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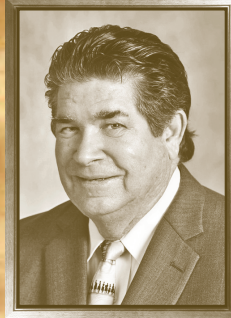
May 2020 HIGHLIGHTS

**BE SAFE...
BE CAREFUL**

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COVID-19 UPDATE



Mayor
Doug McKay

Dear Residents,

As we all have been following the developments surrounding the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic, I want you to be assured that the Town has been working with our State and County partners to get the latest information possible and resources needed to help protect the residents of Southwest Ranches. As the situation continues to evolve, we ask that you check 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 available.

What we all need to exercise now is faith and patience. Faith that we will get through this crisis. Faith in your elected and local leaders that we are all working in the best interests of protecting the public during an unprecedented time in American history. We also need to exercise patience. Patience to continue to comply with the Executive Orders issued to stay at home. Patience to deal with the long lines to enter stores to buy groceries, and the often time empty shelves we encounter when we enter. Lastly, patience with your fellow man and woman. Many people are stressed right now due to impacts this pandemic is having on our finances and our health. Take the time to understand that people may not "be themselves" right now and try to have a little bit more understanding and forgive minor transgressions. If we continue to stay united as a community and work towards helping one another rather than

fighting each other we will come out of this crisis and be even stronger.

The best way to deal with this crisis is to stay informed. Broward County, in partnership with the Florida Department of Health has established a COVID-19 Hotline where you can get information from 8 am to 6 pm seven days a week at 954-357-9500.

I do see reasons to be optimistic during this time. For one, the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 is still relatively low, as of this date it is less than .001 of the population in the State of Florida. Of people getting tested, and remember these are people who are mainly showing signs or meet other criteria, less than 15% are positive. Better testing methods are reducing the amount of time it takes to get results. As testing methodology improves, so will the ability for individuals to self-quarantine thereby minimizing exposure to others. It will also allow medical personnel to intervene sooner, when necessary, hopefully improving outcomes. Every day we are hearing about new companies stepping up to change their practices to provide different sorely needed products, such as masks, sanitizer, hospital beds, and ventilators. This will help critical shortages that we keep hearing about in the media. Also, new clinical trials are being approved by the FDA to hopefully find a vaccine in the near future. We need to "flatten the curve." I believe that the above advances will help do just that. Someday soon I hope to be able to shake your hand and speak to you in person.

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

Your Mayor,
Doug McKay





Vice Mayor
Dee Schroeder



Council Member
Bob Hartmann

To all our Friends and Family of Southwest Ranches, The Town of Southwest Ranches is doing our best to help slow down the spread of the COVID-19.

Town staff is doing a wonderful job in keeping us going. By closing the building to the public on March 18th, Council supported the Town Administrator in taking emergency action. This was in line with the County's action and other municipalities. Council and staff are here to do everything we can to keep you all safe. In order to keep us all safe, we are asking this of you: social distance yourself, wash your hands as often as you can, do not touch your face, except in your daily hygiene routine (showers or washing in the morning and night).

Hats off to all in Rolling Oaks- Madison and Kathy Sullivan have taken the reins again by sewing masks for all in need. We have so much to be thankful for just for living in our small but great Town, and knowing people like Kathy, Michael, Madison, Richard, Selena and Savannah Hodges, Jimmy and Richard O'Steen, Barbara and Lee Lester, Karen and Dean Parkerson, Bridget Debonis, Donna Snow, Bill Brinegar, just to name a few. I personally can't thank you enough just for being in our lives and all coming together at this critical time.

The Town Administrator has reached out to all the HOA's, Civic Associations, 345, and beyond to get a list of members. He had an issue with the President of Sunshine Ranches who declined to supply a list of the names and phone numbers of vulnerable residents so these people can be contacted by the Town to make sure they were okay or in need of something, and if the Town can do something to help in this time of COVID-19. People might not need anything, but a phone call goes a long way to let them know we care.

Please, check on everyone you know. If this concerns you please call the President of Sunshine Ranches HOA at 754-777-8706 or call the Vice President at 754-252-9244 so people can be contacted and asked if they need anything.

If you can't reach the President or Vice President, please call Mayor Doug McKay on his cell at: 954-274-6508 or contact any Council Member.

Cover your face, keep your distance, and remember to wash your hands. Stay safe, we love you all. God Bless America and the Town of Southwest Ranches.

Have patience be considerate and remember we're all in this together fighting this as one.

I am here for you,

Vice Mayor Dee Schroeder

The Town of Southwest Ranches is taking action to slow the spread of COVID-19 and amplify the messages, recommendations and preventative measures of the lead agencies. The town has been tasked with making exceedingly difficult decisions that are not taken lightly. Every decision that impacts our residents and businesses is being made to stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus and save lives.

