

SOUTHWEST RANCHER

The Official Newsletter of Southwest Ranches

September 2020

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LABOR DAY

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Celebrate LABOR Day ★ ★ ★ ★

A brief history of Labor Day

Labor Day is a day to acknowledge and pay tribute to the workforce for all they have done to make our Country prosperous and strong. The first Labor Day was celebrated in New York City and other cities followed this example in the following years. In 1894 Congress passed a law making the first Monday of September a legal holiday.





Mayor Doug McKay

Dear Residents,

It has been an absolute pleasure serving as your Mayor for the past four years. The November 3, 2020 election is just a few short months away. This Presidential election will be a critical moment affecting the future of our nation. Similarly, the election will be a critical moment for the future of our Town. If you are worried about voting in person, please request an absentee ballot now at

<https://www.browardsoe.org/Voting-Methods/Vote-By-Mail-Voting/Absentee-Ballot-Request-Form>

It is critically important that you exercise your right to vote.

As most of you know, I have been a strong supporter of our Town's rural lifestyle and have worked tirelessly to help fellow residents on many issues. Many times, helping residents requires us to bridge the gap between individual property rights and governmental regulation. I pride myself on always being accessible and place my personal cell phone in each of these newsletter articles. If I haven't had the pleasure of speaking to you yet, I invite you to please call me so I can tell you some of the amazing things occurring in our Town.

If you weren't able to attend our last budget workshop, you will be pleased to hear that the Town will be rolling back its millage rate to the lowest that it has been in five (5) years. Knowing that many of our residents have been impacted by Covid-19, it is my hope and desire to carry this reduction into 2021. By now you should have received your preliminary TRIM Notices. Although most of you will notice a reduction in the Town's portion, this number will be reduced even further at our next budget hearing. Our entire Town Administration has done a phenomenal job helping to reduce our budget, and I am pleased to pass on these savings to our residents.

On another note, although we have been extremely fortunate so far this hurricane season, my heart goes out to the residents of Texas and Louisiana. There were a few storms that appeared to be heading towards our area and ultimately spared us. With several weeks left in Hurricane Season now is not the time to become complacent. Please review your family hurricane

plan and ensure that you have adequate supplies. With a busier than normal hurricane season predicted we still have to stay vigilant.

If you haven't completed your US Census please do so. The US Census will begin sending people throughout our community to gain responses from those who have yet to complete their questionnaire. If you do not want a Census worker at your house, please immediately fill out your Census form. Census data will be used over the next 10 years to make critical decisions about federal and state funding for local programs that our residents really need. It will also be used to determine congressional and state legislative representation. Please complete your Census today!

Finally, I wanted to remind you all to lock your car doors at night. We continue to hear about vehicle burglaries in Broward County and our Town is no exception. In a significant number of cases, homeowners simply leave their cars unlocked and even more mind boggling they are leaving their key fobs in the vehicle! Davie Police urges our residents to adopt a 9:00 pm routine to remind yourself to lock your car doors and remove valuables from your vehicles. Adopting this routine can help protect your valuables.

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

It has been an absolute pleasure and honor serving you.

Your Mayor,
Doug McKay



Council Member Bob Hartmann

It's always wonderful to learn about people in our Town who do selfless things for our community. A person I have written about before, continues doing important things for our community. Madison Sullivan and the West Broward High School Gap Club are organizing an activity for you to meet the candidates running for office in our Southwest Ranches election. Please join your fellow residents and virtually attend Meet the Candidates night on September 15th, at 7

PM. A link for the zoom meeting will be available in advance on the Town website. The candidates will answer questions submitted by SWR residents in advance. To submit, please send your questions by September 4th to swrmaddie@gmail.com. The candidates will have the opportunity to make an opening and closing statement. They will have 2 minutes to respond to your questions.

Thank you to Madison and the team of WBHS students for producing this important event during these challenging times. And Madison, keep up the great work! The Town, along with the rest of the world, is experiencing an unprecedented public health crisis with the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). We have been facing growing uncertainties, and we all are no doubt looking for stability and a return to normalcy in our daily lives. We have family members, friends, colleagues, and loved ones who are personally impacted by what is unfolding on a global scale. There may be moments still, going forward, that will challenge us all.

Please know that we, the Town Council, along with our entire administration, are working with our colleagues in neighboring jurisdictions, our county, state and congressional elected officials, and our volunteers and associations to identify needs, resources, and services for our community, and to ensure the health and safety of all Southwest Ranches residents.

