

SOUTHWEST RANCHER

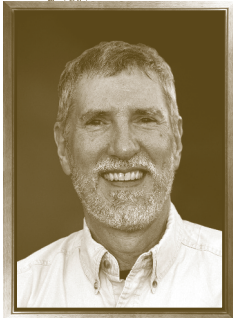
The Official Newsletter of Southwest Ranches

December 2020 HIGHLIGHTS



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**Mayor
Steve
Breitkreuz**

Dear Residents, Well, if nothing else, certainly 2020 was not the year that we expected! It has had major twists and turns with plenty of surprises. (Many of which we might have wanted to avoid) However, we have made it to the December and we are still able to celebrate so I urge you to be safe and cautious but still enjoy the season with family and friends. Continuing the traditions as best you can, given the current circumstances. But I urge you to take time to enjoy these holidays after a very difficult year.

This is my first article after being elected Mayor. This is an honor that I am very thankful for. It is also a position that I take very seriously. I am very appreciative of the trust that you have placed in me. I believe that government works best when there is a free exchange of ideas between your elected officials and each of the residents. I am always available to you. My phone number is (954) 296-6018. If there is an issue that the Town needs to address, please feel free to contact the Town or call me directly. We are in this Town together and I look forward to working with you through any challenges that might come our way.

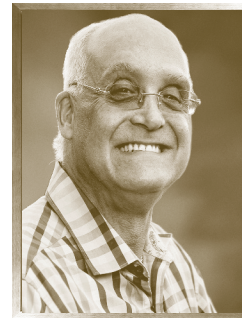
The vision that I have for our Town is that it must be rural. Those farmers and ranchers in our Town need to be protected.

Every resident should have the benefit of open spaces and dark skies. Taxes should remain as low as possible. Fees, including fire fees and building fees, must be fair. And the protection of our rural lifestyle is paramount. That means that the sounds of animals in the morning are part of who we are. That means that any new development should have the space for a barn and animals. That means that we nail these things down ahead of time so that any developers that wish to work in our Town know up front that the Ranches is different and the Ranches will protect it's open space. The impact of government on how we live our lives needs to be minimized. The encroachment of urban South Florida needs to be repelled. The definition of the rural lifestyle varies slightly person to person. But these elements we have in common and this is what I am committed to protecting.

I do want to thank those who came before me and have recently left office. They each put their stamp on this Town in their own unique way. They each gave freely of their time and effort. They each believed strongly in this Town. So, I appreciate all of their efforts. They are Ranchers who gave to our Town when they were called upon. So, I pass on the thanks of our Town to each of them.

Have a safe holiday season and whatever your traditions, however you choose to celebrate this season, do it safely and respectfully for all those around you. We are one community and we are best when we stand together.

Your Mayor,
Steve Breitkreuz



**Council Member
David
Kuczenski**

Howdy Folks, I want to begin by wishing everyone a happy holiday for your respective religion. When I was called with the election results on November 3rd, I cannot tell you how honored I am to be worthy of your vote to serve as your Council Member for the next four years. I thank Sonia and Leonor for encouraging me and understanding the commitments to the cause. I thank all our neighbors who called or texted me with suggestions, pulled me aside for advice or walked door to door promoting the Keep It Rural campaign. For the next Four years, I hope those who did not vote for me find my efforts fighting to keep our Town rural for our fellow residents worthy of your support. The Town of Southwest Ranches is your town. While everyone has busy lives, I ask that you take a little time out of your schedules to give a little back to your Town. I've attended many HOA meetings (not just Sunshine Ranches) and advisory board meetings and learned about what is affecting our neighbors. We have an amazingly diverse Town, and it is our diversity that makes us special. We all had the ability to call this wonderful place our home. During my time with Sunshine Ranches, I have had a reputation of being accessible. I have welcomed calls from residents to discuss issues that concern



them. Now that you have entrusted me to serve all residents from Flamingo to US 27, from Griffin to Sheridan, if you call me, I will return your call. Covid has forced us to allow attendance at meetings without personal appearance. My goal is to advocate that the Town allow this manner of appearance in the future because this is your Town. I will also fight for more transparency with the Town and you. In the next few months, I will write to try to help explain how our Town works, the committees, the meeting process, the process of codifying notions into our code. What do I ask of you? Join your HOA. I feel that the open dialogue in the HOA meetings allow more of an exchange of ideas than the structure of the Council meetings. Attend an advisory board meeting.

