

SOUTHWEST RANCHER

The Official Newsletter of Southwest Ranches

DECEMBER 2021 HIGHLIGHTS



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**Mayor
Steve Breikreuz**

As we close out 2021, I wish you and your family a very special holiday time of the year. No matter how you celebrate this special time, my wish is that you will have some time set aside to spend with family and friends and are able to enjoy this special time of year.

There is a topic that I wish to bring to your attention. Perhaps you have been affected by this or perhaps not, but in the future, this is a topic that will impact all of us. Specifically, this has to do with our waste, recycle, and bulk pick up.

Our current contract for the collection portion of this service expires at the end of September of 2022. It is time for us to prepare for either moving forward with our current vendor, WastePro, or selecting a different vendor. As a Town, we have experienced frustrations with the current vendor, so initially, my feeling was that we really needed to move on to a new vendor. However, I have been researching what many of our neighboring communities are experiencing, and I am finding that we are not alone in the issues that we are experiencing. These issues are not associated with a single vendor but rather it is across nearly all municipalities. As best I can tell, it is across all of our potential vendors, which could reasonably provide this service to our Town. Specifically, I am talking about the lack of sticking to a schedule, missing pickups, and other service-related issues.

There are a lot of reasons for this, all of which I will not get into in this short article. However, the biggest issue is a lack of individuals that are available for these vendors to hire and retain. COVID has hit this industry very hard and thus keeping the trucks staffed and on the road has been difficult.

On top of that, the recycle industry has changed dramatically in the last four years. No longer is there a large market for recycle waste. Thus, we are paying for recycle, we are doing the work to recycle, but if there is no one out there to purchase the recycle material, it is processed with the non-recycle material. So, this is something that we need to seriously re-evaluate as well. We all understand the critical value to recycle. But if it is not being recycled, because no one will take it, should we be paying extra for this service?

I have brought this up at both HOA meetings and Council meetings and I have been requesting your feedback. I would like to hear your thoughts on what you would like to see in our next contract. Things that could be adjusted and things that are non-negotiable.

Understandably, as these waste companies look at where to apply their limited personnel, they want to apply them in the most profitable municipalities. Unfortunately, Southwest Ranches, with our size lots, is generally not considered the most attractive area to apply resources. However, we have a great administrative team. And with your input, we will prioritize services. (perhaps going to standard waste containers for auto pickup, perhaps removing recycle since in most cases it is not recycled, and perhaps adjusting our bulk pickup cycles). Let me be clear that no decisions have been made. We need to weigh everyone's input before making any changes. However, the status quo does not seem to be an option. We will most likely have a workshop on this issue. I welcome your feedback prior to or certainly at that event. While this is not the most glamorous topic for our Town, it is a very important one. Please let your voice be heard.

Thank-you again for the trust and support that you have placed in me and the rest of the Council. I am thankful for this Town and what it has meant to my family. It is an honor to serve and represent you. Have a wonderful holiday season!

Steve (954) 296-6018



**Vice Mayor
Bob Hartmann**

Many times, when I mention that I live in Southwest Ranches, I am asked what makes our Town so unique. There are a lot of things that make Southwest Ranches a special place; however, our neighbors, the people who started the Town and those folks committed to preserving our rural lifestyle are why we are distinct and exceptional as a community.

Recently, I was cleaning out my file cabinet and came upon notes, memos, and some old documents that we used to plan and form the Town. Paperwork was dated between 1997 and 2000 and have the names of people who were instrumental in working through the details on how to implement the Town's new government. The folks who formed the Town were all volunteers. They were mostly members of the homeowner and civic associations across the community and their friends. Among my papers, I found the Southwest Ranches Civic Association (founding organization) volunteer contact list from March 1997 that listed Mecca Fink and Johnny Dollar (who famously said "The pavement stops here."). They were instrumental in forming the Town and later were voted in as our first Mayor and Vice Mayor respectively. Also listed are Debra Goff-Rose, Isolde Cahill, and Laura Warren who are all still engaged with our community in various ways. Additionally, Lil Sayre, Sally Brokken, and former Mayor Mecca Fink were very active in building our community over the years and have since retired from public service. These folks were all committed building a lasting community and to preserving our rural lifestyle.

Our community continues to depend on volunteers to assist with projects, serve on Town advisory boards, HOAs, civic associations, and participate in various local activities. Every December, the Council appoints board members to its permanent advisory boards and when necessary to the temporary committees. These teams of residents are organized to take on assignments



from and provide recommendations to the Council.