The COVID-19 issue in Broward seems to be improving. Two new coronavirus testing sites opened in Broward County, mid-August, as a downward trend in positive cases continues. There are 18 sites across Broward run by the county. County parks across Broward are transforming into clinics.

The numbers in Broward County appear to be leveling out, with the positivity rate currently just under 10 percent. Broward County leaders believe more testing and more answers will mean more people can isolate and stop spreading the virus.

The good news is welcomed, our numbers are going in the right direction, but don't become complacent or comfortable and do not let your guard down. Keep wearing a mask, washing hands, keeping social distance, and staying home when possible.

This pandemic is the greatest challenge our community has faced in this generation, but I am confident we will weather this storm because we are a community where folks care for each other, and we are a Town that works together to be better together. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Council Member. I look forward to continuing to work with you all.

**DECEMBER HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST
ENTRY FORM**

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

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
PHONE: _____
CELL: _____

I UNDERSTAND, ACKNOWLEDGE, AND AGREE THAT THE SUBMISSION OF THE PHOTOGRAPH OF MY HOME, WHICH I HAVE TAKEN, 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)

**TOWN OF
SOUTHWEST
RANCHES BUDGET
HEARINGS AND
WORKSHOP**

The following publicly held Budget meetings will be virtual or in Council Chambers as safety allows:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th, 2020

First Public Hearing for Tentative Mileage and Budget Adoption introduced for FY 2019-2020 (via ordinances). Final Fire Protection and SW Special Assessment Adoption (via resolutions) @ 6:00 PM.
• September Regular Council Meeting @ 7:30 PM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2020

• Second Public Hearing for Final Millage and Budget Adoption (via ordinances) @ 6:00 PM
• September Regular Council Meeting @ 7:00 PM



by Russell Muñiz

Brief legislation from the July 30, 2020 Town Council Regular Meeting:

- **Adopted Resolution 2020-046** setting the preliminary Fire Protection Services Assessment.
- **Adopted Resolution 2020-047** setting the preliminary Solid Waste Services Assessment.
- **Adopted Resolution 2020-048** setting the tentative Millage rate.

Brief legislation from the August 13, 2020 Town Council Regular Meeting:

- **Adopted Resolution 2020-049** approving the transfer of planning, zoning, and land use services to SEPI Engineering & Construction.

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.

The Rural Public Arts and Design Board Presents...
"3rd Annual December Holiday Lights Contest"
Residents...
Join in and have fun decorating your home this season and be one of the 3 winners of the December Holiday Lights Contest
Look for updated information in next month's Town newsletter.
Call Susan: 954-434-0008 or email: SKutz@southwestranches.org

We would like to wish the following Southwest Ranches resident a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY...**
~
Daniel "DJ" Rodriguez
September 9th
Have a birthday you would like to share with us in a future Town newsletter? Send your name and birthday to: Skutz@southwestranches.org

AROUND THE TOWN

Broward County School Calendar September 2020

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



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH - SCHOOL IS CLOSED
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH - INTERIM REPORTS ISSUED
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH - SCHOOL IS CLOSED
FOR UPDATED SCHOOL INFORMATION CALL
BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS:
(754) 321-0000 OR
WWW.BROWARDSCHOOLS.COM

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

PRO AGRICULTURAL
 Community outreach for our **nurseries**

PENNY FOR TRANSPORTATION
 WHERE LOCAL CHANGE HAPPENS

SURTAX Projects:

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

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

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

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



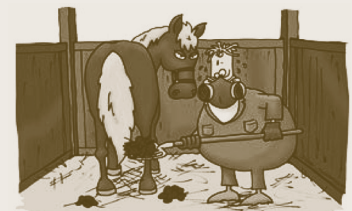
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE SCHEDULE 2020 - 2021

ROLLING OAKS BARN - 8:00AM - 2:00PM 17630 SW 56 Street, Southwest Ranches 33331			WASTE PRO INC. - 8:00AM - 2:00PM 17302 Pines Blvd, Pembroke Pines 33029		
This service is provided for Town residents only. Proof of residency is required					
Date	Shredding	Drug Drop Off	Date	Shredding	Drug Drop Off
Sept. 12, 2020	10AM - 1PM	10AM - 2PM	Nov. 14, 2020	NO	8AM - 2PM
Jan. 9, 2021	10AM - 1PM	10AM - 2PM	May 8, 2021	NO	8AM - 2PM
July 10, 2021	10AM - 1PM	10AM - 2PM			
Jan. 8, 2022	10AM - 1PM	10AM - 2PM			
July 9, 2022	10AM - 1PM	10AM - 2PM			

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

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

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



STAY IN TOUCH WITH ENGINEERING

Fill for horse stalls does not require a fill permit. In addition, a permit may not be required if a small amount of sand is required to replenish a horse arena. However the Town recommends that a property owner or leasee contact our office to assure that the type of work being performed falls under this criteria prior to performing the work. A phone call to us will help prevent a possible warning from Code Enforcement and double fees when it comes to acquiring the required permit.

