

SOUTHWEST RANCHER

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PREPAREDNESS GUIDE

Once again the hurricane season is upon us. Please take the time to thoroughly review the Southwest Rancher Hurricane Preparedness Guide. Familiarize yourself with key elements special to the Ranches. Everyone should have a hurricane plan; preparation is a key component to the safety and well being of your family and property....your most valued assets. Every family in Southwest Ranches should be prepared to be self-sufficient for the first three to five days after a major storm so recovery efforts can focus on those who can't help themselves. Public Safety providers, Town Administration, and staff are prepared to provide expert service to the community through all aspects of emergency management if the need arises.





**Mayor
Jeff Nelson**

The 2013 hurricane season is upon us and the weather experts have

predicted a busy storm year. We Floridians know that it takes only one storm to change a community and keeping that in mind it is very important that each family have a hurricane plan in place. Begin now to assemble your hurricane supply kit and creating an emergency family plan. Preparedness should be a priority year round.

As a parent and family member one of the jobs we do best is to provide a healthy, safe and secure world for our family. The prospects of natural disaster are far from our minds as parents, however, as hurricane season approaches we can all prepare for the unexpected. A few simple tips will help protect our family, home, and pets.

This special edition of the Southwest Rancher includes suggestions for your advance planning should a hurricane threaten our area.

Be prepared and stay safe this hurricane season!

It is an honor and pleasure to serve you!!

Jeff

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**Vice Mayor
Steve Breitkreuz**

Our SWR Volunteer Fire Department is at a critical juncture. We are well into our first

year of a 5 year contract with the Town of Davie. By all accounts the partnership is going exceptionally well. Providing additional coverage and saving the Town a significant amount of money. However, the Town is working through the process of determining what the future direction of the SWRVFD should be. I have always seen the hybrid model, part volunteer and part paid, similar to what is employed in Plantation, as a potential model for our Town. However, we have unique challenges that Plantation does not have so, it is clear that we while we can learn from others it will be up to us to chart our own path.

As part of that effort, the Fire Advisory Board has been formed. It is made up of mostly fire professionals that are experts in this area and are willing to volunteer their time to help chart this future. This board has made a number of recommendations and is in the process of producing a document that we can use to hire a firm to evaluate our options.

I believe that everyone involved is looking forward to having a clearer idea of the path forward, regardless of where that path leads. We have a tremendous group of volunteer fire fighters and a strong management team in the fire department as well. The goal is to bring everyone to the table, along with outside expertise when needed, so that we can make the wisest long term decision for our Town. My thanks go out to everyone who is assisting in this effort.



**Council Member
Freddy Fisikelli**

I think one of the most important issues in our Town is the recent action taken by the Florida legislature on Florida

Statute 823.14 also known as the Right to Farm Act. It started when the Town received an Attorney General Opinion (AGO) which was dated January 29, 2013 in response to a request made by the Town of Loxahatchee Groves to provide an opinion on municipalities regulating non-residential farm building. The AGO gave a response that stated that no city, town, or local government can regulate agricultural land and making reference to non-residential farm buildings from Florida Statute 604.50. Previously, in an effort to help residents who were not covered under Florida Statute 823.14 Right to Farm Act (“Hobby Farms”), created our own Town Code, which gave our Town the power to designate a resident’s land as a farm so that small structures may be built on properties for animals. The Attorney General Opinion stated that this Town regulation was illegal. The Town decided the best way to correct this was to go to Tallahassee to see if they could get the statute amended to allow our hobby farms and unfortunately it was not successful. The Senate and House passed HB203 and SB1190 these bills narrow the exemption from the Florida Building Code and other County or Municipal codes or fees for nonresidential farm buildings, farm fences, or farm signs to only apply to those located on land used for bona fide agricultural purposes. At our last Council Meeting on May 9,2013 State Representative Katie Edwards was invited to provide an update on the changes to the Florida Statute, such as farm structures, changes to the Greenbelt Law and House Bill 203. She suggested that our Town create regulations for hobby farms by July 1st. It is important that everyone gets involved to help us do this. The Town will organize workshops for the public so that you can help by giving us your thoughts and suggestions on how to develop a workable solution.

LIGHTS! CAMERAS! ACTION!



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 _____

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Clip & Return

SWR 2013 PHOTO CONTEST RULES

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 5Mb. 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 eight 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.

