

# SOUTHWEST RANCHER

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# Happy 4th of July!

**DELIVERY OF OUR NEW RECYCLING CARTS START IN AUGUST**  
New Carts are to be used for **RECYCLING ONLY!**

## RECYCLING DAYS

Area 3	Area 2	Area 1
Wednesday	Tuesday	Monday

### Recycle Collection Guidelines:

**All recycling collection is single stream collection.**  
**All recycled materials go into the same container.**  
**Recycling is collected once a week according to your area.**

- Paper
- Newspaper
- Catalogs
- Cereal boxes
- Cardboard products
- Plastic containers
- Metals
- Glass

**All items can be mixed together in the one recycling cart provided.**  
**No corrugated boxes or lids allowed**  
**Please rinse your carts**

## SOLID WASTE (GARBAGE) DAYS

Area 3	Area 2	Area 1
Wed. & Sat.	Tues. & Friday	Mon. & Thurs

### Solid Waste (Garbage) Guidelines:

- Solid Waste is collected twice (2) per week.
- Do not place your waste out for collection more than 48 hours of pickup.
- Solid waste must be placed curbside before 7 am on day of pickup.
- All empty garbage cans must be removed from swale that day.
- All solid waste must be placed in tied plastic bags and placed in a garbage can.
- Garbage cans and bags must weigh less than 50 pounds each.
- Garbage cans must be 40 gallons or smaller, with handles and a lid.
- Loose items will not be collected.
- Horse manure will not be collected.
- Containers larger than 40 gallons in size cannot be used as garbage cans.
- No collection will take place under hurricane warning.

See additional information on our Waste Collection Service on page 9.





## Mayor Jeff Nelson

The Florida Right to Farm Act is Section 823.14 of the Florida Statutes, which generally

protects farms from being considered nuisances. Instead, the main Section of the Florida Statutes that applies is Section 604.50, which is a small section concerning farm buildings.

In 1998, the Florida Legislature wanted to protect commercial farms from having to pull building permits for farm structures like pole barns, so it enacted a law to exempt non-residential farm structures from the requirements of the Florida Building Code. Since that time, this statute, and the other statutory sections that it is linked with, has been amended nearly 10 times, to a point where it has become confusing and at times misapplied. During a Special Session of the Legislature in 2011, the Florida Legislature overrode the Governor's veto and approved a bill that in part, further amended Section 604.50. Prior to 2011, 604.50 read:

*"Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, any nonresidential farm building is exempt from the Florida Building Code and any county or municipal building code." After the 2011 Special Session, Section 604.50 was amended to read: "Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, any nonresidential farm building or farm fence is exempt from the Florida Building Code and any county or municipal code or fee, except for code provisions implementing local, state, or federal floodplain management regulations." The 2011 amendment also modified the definition of a "farm" through the definition of "farm product", which is any plant or animal or insect useful to humans.*

Although the purpose of the 2011 amendment was to give additional statutory protections to bonafide commercial farms, as a result of linking the definition of a "farm" to F.S. 823.14, anyone having at least

one farm animal, even one chicken, could now argue that they were a farm.

The 2011 amendment also exempted "farms" from all municipal codes. This meant that the Town's own "Farm Act", which the Town enacted years ago to protect its commercial and non-commercial farms, was no longer valid. The issue came to a head in the summer of 2012 in a municipality called the Town of Loxahatchee Groves.

A hobby farmer there decided that he wanted to have a beehive, so he constructed one directly on his property line. The bees started swarming his neighbor's property and Code Enforcement was called in to remove the beehive. The issue made its way to the Loxahatchee Council and it decided to seek an Attorney General Opinion to see if 604.50 prevented it from regulating the location of the beehive.

In January of this year, the Florida Attorney General rendered her first Opinion of the year 2013-01, and decided that the Town of Loxahatchee Groves could not regulate the location of the beehive since the property would now be considered a farm. This also meant that our Town's Farm Act was officially dead.

As a result of the Attorney General's decision, legislative activity began to better define a "farm" under 604.50. The first proposals restricted farms to properties greater than 20 acres. Then there was a proposal to require farms to be at least 10 acres. As a result of the mass uncertainty of what was about to evolve, your Town Council held a special Legislative Meeting to discuss this issue, and the Town Council decided to seek a Special Act of the Legislature to exempt the Town from 604.50. Essentially, the Town Council wanted to protect both its commercial and hobby farms by putting its own Farm Act back into place.