Please call: (954) 434-0008
or email Philip at pchorath@swranches.org

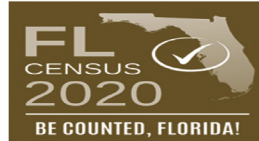
AROUND THE TOWN



WHY IS THE CENSUS 2020 IMPORTANT TO THE RESIDENTS OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES?

CRITICAL FOR FUNDING:

- Public services
- Schools
- Hospitals
- Improving neighborhoods
- And assures us proper representation upon redistricting in:
 - Tallahassee
 - Washington DC



The results of the 2020 Census will help determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding flow into communities every year for the next decade. That funding shapes many different aspects of every community, no matter the size, no matter the location. It's critical that all Southwest Ranches be counted- and we need your help to do it!

Website: <https://www.census.gov/>
 Call Center: 301-763-INFO (4636) or 800-923-8282



WE ARE IN HURRICANE SEASON...
NOW IS THE TIME TO CLEAN YOUR YARD AND TRIM YOUR TREES.



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



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.



CERTIFIED WILDLIFE HABITAT

OUR BACKYARD FRIEND THE VIRGINIA OPOSSUM



North America's only marsupial, the Virginia Opossum, is often misunderstood. We invite you to participate in the quiz below to learn some fun facts about this truly remarkable mammal.

1. Choose the right word:

If an animal is a marsupial, this means its young grow in a
 a) Uterus b) Egg c) Pouch

2. Pick the correct number:

Ticks carry diseases. Opossums eat ticks, thus providing a service. How many ticks can an opossum eat in one season?
 a) 1,000 b) 2,500 c) 3,000 d) 5,000

3. Circle all the correct answers:

Opossums are immune (resistant) to the following
 a) cottonmouths b) rattlesnakes c) chicken pox d) rabies

4. Fill in the blank below with two words

(each line represents a letter):

"Playing 'Possum" is a defense strategy for these animals. What does "playing 'possum" mean?

5. Unscramble the word below:

Opossums come from the continent of L S A R A T A I U.

Answers on Page 06

AROUND THE TOWN



THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES COLLECTS DONATIONS FOR OUR TROOPS AND THEIR FAMILIES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED AND NEEDED....

Toys, Beef Jerky, Slim Jims, pepperoni or similar dried meats, boxes of Granola Bars or similar individual bags of nuts, dried fruit, trail mix, sunflower seeds, boxed and/or individual drink packets (Crystal Light, Walmart or Target brand, Kool-Aid, hot chocolate, etc.) foiled packed tuna and chicken, crackers, baby wipes (no bigger than 2 1/2" wide packages)

Please drop off your contributions to Town Hall between 8:30 am -- 5:00 pm and call (954) 434-0008 for curbside pick-up

FRAUDULENT ACTIVITY IS RISING...



A TIP TO HELP PROTECT YOUR MAIL!

- Pick up your mail regularly.
- Don't leave letters in the mailbox for several days, over the weekend or even overnight.
- If possible make checking your mailbox part of your daily routine.
- Look into purchasing a mailbox with a lock.

PROTOTYPE BARN



In furtherance of the Town's goal of preserving its rural lifestyle, the Town Council has given residents a simpler mechanism to build a barn that is in compliance with Florida statutory requirements. As such, the Town contracted with an architect who agreed to create a prototype barn drawing, in compliance with the Florida Building Code, which can be permitted for residents throughout the Town. The plans are for a three stall barn with a tack room.

A Town resident looking to build a barn can simply purchase a pre-drafted architectural plan from the Town, which they then can submit, at a reduced cost, and on an expedited basis, to get a permitted barn that will be in compliance with both state and local regulations.

Please call or email Emily Aceti for more information: eaceti@swranches.org.

PRESS RELEASE



Madison Sullivan, in conjunction with the West Broward High School GAP Club, invites the public to meet the Southwest Ranches candidates running for office in the 2020 local election. Southwest Ranches residents may email candidate questions to swrmaddie@gmail.com from present to September 4th.