Around the town

2013 STUDENT ARBOR DAY CONTEST

Photo by Bob Hartmann

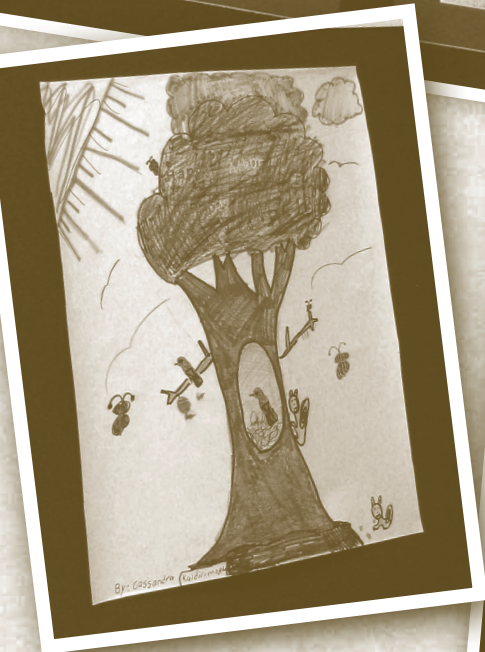




Photo by Bob Hartmann

About the Schools & Education Advisory Board (SEAB) 2013 National Arbor Day Student Art Exhibition

- Southwest Ranches Arbor Day is the third Friday in January, matching Florida's annual Arbor Day.
- Also celebrating National Arbor Day (Friday April 26, 2013), the SEAB invited students of all ages to participate in its Student Art Exhibition, themed: "Trees are Terrific...in all Shapes and Sizes!"
- Students' artwork is on display in Town Hall through the month of April.
- There were 72 entries total, including drawings, photographs, multimedia artwork and poetry.
- Participants included individual Students and three Hawke's Bluff Elementary School Kindergarten classes.
- This is a fun way to teach students about trees and help increase our children's knowledge about the importance of tree diversity.
- Students each receive a certificate of participation and the Town's gratitude for increasing our awareness about the importance of trees in our community!

HAWK'S BLUFF KINDERGARTEN CLASSES

Mrs. Chesto's Class

Addison
Ashton
Brennan
Brooke H.
Brooke S.
Elijah
Emilia
Fernando
Jackson
Jeremy
Matthew
McKailee
Mischa
Nick
Phoenix
Richard
Sofhia

Mrs. Aarnio's Class

Alexandra
Alyssa
Amelio
Dallas
Jacob
Jonathan
Juan
Linda
Mackenzie
Marckos
Neo
Richard
Riley
Sara
Stephen

Ms. Sullivan's Class

Baylee
Caitlin
Catina
CJ
Danyelle
Emerson
Ethan
Evan
Gatlin
Kaylin
Keira
Maddox
Nicholas
Sofia
Taylor
Wyatt

Individual Entries

Aleksa Alonso
Andrew Gleissner
Brady Brocato
Brooke Giacin
Cassandra Kaldirimoglu
Hope Passarello
Jayson Ruiz
Katherine Hernandez
Kyle Gleissner
Rachel Gibbs
Rebecca Moral
Ricky Valequez
Samantha Hernandez
Sarah Gonzalez
Savannah Hodgers
Sydney Gonzalez

Around the Town

Education News SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD (SEAB) UPDATE

Information Alert!

Contacts:

Tracy Clark, Public Information Officer, 754-321-2626
Cynthia Park, Director, College & Career Readiness, 754-321-2119

New BCPS Process for Grades 6 or 9 for the 2013/14 School Year: Re-Registration Required

Parents and/or guardians of students currently in grades 5 or 8 during the 2012/13 are required to re-register their child(ren) for the 2013/14 school year. To re-register, parents and/or guardians need to present four documents to the school the students will attend. This process change is a result to a change in School Board Policy 5000.1:

Step 1: Provide two documents, one from Group A and one from Group B, listed below:

Group A

- Current telephone or electric bill in the name of the person registering the child
- Mortgage statement
- Notarized lease agreement with name, address and phone number of leaser
- Mortgage commitment

- Home purchase contract including specified closing date, with copy of deed to be provided within 60 days of closing date
- Homestead exemption card

Group B

- Automobile insurance
- Current Florida Driver's License/ Florida Identification card
- Cellular telephone bill
- Credit card statement
- Bank account statement
- United States Postal Service confirmation of address change request
- Declaration of Domicile form from the County Records Department

Step 2: Complete and submit the Registration Form and the Emergency Contact Form.

To recap, four documents are required to complete re-registration process:

- One document from Group A
- One document from Group B
- Registration Form
- Emergency Contact Form

Additional details, including the Registration Form and Emergency Contact Form, are available at <http://www.browardschools.com/re-registrationprocess>.

