

# SOUTHWEST RANCHER

*The Official Newsletter of Southwest Ranches*

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Mayor  
Doug McKay

Dear Residents,

One of the issues that I continue to get questions about is Bulk Waste. I hope this will clarify our rules for Bulk Waste. Please follow these rules outlined below to avoid incurring a Code Enforcement fine.

- **Residents may place up to 12 cubic yards of bulk waste out for collection on bulk collection days.**
- **Twelve (12) cubic yards is approximately the size of a Volkswagen Beetle or approximately 8 feet wide, by 14 feet long, and 4 feet tall.**
- **If the amount of the bulk set out by a resident exceeds this amount, our contracted bulk waste hauler, Waste Pro, will tag the pile explaining why it was not picked up.**
- **Once verified that the pile exceeds the limit it will be reported to the Town and Waste Pro will collect it at a later time. Once collected, the resident will be billed directly for any bulk exceeding 12 cubic yards at the rate of \$17.50 per cubic yard over the limit.**
- **If the resident doesn't pay the bill, a civil violation will be issued and could lead to additional fees and expenses in addition to the original over the limit fee imposed by Waste Pro.**

Please avoid a delay in your bulk waste pick up and a possible fine by abiding by these rules. If you are unsure what your bulk trash collection day is please contact Town Hall at 954-434-0008. Lastly, if you have any complaints, compliments or requests for Waste Pro please visit the Town website and click on the Waste Pro button in the lower left hand side. The tracking system will ensure your issue will be documented and responded to in a timely manner.

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

Doug



Council Member  
Bob Hartmann

Last July a horrific accident occurred at Griffin Road and SW 198th Terrace involving a pickup truck and two horseback riders. The riders were hospitalized in critical condition and the horses were killed by the impact. Distracted driving was the cause of this tragedy. In an equestrian community such as ours, the outcry was immediate and loud for a solution to address rider safety on Griffin Road since riders frequently use the trail along the canal bank.

Because Griffin Road is a county road, our town administration swiftly reached out to Broward County for safety options. The County reviewed the issue and recommended horse crossings at six points along Griffin Road. The crossings will be like pedestrian crosswalks with flashing horse crossing signs, and warning signs ahead of the crossings. The horse crossings will be located along Griffin Road at SW 130th Avenue, SW 135th Avenue, SW 142nd Avenue, SW 190th Avenue, SW 198th Terrace, and SW 205th Avenue. At the time of writing, the crossings at SW 130th Avenue and SW 135th Avenue were functional with the rest being scheduled for completion by early May.

If you are a rider, please use these well-marked locations to cross over Griffin Road to the trail. If you are a driver, please heed these signs watch out for riders anywhere along Griffin Road.

Here in the Southwest Rancher, at Council meetings, at HOA meetings and to anyone who will listen, I regularly talk about the wonderful things that happen in our small town. On March 30th, one of these marvelous things happened in Green Meadows. The Town of Southwest Ranches and the Sikh Society of Florida held the Inaugural Race for Unity in Di-

versity 5K Run / Walk. The event drew 500 entrants and raised \$10,000 for the town scholarship fund. I have run in the Miami Corporate Challenge, The Jingle Bell Run, and various area 5k and 10k runs over the years. This first-time event was organized and conducted as well as any. Congratulations to the Schools and Education Advisory Board (SEAB) and the members of Sikh Society for creating this successful event and raising \$10,000 that will be awarded to SWR students.

This month I want to recognize a fellow rancher and friend on his recent retirement from government service. He is known to his vast social media following as "Uncle Louie," but up until a couple of weeks ago, few knew he was serving our country and protecting us, as a founding member of the Department of Homeland Security. We speak regularly and I've learned that years ago, he dreamed of a successful career in the entertainment industry. In fact, his first job in "the biz" was working for Billy Joel. He quickly found himself working closely with a plethora of big names, but he gave all of that up to fight crime and prevent terrorism. He was a New Yorker at the time of 9/11. It made an extraordinary impression that he acted on which would change his life. As a GS-5 trainee, he began a career that would see 9 promotions through every rank until retiring recently as a GS-15 Director. I asked him what it felt like to wear a star on his shoulder and his response was inspirational and selfless. "With each new rank I wore, I reminded myself daily that I must not forget why I put on the uniform each day. I must advocate for those in my command, stay humble, and give them what they wanted and needed from my leaders. I would shoulder the tough stuff and never let it trickle down to them. I would advocate for the boots on the ground so they could accomplish the mission, keep America safe, and go home to their family every day."