The Broward delegation was kind enough to waive its various rules and agreed to consider the Town's request. In fact, Representative Katie Edwards personally agreed to help our Town by holding a special meeting to hear this item.

A meeting was held on February 24, 2013, to hear the Town's request, and as a result of public opposition our Council decided that it would not pursue its own Special Act, but instead would work with Representative Edwards to address this matter on a statewide level. There were numerous versions of the proposed bill language being discussed. The language limiting farms to a specific acreage would have significantly harmed our Town as very few of our farms are actually greater than 10 acres.

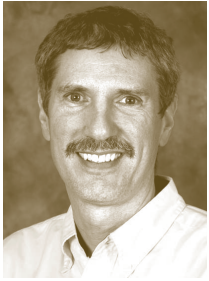
After much debate in Tallahassee, in March of this year your council, except for Council Member Fisikelli, went to Tallahassee and we individually met with many Legislators and the Department of Agriculture concerning this issue. As a result of our meetings, and the hard work of our lobbyists, language was proposed that although not perfect, everyone could live with. The final language received the consent of the Agricultural Coalition, including the Cattlemen's Association and Farm Bureau.

All the parties agreed that the definition of a "farm" in F.S. 604.50 should be linked to the definition of lands used for bona fide agricultural purposes in F.S. 193.461(b). This means a property is a farm if it; has an agricultural tax exemption or it could get an agricultural tax exemption.

Special recognition and thanks to Representative Edwards for her tireless help in getting all of the parties together to help finalize the language. The Bill's language, which was unanimously approved in the State Senate, fully helps to protect our Town's bonafide farms, and it reinstitutes the Town's own Farm Act, which helps to protect our non-commercial farms. If the Town had not intervened, because of the Loxahatchee Groves decision, we may have been facing a very difficult situation.

It is an honor and pleasure to serve you!!

Jeff



**Vice Mayor  
Steve Breitkreuz**

One of the areas that we are most concerned about here in the Ranches is that of maintaining

our rural lifestyle. I suspect that if I were to ask 25 different individuals in town exactly what that was, I would receive 25 different answers. However, I would also imagine that intertwined in nearly all of those 25 answers, would be elements open spaces, a variety of animals, majestic dark skies, agricultural endeavors, and a general freedom to live independently.

So, not long ago, when potential changes to the farming rights were brought forward, there was a lot of input from the residents, which is always a very good thing. Well, since then, the state has changed the laws regarding farms, such as the smaller ones commonly found in Southwest Ranches. So, to a limited degree, that puts responsibility on the town for these farms. I am only one member of the Council, but I think I can speak for the entire Council when I say that we want as much public input in this process as possible. Also, we want to work very hard to ensure that protection of these farms. They are an integral part of our rural way of living.

To help accomplish this, the Council has asked the Comprehensive Planning and Advisory Board to look at the current town farm ordinance and see if it reflects the wishes of our residents. If not, it is asking the board to recommend changes. We want to be sure that everyone has input into this process.

The board meets the third Thursday of every month at Town Hall. Please come out and participate in this process. The current farm ordinance has been in place for about 8 years. However, this is an opportunity for the public to have input to either improving it or leave it as it is. Getting involved and taking ownership of the process is another aspect of our rural lifestyle that I have also always been very proud of. I hope that you will take this opportunity to once again have your voice heard.



**Council Member  
Freddy Fisikelli**

In my last article, I hoped to bring everyone up to date on what was being done with the Town

creating regulations for hobby farms. Currently, I have no new news to report, the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Board are working hard on coming up with suggestions for residential properties to house animals on their property. On another subject that has drawn a lot of interest is the construction of Fishing Hole Park. Good news to report, at the last Council meeting a motion was made and unanimously approved to proceed with CPZ Architect, Inc. for professional architectural services for the Country Estates Fishing Hole Park. A professional architect is needed for the design, preparation of construction plans, permitting, construction oversight, and completion certification for the

restroom structure at the Town's Fishing Hole Park. Also, at that meeting, the Council also approved a resolution to purchase playground equipment and related products and services from Gametime Division of Playcore, Inc./Dominica Recreation Products for the Country Estates Fishing Hole Park.