If a parent and/or guardian is unable to prove residency within the school boundary area, or if their child has not been reassigned to a school through the Innovative Programs (Magnet) or Reassignment Process, please visit the boundary school to register the student. To locate the appropriate school boundary, parents and/or guardians can locate the school online utilizing the District's School Locator web application available at <http://www.browardschools.com/schools/locator.htm>.

Parents and/or guardians can also contact their current school administration if they have questions about this process and the steps and information needed to re-register.



SWRVFD Corner

Hurricane season is rapidly approaching. Make sure you check all your emergency supplies, flashlights, batteries, generators, water, food, medications, etc. If you have hurricane shutters, do a trial run installing them to assure they are working properly and you have all the hardware needed. Prepare an evacuation plan in advance with all family members. Secure all outside lawn furniture, statues, BBQ grill and plants, etc. that can

become a deadly missile in high winds. Please make sure you keep your pets, and livestock safe and secure as you prepare for a storm. Pets should have an up to date identification tag. During a Hurricane remember to stay away from all doors and windows. Establish a safe room that is stocked with supplies, that you can go to quickly. After the storm has passed, always stay away from rising/ standing flooded water areas. Unseen power lines can be down, and can cause electrocution.

The Southwest Ranches Fire Department is continuing to grow, and has recently added a new Fire Marshals Bureau to the organization. In the next few months there will be multi-company drills and certification courses in fire tactics and fire engine pump operations.

Stay Safe,
Chief Lee Bennett
Southwest Ranches Fire Rescue

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Hurricane Kit Checklist

- Drinking Water:** At least one gallon per person per day for three to five days, preferably two weeks. Extra water is needed for food preparation and personal hygiene. To store drinking water, use food-grade containers. You can use clean, airtight containers such as two-liter soda jugs, but no milk containers. If you re-use disposable plastic bottles, do not keep them for more than a month.
- Food:** At least enough for three to five days, including non-perishable packaged or canned food, canned or shelf milk, cereal, etc.; and snack foods
- A three- to five-day supply of special items for babies** such as formula, food, wipes, diapers; special foods for the elderly; toiletries and extra toilet paper
- Manual can opener/bottle opener**
- Paper goods** such as plates, bowls, napkins, towels, and plastic eating utensils
- Unscented household bleach and medicine dropper**
- Extra bedding** such as blankets, pillows, sleeping bag, etc. in case you must evacuate
- Clothing, including rain gear and sturdy shoes**
- First aid kit**
- Medicines/prescription drugs:** A two-week supply
- Hand sanitizer**
- Flashlight and extra batteries**
- Battery-operated or hand-crank radio**
- Disposable batteries, car charger or solar charger for your cell phone**
- Hardline telephone with jack (not cordless)**
- Books and games or toys**
- Pet food, cat litter and other pet care items**
- Tool kit** including cord, rope, hammer, wood nails, saw, hatchet or axe, crowbar, chain saw blades, tarp, duct tape, and heavy work gloves
- Plastic trash bags and ties**
- Extra resealable plastic storage bags, heavy-duty aluminum foil and disposable aluminum pans**
- Extra charcoal or propane gas for outdoor cooking.** Sterno can also be used. Never cook with any of these items inside your house. The smoke and fumes are deadly.
- Fire extinguisher (ABC type)**
- Matches in a waterproof container**
- Mosquito repellent with DEET, and sunscreen**
- Any special equipment or items you may need**

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Emergency	911
First Call for Help	211
BSO Non-Emergency	954-765-4321
Broward County Hurricane Hotline	954-831-4000 or 311 TTY 954-831-3940
Broward County Human Services Department For Special Needs Shelter Registration	954-357-6385 TTY 954-357-5608
Broward County School District Hotline	754-321-0321
FEMA Hotline	1-800-342-3557 1-850-413-9900 TTY 1-800-462-7585
Broward County Emergency Management Pet-Friendly Hurricane Shelter Registration	954-831-3900 954-989-3977
Broward County Animal Care & Regulation Insurance — State of Florida Department of Financial Services Hurricane Helpline	954-359-1313 1-800-22-STORM (78676) TTY 1-800-640-0886
Price Gouging Hotline In Spanish	1-800-HELP-FLA (435-7352) 1-800-FLA-AYUDA (352-9832)
Broward County Consumer Affairs Division	954-357-5350
American Red Cross, Broward Chapter	954-797-3800
Florida Power and Light	1-800-468-8243
Southwest Ranches Volunteer Fire Rescue	954-343-7466
Southwest Ranches Town Hall General Information	954-434-0008
Broward County Waste and Recycling Services	954-765-4202 TTY 954-765-4207
Broward County Paratransit Services	954-357-6794 TTY 954-357-8330
Mass Transit Rider Services	954-357-8400 TTY 954-357-8302
Homeless Information	954-563-HELP (4357) 211