His name is Louis Gregory. Not only did he rise to the rank of Director with

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## Vice Mayor Gary Jablonski

Recently, some residents and non-residents have been circulating incorrect information concerning our Town's legal budget, which by the way includes code enforcement and local governmental relations services. I would like to give out some current information that will hopefully clarify and stop the inaccurate information that hurts the Town by being divisive and inflammatory.

Every facet of operating a municipality has a legal component to it. Since our Town's administrative staff is small, in Southwest Ranches we ask legal counsel to be even more active with the day to day operations of the Town. This is done by Council request to help protect the Town.

Every Contract, Opinion, Publication, Resolution, and Ordinance must be reviewed from a legal prospective.

The legal department has the obligation and the responsibility to protect the Council, Staff, and our Town from all the legal issues that arise daily. From potholes to loose livestock, our legal counsel must be available at a moment's notice to assist the Town with instantaneous decisions that may substantially impact the Town.

It should be noted that in the past 5 years, our legal counsel has also been incredibly successful in securing more than 3 million dollars in grants for the Town. This amount does not include the more than one million dollars that is slated in this year's State budget, which includes funds for incredibly important drainage projects and funds to acquire

land for the Town's future EEOC, (Emergency Operation Center).

Our legal counsel's hourly rate of \$175 per hour is the lowest charged in Broward County for similar services. Although we only pay for the hours that we use, we do set an annual budget for legal expenditures. Currently, our legal department is tracking approximately \$350,000 less than the current budgeted amount of \$736,000, which was increased for one year only by nearly \$300,000 to have extra funding for the CCA trial, which had been expected to occur this fiscal year. This will not be additional money merely the same money held ready when and if needed.

From October 1, 2018 through March 15, 2019 the Town has only paid approximately \$115,000 in legal fees.

Of that amount, only \$38,000 was paid for general legal services. \$77,000 was paid for defending the Town in major litigation's relating to Pembroke Pines, and frivolous actions filed by residents, such as an action filed against the Town by a property owner who claims that they should be able to place a fence adjacent to a road, despite the fact that their survey and the Broward County Property Appraiser clearly show that they don't own the land. In addition, the Town has had to defend itself against a completely senseless election violation complaint, filed by a resident who could have easily found out that a violation did not exist by simply calling the Town Clerk. It is important to note that as a result of our legal counsel's quick response, this frivolous election complaint was immediately dismissed.

The Town is currently involved in more than a dozen lawsuits filed against the Town by residents and their mortgagees. To date, the Town has been 100% successful in defending itself against such actions. In addition, the Town is routinely forced to defend itself against attempts to take its sovereignty, includ-

ing Pembroke Pines recent attempt to de-annex a major portion of the Town out west.

Being a Council Member I have had the unique advantage of seeing what the Town's legal department does on a day to day basis, and I am sometimes amazed as to what they do to protect our Town.

When we became a Town, we knew that preserving our lifestyle and our sovereignty would not be easy. Having one of the largest municipalities in Broward in terms of land mass, but one of the smallest populations, means that all of us must be willing to go above and beyond to maintain our quality of life. Every day there are attempts by realtors and developers to take advantage of the last remaining portions of open space in Broward County. I couldn't be happier with our legal services and would ask our residents who have questions to please contact your Council Member or myself to clarify incorrect information that ultimately hurts our Town. The correct information is often only a phone call or email away.

It's my Honor and Privilege to serve you.

Gary



# AROUND THE TOWN

**Bob Hartmann continued from page 2**

America's largest federal law enforcement agency, but he also rose to become the President of Legends of Wrestling, a record producer and talent agent. If all of this doesn't keep Louie busy enough, he has a recurring role on cable TV where he plays "Uncle Louie" on ABC's comedy *The Goldberg's*.

In his "spare time" Louie has also become involved in our town too. He has developed SWR challenge coins that are being sold to residents throughout town as a scholarship fundraiser. They are available at Town Hall and from SEAB

members. It's clear to see he's no stranger to challenging work. Since retiring, he's been focusing on his passion of agriculture and the environment. He's a farmer too! With goats, pigs, chickens, cows, fruit trees and even honey bees. Louis shared that animals are important to him and he takes our environment very seriously. "For me, my creative outlets and my animals are a kind of therapy. They bring me happiness and allow me to really connect with nature and with myself."