In addition, our Town was able to get approved a grant of \$68,053.00 for the Fishing Hole Trailhead. With all this happening we are going ahead with the construction of the bathrooms and Playground in the Park and are shooting for an opening of some of the Park for use by the end of this year. As you know the parking lot has already been completed and volunteers are keeping the grass mowed till we get money in the budget for maintenance for the Park. Volunteers are always welcomed and needed, if you would like to help get in touch with John Eastman, 954-465-8383.

4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY

WORD SEARCH

**BANDS**

**BLUE**

**FIREWORKS**

**FLAGS**

**INDEPENDENCE**

**PARADES**

**RED**

**SPARKLERS**

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# Around the Town

## Chili Cook Off!

On a sunny Saturday (May 18), The Towns and the Aster Knight Parks Foundation introduced a new element of fun to Southwest Ranches' annual events, hosting the first annual Chili Cook-off at the Sunshine Ranches Equestrian Park. A spirit of fiercely fun competition surrounded the main event – the Chili. Planned as the Foundation's first major fundraiser for the 2013 season, this event included 15 contestants with a wide range of chili recipes, all homemade and delicious! With so many unique and exciting flavors, contestants all vied for the right to claim their recipe "Best Chili in Town."

Judging was by the public. Chili tastes were available for \$5 donation, and over 180 people proceeded through the line of contestants. With that much pressure on, the following intrepid chili cooks maintained their smiles and spirit of amusement through the day:

1. **Rick Hennequin**
2. **Lee Rickles - Aunt Polly's Chili**
3. **Rick Bell - Rick's Awesome Vegan Chili**
4. **Jeff Crimmins - Smoking Dawg Chili**
5. **Peggy Cohen - Cincinnati Chili**

6. **Jeff Wasserman and Mike DePastino - Steakhouse Chili**
7. **Chris Nix - Grandma's Chili**
8. **Glennis Simmonds - Jamaican Jerk Chili**
9. **Mindy Kapit - Betty's Big Texas Chili**
10. **Chris Piacentino - Landlubbers Chili**
11. **Tracy Swait - Matarazo Italian Chili**
12. **Gary Jablonski - Slap Yourself Silly Steak and Beer & Bean Chili**
13. **Karen Parkerson - Parkerson's Country Chili**
14. **Mike Ventura - No Beans About It Chili**
15. **Deborah Huppert - Lazy Day Chili**

As voting cards were being tallied by Treasurer Joe Huppert with help from granddaughter, Abby, it seemed likely that results were going to be tied for contestant #4, Jeff Crimmins and # 13 Karen Parkerson. Luckily, a final vote submitted broke the tie!

This year's winner was #4: Smoking Dawg Chili by Jeff Crimmins. Mrs. Crimmins shared that her husband had been testing recipes for weeks. Pleased and blushing, Crimmins told us he's never won anything in his life! The young couple recently moved into the Weston area from central

Florida, and viewed the event as an opportunity to get to know people! The Aster Knight Parks Foundation congratulates Jeff and welcomes the Crimmins family to our neck of the woods!

Crimmins' prize: a one-of-a-kind trophy created from a Chinese Black-glazed stoneware cooking pot with lid and custom-beaded engraving plate pronouncing "Winner – Best Chili in Town"

Entertainment included live music by Apache Dragon, face painting and children's horseshoe crafts by Nancy Unger Fink of Condee Farm, petting zoo by Cherie Reinman of Hapi Farm, Bloodmobile donations, bake sale featuring the best of sweet goodies from Southwest Ranches residents' kitchens, as well as lunch served by the Southwest Ranches Volunteer Fire Department.

A great time was had by all and the turnout was wonderful! Donations for the event from local corporate sponsors allowed the event to be held with minimal investment of Foundation donations. The Aster Knight Parks Foundation is an IRS designated 501 3 c organization dedicated to the mission of developing Southwest Ranches' Parks for all to enjoy! We look forward to next year—whose recipe will take the title?!