IMPORTANT WEB LINKS

Broward County Chapter American Red Cross:
www.browardredcross.org
FEMA: www.fema.gov
Broward County Hurricane Preparedness Guide:
www.broward.org/hurricane

RADIO STATIONS FOR HURRICANE UPDATES

WIOD – 610 (AM) OFFICIAL HURRICANE STATION
WINZ – 940 (AM)
WQAM 560 (AM)



BEFORE THE STORM

Develop a Hurricane Plan

FOLLOW THESE STEPS TO CREATE A FAMILY HURRICANE PLAN.

- Storm proof your home. Assess your home for vulnerable areas by doing a structure and property evaluation.
- Document Assets... Make a visual and written record of your assets for insurance purposes. Also, photograph the interior and exterior of your home.
- Turn off circuit breakers... before the power goes. Leave one circuit breaker on with a lamp so you will know when power is restored.
- If possible, purchase a generator and an ample supply of fuel to power the generator in the event of power outages. Safely store you generator outside when running it. Do not run your generator in an enclosed area.
- Please remember to prepare ahead for your medical needs such as dialysis, insulin, oxygen, and any prescription drugs.
- The emergency refill law now allows you to obtain a 30-day supply of medications when an emergency is announced. Pregnant women who are two weeks from their due date, at high risk, or otherwise concerned should contact their physician.
- Make a plan for your pets.

DURING THE STORM:

Once the storm arrives, there are some additional measures you can take to keep everyone as safe as possible.

- Remain Calm
- Stay indoors in a secure location, or your "safe room." The strongest part of a house is usually away from windows and exterior doors.
- Place towels along window sills and the bottom of doors heading outside to keep water from coming in.
- Have buckets, mops and sponges handy in the event of flooding.
- Turn off circuit breakers before the power goes. Leave one circuit breaker on with a lamp so you will know when power is restored.
- Use flashlights, not candles or kerosene lamps, during the storm.
- Elevate valuables to table tops or high places if flooding occurs.
- Be aware that tornadoes can appear anytime during a hurricane. Monitor your local radio station (Tune in to News Radio 610 AM WIOD) and if a tornado warning is issued, take cover in an interior hallway or "safe room."
- Stay indoors until the storm has passed. A calm period at the eye of the storm may cause some people to think the storm has passed. Remain indoors until the news stations say it is safe to move about the area.
- If your house starts to break apart, cover yourself with a mattress. If your safe room is a bathroom with a bathtub, get in the tub under a mattress.
- Use the phone for urgent calls only. Don't use the phone if you hear thunder.

AFTER THE STORM:

Some of the greatest hurricane dangers present themselves after the storm has passed. Keep these important tips in mind:

- Treat all downed power lines as if they were live. If a power line is sparking or arcing, stay away and call 911 if possible.
- Walk cautiously and avoid standing water, which may hide downed power lines or hazardous objects.
- Don't venture out in the dark because you may not see a power line that could still be energized.
- Do not drive unless it is an emergency. If the power is out, traffic lights will not be working, stop signs and street signs may have blown away. Streets will be littered with debris. Treat each intersection as a four-way stop.

Personal Property

It is important to take photos of damaged areas and possessions. Make temporary repairs to protect your home or property from further damage. Cover holes in the roof or walls with plywood and use heavy-duty plastic to cover broken windows. Keep records, bills and paid invoices until your insurance representative visits. Notify your insurance agent as soon as possible. Don't assume just because the television broadcasts the news 24 hours a day before and after the storm that one's obligation under their insurance policy to place the carrier on notice is satisfied. It isn't. Actual written notice must be given with the time frame set forth in the policy. If you have a downed tree in your yard and it is not blocking a road and has not downed a power line, it is your responsibility to remove the tree. Downed trees on private property are the responsibility of the homeowner. Clean up the premises and remove debris within time limits imposed by the Town and FEMA if applicable.