If you see Louis around town, don't hesitate to say hello and congratulate him

on his service and career in protecting our homeland. He loves chatting with neighbors and sharing his amazing story!

If you know residents who have superlative stories like Uncle Louie, please reach out. I would like to get to know them and shine a spotlight on their achievements.

*Bob Hartmann*  
954-801-1758



## Clerk's Corner

by Russell Muñiz

### Brief legislation from the March 14, 2019 Town Council Regular Meeting:

- **Adopted Resolution 2019-026** approving Waiver of Plat WP authorizing the subdivision of a single 4.6 acre lot into two lots of approximately 2.3 acres.
- **Adopted Resolution 2019-027** approving Waiver of Plat WP authorizing the subdivision of a single 4.41 acre lot into two lots of approximately 2.15 and 2.26 net acres.
- **Adopted Resolution 2019-028** approving the issuance of a Purchase Order to Dell Marketing LLP for the purchase of a new server.

### Brief legislation from the April 11, 2019 Town Council Regular Meeting:

- **Adopted Resolution 2019-029** approving a Zoning in Progress for a six-month period to regulate new commercial nurseries.

**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.**

## SOUTHWEST RANCHES WINS NATURESCOPE EMERALD AWARD FOR CALUSA CORNERS PROJECT IN 2019



*Photograph of Southwest Ranches Council and Staff with SBDD personnel receiving Emerald Award for Calusa Corners wetland project from County Commissioners at Water Matters Day 2019.*

*From left: Beam Furr, Michael Udine, December Lauretano-Haines, Mayor Doug McKay, Steve Geller, CM Dee Schroeder, CM Bob Hartmann, Kevin Hart. (Not pictured CM Fisikelli and Vice Mayor Jablonski.)*

At Water Matters Day on March 9, 2019 Southwest Ranches was among Broward County honorees, winning a NatureScape Emerald Award for the wetlands project recently completed at Calusa Corners Park. Wetlands and drainage improvements were part of planned development at this location, designed to alleviate flooding on Dykes Road and surrounding properties and to filter contaminants out of the water before it is dispersed to the C-II.

Staff members are thrilled to have completed another phase, working through the years to fulfill grant commitments for this long-awaited project! Leading the Project were Southwest Ranches' Town Engineer, Rod Ley, and Community Services Manager, Emily McCord-Aceti. The South Broward Drainage District's Kevin Hart designed the drainage project and the filter marsh was planned



by PROS Manager December Lauretano-Haines. Funding for the project came from the Town with assistance from the South Florida Water Management District and SBDD.

Broward's NatureScape Emerald Award Program recognizes businesses, municipalities, schools, government facilities and homeowners that have created and maintained model Florida-friendly landscapes or completed exceptional projects. At Calusa Corners, our achievement has been recognized for preserving open space and creating wetlands by choice, rather than obligation. This is the Town's second Emerald Award. The Town won in 2012 for the Sunshine Ranches Equestrian Park.

# AROUND THE TOWN



Rolling Oaks Barn  
17630 SW 56th Street ★ Southwest Ranches

TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES  
BARN DANCE

WE WOULD LIKE TO  
THANK...

OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE  
FOR THEIR  
GENEROUS DONATION!

**Mini-Flow:**  
Florida Licensing on Wheels



Come to Town Hall if you need to renew or replace your Florida Driver's License, Identification Card or Tag and Registration. The Department of Motorist Services Mini-FLOW Florida Licensing on Wheels will be at Town Hall:  
Thursday, April 25th from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Thursday, May 23rd from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

# AROUND THE TOWN



## The Sikh Society and the Town of Southwest Ranches Celebrate Diversity in a 5K Run/Walk

*The Sikh Society of Florida partnered with the Town of Southwest Ranches to raise funds for educational scholarships. The entire Town came together March 30th led by Sikh youth to present the 1st Interfaith "Unity in Diversity 5K Run/Walk" in Southwest Ranches.*

The 5K event held in Southwest Ranches was a huge success uniting more than 500 racers, 14 religious leaders who held hands in a solidarity silent pre-race prayer, and 200 student volunteers from Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy High School, American Heritage, West Broward High School, St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic School, Pioneer Middle School, Cooper City High School, Franklin Academy, Cypress Bay High School, Western High School, Pines Charter Middle Central Campus and local Florida Virtual School students. Madison Sullivan beautifully sang the National Anthem at our 5K Race.

\$10,000 was fundraised and proceeds went to the Southwest Ranches College Scholarship Fund. Our local youth united and worked together bridging the gap between faiths and cultures resonating our message of "unity in diversity."