## YOU'RE INVITED!

### Picnic in the Park

Come and Celebrate the TOWN WIDE July 4th "Old Fashioned" Picnic in the Park sponsored by The Rolling Oaks Civic Association

**WHEN:** Thursday, July 4th  
**TIME:** 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM  
**WHERE:** Rolling Oaks Park (17630 Southwest 56th Street, Southwest Ranches

**ADMISSION: FREE**

- **FOOD**
- **LIVE BAND**
- **FACE PAINTING**
- **PETTING ZOO**
- **CONTESTS**
- **PRIZES**
- **GAMES**



Jeff Crimmins -  
Smoking Dawg Chili

**1st  
Place**



Karen Parkerson -  
Parkerson's Country Chili

**2nd  
Place**

Aster Knight Parks Foundation Board Members & Chili Winner



## SWRVFD CORNER

I want to thank all Town residents that attended the Aster Knight Parks Foundation Chili Cook-off Event. The Southwest Ranches Fire Rescue provided the BBQ. The event was a success due to the Town residents being so generous as they have been in the past.

The Fire Department encourages the use of Reflective Address Marker for your mail box, the department is selling them for only \$20.00 (contact Asst. Chief Kastner at 754-224-0877).

The features are highly visible day or night, fade resistant, pre-drilled holes, and easy installation.

Having these Reflective Address Markers are a benefit because they are visible during a situation where Fire and/or Police are responding to your location.

Chief Lee Bennett  
Southwest Ranches Fire Chief





# A FLOOD OF INFORMATION...

## FLOOD INSURANCE POLICY RATE CHANGES

The Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 was passed by the United States Congress. The new law includes changes to the National Flood Insurance Program including flood insurance rate changes. Subsidized rates for non-primary/secondary residences are being phased out. Whereas subsidized rates for other classes of properties will be eliminated over time beginning in late 2013. A fact sheet prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides information such as what the changes to the NFIP means, grandfathering changes in 2014, suggestions on what can be done to lower costs. For more details about Section 5 of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act please refer to the fact sheet [http://www.floods.org/ace-files/documentlibrary/2012\\_NFIP\\_Reform/2012\\_NFIP\\_Reform\\_Act\\_](http://www.floods.org/ace-files/documentlibrary/2012_NFIP_Reform/2012_NFIP_Reform_Act_)

ASFPM\_Summary\_of\_Contents.pdfA copy of the fact sheet will also be placed in the Town's website [www.southwesttranches.com](http://www.southwesttranches.com).

## FLOOD INSURANCE REFORM ACT OF 2012

### What this means:

The new law eliminates some artificially low rates and discounts which are no longer sustainable. Most flood insurance rates will reflect full risk, and flood insurance rates will rise on some policies.

Actions such as buying or selling a property, or allowing a policy to lapse, can trigger rate changes. You should talk to your insurance agent about how changes may affect your property and flood insurance policy. There are investments you and your community can make to reduce the impact of rate changes. And FEMA can help communities lower flood risk and flood insurance premiums.

## What is Changing Now?

Most rates for most properties will more accurately reflect risk. Subsidized rates for nonprimary/secondary residences are being phased out now. Subsidized rates for other classes of properties will be eliminated over time, beginning in late 2013. There are several actions which can trigger a rate change, and not everyone will be affected. It's important to know the distinctions and actions to avoid, or to take, to lessen the impacts.

Not everyone will be affected immediately by the new law – only 20 percent of NFIP policies receive subsidies. Talk to your agent about how rate changes could affect your policy.

For further information please contact Town Hall at: (954) 434-0008

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR TOWN ADMINISTRATOR...

Over the last few months, you may have noticed some work being done around Town Hall. We are completing some needed updates and have added a new generator (just in time for storm season), a dumpster enclosure, a new wall sign, and a new flag pole, proudly flying our Town flag!

Around the flag poles we have installed imprinted brick pavers. If you have ordered one in the past, please come by and check it out.

If you would like to order a brick, we'd be happy to assist. We have also ordered a new bench, dedicated to the late Charlie Lynn, former Town Administrator. The bench and plaque have been paid for by generous donations from those who knew and loved Charlie.

The Town is working with students from West Broward High School's "Project Primal" on an edible demonstration garden at Town Hall to bring awareness of healthy eating.



The final project will be repairing our irrigation system, working on our landscaping, and grassing over the overflow parking area. The Town Our goal is a Town Hall we can all be proud of, and we invite you stop in and visit.