Garbage and Storm Debris Pickup

Once winds exceed 40 mph, garbage trucks are taken off the regular collection routes to protect the drivers. After the storm, as soon as roads are accessible, a first priority is to collect raw garbage. Solid Waste Systems (SWS), the Town's contracted hauler will collect garbage on the regularly scheduled days. Raw garbage poses a public health threat because of bacteria and odor and can attract scavenging animals. Do not place your raw garbage with hurricane generated debris. The second priority will be picking up hurricane yard debris... branches, clippings, etc. In the event of a federally declared disaster, the Town will be working with the Florida Department of Community Affairs and FEMA for removal of storm-related debris.

Storm Debris Guide:

1. Separate hurricane vegetative and structural debris items.
2. Debris must be in front of your residence or it will not be removed.
3. Do not place debris near power poles.
4. Do not obstruct fire wells and hydrants with debris.
5. Do not place debris on utility boxes.
6. Place debris away from mailboxes.
7. Do not place debris in the street, causing a public safety hazard.



NOTE: UNIMPROVED AREAS OF YOUR PROPERTY, COMMERCIAL PROPERTY, NURSERIES, NURSERY DEBRIS AND LAND CLEARING ARE NOT APPLICABLE FOR GOVERNMENT-FUNDED DEBRIS PICKUP. DEBRIS PILED ON VACANT LOTS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP.

The Town will post start and end dates of debris pickup on the Town Web site and in print media. Please call Town Hall if you have questions about the disaster clean-up process. (954) 434-0008.

FOR KIDS: READY, SET, HURRICANE!

BE PREPARED IN EVERY SITUATION

You're already a great planner! Every day you get your homework done, get to music or sports practice on time, and plan where and when you'll meet up with your friends. Are you ready to put your planning skills to good use. Are you ready to help your family get prepared for the unexpected? You and your family can learn even more about preparing for the unexpected by visiting the Ready Kids website at www.ready.gov. Log on with your parents and click on the **KIDS** navigational link near the top right to find easy steps that well help your family be ready!



Circle the letters in the puzzle to the right to make the words in the list below it. Sharpen your pencils & sharpen your hurricane awareness.

C	R	G	N	I	N	R	A	W	F	S
R	H	A	T	I	D	E	S	L	E	S
E	E	A	I	P	Q	H	O	O	T	S
V	R	T	R	N	V	O	D	O	H	U
A	E	D	E	T	D	A	R	C	C	P
C	H	N	D	M	N	M	N	T	T	P
U	T	I	W	R	O	R	E	C	A	L
A	A	W	O	J	G	R	A	Y	W	I
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E	W	M	K	C	A	R	T	B	A	S
I	W	L	A	N	D	F	A	L	L	R

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|-----------|----------|-----------|
| BAROMETER | LANDFALL | TORNADOES |
| CHART | RADAR | TRACK |
| DAMAGE | RAIN | WARNING |
| EVACUATE | STORM | WATCH |
| EYE | SUPPLIES | WEATHER |
| FLOOD | TIDES | WIND |

ANIMALS AND HURRICANES

TIPS FOR LARGE ANIMAL OWNERS: Before the storm:

No one can guarantee where your horse will be safe. The decision is yours. If you cannot make your property safe because of the condition of the barn, trees, power lines, low lying land prone to flooding, or general condition of the neighboring properties, plan on evacuating your horse at least 48 hours before the storm.

- 1) Review all tips provided and implement as many as possible.
- 2) Remove tools and loose objects.
- 3) Board up barn windows
- 4) Whether you decide to keep your animals in the barn, the pasture, or trailer them out of the area, it is very important that you have them haltered, preferably with a leather halter, and have them well identified.
 - Attach a fetlock or mare band to your horse with your contact information written in permanent ink on the band.
 - Place the horse's identification and contact information on a waterproof luggage tag and braid it close to the base of the horse's tail.
 - Attach identification and contact information to the halter. Secure it tightly in a plastic bag and affix it to the halter with packing tape.
 - If your horse is tattooed or has a microchip, make sure that the ownership information is current in the registration database.
 - Spray paint your area code and telephone number on the side of the animal in a contrasting color. Use acrylic paint because it should wear off in 1-2 weeks.
- 5) Shut off electricity to the barn before the storm.
 - Unplug any appliances inside the barn so that they will not become energized by an electrical surge due to a lightning strike. This minimizes the chances of a fire, if your barn is damaged.

The SWRVFD stands ready to assist all of the Town's residents, both human and animal, if a hurricane should strike our area but asks that you assist us by making your own preparations as well. Stay safe!

If a Category 5 storm threatens it is probably best to trailer the animals out of the area.