A heartfelt thank you to all our religious leaders, supporters, sponsors and volunteers. Without you this event would not have happened. We are thankful and blessed that you joined us!



# AROUND THE TOWN



## Thank You To Our Supporters

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| Abundant Living Ministries                      | Friends of Humanity International         | Rhys Kelly LLC                          |
| Alex's Bicycle Pro Shop                         | Hawkes Bluff Elementary School            | Rolling Oaks HOA                        |
| Altra Running                                   | HeartWay Church                           | Runner's Depot Weston                   |
| Analena Stern                                   | Indian Regional and Cultural Center       | St. Mark The Evangelist Catholic Church |
| Transformational Health & Life Coach            | Invites and Events                        | St. Mark The Evangelist Catholic School |
| American Heritage School Plantation             | Jamaat Al-Muttaqeen Mosque                | Shiva Vishnu Temple of South Florida    |
| Appletree Montessori                            | Joe Caprio and Co. Real Estate            | Sikh Society of Florida                 |
| Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy High School       | Muslim Women Organization                 | Sikh Youth Association                  |
| Archdiocese of Miami                            | New Hope Church                           | Sindhi Association of Florida           |
| Art of Living                                   | New Horizon United Methodist Church       | South Florida Hindu Temple              |
| Boy Scouts of America South Florida Council     | Nourishing Lives                          | Sunshine Kids Club                      |
| Chick-Fil-A                                     | Nur Center Women and Children             | Sunshine Ranches HOA                    |
| CMC Therapy Be Kind to the Mind                 | PAK American Association of South Florida | Temple Beth Emet Youth Group            |
| Coalition of South Florida Muslim Organizations | Publix                                    | Tikkun Olam Club                        |
| Country Estates HOA                             | Punjabi Association of South Florida      | Town of Davie                           |
| Florida United Methodist                        |   | Town of Southwest Ranches               |
| Children's Home Foster Care                     |   | West Broward High School                |



## Special Thanks to Our Sponsors



# AROUND THE TOWN

**MARTY KIAR**  
**BROWARD COUNTY**  
**PROPERTY APPRAISER**

**Broward County Property Appraiser's Office**  
 115 S. Andrews Avenue, Room III  
 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301  
 (954) 357-6830 • Fax: (954) 357-8474  
 www.bcpa.net

## PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FILING DATES ANNOUNCED FOR TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, SOUTHWEST RANCHES

Broward County Property Appraiser, Marty Kiar has announced special 2019 homeowner sign-up dates for Homestead, Senior and other property tax exemptions at **Southwest Ranches Town Hall 13400 Griffin Road, Southwest Ranches, FL 33330**

**May 20th, 2019 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM**  
**June 17th, 2019 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM**

### Documents required to file a Homestead Exemption include:

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

Qualified residents 65 years of age or older as of January 1, 2019 may also apply for the Low-Income Senior Exemption. In order to qualify for the Low-Income Senior Exemption for 2019, an applicant must be 65 or older as of January 1, 2019, receive the Homestead Exemption on the property and have a combined household adjusted gross income for 2018 not exceeding \$30,174. Seniors must bring a copy of their 2018 Income Tax Return or a copy of their 2018 Social Security 1099 form (if no tax return was filed).

Susan Kung, CFE

M.E.I.T. (Mobile Exemption & Information Team) Specialist II  
 Office of Marty Kiar, Broward County Property Appraiser  
 Broward Governmental Center

115 S. Andrews Ave Room 111 • Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301  
 (954) 357-7541 • E-Mail skung@bcpa.net • Fax (954) 357-6312

## May School Calendar Broward County Public Schools



MAY				
M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

**Wednesday, May 1st, Interim Reports Issued**

**Thursday, May 9th - Early Release Day**

**Monday, May 27th - Schools & Administrative Offices Closed**

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL DAYS

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE, ELECTRONICS & BULK DROP OFF EVENT

- **Saturday, May 11th, 2019 . 8:00am to 2:00pm**

*Location: Waste Pro of Florida - 17302 Pines Blvd., Pembroke Pines 33029*  
**NO document shredding or prescription drug drop off at this location**

- **Saturday, July 13th, 2019 . 8:00am to 2:00pm**

*Location: Rolling Oaks Barn - 17630 SW 56th St., Southwest Ranches, 33331*  
**Document shredding and prescription drug drop off WILL be at this location**

*This service is provided for Town residents only. Proof of residency is required.*

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

#### ACCEPTABLE HHW ITEMS

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

#### ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

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

#### UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

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

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

## Your Butterfly Garden:

### NATIVE FIREBUSH

**Hamelia patens**

BY CHRIS BROWNLOW

Native Firebush is both pretty and functional, utilizing its bright, red-orange, tubular flowers to attract butterflies and hummingbirds, and producing black berries which serve as an important food source for wild birds. Firebush may be allowed to grow to full-height, or hedged, likes sun or partial shade, is drought-tolerant, and requires no fertilization. Landscaping ideas include use as an informal hedge, accent plant, walkway lining, or backdrop for low-growing plants.