Candidates will be given the opportunity to make an opening statement, answer questions and read a closing statement. The "Meet the Candidate Night" will take place Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 7 pm. A link to the zoom meeting will be on the Town of Southwest Ranches website.

For more information contact Madison Sullivan at swrmaddie@gmail.com

Madison Sullivan is a rising senior at WBHS. She is president of the GAP Club and SWR unofficial Youth Ambassador and has hosted multiple Town events to bridge the generation gap between residents.

ANSWER KEY: 1. (c) Pouch 2. (d) 5,000 3. (a) Cottonmouths b) Rattlesnakes d) Rabies 4. Playing Dead 5. Australia

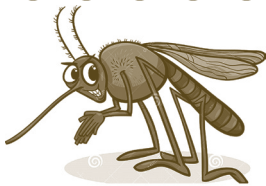
AROUND THE TOWN

Town Talk

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

Send your email address to:

druesga@southwestranches.org.



BROWARD TAKES THE "BITE" OUT OF MOSQUITO SEASON

Spring and summer brings frequent heavy rain to Broward County, and rain brings mosquitoes. Mosquitoes are not only annoying, they can be a public health issue. The County Biologist regularly traps mosquitos, separates them by species and detects any potential viruses. Findings will determine the chemical application to be used and the type of treatment required.

THREE WAYS TO REQUEST SERVICE:

- Use the Mosquito Service Request Form
- Call 311
- 954-831-3940 (TTY for hearing impaired)

CodeRED®

Keeping Citizens Informed

SIGN UP FOR CODERED EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATIONS FROM THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES.

You will receive CodeRED alerts for emergency updates such as evacuation notices, weather warnings, hazardous traffic or road conditions, and other Town events.

You can self-register on the Town's website: www.southwestranches.org. to receive notifications by either phone call, text or email.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Choice #1 - Phone: _____

Choice #2 - Cell: _____

Choice #3 - Email: _____

Or all the above.

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

BULK RULES



- **AVOID A FINE OF \$500.00** - Bulk cannot be placed out earlier than the Saturday prior to your scheduled bulk pick up date.
- **AVOID A FINE OF \$500.00** - Landscaper or Contractor generated waste on your property must be removed by that vendor for disposal.
- Bulk Piles over-the-limit of **12 Cubic Yards** per household will be picked up and the vendor will bill the resident the additional yardage at the rate of **\$17.50 per cubic yard**.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT 12 CUBIC YARDS IS EQUIVALENT TO THE SIZE OF A VOLKSWAGEN BEETLE (APPROXIMATELY 8 FEET WIDE BY 14 FEET LONG AND 4 FEET TALL).

If you have a request or complaint, please click on the Waste Pro button on our website: www.southwestranches.org or call: **(954) 967-4200.**

TOWN HALL CLOSED TO PUBLIC

Following the direction of Governor DeSantis, Town Hall is taking numerous proactive steps to reduce the potential spread of COVID-19. Town Council Meetings will be virtual until further notice.

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

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

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

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

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

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

AROUND THE TOWN

SOUTHWEST RANCHES
CARING NEIGHBORS
PHONE CALL PROGRAM
CALL (954) 546-2599

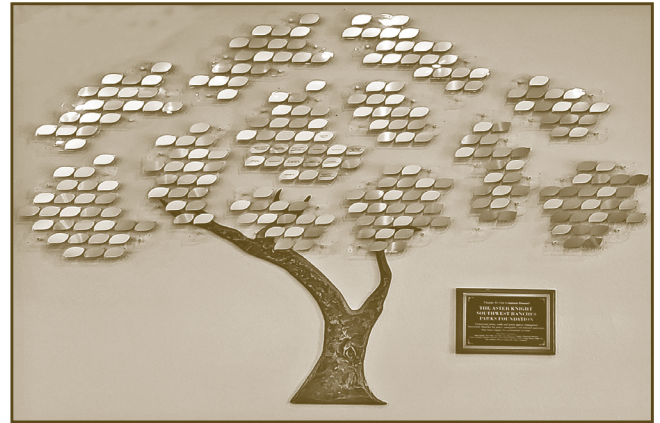


During this time of COVID-19, we are a group of concerned Southwest Ranches residents who would like to get in touch and stay in touch with our neighbors who are senior citizens, live alone, or have special needs.

If you would like a regular check in phone call, please leave a message at (954) 546-2599, and one of our volunteers will get in touch with you.