These committees and organizations are meaningful ways to build relationships and in turn strengthen our Town. They further build an understanding to keep Southwest Ranches Rural. It is the ideas of the advisory boards and the HOAs that my fellow Council Members and I listen, debate and arrive at a conclusion. Over the years, I have concluded my writings with, there is only one Sunshine Ranches. Now, I amend this adding, there is only one Town of Southwest Ranches. It is ours to protect or if we do not, we give it up. We have the best location in South Florida. In conclusion, I thank you for your support. I am honored with being entrusted this office. I remain, very truly yours,

David S Kuczenski, Esq.
Cell 305.815.0990



Council Member
Jim
Allbritton

Hello My Fellow Residents: I would like to take a moment and say thank you to all the Southwest Ranches residents who voted during these difficult times. I would also like to send a big THANK YOU to the very special people who worked so hard during my campaign. They worked tirelessly helping me in every aspect from stuffing door hangers and delivering them to putting up and taking down signs, and everything in between. I am truly grateful to each one of you!

I am extremely honored to have been elected to represent District # 3. As I campaigned from Flamingo Road to US 27, I met wonderful residents who all seemed to have the same concerns. Among the most talked about of these concerns were keeping the Town rural, traffic problems and maintaining low taxes. As I stated during my campaign, I WILL WORK HARD TO EARN YOUR VOTE and thanks to your support, I will now be everyones voice at Town Hall. We pray this pandemic will pass so we can get back to in-person meetings.

With the holiday season upon us, I wish each of you a very joyous and heartfelt Holiday as well as a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Please feel free to reach out and touch base with me because TOGETHER we can keep Southwest Ranches the best little Town in Broward County.

Council Member,
Jim Allbritton
jallbritton@southwestranches.org
305-903-7043

Clerk's Corner

by Russell Muñiz



Brief legislation from the October 8, 2020 Town Council Regular Meeting:

- **Adopted Resolution 2021-001** approving a long-term lease agreement with Supreme Organics, LLC for the Town's vacant acre property formerly known as the CCA property.

- **Adopted Resolution 2021-002** entering into an Interlocal Agreement with Broward County for CARES Act funding.

- **Adopted Resolution 2021-003** adopting rules of civility and decorum for Town Council and Advisory Board Meetings.

Brief legislation from the October 22, 2020 Town Council Regular Meeting:

- **Adopted Resolution 2021-004** approving a site plan modification for the Sikh Society of Florida.

- **Adopted Resolution 2021-005** approving an agreement with All Water Service, Inc. for equipment maintenance and water quality monitoring for water systems on town owned property.

- **Adopted Resolution 2021-006** approving the purchase of iWave ion generators from American Pride Mechanical.

Brief legislation from the November 19, 2020 Town Council Regular Meeting:

- **Adopted Resolution 2021-007** appointing Bob Hartmann as the new Vice Mayor.

- **Adopted Resolution 2021-008** approving an agreement with R&D Electric, Inc. for the purchase and installation of a generator at the Southwest Ranches Fire Station.

- **Adopted Resolution 2021-009** approving an agreement with the City of Cooper City consenting to the provision of water service for the Asad property.

- **Adopted Resolution 2021-010** approving an Interlocal Agreement with Broward County for the regional Egrt system.

- **Adopted Resolution 2021-011** approving a year end budget adjustment for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

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.

Season Greetings



AROUND THE TOWN

December 2020 Broward County School Calendar

DECEMBER				
M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

for updated school information call:
(754) 321-0000 or
www.browardschools.com

get
certified **Be Prepared. Get Certified.**

PRO AGRICULTURAL
Community outreach for our **nurseries**

PENNY FOR TRANSPORTATION
WHERE LOCAL CHANGE HAPPENS

SURTAX Projects:

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

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

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

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



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE SCHEDULE 2020 - 2021

ROLLING OAKS BARN - 8:00AM - 2:00PM 17630 SW 56 Street, Southwest Ranches 33331			WASTE PRO INC. - 8:00AM - 2:00PM 17302 Pines Blvd, Pembroke Pines 33029		
Date	Shredding	Drug Drop Off	Date	Shredding	Drug Drop Off
Jan. 9, 2021	10AM - 1PM	10AM - 2PM	May 8, 2021	NO	8AM - 2PM
July 10, 2021	10AM - 1PM	10AM - 2PM			
Jan. 8, 2022	10AM - 1PM	10AM - 2PM			
July 9, 2022	10AM - 1PM	10AM - 2PM			

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

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS	ELECTRONIC RECYCLING	UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS
Aerosol Cans Antifreeze/Coolant	Computers, Cables, DVD Players	Appliances
Batteries & Auto Batteries	Key Boards, Mice, Adapters,	Asbestos
BBQ & Camp Size Propane	Monitors, Printers/Scanners, Radios	Explosives or Ammunition
Cleaners, Pesticides	Stereo Components, TVs,	Medical/Infectious Waste
Fluorescent Tubes/Bulbs	Tape Players, VCRs	Non-Residential Waste
Garden Chemicals		
Latex/Oil-Based Pint		
Pool Chlorine		
Tires (Up to 4 - no rims)		
Used Oil & Filters		

For all service issues call Waste Pro: (954) 967-4200

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

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

Have you ever dreamt of painting a large scale mural? Town of Southwest Ranches has a wall that is waiting for your creativity! The wall is located in Founders Park, located behind CVS on the southwest corner of Griffin and Flamingo Road.

The mural should reflect the rural lifestyle, wildlife, or natural beauty of Southwest Ranches.

Deadline for submittals is December 31st.

For information email Susan at: Skutz@southwesteranches.org or call 954-434-0008.



AROUND THE TOWN

CodeRED®
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: _____

Or all the above.

Any questions contact Town Hall:
(954) 434-0008.

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



Preserving our Best Lifestyle

Southwest Ranches Resident Business Directory

ABOUT OUR TOWN

CALENDAR

COUNCIL

DEPARTMENTS

TOWN SERVICES

PROCUREMENT

EMERGENCY SERVICES

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

ADVISORY BOARDS

PHOTO GALLERY

SOUTHWEST RANCHES COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

SOUTHWEST RANCHES HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

Southwest Ranches Resident Business Directory

ARE YOU LISTED IN OUR BUSINESS DIRECTORY?



AC CONTRACTOR, HVAC RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL

BUSINESS NAME
CONTACT
ADDRESS
PHONE
EMAIL
WEBSITE



AIRBOAT, MARINE, INDUSTRIAL ITEMS

BUSINESS NAME
CONTACT
ADDRESS
PHONE
EMAIL
WEBSITE



ATTORNEY AT LAW

BUSINESS NAME
CONTACT
ADDRESS
PHONE
EMAIL
WEBSITE

\$100.00 FOR 1-YEAR SUBSCRIPTION. CALL VENESSA: (954) 434-0008

The directory is intended to provide information only. The Town of Southwest Ranches does not endorse any businesses.

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.

Season Greetings



AROUND THE TOWN

SOUTHWEST RANCHES PARKS FOUNDATION HALLOWEEN COSTUME PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS



Noah McCoy



Markus Braun, Sean and Sommer Garner



Kaelynn Raulston

Youth Council

of Southwest Ranches

The Town of Southwest Ranches is excited to announce the creation of its first youth council group. Youth councils help groom students to be the leaders of tomorrow. These councils offer local students an opportunity to be involved and advise on school, town, and government issues. Our Town is blessed with many wonderful and active teens. This council, which would serve in the capacity as any other town advisory board, would ensure our young people have an active voice in their community, understand the value of public service, and advance scholarship application through evidence of community service.

Youth Council Members may also compete in the annual Florida Conference, Legislative Days, video competitions, and community service contests.

Updated information to follow.

TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES

PUBLIC WORKS AND

NO service for SOLID WASTE on Friday, December 25, 2020. Collection will occur on your next scheduled collection day. Please make sure your SOLID WASTE, RECYCLE AND BULK are out on your swale no later than 7:00AM on your service days.

Christmas trees need to be no longer than 6 feet in length.



AROUND THE TOWN

Town Talk

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

Send your email address to:

druesga@southwestranches.org

3 WAYS TO REQUEST MOSQUITO SERVICE...



WITH ALL THE RAIN WE HAD MOSQUITOS ARE NOT ONLY ANNOYING THEY CAN BE A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE.