The elected officials and the administration from the county, our neighboring cities, and town are in contact frequently to discuss the pandemic that we are all facing and to collaborate with each other on our path forward. We are all in this together and our top priority is the health and safety of our community.

On March 17, the town council supported an administrative order declaring a state of emergency, which allows the town to take steps to better prevent and respond to the impacts of COVID-19. This action is in concert with actions being taken by other jurisdictions, including the State of Florida, Broward County and recommendations from the Broward League of Cities.

I want you to know that your town is here for you and we are doing everything we can to help protect our community. To be successful, we all need to be personally responsible. Therefore, I'm asking you to be patient, mindful and selfless as we all continue to follow the guidelines from the CDC, the Florida Department of Health, Broward county and the town. While our police, fire rescue, public works, and other town staff members cannot stay at home, you can. They come to work for you, so please stay home for them.

Social distancing: over the past few weeks, you've probably heard the phrase uttered countless times—but it's for a good reason. Since COVID-19 began spreading in the United States, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has outlined ways for Americans to protect themselves, their families, and their community from this virus. While there is no vaccine to prevent COVID-19, the best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to it, and that's where social distancing comes into play.

Social distancing means remaining "out of congregate settings, avoiding mass gatherings, and maintaining distance from others when

possible," according to the CDC. In other words, stay home unless it's absolutely necessary to go out, and especially avoid places where close contact can occur. It is recommended to maintain a distance of at least 6 feet between yourself and others to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

This is uncharted territory for many in our community and across the nation but opting to stay home instead of going out can save lives. Even those thought to be at low risk for COVID-19 are encouraged by the CDC to practice self-isolation and social distancing. Not only can this protect you from getting sick, but it can also prevent you unknowingly spreading the illness to others if you have COVID-19 but aren't showing symptoms.

I know that there is a lot of anxiety about the virus. Already the virus has caused some of our neighbors to lose their jobs or interrupt their business as their places of business have shut down. This is really sudden and really hard, and our hearts go out to all of them.

We have some highly creative, spirited, people doing wonderful things in town and are not letting the Covid virus stop our sense of community. Here are some examples of their safe, community-oriented activities.

On Facebook group, Southwest Ranches Florida, Our Hometown, a generous neighbor, Louis Gregory, is offering to call you or help if you're a senior citizen, live alone, or have special needs and need assistance during this difficult time, your fellow neighbors might be able to help. To reach out, call 954-546-2599 for more details.

On Facebook group, Southwest Ranches & Nearby, another neighbor, Diana Hawes and a friend are organizing something like what Feed the Fight is doing for the DC area for our first responders. A list of local restaurants or restaurants that are owned by people in our community is being created. Suggestions, ideas, donations, and volunteers are needed.

Madison Sullivan is seeking volunteers to sew masks so that they can be donated to those in need. Kathy, her Mother, has a contact at the hospitals to accept the donation and sanitize the masks before deploying them. For the first round of masks, Bob and Judy Parker and Karen and Dean Parkerson cut the material. Keri Dane and Barbara and Lee Lester found elastic. Donna Snow, Billo Jolly, and Diana Hawes sewed the face coverings. Jessica Hartmann is cutting and sewing cloth covers too. Selena Hodges is sourcing sterile wrap, normally used to wrap surgical instruments, to create masks for healthcare provider use. This is truly a community effort for the good of us all. If you are interested in helping or need cloth masks, please respond to Kathy directly at kathysullivan18@gmail.com.

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On Sunday 4/5, there was a socially distant parade in Rolling Oaks organized by Diana Hawes and Kathy Sullivan. In preparation to start a new phase of their lives, Marie and Ken Berry had yard sales, emptied their house, and sold it before the virus and its consequences surged in Florida. To wish the Berry's a fond farewell, members of the community made signs and with Tim Sullivan's firetruck leading the vehicle parade, drove past their home waving signs, shouting farewells and expressing sentiments of love and friendship. Following Tim were Kathy, Richard and the Sullivan Family,

Jerry, Diana, and the Hawes Family, Elizabeth and Bill Brinegar, Debra Goff-Rose, Keri Drane and her family, Bridgett DeBonis, Barbara and Lee Lester, Selena and Savannah Hodges, Jimmy and Richard O'steen, Kathy Jablonski, Katy and Werner Braun, Sarah and Jamie Calderbank, Karen and Dean Parkerson, and Ryan Cherveney, at safe distance to keep themselves and the Berry's protected from exposure. The Berry's thanked all who participated in this beautiful, responsible, socially distant farewell parade.

Although this is a daunting time, together, we will prevail. Now more than ever, we must stay together as a community as have the neighbors mentioned above. We must do all we can to help with social distancing to protect our loved ones that may be in danger.