The department is on call to all types of Emergency Services should the need arise. We will be at your property to assist with water for your animals as the events unfold.

HORSE SUPPLIES:

Water:

12 gallons of water per horse per day.

Are you on a well and dependent on electricity for your water system?

If you do not have an emergency power source to pump your water, the SWR Volunteer Fire Department can assist to water your animals. You must have a large trough or large containers at the front of your property to hold a couple days water supply.

Food:

Be sure you have adequate supplies of hay and grain on hand prior to the storm.

You may not be able to get out for several days or longer. Grain should be stored in water proof containers, and if possible be up off the floor. Hay should be at least 2 feet off the floor and covered well, in the event of leaks. The University of Florida Extension veterinarians recommend that you not leave grain in the stalls with your horses if you stable them during the storm and that you leave them a light grass hay. Without grain they will be less likely to founder.



Safeguard
the young &
vulnerable.



Pet Supplies, Food & Water:

Large dogs need 1/2 gal of water per day

Treats

Kitty litter

Current photo of your pet for identification

Tattoo number or microchip

Make sure your pet is wearing its

animal license tag with identification

Medical records

Rabies certification and tag

Cleaning supplies and trash bags



Around the Town

BE ALERT: Crime Time!

Greetings Southwest Ranches:

As I continue to get acclimated with our residents, I want to take a moment to thank everyone for the warm welcome to the community. Over the last several months I have focused on learning about the area and issues and concerns pertaining to quality of life and law enforcement needs.

This month, I would like to focus on improving emergency response times and working together in the community. With your assistance, these goals can easily be attained.

Visible House Numbers and Access to Areas Key to Emergency Response Times

In the case of an emergency, such as a medical emergency, fire or police emergency, a difference in minutes can mean the difference between life and death.

Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters are equipped with many tools to help improve arrival time. One of these tools is a detailed map of their designated area(s). However, house numbers are imperative for a quick reference. The more camouflaged and hard to find the numbers are, the longer it will take emergency personnel to arrive at the scene.

Secured gates, with limited or no emergency access, combined with delayed call-outs also interfere with the safety of our residents. BSO encourages everyone to ensure their home addresses are visible and emergency access is available to your property 24 hours a day.

COP (Citizen Observer Patrol)

Together we can be a great team. The Broward Sheriff's Office believes that with residents' helping our Deputies spot suspicious activities, we can stop crimes before they are committed.

BSO's COP Program is a volunteer group sponsored by the Broward Sheriff's Office that uses a simple approach to safeguarding neighborhoods through residents' involvement. COP volunteers are local residents who help BSO fight crime by patrolling their community, looking out for suspicious activity or potential hazards and offering assistance to local residents.

Typical assignments, in addition to patrol activities, include performing checks on unoccupied residences (at the owner's request), checking on elderly or homebound residents (as requested) and reporting potential problems and neighborhood hazards to BSO.

COP volunteers wear uniforms and drive specially marked vehicles, adding to the crime-fighting presence in the community. Applicants must be 18 years of age, reside in Broward County, pass a background check, possess a valid Florida driver's license, complete at least four hours of the training program and comply with all program policies and procedures.

For more information on becoming a COP volunteer, contact Sergeant Andy Smith at 954-680-0010 or contact BSO's Countywide Operations at (954) 321-4100.

On a final note, I would like to welcome Sgt. Andy Smith to our team. Sgt. Smith was recently transferred from our Tamarac District and replaced Sgt. Ted Taranu who now reports to a specialized Criminal Investigative Unit. Congratulations to Sgt. Taranu on his new assignment and please welcome Sgt. Smith who will be visible in the community and at our upcoming meetings.

Captain Linda Canada-Stuck BSO District 9, Southwest Ranches



The Town of Southwest Ranches celebrated Municipal Clerks Week (May 5-11) on May 9th at the Town Council meeting. Town Clerk, Erika Santamaria, and Deputy Town Clerk, Juanita Romance were recognized for their hard work and dedication to the Town. Municipal Clerks' main function is to serve as the Council's foundation. Other duties include, but are not limited to, preparing agendas, taking minutes, maintaining ordinance and resolutions files, keeping the municipality's historical records, and serve as one of the main resources for information about the local government.

Around the Town

New Oak Trees Along Hancock Road Trail

In the early years of Southwest Ranches' incorporation, the Town received grant funding to plant trees along Rights of Way at Volunteer, Stirling, and Hancock Roads.