- Use the Mosquito Service Request Form
- Call 311
- or Call 954-765-4062

3RD ANNUAL DECEMBER FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Town of Southwest Ranches

Rural Public Arts & Design Advisory Board

13400 Griffin Road, Southwest Ranches, Florida 33330

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

CELL: _____

EMAIL: _____

I UNDERSTAND, ACKNOWLEDGE, AND AGREE THAT THE SUBMISSION OF THE PHOTOGRAPH OF MY HOME TO THE TOWN CONSTITUTES A "WORK MADE FOR HIRE," AND I HEREBY WAIVE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS TO THE WORK AND THE WORK PRODUCT, INCLUDING MORAL OR OTHERWISE. THIS STATEMENT SHALL CONTROL OVER THE PROVISIONS OF 17 U.S.C. SECTION 106A(a), AND SHALL CONSTITUTE A WAIVER BY ME OF ANY RIGHTS IN THE WORK SET OUT IN OR OTHERWISE GRANTED BY 17 U.S.C. SECTION 106A(A), VISUAL ARTISTS RIGHTS ACT OF 1990. ALL OTHER RIGHTS IN AND TO THE WORK, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ALL RIGHTS IN THE NATURE OF "DROIT MORAL" RELATING TO ANY CONTINUING INTEREST I MAY HAVE IN THE MAINTENANCE OR MODIFICATION OF THE WORK, ARE EXPRESSLY WAIVED AND, INsofar AS SUCH RIGHTS ARE TRANSFERABLE, ARE ASSIGNED TO THE TOWN. MY WORK IS ORIGINAL AND IT COMPLIES WITH ALL APPLICABLE PATENT, TRADEMARK AND COPYRIGHT LAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND CODES. I UNDERSTAND, ACKNOWLEDGE, AND AGREE THAT THROUGH THE CONVEYANCE OF MY SUBMISSION THE WORK WILL REMAIN THE PROPERTY OF THE TOWN AND MAY BE USED, REPRODUCED, SOLD, OR MODIFIED BY THE TOWN IN THE TOWN'S SOLE DISCRETION.

SIGNATURE: _____ (Date)

SIGNATURE OF GUARDIAN FOR CHILDREN UNDER 18: _____ (Date)



OUR EXCLUSIVE SOLID WASTE, RECYCLING AND BULK WASTE CONTRACTOR

- **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 EQUIVILANT TO THE SIZE OF A VOLKSWAGON BEETLE, which is 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 CLOSED TO PUBLIC

Following the direction of Governor 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 website www.southwestranches.org to get information on how to attend meetings. Town Hall is closed to the public until further notice and events are postponed until further notice. However, most Town services will continue remotely unless circumstances have changed.

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

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

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

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

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

Season Greetings



AROUND THE TOWN

HOLIDAY FOOD & TOY DRIVE FOR OUR MILITARY HEROES AND THEIR FAMILIES....

Please drop off your caring donations to
Town Hall Monday - Friday
8:30 - 5:00 pm

Help us help our Heroes!

Toys

- Beef Jerky, Slim Jims, pepperoni or similar dried meats
- Boxes of Granola Bars or similar
- Individual bags of nuts, dried fruit, trail mix or sunflower seeds
- Boxed and /or individual drink packets (Crystal Light, Walmart or Target brand, Kool-Aid, hot chocolate, etc.)
- Non-perishable food items
- Foil packed tuna and chicken
- Crackers
- Baby wipes (no bigger than 2 1/2" wide packages)

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)

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF
ELDER AFFAIRS
800-963-5337
<http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/index.php>
(SHINE)

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)

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

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF
VETERAN'S AFFAIRS
877-741-3400 (Veteran Clinical Contact
Center)

STATE OF FLORIDA

FOOD PROGRAMS

www.myflorida.com/accessflorida
(SNAP)
www.feedingsouthflorida.org
Text: FLKIDSMEALS to PH# 211-211

CENTER FOR DISEASE
CONTROL (CDC)
Call: 800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636),
TTY: 888-232-6348.
<https://www.cdc.gov/DCS/ContactUs/Form>

DON'T BE AN EASY TARGET. DON'T LEAVE YOUR KEY FOB IN YOUR CAR!