Be safe, be compassionate, stay connected to your family and friends through digital means, and, most importantly, help one another. Let's all work together to help stop the spread of this virus. We will get through this together.



PETS...

Many pet-owners have expressed concern over whether or not coronavirus (or COVID-19) can impact or be carried by dogs, cats and other pets or wild animals. Here is some helpful information.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) AND YOUR PETS

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the World Health Organization, and the World Small Animal Veterinary Association—an association representing more than 200,000 veterinarians—The first case of an animal testing positive for the virus in the United States was a Tiger that had a respiratory illness at a zoo in New York City. We do not have evidence that companion animals including pets can spread COVID-19 to people or that they might be a source of infection in the United States.

Broward County Animal Care and Adoption joins the Humane Society of the United States and The Association for Animal Welfare Advancement in suggesting community members create a preparedness plan that includes their pets in the event community is impacted by the Coronavirus. Individuals with pets should identify family members or friends to care for pets if someone in the household comes ill and is hospitalized.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO AS A PET PARENT

RIGHT NOW:

- *As with any uncertain event, take some time NOW to make plans and prepare your pet,*
- *Designate a trusted pet caregiver! Have a plan in place for your pet in case you or someone in your family becomes ill or is hospitalized.*
- *Arrange with family, friends, co-workers or neighbors to care for your pet while you are in the hospital.*
- *Research potential boarding facilities in your area to utilize in the event boarding your pet becomes necessary.*
- *All animal vaccines should be up to date in the event boarding becomes necessary.*
- *Have crates, food, water and extra supplies for your pet on hand in case moving them becomes necessary or if the disease spreads in the community and it becomes necessary to reduce social exposure.*
- *If you have a cat, have extra litter on hand.*
- *If your pet is on medication, ask your veterinarian for an extra supply in case you cannot drive to the veterinary clinic.*
- *Ensure all medications are documented with dosages and administering instructions. Including the prescription from the prescribing veterinarian is also helpful.*
- *Pets should have identification including a collar with current identification tags and a registered microchip.*
- *If you do not have a yard, be sure to have extra cleaning products and newspaper/puppy pads on hand if you cannot leave your home to walk your dog. DO NOT BRING YOUR PET TO*

THE SHELTER!

IF YOU BECOME SICK:

- *Avoid close contact with your pets.*
- *Wash your hands BEFORE and AFTER touching or feeding your pets.*
- *DO NOT snuggle or kiss your pets or let them sleep on the bed or lie on the couch with you.*
- *DO NOT cough or sneeze on your dog or cat.*
- *DO NOT let your pets have contact with other animals or people.*
- *If you are hospitalized, move forward with the plans you made for your pets by ensuring that your designated caregiver has been notified and is taking care of them. DO NOT HAVE YOUR PETS BROUGHT TO THE SHELTER!*

For more information about animal care and safety, visit Broward.org/Animal.

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>

AROUND THE TOWN

Why We Ask

The 2020 Census is easy. The questions are simple.

Responses to census questions provide a snapshot of the nation. Census results affect your voice in government, how much funding your community receives, and how your community plans for the future.

When you fill out the census, you help:



Determine how many seats your state gets in Congress.



Inform how more than \$675 billion in federal funding is distributed to states and communities each year.



Create jobs, provide housing, prepare for emergencies, and build schools, roads and hospitals.

The 2020 Census will ask for the following information:

Number of people at address

We ask this question to collect an accurate count of the number of people at each address on Census Day, April 1, 2020. Each decade, census results determine how many seats your state gets in Congress. State and local officials use census counts to draw boundaries for congressional districts, state legislative districts, and school districts.

Any additional people living or staying there

Our goal is to count people once, only once, and in the right place according to where they live on Census Day. Keeping this goal in mind, we ask this question to ensure that everyone living at an address is counted.

Owner/Renter

We ask about whether a home is owned or rented to create statistics about homeownership and renters. Homeownership rates serve as an indicator of the nation's economy and help in administering housing programs and informing planning decisions.

Phone number

We ask for a phone number in case we need to contact you. We will never share your number and will only contact you if needed for official Census Bureau business.

Name

We ask for names to ensure everyone in the household is counted. This also helps us to keep ancestry records. Listing the name of each person in the household helps respondents include all members, particularly in large households where a respondent may forget who was counted and who was not.

Sex

We ask about the sex of each person to create statistics about males and females. Census data about sex is used in planning and funding government programs, and in evaluating other government programs and policies to ensure they fairly and equitably serve the needs of males and females. These statistics are also used to enforce laws, regulations, and policies against discrimination in government programs and in society.

Age and date of birth

We ask about age and date of birth to understand the size and characteristics of different age groups and to present other data by age. Local, state, tribal, and federal agencies use age data to plan and fund government programs that provide assistance or services for specific age groups, such as children, working-age adults, women of childbearing age, or the older population. These statistics also help enforce laws, regulations, and policies against age discrimination in government programs and in society.

Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin

We ask about whether a person is of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin to create statistics about this ethnic group. The data collected in this question is needed by federal agencies to monitor compliance with anti-discrimination provisions, such as the Voting Rights Act and the Civil Rights Act.

Race

We ask about a person's race to create statistics about race and to present other statistics by race groups. The data collected in this question is needed by federal agencies to monitor compliance with anti-discrimination provisions, such as the Voting Rights Act and the Civil Rights Act.

Whether a person lives or stays somewhere else

Our goal is to count people once, only once, and in the right place according to where they live on Census Day. Keeping this goal in mind, we ask this question to ensure individuals are not included at multiple addresses.

Relationship

We ask about the relationship of each person in a household to one central person to create estimates about families, households, and other groups. Relationship data is used in planning and funding government programs that provide funds or services for families, people living or raising children alone, grandparents living with grandchildren, or other households that qualify for additional assistance.

For more information, visit:
2020CENSUS.GOV

Shape your future
START HERE >

United States
Census
2020

BE AWARE

Residents, please be vigilant and lock your car doors... We have had some car burglaries in our area. BE SAFE, make sure you don't leave anything in your car that you don't want stolen!

Household HAZARDOUS WASTE Disposal Days

May 9th Event is Cancelled



CERTIFIED WILDLIFE HABITAT

YOUR SOUTHWEST RANCHES TREE CANOPY

SLASH PINE (*Pinus Elliottii*)



Slash pine is a great native and a perfect specimen for reforestation projects. The species overall tolerates wet flatwoods, swampy areas, shallow pond edges, and nutrient-poor low, sandy soils. These tall, evergreen trees form an open, rounded canopy creating light shade, allowing enough sun to filter through for maintenance of a lawn beneath, or for underplantings of small trees and plants that thrive in shifting shade. South Florida Slash Pine is a variety of the species. *Pinus elliottii* var. *densa*, the famous "Dade County Pine" of hardwood fame, thrives from the Florida Keys to central Florida. Development continues to remove these but nurseries are growing it to be replanted in the landscape in USDA hardiness zones 9, 10, and 11. Our local variety grows slower than it's northern cousins, reaching about 40 feet tall with a rounded crown in 30-years. Becoming more popular as people begin to appreciate the value of beneficial natives, slash pine is often planted in groups to create a natural-like setting. It is not suited for use as a screen due to its open growth habit. Set your slash pine back from the driveway, sidewalk, pool or roof to avoid picking up needles that fall all during the year. Pines are gymnosperms, which means their seed is in the form of cones. These cones are an excellent source of food for squirrels, as well as wild turkey.

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

Hunter Trontz ~ March 2nd

Bill Green ~ April 7th

Judi Parker ~ April 8th

Sami Schroeder ~ April 17th



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

AROUND THE TOWN



CONTACT YOUR PETS VET...

Throughout this time lets be prepared and not forget about our best friends. Whether it is our horses, dogs, cats, birds etc., please contact your Vet's office and see how they are handling the office hours and of course in case of emergency where to go and what number to call.

Also keep in mind we do not know how long the order to stay at home will be issued for, so if your pet needs special food or medication, try to order in advance before running out.



TALKIN' TRASH

RESIDENTS...

THERE ARE NO CHANGES TO WASTE SERVICES PLEASE CONTINUE TO PUT OUT YOUR GARBAGE, RECYCLE AND BULK ON YOUR SCHEDULED DAYS.



TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FL Council Adopted Budget Calendar for FY 2020-2021