# Around the Town

## Code Enforcement and You: NEW ORDINANCE SNIPE SIGNS TO BE LITTER

By: Robert C. Solera, Code Enforcement Director /  
Code Services Inc. President

The Town of Southwest Ranches Town Council recently passed an Ordinance that amended Article 70 of our Town Code which is entitled "Signs". The specific section that we would like to bring to your attention is the section that relates to "prohibited signs." There are a number of prohibited signs outlined in this article of the code. The Council included "snipe signs" as part of the prohibited signs and classified them as litter.

Snipe signs are signs that are typically found on intersections or main highways around Town. Basically, these signs serve as a mode of advertisement for a specific business or questionable multi-level marketing or work-at-home schemes, dubious weight loss plans, credit repair and predatory lenders, with very few being legitimate businesses.

The Town has seen a proliferation of these types of signs; and since the owners do not pick them up, it has begun to create a very unpleasant look within our Town. In an effort to curbe this issue, the new amended law allows for anyone from the public, in addition to the Code Enforcement Officer or Town representative, to collect and dispose of these signs as litter.

There is a difference between these types of signs and those that are found along roads such as real estate signs, or other signs which are properly permitted. You can always contact the Code Enforcement Department at (954) 434-0008 if you have any questions related to this new ordinance.



Snipe Sign Example



Real Estate Signs

## "PERSONALIZE YOUR BRICK"



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

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Inscription: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \$100.00  
Checks should be made payable to:  
Town of Southwest Ranches - (Bricks)

Mail to: 13400 Griffin Road  
Southwest Ranches, FL 33330  
Or call: 954-434-0008





## BULK YARD TRASH

Must be part of normal yard maintenance, including tree trimmings, branches, palm fronds and other yard trash where no single item exceeds four (4) feet in length or 50 pounds in weight. Homeowners are held responsible for ensuring that Construction contractors and landscape maintenance providers remove any debris generated by their services.

**Residential contracted Landscaper debris and or nursery debris will not be removed in bulk collection at residence...**

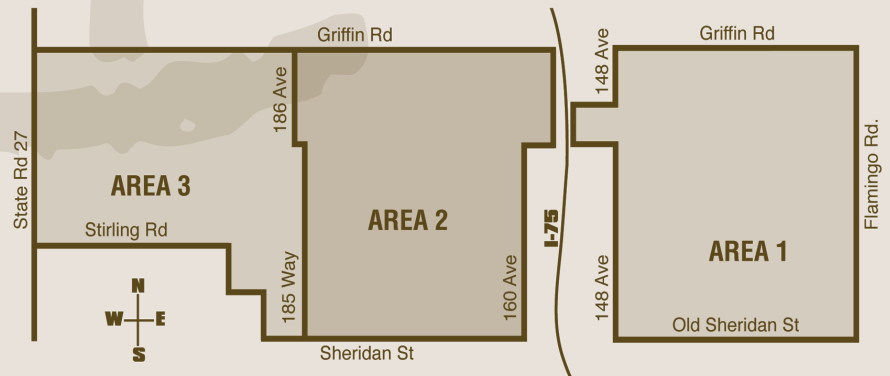
- Must be placed curb side in a neat and orderly manner that facilitates safe collection with a overhead grapple truck.
- Residents are permitted to place out for collection a maximum of twelve (12) cubic yards in total of bulk waste combined.
- Loose items must be placed in a bag, box, carton or crate that can be safely lifted without breaking and weigh no more than 50 lbs.
- Glass item must be in a rigid container.
- Bulk Waste should not be placed out any earlier than the Saturday before your scheduled collection day and no later than 7 a.m. on collection day.
- No collection on Christmas Day

### Items that cannot be included in normal collection:

- **Hazardous or exempt waste: motor oils, paint, batteries, pesticides, biological sludge, auto or boat parts and horse manure.**
- **Material generated from land clearing, land development or hurricane debris.**
- **Automobile bodies, engines, transmissions, batteries, tires of any size and other automotive and marine parts.**

## Town of Southwest Ranches Waste Collection Map and Schedule

See Waste Collection Map and schedule below to find your solid waste collection days and bulk collection service dates.