Grant-funded planting was completed for sections of these Rights of Way in 2003, however, available space and speed limit constraints prevented the Town's ability to plant along other portions of the Road. In the following years, resident Bill Greene of Greene's nursery offered a donation of additional oaks in an effort to see the planting continued along the Hancock Road Trail.

Thanks to proactive input from residents and assistance from Council members and administration, the Town was able to resolve multiple considerations, including reduction of the speed limit and Central Broward Water Control District space restrictions surrounding their canal maintenance area. In 2009, Council reviewed cost estimates, voted to support the project and funds were set aside. That year, and then again in 2012, attempts were made to complete the project with reduced costs using volunteer labor and services, but various impediments prevented



completion. In 2013, the Council reaffirmed its commitment to the project and Staff arranged for contracted labor offset by donations of materials for the planting.

The planting was completed on April 26. Local contract services were provided by Brothers Malaya Nursery and Island Tropics Landscape. Mulch was donated by Landworks Depot was distributed by staff with help from volunteers George Morris and staff members from Morris' construction company, PHI.

Thanks to an active early rainy season, establishment watering needed to help the trees establish and thrive is ongoing as needed only, representing another significant cost savings.

With so many green industry businesses in our local area, the Town routinely receives offers of donated trees. As desirable as increasing our Town canopy is, financial responsibility is always of primary concern for Council and Administration. Even donated trees cost money to plant and care for in the long term. Therefore, while we are unable to accept every donation offered, we are grateful to the dedicated individuals whose commitment to our Town makes such a big difference. Working together as a team in 2013, we were able to make this project happen so that our residents and visitors can enjoy the sight of our efforts taking root in the soil of their new home along Hancock Road.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR TOWN ADMINISTRATOR...

Recently Town Hall has received word of a few "gator sightings" around Town. As the weather heats up, alligators are becoming more active. Recognizing the close proximity we live in relation to the Everglades, it's surprising this isn't a daily occurrence.

In order to protect our children, our pets, and ourselves, it's important to remain vigilant near canal banks and other places gators may lurk. While we always need to be aware of our surroundings, we need to be especially alert to unexpected contact with our wildlife neighbors.

Should you see an alligator and feel it may be a threat to you or others; please call the "Nuisance Alligator Hotline" run by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) under its Alligator Management Program. The hotline number is 1-866-392-4286.

Code Corner

"PERSONALIZE YOUR BRICK"



Name: _____

Tel: _____

Email: _____

Inscription: _____

Cost: \$100.00

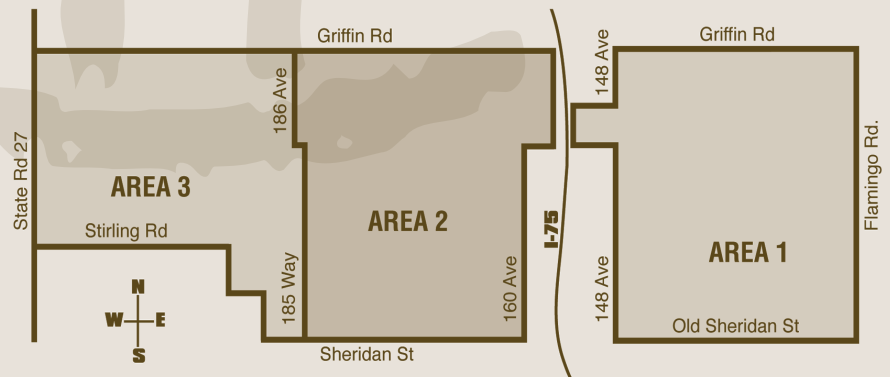
Checks should be made payable to:
Town of Southwest Ranches - (Bricks)

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



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)
June-13	6/12/13 & 6/26/13	6/11/13 & 6/25/13	6/10/13 & 6/24/13
July-13	7/10/13 & 7/24/13	7/9/13 & 7/23/13	7/8/13 & 7/22/13

RECYCLE collection occurs once per week:

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

Town of Southwest Ranches Procurement Opportunities

BID NUMBER/ RFP	ITEM/DESCRIPTION	MANDATORY PRE BID MTG.	CLARIFICATION DEADLINE	BID SUBMITTAL DEADLINE	CONTACT
IFB No.: 13-006	Playground Area and Open Play Fields at Fishing Hole Park	Wednesday May 29, 2013	Tuesday June 4, 2013	11:00 a.m. Wednesday June 19, 2013	Juanita Romance Deputy Town Clerk (954) 343-7477 jromance@swranches.org

The Town publishes this monthly solicitation of bids as a service to our residents. These are current at the time of newsletter publication.