Monday, February 03, 2020	Town Financial Administrator meets with Town Administrator for General Direction
Thursday, February 13, 2020	Memo to Town Council- Proposed Budget Calendar for FY 2020-2021 presented at regular Council meeting
Tuesday, February 18, 2020	Budget Kick-Off with Department Heads and Staff/Advisory Bd Liaisons
March 9th to May 22nd, 2020	Town Administrator and Town Financial Administrator to meet individually with Town Council members to obtain policy direction
Monday, March 09, 2020	Department Descriptions, Accomplishments, Goals and Objectives Due from Department Heads
Monday, March 16, 2020	Departmental and Advisory Boards Capital Improvement (> \$24,999) and Program Modification Requests Due
Monday, March 23, 2020	Departmental and Advisory Boards operating and capital outlay (\$1,000 but < \$25,000) requests and justification due
Friday, April 03, 2020	Department Revenue Estimates Due from Department Heads
Wednesday, April 08, 2020	Departmental Meetings (9:30-11:00 am; 1:00-2:30PM; 3:00-4:30PM)
Thursday, April 09, 2020	Departmental Meetings (9:30-11:00 am; 1:00-2:30PM; 3:00-4:30PM)
Friday, April 10, 2020	Departmental Meetings (9:30-11:00 am; 1:00-2:30PM; 3:00-4:30PM)
Friday, May 15, 2020	Town Financial Administrator meets with Town Administrator and Town Attorney (preliminary condition assessment/recommendations/modifications) - post council direction
Monday, May 18, 2020 to ongoing	Draft Proposed FY 2020-2021 Departmental Sectional worksheets Distributed
Monday, June 01, 2020	Estimated Tax roll information available from Property Appraiser
Monday, June 01, 2020	Comments/Corrections Due on Draft-Administrators/Attorney/Departments
Wednesday, July 01, 2020	Certified Taxable Values Received from Property Appraiser
Monday, July 13, 2020	Final Proposed Budget finished, printing begins & distribution commences
Thursday, July 23, 2020	TBD: First Budget Hearing for Broward County School Board
Thursday, July 30, 2020	TBD: Preliminary Millage Rate and Initial FY 2020-2021 Fire Protection and Solid Waste (SW) special assessment Adoption at July Regular Council Meeting (all via resolutions)
Tuesday, August 04, 2020	Deadline to send the Preliminary Millage Rate and Initial FY 2020-2021 Fire Protection and SW special assessment to the Broward County Property Appraiser Office and the Broward County Treasury Division
Tuesday, August 18, 2020	Budget Workshop on Proposed Budget (7 PM)- Mayor and Town Council (Community Invited)
On or prior to August 21, 2020	TBD: Notice for First Public Hearing through TRIM notice sent by Property Appraisers' office
On or prior to August 25, 2020	TBD: Town advertises its non-ad valorem Special Assessments. Advertisement must run at least 20 days prior to final public hearing for assessment adoption
Thursday, August 27, 2020	August regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 09, 2020	TBD: Second Budget Hearing for Broward County School Board
Thursday, September 10, 2020	TBD: First Budget Hearing for Broward County Government
Monday, September 14, 2020	TBD: First Public Hearing for Tentative Millage and Budget Adoption introduced for FY 2020-2021 (via ordinances). Final Fire Protection and SW special assessment Adoption (via resolutions) @ 6:00PM. September Regular Council meeting @ 7:30PM
Tuesday, September 15, 2020	Deadline to send the adopted Final Fire Protection and SW special assessment to the Broward County Property Appraiser Office and the Broward County Treasury Division
Tuesday, September 15, 2020	Deadline for Newspaper advertisement submission
Saturday, September 19, 2020	First Date: advertisement can run for second public hearing
Tuesday, September 22, 2020	Last Date: advertisement can run for second public hearing
Tuesday, September 22, 2020	TBD: Second Budget Hearing for Broward County Government
Thursday, September 24, 2020	TBD: Second Public Hearing for Final Millage and Budget Adoption (via ordinances) @ 6:00 PM. September Regular Council meeting @ 7:00PM

ATTENTION Social Media Student Experts!

• Are you a SWR Resident in high school or attending college?

• Are you savvy with social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube?

• Are you interested in receiving much needed volunteer hours?

• Are you interested in making a difference in your community?



If the answer to all of these questions is yes, then we have a great opportunity for you. The Town is currently seeking a social media/public information intern to assist the Town with its outreach efforts. If you are interested or have any questions please contact **Assistant Town Administrator Russell Muniz** at (954) 434-0008 or rmuniz@southwestranches.org.

Happy Mother's Day

AROUND THE TOWN

Town Action Plan for COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

Town is closely monitoring developments related to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak.

We are following protocols established by the Florida Department of Health.

Town sponsored events including the Town's 20th Birthday party has been postponed until further notice. All Advisory Boards and Community Outreach Meetings are cancelled until further notice.

We urge all residents to monitor developments on the action plan by visiting the Town website and our social media accounts on Facebook and Twitter.

If you have symptoms that you suspect might be COVID-19 (Coronavirus) please contact the Florida Department of Health at 954-412-7300 prior to visiting your health care provider. Remember to advise your health care provider that you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 when you make an appointment.

A Message From Davie Fire Chief



As we all are living through these challenging times, the goal for each one of us is to stay healthy and remain safe. Frequent hand washing, social distancing, and staying away from those most vulnerable are the keys to protecting all of us from COVID-19.

While this pandemic is in the forefront for most, we can't forget how many people are seriously injured and killed every year from fire and other accidents. With all our efforts focused on the coronavirus, many forgot to change their batteries in their smoke detectors last month when we changed our clocks. A properly functioning smoke detector is one of the most important safety measures you can have to protect your family from fire. Additionally, with all the time

we have on our hands, many people are taking on household projects. Please be careful using power tools and working with tools and materials they may not be familiar with. Lastly, this pandemic does not excuse any of us from being alert to the signs and symptoms of a stroke or heart attack. If someone is exhibiting any signs or has been seriously injured, you must still call 9-1-1.