### Weekly SOLID (GARBAGE) Waste Days

Area 3	Area 2	Area 1
Wednesday & Saturday	Tuesday & Friday	Monday & Thursday

### BULK Collection Service Dates by Area

Month	Area 3 (Wednesday Only)	Area 2 (Tuesday Only)	Area 1 (Monday Only)
July-13	7/10/13 & 7/24/13	7/9/13 & 7/23/13	7/8/13 & 7/22/13
Aug-13	8/7/13 & 8/21/13	8/6/13 & 8/20/13	8/5/13 & 8/19/13

**RECYCLE** collection occurs once per week:

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

### Bulk Waste Collection Guidelines

Bulk Trash must be placed separate from both Yard Trash and Solid Waste (Garbage) and must be generated by the customer at the residence where it is being collected.

Commercial businesses, nurseries and landscapers are prohibited from place in anything out for collection. They must have a commercial dumpster on site.

### Bulk Trash

Includes but is not limited to: large appliances (doors and refrigerators removed), white goods, couches, chairs, mattresses, tables, lumber, carpets, and padding.

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

# CALENDARS

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
<b>July</b>	1 Aster Knight Parks Foundation Town Hall 7 pm Country Estates Homeowners Mtg. Town Hall 7 pm	2 Code Hearing Town Hall 9 am SWRVFD Meeting Town Hall 7 pm	3 Drainage & Infrastructure Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm	4 Independence Day Town Hall Closed	5	6
	7	8 NO MEETING: Schools & Education Advisory Board <b>AREA 1 BULK</b>	9 NO MEETING: Rec., Forestry, & Natural Resources Advisory Board <b>AREA 2 BULK</b>	10 Fire Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm <b>AREA 3 BULK</b>	11 Town Council Mtg. Council Chambers Town Hall 7 pm	12
	14	15	16 NO MEETING: Rural Public Arts & Design Advisory Board Meeting	17	18 Comprehensive Plan Advisory Bd. Town Hall 7 pm	19
	21	22	23 Rolling Oaks Civic Assn. Town Hall 7 pm <b>AREA 2 BULK</b>	24 Sunshine Ranches Homeowners Assn. Town Hall 7:30 pm <b>AREA 3 BULK</b>	25 Town Council Mtg. Council Chambers Town Hall 7 pm	26
	28	29	30	31		
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<b>August</b>	4 Aster Knight Parks Foundation Town Hall 7 pm Country Estates Homeowners Mtg. Town Hall 7 pm <b>AREA 1 BULK</b>	5	6 Code Hearing Town Hall 9 am SWRVFD Meeting Town Hall 7 pm <b>AREA 2 BULK</b>	7 Drainage & Infrastructure Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm <b>AREA 3 BULK</b>	8 Town Council Mtg. Council Chambers Town Hall 7 pm	9
	11	12 Schools & Education Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm	13 Rec., Forestry, & Natural Resources Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm	14 Fire Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm	15 Comprehensive Plan Advisory Bd. Town Hall 7 pm	16
	18	19	20 Rural Public Arts & Design Advisory Board Meeting Town Hall 7 pm Budget Workshop Town Hall 7 pm <b>AREA 2 BULK</b>	21 <b>AREA 3 BULK</b>	22 Town Council Mtg. Council Chambers Town Hall 7 pm	23
	25	26	27 Rolling Oaks Civic Assn. Town Hall 7 pm	28 Sunshine Ranches Homeowners Assn. Town Hall 7:30 pm	29	30

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

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Administrative Specialist, Susan Kutz	(954) 434-0008	<a href="mailto:skutz@swranches.org">skutz@swranches.org</a>
Administrative Specialist, Danielle Miller	(954) 343-7474	<a href="mailto:dmiller@swranches.org">dmiller@swranches.org</a>
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Accounting Clerk, Mara Semper	(954) 434-0008	<a href="mailto:msemper@swranches.org">msemper@swranches.org</a>

### Planning, Zoning, Permitting & Occupational Licenses

Building Department/Permitting	M-F 8:00 am - 4:00 pm	
Lisa Reices	(954) 888-9882/Fax: (954) 888-9860	<a href="mailto:lreices@capfla.com">lreices@capfla.com</a>
Building Director, Dave Tringo	(954) 888-9882/Cell: (954) 605-0127	<a href="mailto:dtringo@swranches.org">dtringo@swranches.org</a>
Planning and Zoning M-F	M-F 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	
The Mellgren Planning Group	(954) 475-3070 ext 803	