SUPPORT SOUTHWEST RANCHES PARKS...

The Aster Knight Southwest Ranches Parks Foundation Donor Tree



Have your name engraved on one of the leaves of the "THE DONOR TREE" in Council Chambers for \$100.00.

Not pictured at this time are acorns, rocks and branches with limited availability:
Acorns \$500 • Rocks \$1000 • Branches \$750

For more information contact December:
(954) 343-7452 or
email: Dlauretano@southwestranches.org

COVID 19—IMPORTANT - RESOURCES AND CONTACTS

BROWARD COUNTY

www.broward.org/coronavirus
954-831-3900
954-357-9500 (Broward County Call Center)
954-743-9779 (Senior Citizen's Elder Hotline)

BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
www.browardschools.com/coronavirus
www.browardschools.com
754-321-0000 (Main Switchboard)
754-321-0911 (Emergency Hotline—Live Person)
754-321-0321 (BCPS & Rumor Control Hotline)

STATE OF FLORIDA

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

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

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

STATE OF FLORIDA cont'

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

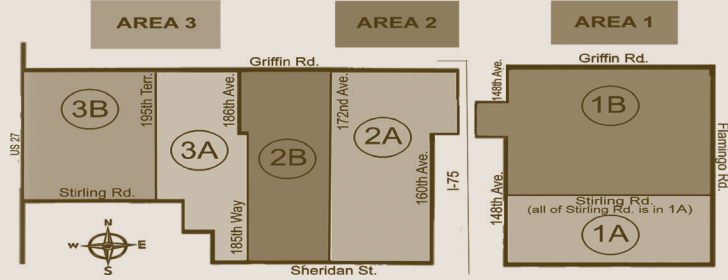
CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL (CDC)
Call: 800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636), TTY: 888-232-6348.
<https://www.cdc.gov/DCS/ContactUs/Form>

AROUND THE TOWN

Waste Collection

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

TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES - Waste Collection Map & Schedule



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

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
Sept. 2020	3-A	9/09 - 9/23	2-A	9/08 - 9/22	1-A	9/07 - 9/21
	3-B	9/02 - 9/16 - 9/30	2-B	9/01 - 9/15 - 9/29	1-B	9/14 - 9/28
Oct. 2020	3-A	10/07 - 10/21	2-A	10/06 - 10/20	1-A	10/05 - 10/19
	3-B	10/14 - 10/28	2-B	10/13 - 10/27	1-B	10/12 - 10/26

RECYCLE collection occurs once per week:

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

FOLLOW US ON THE TOWN'S OFFICIAL SOCIAL MEDIA

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



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



The National Safety Council and Emergency Responder Safety Institute has given new information on distracted drivers and emergency scenes.



Every year thousands die in distracted driving crashes. First responders have been struck and killed by distracted drivers looking at the emergency scene. Our emergency responders cannot help the victims on scene if they become a victim. Please pay attention to the roadway while driving and not what is going on with the accident.

*Stay safe and enjoy your summer,
Chief Lee Bennett*

Highly Visible Day or Night REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKERS



ORDER TODAY... IT MAY HELP SAVE YOUR LIFE OR SOMEONE YOU LOVE.

IF WE CAN'T "FIND YOU" • WE CAN'T "HELP YOU"

\$20.00

Make checks payable to:

Southwest Ranches Volunteer Fire Rescue • 17220 Griffin Rd., S.W. Ranches, FL 33330




For Additional Information Call Chief Lee Bennett (954) 868-2057



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

CALENDARS

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

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4	5
			• Code Hearing Town Hall 9 am AREA 2B BULK	• Drainage Infrastructure Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 3B BULK			
September	6	LABOR DAY TOWN HALL CLOSED	8	9	10	11	12
		• SWR Parks Foundation Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm • Country Estates HOA Meeting - Grace Baptist Church 19200 Griffin Road 7 pm AREA 1A BULK	• Parks, Recreational & Open Space Advisory Board - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 2A BULK	AREA 3A BULK			• Household Hazardous Waste Event - Rolling Oaks Park - 8 am - 2 pm • Drug Drop Off 8 - 2 • Shred-A-Thon 10 -1
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		• TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - 7:30 pm • First Public Hearing for Tentative Mileage & Budget Adoption for FY 2020-2021 & Final Fire Protection & S.W. Special Assessment Adoption - 6:00 pm AREA 1B BULK	AREA 2B BULK	• Fire Advisory Board Meeting Town Hall 7 pm AREA 3B BULK	• Comprehensive Planning Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm	<i>Rosh Hashanah</i>  <i>Begins at sunset</i>	
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
 <i>Rosh Hashanah ends at nightfall</i>		• Rural Public Arts & Design Board Meeting Town Hall - 7 pm AREA 1A BULK	• Rolling Oaks Civic Association Meeting Rolling Oaks Barn 17630 SW 56 Street 7 pm AREA 2A BULK	AREA 3A BULK	• TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - 7 pm • 2nd Public Hearing for Final Mileage & Budget Adoption - 6 pm		
	27	28	29	30			
 Yom Kippur BEGINS AT SUNSET		AREA 1B BULK	AREA 2B BULK	• Sunshine Ranches HOA Meeting Town Hall - 7:30 pm AREA 3B BULK			