All inquiries should be directed to Juanita Romance, Deputy Town Clerk, at jromance@swranches.org or (954) 343-7477.

Check the Town of Southwest Ranches website www.southwestranches.org for additional information or updates.

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

CALENDARS

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
June						1 Hurricane Season Starts	
	2 Aster Knight Parks Foundation Town Hall 7:30 pm Country Estates Homeowners Mtg. Town Hall 7 pm	3	4 Code Hearing Town Hall 9 am SWRVFD Meeting Town Hall 7 pm	5 Drainage & Infrastructure Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm	6	7	8
	9 Schools & Education Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm AREA 1 BULK	10	11 Rec., Forestry, & Natural Resources Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm AREA 2 BULK	12 Fire Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm AREA 3 BULK	13	14	15
	16 Father's Day	17	18 Rural Public Arts & Design Advisory Board Meeting Town Hall 7 pm	19	20 Comprehensive Plan Advisory Bd. Town Hall 7 pm	21	22
	23 AREA 1 BULK	24	25 Rolling Oaks Civic Assn. Town Hall 7 pm AREA 2 BULK	26 Sunshine Ranches Homeowners Assn. Town Hall 7:30 pm AREA 3 BULK	27	28	29
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July	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	5	6 Independence Day Town Hall Closed	
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RESIDENTIAL BULK MAY BE PLACED IN THE SWALE THE SATURDAY BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED BULK COLLECTION DAY. (ORD 2008-07)

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 Council Group E-mail Address: town_council@swranches.org

Phone / E-Mail List:

Elected Officials

Mayor Jeff Nelson	(954) 343-7472	jnelson@swranches.org
Vice Mayor Steve Breitreuz	(954) 343-7447	sbreitreuz@swranches.org
Council Member Freddy Fisikelli	(954) 343-7461	ffisikelli@swranches.org
Council Member Gary Jablonski	(954) 343-7456	gjablonski@swranches.org
Council Member Doug McKay	(954) 343-7462	dmckay@swranches.org

Town Staff

Town Administrator, Andy Berns	(954) 434-0008	aberns@southwestranches.org
Town Executive Assistant, Sandy Luongo	(954) 434-0008	sluongo@southwestranches.org
Town Financial Administrator, Martin Sherwood, CPA, CGFO	(954) 434-0008	msherwood@southwestranches.org
Town Attorney, Keith Poliakoff	(954) 434-0008	
Town Engineer, Willie Nabong, PE	(954) 343-7444	wnabong@swranches.org
Town Clerk, Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, CMC	(954) 434-0008	esantamaria@southwestranches.org
Deputy Town Clerk, Juanita Romance	(954) 434-0008	jromance@swranches.org
Assistant Town Financial Administrator, Peter Brill	(954) 434-0008	pbrill@southwestranches.org
Community Services Liaison, Emily McCord	(954) 343-7453	emccord@swranches.org
Parks, Recreation, Open Space Coordinator, Decemer Lauretano-Haines, CPRP	(954) 343-7452	dlaretano@swranches.org
Administrative Specialist, Susan Kutz	(954) 434-0008	skutz@southwestranches.org
Administrative Specialist, Danielle Miller	(954) 343-7474	dmiller@southwestranches.org
Records Clerk, Rosangela Rodriguez	(954) 434-0008	rrodriguez@southwestranches.org
Accounting Clerk, Mara Semper	(954) 434-0008	msemper@southwestranches.org

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	lreices@capfla.com
Building Director, Dave Tringo	(954) 888-9882/Cell: (954) 605-0127	dtringo@swranches.org
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	rsolera@swranches.org
Code Enforcement Officer, Julio Medina	(954) 343-7440	jmedina@southwestranches.org
Administrative Specialist/Code Enforcement, Jane Feary	(954) 343-7440	jfeary@swranches.org

Police/Fire/Rescue Services

Emergency	911
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 - Pot Holes)

Pot Holes and Signs: Emily McCord	(954) 343-7453	emccord@swranches.org
Paving: Willie Nabong, PE	(954) 343-7444	wnabong@swranches.org

Waste/Bulk/Recycling Services (Residential & Commercial)

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

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

Well and Septic

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

Three guardrails on SW 178th Avenue at SW 60th Street and 6800 block were recently repaired. Guardrails save lives by helping errant vehicles to veer back into the travel lane, or keep the vehicle from causing further damage to property, personal injuries or loss of life. You can help by reporting guardrails that need repairs to Town Hall, at: 954-434-0008.



Before



After