Time is critical!

As the Fire Chief of Davie Fire Rescue providing services to the SWR residents, I am charged with keeping you and the entire communities we serve safe. Please continue to follow the recommendations of our leaders and healthcare professionals. Together, we will get through this. The men and women of Davie Fire Rescue are well trained, prepared, and equipped to manage this emergency as well as any other emergency that may occur.

Stay healthy and stay safe!

Julie Downey
-Fire Chief

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** will be picked up and the vendor will bill the resident the additional yardage at the rate of **\$17.50 per the cubic yard.**

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

www.southwestbranches.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 Town's web site www.southwestbranches.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@southwestbranches.org

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

Steps to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 if you are sick

FOLLOW THE STEPS BELOW: If you are sick with COVID-19 or think you might have it, follow the steps below to help protect other people in your home and community.

Stay home except to get medical care

- **Stay home:** People who are mildly ill with COVID-19 are able to recover at home. Do not leave, except to get medical care. Do not visit public areas.
- **Stay in touch with your doctor.** Call before you get medical care. Be sure to get care if you feel worse or you think it is an emergency.
- **Avoid public transportation:** Avoid using public transportation, ride-sharing, or taxis.



Separate yourself from other people in your home, this is known as home isolation

- **Stay away from others:** As much as possible, you should stay in a specific "sick room" and away from other people in your home. Use a separate bathroom, if available.
- **Limit contact with pets & animals:** You should restrict contact with pets and other animals, just like you would around other people.
 - Although there have not been reports of pets or other animals becoming sick with COVID-19, it is still recommended that people with the virus limit contact with animals until more information is known.
 - When possible, have another member of your household care for your animals while you are sick with COVID-19. If you must care for your pet or be around animals while you are sick, wash your hands before and after you interact with them. See COVID-19 and Animals for more information.



Call ahead before visiting your doctor

- **Call ahead:** If you have a medical appointment, call your doctor's office or emergency department, and tell them you have or may have COVID-19. This will help the office protect themselves and other patients.



Wear a facemask if you are sick

- **If you are sick:** You should wear a facemask when you are around other people and before you enter a healthcare provider's office.
- **If you are caring for others:** If the person who is sick is not able to wear a facemask (for example, because it causes trouble breathing), then people who live in the home should stay in a different room. When caregivers enter the room of the sick person, they should wear a facemask. Visitors, other than caregivers, are not recommended.



Cover your coughs and sneezes

- **Cover:** Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- **Dispose:** Throw used tissues in a lined trash can.
- **Wash hands:** Immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.



Clean your hands often

- **Wash hands:** Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. This is especially important after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food.
- **Hand sanitizer:** If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, covering all surfaces of your hands and rubbing them together until they feel dry.
- **Soap and water:** Soap and water are the best option, especially if hands are visibly dirty.
- **Avoid touching:** Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.



Avoid sharing personal household items

- **Do not share:** Do not share dishes, drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, towels, or bedding with other people in your home.
- **Wash thoroughly after use:** After using these items, wash them thoroughly with soap and water or put in the dishwasher.



Clean all "high-touch" surfaces everyday

- Clean high-touch surfaces in your isolation area ("sick room" and bathroom) every day; let a caregiver clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces in other areas of the home.
- **Clean and disinfect:** Routinely clean high-touch surfaces in your "sick room" and bathroom. Let someone else clean and disinfect surfaces in common areas, but not your bedroom and bathroom.
 - If a caregiver or other person needs to clean and disinfect a sick person's bedroom or bathroom, they should do so on an as-needed basis. The caregiver/other person should wear a mask and wait as long as possible after the sick person has used the bathroom.
 - High-touch surfaces include phones, remote controls, counters, tabletops, doorknobs, bathroom fixtures, toilets, keyboards, tablets, and bedside tables.
 - **Clean and disinfect areas that may have blood, stool, or body fluids on them.**
 - **Household cleaners and disinfectants:** Clean the area or item with soap and water or another detergent if it is dirty. Then, use a household disinfectant.
 - Be sure to follow the instructions on the label to ensure safe and effective use of the product. Many products recommend keeping the surface wet for several minutes to ensure germs are killed. Many also recommend precautions such as wearing gloves and making sure you have good ventilation during use of the product.
 - Most EPA-registered household disinfectants should be effective. A full list of disinfectants can be found here: [external icon](#).



In all cases, follow the guidance of your healthcare provider and local health department. The decision to stop home isolation should be made in consultation with your healthcare provider and state and local health departments. Local decisions depend on local circumstances.