## SHOW YOUR TOWN SPIRIT

SWR stickers are made for residents by the Country Estates Homeowners Association. Sticker's are \$1 each and are available at Town Hall, 13400 Griffin Rd.



# AROUND THE TOWN



## TALKIN' TRASH

### Raccoons in the Garbage

Uncovered garbage cans provide an open invitation to hungry raccoons. Trash needs to be better contained to stop garbage raids. Some options include securing the trash lids with bungee cords, getting an Animal Stopper brand garbage can (equipped with a built-in locking mechanism), putting the garbage out the morning of trash pick-up or getting an outdoor storage container for trash cans from a home building store.

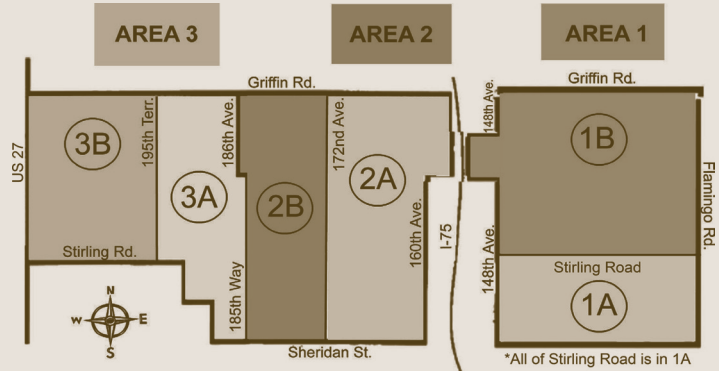
Trapping won't work to solve the problem because as long as there's a food source, wild animals will keep coming to it.



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

## 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	WEDNESDAY Only	Area	TUESDAY Only	Area	MONDAY Only
May 2019	3-A	5/8 -- 5/22	2-A	5/7 -- 5/21	1-A	5/6 -- 5/20
	3-B	5/1 -- 5/15 -- 5/29	2-B	5/14 -- 5/28	1-B	5/13 -- 5/27
Jun. 2019	3-A	6/5 -- 6/19	2-A	6/4 -- 6/18	1-A	6/3 -- 6/17
	3-B	6/12 -- 6/26	2-B	6/11 -- 6/25	1-B	6/10 -- 6/24

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

**ANY QUESTIONS CALL (954) 967-4200 [www.wasteprousa.com](http://www.wasteprousa.com)**

## DOG BODY LANGUAGE & BEHAVIOR SEMINAR

This seminar is for anyone who works with, owns or just likes dogs! It is an interactive lecture that goes into detail about dogs' behavior and body language, both obvious and subtle, with numerous photos and videos as examples. Dogs are CONSTANTLY talking to us, but we need to learn how to listen with our eyes in order to read their body language. This seminar will challenge & enhance what you already know and promises you'll learn something new; even trainers!

Jess Feliciano, CDBC, CPDT, CTC of RotNDog Training & Behavior Consulting has spent years working with and rehabilitating fearful, aggressive dogs and dogs with other issues with incredible outcomes while thinking outside the box. She has studied dogs' body language in order to help her to help owners, shelters and rescues learn how to read the dogs in their care. Dogs don't bite out of the blue, so it's especially important for all of us to learn what they're trying to tell us, no matter how subtle.

**DATE:** Saturday, June 29, 2019 • **Time:** 11:30 – 3:30 PM  
**PLACE:** Town Hall – 13400 Griffin Road, Southwest Ranches, FL 33330  
 The seminar will consist of: 4 hours of lecture and Q&A with breaks.  
**COST:** \$25 per person (\$15 for Southwest Ranches Residents)

For more information regarding this seminar or registration & payment instructions, please contact Leslie Kastner at [SWRLostandFoundAnimals@gmail.com](mailto:SWRLostandFoundAnimals@gmail.com) or call 754-224-0877.