### Code Compliance:

Code Enforcement Director, Robert Solera	(954) 343-7440	<a href="mailto:rsolera@swranches.org">rsolera@swranches.org</a>
Code Enforcement Officer, Julio Medina	(954) 343-7440	<a href="mailto:jmedina@swranches.org">jmedina@swranches.org</a>

### Police/Fire/Rescue Services

<b>Emergency</b>	<b>911</b>	
Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO)		
Law Enforcement District 9	(954) 680-0010	
Davie Fire Rescue Station 112	(954) 680-0020	
Southwest Ranches Volunteer Fire Rescue	(954) 343-7466	

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

Potholes and Signs: Emily McCord	(954) 343-7453	<a href="mailto:emccord@swranches.org">emccord@swranches.org</a>
Paving: Willie Nabong, PE	(954) 343-7444	<a href="mailto:w nabong@swranches.org">wnabong@swranches.org</a>

### Waste/Bulk/Recycling Services (Residential & Commercial)

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

Central Broward Water Control District	(954) 432-5110	<a href="http://www.centralbrowardwcd.org">www.centralbrowardwcd.org</a>
East of SW 148 (Volunteer) Avenue		
South Broward Drainage District	(954) 680-3337	<a href="http://www.sbdd.org">www.sbdd.org</a>
West of SW 148 (Volunteer) Avenue		

### Well and Septic

Broward County Health Department	(954) 467-4700 ext 4233	
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Environmental Complaint Hotline, Broward County	(954) 831-1499	
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**SWR 2013 PHOTO CONTEST RULES**

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Southwest Ranches 2013 Photo Contest Entry Form

**Rural Public Arts & Design Advisory Board**  
13400 Griffin Road, Southwest Ranches, Florida 33330

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

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

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_

I UNDERSTAND, ACKNOWLEDGE, AND AGREE THAT THE SUBMISSION OF PHOTOGRAPHS 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** \_\_\_\_\_

**Who may enter:** Residents of the Town of Southwest Ranches who are 18 years old or older. Younger residents may enter with their parent or guardian's written permission. We do not accept digitally or otherwise enhanced or altered photos. Minor adjustments, including spotting, dodging and burning, sharpening, contrast and slight color adjustment or the digital equivalents, are acceptable. Photos that violate or infringe upon another person's rights, including but not limited to copyright, are not eligible.

**How to enter:** High-quality scans of non-digital photographs are acceptable. Digital photographs should be taken at the highest resolution possible. Submissions must be high-resolution photograph of at least 300 dpi at 3,000 pixels on the longest side or an original photo negative, print or slide. Photographs must be in a pdf, tif, jpg, pdf or gif format. Files submitted may not be larger than 5 megabytes. Photos must be presented as an 8"x10" size in either glossy or mat finish. Prints Slides and digital files will not be returned so please make copies before submitting.

By entering the contest, entrants grant the Town of Southwest Ranches, a royalty-free, worldwide, perpetual, non-exclusive license to display, distribute, reproduce and create derivative works of the entries, in whole or in part, in any media now existing or subsequently developed, for any educational, promotional, publicity, exhibition, archival, scholarly and all other standard Town

purposes. Any photograph reproduced will include a photographer credit as feasible. The Town of Southwest Ranches will not be required to pay any additional consideration or seek any additional approval in connection with such uses.

**Entry deadline:** All entries must be received at Town Hall, 13400 Griffin Road Southwest Ranches, FL 33330 plus on CD or via email: to Skutz@southwestranches.org by 2pm Eastern Time on October 1, 2013.

**Judging:** Judging of the annual contest will be conducted by the Rural Public Arts & Design Advisory Board members. The winning photographs will be announced at the Annual Craft Show, at the Sunshine Ranches Equestrian Park, 5840 Volunteer Road (148th Avenue) October 19, 2013. The Town will notify the winner via the contact information provided at the time of entry; the Town may disqualify anyone who fails to respond to the notification within five business days. Please do not contact us about the status of entries or judging.

**Prizes:** The Town of Southwest Ranches will award seven cash prizes, as follows:  
**2 Grand Prizes: \$100.00 each**  
**2 Second Prizes: \$75.00 each**  
**3 Honorable Mention Prizes: \$50.00 each**

One cash prize per person; Winners must sign a release and license, declaration of eligibility, and will be responsible for paying any taxes they may owe on a prize.

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