Monitor your symptoms

- **Seek medical attention, but call first:** Seek medical care right away if your illness is worsening (for example, if you have difficulty breathing).
 - **Call your doctor before going in:** Before going to the doctor's office or emergency room, call ahead and tell them your symptoms. They will tell you what to do.
- **Wear a facemask:** If possible, put on a facemask before you enter the building. If you can't put on a facemask, try to keep a safe distance from other people (at least 6 feet away). This will help protect the people in the office or waiting room.
- **Follow care instructions from your healthcare provider and local health department:** Your local health authorities will give instructions on checking your symptoms and reporting information.



If you develop **emergency warning signs** for COVID-19 get **medical attention immediately**.

Emergency warning signs include*:

- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion or inability to arouse
- Bluish lips or face

*This list is not all inclusive. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning.

Call 911 if you have a medical emergency: If you have a medical emergency and need to call 911, notify the operator that you have or think you might have, COVID-19. If possible, put on a facemask before medical help arrives.

How to discontinue home isolation

- **People with COVID-19 who have stayed home (home isolated)** can stop home isolation under the following conditions:
 - **If you will not have a test** to determine if you are still contagious, you can leave home after these three things have happened:
 - You have had no fever for at least 72 hours (that is three full days of no fever without the use of medicine that reduces fevers) AND
 - other symptoms have improved (for example, when your cough or shortness of breath have improved) AND
 - at least 7 days have passed since your symptoms first appeared
 - **If you will be tested** to determine if you are still contagious, you can leave home after these three things have happened:
 - You no longer have a fever (without the use of medicine that reduces fevers) AND
 - other symptoms have improved (for example, when your cough or shortness of breath have improved) AND
 - you received two negative tests in a row, 24 hours apart. Your doctor will follow CDC guidelines.



More information is available [here](#).

Additional information for healthcare providers: [Interim Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Persons Under Investigation for 2019 Novel Coronavirus](#).



cdc.gov/COVID19

AROUND THE TOWN

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

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.



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.

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
- INCLEMENT WEATHER WARNINGS
- EVACUATION NOTICES
- SHELTER IN PLACE/LOCKDOWNS
- BOIL WATER ADVISORIES
- 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.



The Town has created its own official Youtube Channel and will feature:

- Town Council meetings
- Town events and other appropriate content.

Additionally, we established a Twitter account: @SWR_Gov that will be used to provide:

- Quick notifications to "followers" of the Town's account
- Emergency management issues
- Scheduled Town events

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER



twitter



You Tube

AROUND THE TOWN

RESIDENTS...

The following Town services have been postponed until further notice...

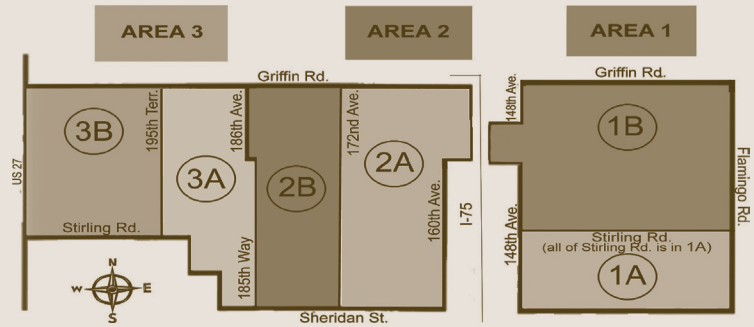
- Mini Flow - DMV Florida Licensing on Wheels
- Broward County Property Appraiser Office
- Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Event
- The Mobile Office of Senator Marco Rubio
- Military Families Drop Off (at Town Hall)



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
May 2020	3-A	5/06 - 5/20	2-A	5/05 - 5/19	1-A	5/04 - 5/18
	3-B	5/13 - 5/27	2-B	5/12 - 5/26	1-B	5/11 - 5/25
June 2020	3-A	6/3 - 6/17	2-A	6/02 - 6/16 - 6/30	1-A	6/01 - 6/15 - 6/29
	3-B	6/10 - 6/24	2-B	6/09 - 6/23	1-B	6/08 - 6/22

RESIDENTS, Please note:

THERE ARE NO CHANGES TO YOUR WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES, PLEASE CONTINUE YOUR SCHEDULED SERVICE DATES.



Southwest Ranches FIRE RESCUE

Some things have changed for all of us on how we conduct our business because of the COVID-19 pandemic. At the start of each shift at the Fire Station, we now enter through one door. All personnel's temperature is checked (3 times during a 24 hour shift) and are asked about their medical condition. We leave our work boots on the fire apparatus and wear a mask inside the station in open areas. Furthermore, we disinfect the station and all fire apparatus. We do this to protect each other and the public we serve.

I have noticed many of our residents walking, jogging, riding bicycles and walking their dogs. It is very dark out and hard to see you and your pet. Wearing a reflective vest, reflective clothing and some type of light would really help our drivers see you and your pet.

DO YOUR PART TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF COVID-19.