## Southwest Ranches FIRE RESCUE

Sadly, there has been a rise in stray animals lost in our town, especially dogs. Unfortunately, some animals are microchipped, and some are not. The ones that are microchipped cannot be read so, please check with your veterinarian to assure the microchip is readable. Furthermore, it has been noted that the containment for animals in some instances have not been built well allowing the animals to escape. Please check to see that your containment area is well secured to protect your animals.

When driving and you see an animal in the street, please slow down, animals are unpredictable what they will do. There have been several ducks that have been hit and killed on Griffin Road.

If you have lost or found animals, you can contact Southwest Ranches Town Hall to report it. Southwest Ranches Fire Rescue also has a site for Lost or Found Animals. The Facebook page is: <https://www.facebook.com>. At this site you can post photos of lost/found animals.





Stay safe,  
 Chief Lee Bennett



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

# CALENDARS

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

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1 • Drainage Infrastructure Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm <b>AREA 3B BULK</b>	2	3	4 • Bingo at the Park 6 - 9
<b>May</b> 5	6 • SWR Parks Foundation Meeting Town Hall - 7 pm • Country Estates HOA Meeting Grace Baptist Church 19200 Griffin Road - 7 pm <b>AREA 1A BULK</b>	7 • Code Hearing - Town Hall - 9:00 am <b>AREA 2A BULK</b>	8 <b>AREA 3A BULK</b>	9 • TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - 7 pm	10	11 • Household Hazardous Waste 8 am - 2 pm 17302 Pines Blvd. Pembroke Pines, 33029
 12	13 • Schools & Education - Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm <b>AREA 1B BULK</b>	14 • Parks, Recreation & Open Space Advisory Board - Town Hall 7 pm <b>AREA 2B BULK</b>	15 • Fire Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm <b>AREA 3B BULK</b>	16	17	18
19	20 • Broward County Property Appraisers - Town Hall - 10:30 am - 12:30 pm • Rural Public Arts and Design Board Meeting - Town Hall - 7 pm <b>AREA 1A BULK</b>	21 <b>AREA 2A BULK</b>	22 • AARP Training - Town Hall - 9:30 am - 3:30 pm <b>AREA 3A BULK</b>	23 • TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - 7 pm	24 • Flow Mobile DMV Services Town Hall 10 am - 2 pm	25
26	 27 • Memorial Day - Town Hall Closed <b>AREA 1B BULK</b>	28 • Rolling Oaks Civic Association Meeting - Rolling Oaks Barn 17630 SW 56 Street 7 pm <b>AREA 2B BULK</b>	29 • Sunshine Ranches HOA Assn. Meeting Town Hall 7:30 <b>AREA 3B BULK</b>	30	31	
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**TOWN HALL:** 13400 Griffin Road / Southwest Ranches, FL 33330 • **PHONE:** (954) 434-0008 • **FAX:** (954) 434-1490  
**TOWN HALL OFFICE HOURS:** Monday - Friday / 8:30 am - 5:00 pm • **TOWN WEBSITE:** www.southwestranches.org  
**TOWN HALL TWITTER ACCOUNT:** @SWR\_Gov • **YOUTUBE:** Town of Southwest Ranches Official Channel • **FACEBOOK:** facebook@SWRGOV

**ELECTED OFFICIALS**

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Vice Mayor Gary Jablonski	(954) 343-7456	gjablonski@southwestranches.org
Council Member Freddy Fisikelli	(954) 343-7461	ffisikelli@southwestranches.org
Council Member Bob Hartmann	(954) 343-7447	bhartmann@southwestranches.org
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LOST AND FOUND ANIMALS	(754) 224-0877	Facebook@SWRVFRLostandFoundAnimals

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**EMERGENCY**

*Non-Emergency*  
 Davie Police Department  
 Jeff Hobales, *Detective*  
 Thomas Squarini, *Police Services Coordinator*  
 Davie Fire Rescue Station 112  
 Southwest Ranches Volunteer Fire Rescue

**911**

(954) 764-4357 (HELP)  
 (954) 693-8200  
 (954) 693-8293  
 (954) 693-8352  
 (954) 680-0020  
 (954) 434-8232

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**TRAFFIC AND ROADWAY SERVICES**

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

**OTHER**

**WATER DISTRICTS - CANALS**

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



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**7th Annual Photo Contest**

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Pictures must be submitted by **August 15, 2019**

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- Must be a resolution of at least 300 DPI.
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