 1 BULK</b></p>	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rec., Forestry, &amp; Natural Resources Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm</li> </ul> <p><b>AREA 2 BULK</b></p>	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drainage: Infrastructure Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm</li> <li>• AARP Driver Safety Class Town Hall - 9 am</li> </ul> <p><b>AREA 3 BULK</b></p>	14	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 7 pm</li> <li>• Comprehensive Planning Advisory Board Meeting Town Hall 7 pm</li> </ul>	16	17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9th Annual Country Roads Arts &amp; Crafts Festival Sunshine Ranches Equestrian Park 10 am - 4 pm</li> </ul>
18	19	20	21	22	23	24					
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BCPA Services Town Hall 11:30 am - 1:00 pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rural Public Arts &amp; Design Advisory Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fire Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flow Mobile DMV Services - Town Hall 9:30 am - 2:30 pm</li> <li>• TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 7 pm</li> </ul>							
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# IN TOUCH

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### Elected Officials

Mayor Jeff Nelson	(954) 343-7472	jnelson@swranches.org
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Council Member Steve Breitreuz	(954) 343-7447	sbreitreuz@swranches.org
Council Member Doug McKay	(954) 343-7462	dmckay@swranches.org

### Town Staff

Town Administrator, Andy Berns	(954) 434-0008	aberns@swranches.org
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Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk, Russell Muñiz, MMC	(954) 434-0008	rmuniz@southwestranches.org
Records Coordinator, Ivette Solera	(954) 434-0008	isolera@southwestranches.org
Administrative Coordinator, Susan Kutz	(954) 434-0008	skutz@southwestranches.org
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Town Financial Administrator, Martin Sherwood, CPA, CGFO	(954) 434-0008	msherwood@southwestranches.org
Town Comptroller, Rich Strum	(954) 434-0008	rstrum@southwestranches.org
Town Attorney, Keith Poliakoff	(954) 434-0008	
Town Engineer, Clete Saunier, P.E.	(954) 434-0008	csaunier@southwestranches.org
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Community Services Coordinator, Emily McCord	(954) 343-7453	emccord@swranches.org
Parks, Recreation, Open Space Coordinator, December Lauretano-Haines, CPRP	(954) 343-7452	dlauretano@swranches.org
Accounting Clerk, Mara Semper	(954) 434-0008	msemper@southwestranches.org

### Planning, Zoning, Permitting & Certificate of Use

Building Department/Permitting	M-F 9:00 am - 4:00 pm	
Digna Regus	(954) 343-7445/Fax: (954) 434-1490	dregus@capfla.net
Dave Tringo, Building Director	(954) 888-9882/Cell: (954) 605-0127	dtringo@swranches.org
Planning M-F	M-F 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	
The Mellgren Planning Group	(954) 475-3070, ext 803	
Zoning & Permitting	(954) 434-0008	zoninginfo@swranches.org
Code Services, Inc.		

### Code Compliance:

Enforcement Director, Robert Solera	(954) 343-7440	rsolera@swranches.org
Code Enforcement Officer, Julio Medina	(954) 343-7458	jmedina@swranches.org
Administrative Coordinator, Yanni Marin	(954) 343-7459	ymarin@swranches.org

### Police/Fire/Rescue Services

<b>Emergency</b>	<b>911</b>	
CSA Bill Gallagher at Town Hall	8:30 am - 5 pm	(954) 693-8352
Non-Emergency		(954) 764-4357 (HELP)
Davie Police Department		(954) 693-8200
Davie Fire Rescue Station 112		(954) 680-0020
Southwest Ranches Volunteer Fire Rescue		(954) 343-7466

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

Paving, Potholes and Signs: Phillip Chorath	(954) 343-7453	pchorath@southwestranches.org
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### Waste/Bulk/Recycling Services (Residential & Commercial)

Southern Waste Systems, (SWS) LLC	(888) 800-7732	
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### Water Districts - Canals (Permits)

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

### Well and Septic

Broward County Health Department	(954) 467-4700, ext 4233	
Environmental Complaint Hotline, Broward County	(954) 831-1499	





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Please join us in celebrating  
the Town of Southwest Ranches  
**15TH BIRTHDAY**

**NOVEMBER 7TH, 2015**  
**11:00 AM ~ 3:00 PM**  
**AT THE ROLLING OAKS PARK**  
**17630 SW 56th Street**

**FOOD, MUSIC,  
GAMES AND MORE!**

**HALLOWEEN COSTUMES  
WORD SEARCH**

ANGEL	I	C	D	M	X	D	O	C	T	O	R	I	H	F	Z
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CAT	F	S	D	K	V	T	D	B	R	S	H	N	L	G	Q
COWBOY	R	D	J	L	G	A	M	S	U	T	Z	W	E	I	F
DOCTOR	O	W	S	P	Y	C	S	P	T	N	D	E	W	G	M
FIREFIGHTER	W	A	N	G	E	L	E	C	L	B	Q	L	X	M	D
GHOST	H	C	T	I	W	R	D	V	W	L	N	D	O	U	Z
GORILLA	S	I	K	C	H	C	C	R	E	T	S	N	O	M	O
MONSTER	L	S	E	E	Q	G	G	O	R	I	L	L	A	M	J
MUMMY	Q	R	R	E	T	H	G	I	F	E	R	I	F	Y	Z
PRINCESS	T	O	I	S	S	E	C	N	I	R	P	A	T	Y	Y
SUPERHERO	W	D	P	C	O	W	B	O	Y	R	F	K	Q	V	W
VAMPIRE	W	L	M	F	I	B	U	M	B	L	E	B	E	E	C
WEREWOLF	Q	U	A	Z	I	W	E	R	E	W	O	L	F	S	I
WITCH	Z	N	V	E	B	G	L	D	H	X	M	E	V	X	J