- Avoid social gatherings of more than 10 people.
- The recommended guidelines to wash your hands is for a minimum of 20 seconds. Rushing the process can result in cross contamination.
- The CDC recommends that you distance yourself at least 6 feet between yourself and others.

The USA is strong and we will get through this but everyone must do their part.

Stay safe,
Fire Chief, Lee Bennett

Happy Mother's Day

* 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	2	
May	3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo • VIRTUAL CODE HEARING - 9:00am See Town's website for more information AREA 2A BULK	6	7	8	9
	AREA 1A BULK		AREA 3A BULK				
Happy Mother's Day	10	11	12	13	14	15	16 ARMED FORCES DAY
	AREA 1B BULK	AREA 2B BULK	AREA 3B BULK		• VIRTUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 7 pm See Town's website for more information		
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	AREA 1A BULK	AREA 2A BULK	AREA 3A BULK				
24/31	25 MEMORIAL DAY • TOWN HALL CLOSED AREA 1B BULK	26	27	28	29	30	
	AREA 2B BULK	AREA 3B BULK	• VIRTUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 7 pm See Town's website for more information				

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

	1	2	3	4	5	6	
	AREA 1A BULK	• VIRTUAL CODE HEARING - 9:00am See Town's website for more information AREA 2A BULK	AREA 3A BULK				
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
AREA 1B BULK	AREA 2B BULK	AREA 3B BULK		• VIRTUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 7 pm See Town's website for more information			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
AREA 1A BULK	AREA 2A BULK	AREA 3A BULK					
June	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	AREA 1B BULK	AREA 2B BULK	AREA 3B BULK	• VIRTUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 7 pm See Town's website for more information			
28	29	30	31				
AREA 1A BULK	AREA 2A BULK	AREA 3A BULK					

IN TOUCH

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

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TOWN SERVICES

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

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Marisol Tammero, <i>Permit Technician</i>	(954) 343-7445	mtammero@capfla.com
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Jeff Katims	(954) 435-3070	jeff@floridaplanning.net
CODE, ZONING, and PERMITTING	(954) 343-7440	zoninginfo@southwestranches.org

Code Enforcement Hotline

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Marlon Gonzalez, <i>Code Enforcement Officer</i>	(954) 343-7457	mgonzalez@swranches.org

WASTE/BULK/RECYCLING SERVICES (Residential & Commercial)

Waste Pro	(954) 967-4200
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REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKERS – Chief Bennett

MOSQUITO CONTROL	(954) 868-2057	lbennett@southwestranches.org
LOST AND FOUND ANIMALS	(954) 765-4062	Facebook@SWRVFRLostandFoundAnimals
	(754) 224-0877	

PUBLIC SAFETY

EMERGENCY

Non-Emergency

Davie Police Department

Jeff Hobales, *Detective*

Tim Weimann, *Police Services Coordinator*

Davie Fire Rescue Station 112

Volunteer Fire Rescue - Chief Bennett

TRAFFIC AND ROADWAY SERVICES

Potholes and Signs Down - Philip Chorath

911

(954) 764-4357 (HELP)

(954) 693-8200

(954) 693-8293

(954) 693-8352

(954) 680-0020

(954) 868-2057

jeffrey_hobales@davie-fl.gov
tweimann@southwestranches.org

(954) 343-7441

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OTHER

WATER DISTRICTS - CANALS

Central Broward Water Control District

East of SW 148 Avenue (Volunteer)

South Broward Drainage District

West of SW 148 Avenue (Volunteer)

(954) 432-5110

www.centralbrowardwcd.org

(954) 680-3337

www.sbddd.org



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10 ways to manage respiratory symptoms at home

If you have fever, cough, or shortness of breath, call your healthcare provider. They may tell you to manage your care from home. Follow these tips:

1. **Stay home** from work, school, and away from other public places. If you must go out, avoid using any kind of public transportation, ridesharing, or taxis.



5. For medical emergencies, call 911 and **notify the dispatch personnel** that you have or may have COVID-19.



8. As much as possible, **stay** in a specific room and **away from other people** in your home. Also, you should use a separate bathroom, if available. If you need to be around other people in or outside of the home, wear a facemask.



2. **Monitor your symptoms** carefully. If your symptoms get worse, call your healthcare provider immediately.



6. **Cover your cough and sneezes.**



9. **Avoid sharing personal items** with other people in your household, like dishes, towels, and bedding.



3. **Get rest and stay hydrated.**



7. **Wash your hands often** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.



10. **Clean all surfaces** that are touched often, like counters, tabletops, and doorknobs. Use household cleaning sprays or wipes according to the label instructions.



4. If you have a medical appointment, **call the healthcare provider** ahead of time and tell them that you have or may have COVID-19.



For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19
<https://tinyurl.com/u7oyx4s>