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

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October	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		• SWR Parks Foundation Town Meeting - 7 pm • Country Estates Grace Baptist Church 19200 Griffin Road - 7 pm AREA 1A BULK	• Code Hearing Town Hall 9 am AREA 2A BULK	• Drainage Infrastructure Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 3A BULK	• TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - 7 pm		
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		 • Schools & Education - Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 1B BULK	• Parks, Recreational & Open Space Advisory Board - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 2B BULK	AREA 3B BULK	• Comprehensive Planning Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm		
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IN TOUCH

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TOWN SERVICES

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

Lisa Reices Nicasio, <i>Broward Operations Office Manager</i>	(954) 655-3721	lreices@capfla.com
Brian Dillon, <i>Building Official</i>	(954) 343-7446	bdillon@capfla.com
Joyce Marques, <i>Permit Technician</i>	(954) 343-7446	jmarques@capfla.com

PLANNING – (MELGREN PLANNING GROUP)

Jeff Katims	(954) 475-3070	michele@tmpgplanning.com
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CODE, ZONING, and PERMITTING

Code Enforcement Hotline	(954) 343-7440	zoninginfo@southwestranches.org
Julio Medina, <i>Code Enforcement Director</i>	(954) 343-7449	jmedina@southwestranches.org
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WASTE/BULK/RECYCLING SERVICES (Residential & Commercial)

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

	(954) 868-2057	lbennett@southwestranches.org
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MOSQUITO CONTROL

LOST AND FOUND ANIMALS	(954) 765-4062
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	(754) 224-0877	Facebook@SWRVFRLostandFoundAnimals
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PUBLIC SAFETY

EMERGENCY

Non-Emergency

Davie Police Department

Jeff Hobales, *Detective*

Tim Weimann, *Police Services Coordinator*

Davie Fire Rescue Station 112

Volunteer Fire Rescue - Chief Bennett

TRAFFIC AND ROADWAY SERVICES

Potholes and Signs Down - Philip Chorath

911

(954) 764-4357 (HELP)

(954) 693-8200

(954) 693-8293

(954) 693-8352

(954) 680-0020

(954) 868-2057

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OTHER

WATER DISTRICTS - CANALS

Central Broward Water Control District

East of SW 148 Avenue (Volunteer)

South Broward Drainage District

West of SW 148 Avenue (Volunteer)

(954) 432-5110

www.centralbrowardwcd.org

(954) 680-3337

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SEA ANIMALS VOCABULARY WORDSEARCH PUZZLE

FIND AND CIRCLE THE WORDS IN THE WORDSEARCH PUZZLE AND NUMBER THE PICTURES

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

- 1) CLAM
- 2) CRAB
- 3) DOLPHIN
- 4) EEL
- 5) FISH
- 6) JELLYFISH
- 7) LOBSTER
- 8) OCTOPUS
- 9) OYSTER
- 10) PELICAN
- 11) SEAGULL
- 12) SEAHORSE
- 13) SEAL
- 14) SHARK
- 15) SHRIMP
- 16) SQUID
- 17) STARFISH
- 18) STINGRAY
- 19) WALRUS
- 20) WHALE



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

8th Annual Photo Contest

The theme for 2021 Photo Contest is...

A CHANGE OF THEMES... FARMS & BARNES

Pictures must be submitted not later than September 7th., 2020.

- Please provide a photo caption (limit 74 characters).
- Photos must be at least 8 x 10 (landscape).
- Must be a resolution of at least 300 DPI.
- No previous photos will be accepted.
- To be considered, all entries must be submitted with the Town's Entry Form.



This could be your picture!

Call Susan for additional information (954) 434-0008 or email: Skutz@southwestranches.org