**WE HAVE RECENTLY HAD CARS STOLEN
IN TOWN BECAUSE THE KEY FOB
WERE LEFT INSIDE UNLOCKED
VEHICLES. A THIEF ONLY NEEDS TO
PRESS THE START BUTTON. IF THE CAR
STARTS THEY KNOW THE FOB IS INSIDE
AND OFF THEY GO!**

**PLEASE LOCK YOUR VEHICLES AND DO
NOT LEAVE KEYS IN THE CAR.**



lights camera...
action!

Get your 2021 Photo Contest Calendar at Town Hall for \$5.00! Call: (954) 434-0008 and we will meet you outside.

Photo by: Manny Cailis

Month	Year	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8	7	2	3	4	5	6		
15	16	10	11	12	13	14		
22	23	17	18	19	20	21		
29	30	24	25	26	27	28		
31		31						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27		
28	29	30	31					

Season Greetings

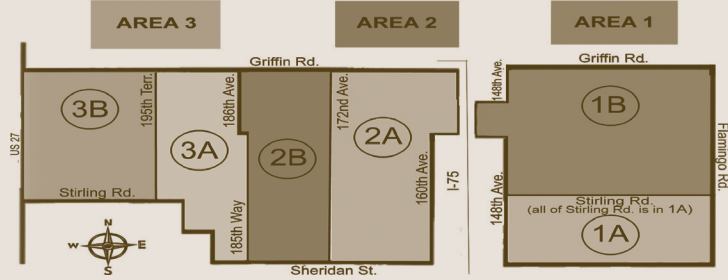


AROUND THE TOWN

Waste Collection

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

TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES - Waste Collection Map & Schedule



TO ALL OUR RESIDENTS ON STIRLING ROAD... Please remember you are in AREA 1A for your bulk schedule. 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
Dec. 2020	3-A	12/02 - 12/16 - 12/30	2-A	12/01 - 12/15 - 12/29	1-A	12/14 - 12/28
	3-B	12/09 - 12/23	2-B	12/08 - 12/22	1-B	12/07 - 12/21
Jan. 2021	3-A	01/13 - 01/27	2-A	01/12 - 01/26	1-A	01/11 - 01/25
	3-B	01/06 - 01/20	2-B	01/05 - 01/19	1-B	01/04 - 01/18

RECYCLE collection occurs once per week:

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



FOLLOW US ON THE TOWN'S OFFICIAL SOCIAL MEDIA

- Facebook page: @SWRGOV
- Twitter account: @SWR_gov
- YouTube: Town of Southwest Ranches Official Channel



- Watch Town Council meetings
- Get updated information on Town events
- Quick notification to followers on emergency management issues



Southwest Ranches FIRE RESCUE

This has been a tough year with a lot going on. However, we will overcome all the obstacles and continue as normal. Your Southwest Ranches Fire Fighters strive to exceed all expectations and follow the highest industry standards to provide the best level of service to our Southwest Ranches Residents.

Assistant Chief Bob Sahdala has resigned and moved out of Broward County after living here for 50 years. He decided to move closer to his family as he stated, he is not getting any younger. Assistant Chief Sahdala was a positive figure in our department and brought our Firefighters, Paramedics and EMT's to a higher level, training at the Broward Fire Academy more often than the majority of Departments in Broward County.

Bruce Evans is the new Chief of Training; he has been with SWRFD as a Training Officer for 9 years. Bruce is a retired Fire Officer (28.5 years) from Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue and is a Certified Fire Instructor, Live Fire Instructor, Fire Inspector, CPR Instructor and Paramedic.

Also, we have two new additions to the Fire Department. Training Officer Paul Arquari just retired from the City of Pembroke Pines Fire Rescue (28 years in the fire service) He has been a Fire Instructor at the Broward Fire Academy for 19 years. He is on the USAR Team, Task Force-2 and on the United States Incident Management Team.

The new Assistant Fire Chief Bill Updegraff, retired from BSO Fire Rescue after 34 years (May 31, 2020). The last 10 years of his career he worked in the BSO Fire Marshall's Office. He was assigned to the Fort Lauderdale Hollywood International Airport and Seaport. He is a certified E.M.T. and has handled many large contracts involving Life Safety Projects and was assigned to Broward Operations Command.

"Our Goal is to be the best we can be and to respond to our residents in time of need"

Stay Safe Fire Chief Lee Bennett

Season Greetings





Front Cover of the 2021 Photo Contest Calendar
 Photo By: Manny Callis

CALENDARS

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4	5
			• Code Hearing Town Hall 9 am AREA 2A BULK	• Drainage Infrastructure Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 3A BULK	• Comprehensive Planning Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm		
December	6	7 REMEMBRANCE DAY <small>PEARL HARBOR</small>	8	9	10	11	12
		• SWR Parks Foundation Town Meeting - 7 pm • Country Estates Grace Baptist Church 19200 Griffin Road - 7 pm AREA 1B BULK	• Recreation, Forestry & Natural Resources Advisory Board - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 2B BULK	• Sunshine Ranches HOA Meeting Town Hall - 7:30 pm AREA 3B BULK	 Hanukkah Begins at Sunset • TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - 7 pm		
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		• Schools & Education - Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 1A BULK	AREA 2A BULK	• Fire Advisory Board Meeting Town Hall 7 pm AREA 3A BULK		 Hanukkah Ends	
	20	21 <i>Happy First Day of Winter!</i>	22	23	24	25	26
	AREA 1B BULK	• Rolling Oaks Civic Association Meeting Rolling Oaks Barn 17630 SW 56 Street 7 pm AREA 2B BULK	AREA 3B BULK	• TOWN HALL CLOSES - 1 pm	<i>Merry CHRISTMAS</i> • TOWN HALL CLOSED		
27	28	29	30	31			
	AREA 1A BULK	AREA 2A BULK	AREA 3A BULK	<i>NEW YEARS EVE</i> • TOWN HALL CLOSES - 1 pm			

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

						<i>New YEARS Day</i>	1	2
January	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
		• SWR Parks Foundation Meeting Town Hall - 7 pm • Country Estates Fall Info Grace Baptist Church 19200 Griffin Road - 7 pm AREA 1B BULK	• Code Hearing Town Hall 9 am AREA 2B BULK	• Drainage Infrastructure Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 3B BULK			• Household Hazardous Waste Event Rolling Oaks Park 17630 SW 56 Street 8-2pm • Drug Drop off 8-2pm • Shred-A-Thon 10-1pm	
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
		• Schools & Education Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 1A BULK	• Recreation, Forestry & Natural Resources Advisory Board - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 2A BULK	AREA 3A BULK	• TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - 7 pm			
	17	18 <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>	19	20	21	22	23	
	• TOWN HALL CLOSED • Rural Public Arts and Design Advisory Board Meeting Town Hall - 7 pm AREA 1B BULK	AREA 2B BULK	• Fire Advisory Board Meeting Town Hall 7 pm AREA 3B BULK	• Comprehensive Planning Advisory Board Meeting Town Hall 7 pm				
24	25	26	27	28	29	30		
	AREA 1A BULK	AREA 2A BULK	AREA 3A BULK	• TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - 7 pm				

IN TOUCH

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CODE, ZONING, and PERMITTING

Code Enforcement Hotline	(954) 343-7440	zoninginfo@southwestranches.org
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	(954) 343-7459	

WASTE/BULK/RECYCLING SERVICES (Residential & Commercial)

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

EMERGENCY

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

TRAFFIC AND ROADWAY SERVICES

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

WATER DISTRICTS - CANALS

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



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THE RURAL PUBLIC ARTS AND DESIGN BOARD
PRESENTS...

3rd Annual December Holiday Lights Contest

GET YOUR ENTRY FORM IN BY
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7TH.
(HOMES DO NOT HAVE TO
BE COMPLETED TO SEND
ENTRY FORM IN)

JUDGING WILL BE
TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 8TH
AND
WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 9TH
FROM 6:30PM TO 9:30PM

AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN
MONDAY,
DECEMBER 14TH

THE 3 MOST FESTIVE HOLIDAY DECORATED
HOMES IN SOUTHWEST RANCHES
WILL BE THE WINNERS
OF THIS CONTEST.

Call Susan: 954-434-0008 or
email: SKutz@southwestranches.org

December Holiday Light Contest entry form on page 7

Holiday Word Search

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