The current boards and committees are:

- Comprehensive Plan Advisory Board – Provides input into the development of the Comprehensive Plan and makes recommendations to the Town Council. The Comprehensive Plan addresses future land use, housing, transportation, recreation and open space, conservation, utilities, public school facilities, intergovernmental coordination, and capital improvements.
- Drainage & Infrastructure Advisory Board – Provides input to the Town Council concerning the development of policies and procedures concerning filling, excavating, and clearing of lands, reviewing, and prioritizing drainage and infrastructure needs, and developing a comprehensive tertiary drainage plan.
- Parks, Recreation, Forestry & National Resources Advisory Board - Reviews Park development and maintenance recommendations and proposes prioritization of improvement projects.
- Rural Public Arts & Design Advisory Board - Oversees creating a sense of place and branding for the Town. Also coordinates the annual calendar photo contest and Holiday Lights contest.
- Schools & Education Advisory Board – The mission is to help young, qualified residents improve their lives by assisting them with education by being advocates for young people who wish to continue their education beyond high school and to develop pride in their community through community service and scholarship assistance. The Board follows the meetings of the Broward County School Board and the happenings in the local schools to provide input to the Council concerning matters affecting its residents.
- Fire Advisory Board - Advises the Town Council on matters relating to the Town's Fire and EMS services.
- Charter Review Committee – Reviews the Charter and recommend revisions to strengthen it to reflect our vision and values. The committee dissolves 3/31/21.
- Public Safety and Traffic Committee- This temporary committee was formed to focus on traffic enforcement, signage, cut-through traffic, and raising overall awareness of traf-

fic and safety issues. The committee will commence in January 2022 and complete its work by the end of June.

If you would like to contribute your ideas and a few hours per month to our community by serving on a Town board, please complete an application form posted on the Town website on the Advisory Board page and contact your local Council Member, the mayor or me for more information.

Bob 954-801-1758



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**PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FILING
DATES ANNOUNCED FOR TOWN OF
SOUTHWEST RANCHES**

Broward County Property Appraiser, Marty Kiar has announced special 2022 homeowner sign-up dates for Homestead, Senior and other property tax exemptions at Southwest Ranches Town Hall 13400 Griffin Road, Southwest Ranches, FL 33330.

**2021 Southwest Ranches Town Hall -
10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

December 2nd, 2021	April 21st, 2022
January 20th, 2022	May 19th, 2022
February 17th, 2022	June 16th, 2022
March 17th, 2022	

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

- A current Florida driver's license or Florida identification card, AND
- A current voter registration card or declaration of domicile
- Non-US citizens must also provide proof of legal residency.

• If you are a new resident to Florida, please provide your Settlement Statement from your prior out of state property.

Qualified residents 65 years of age or older as of January 1, 2022 may also apply for the additional Senior Exemption (after January 1, 2022). Seniors must bring a copy of their 2021 Income Tax Return or a copy of their 2021 Social Security 1099 form (if no tax return was filed).



**Council
Member
Gary Jablonski**

Our Assistant Town
Administrator/Town

Clerk Russell Muniz and our Public Works Director Rod Ley have been working with me to develop a guide for our residents to apply for a Level One Fill permit (which is primarily used for maintenance purposes). Included in the guide is a chart to determine how much fill is allowed for each level based on property size. We have spent some time going through the wetlands determination process with Broward County, which is required as part of any fill permit. We put together a presentation that any property owner or resident can follow to legally apply for a Level One fill permit only. To use this guide simply go to the Town's website and click on these links in the order listed below:

1. Departments
2. Public Works and Engineering
3. Development Permits
4. Level One Fill Permits -explained

Follow the guide to determine if a permit is needed for your fill requirements (i.e. (For horse stall replenishment) a permit is not needed and there are other exceptions listed in the guide.) If a permit is required, follow the steps to have Broward County make a wetlands determination. There is a \$35 charge for this if the property is 2 acres or less, if more than 2 acres, an additional \$30 is levied. The wetland determination is good for 2 years. The Town does not charge any fees for its portion of the Level One permit process.

The fees and application for a Broward County Wetland determination can all be done by computer/internet and with a credit card so there is no need to go to County offices. Follow the steps and once completed, allow a week or two for the County to

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complete their determination (the County will notify you by Email). Print the results of your determination and bring them along with the Town fill permit form filled out from the Town website and submit to Town Hall. Your application will be notarized at Town Hall at no cost to you by the staff at the time of submittal. You will then be notified by the Public Works Department when your permit is ready for pickup, usually 2 days for staff to complete. You will then be issued a permit sign that you will need to pick up at Town Hall to be displayed on your property. The permit is good for 60 days although extensions may be granted. When completed contact Town Hall and the permit sign will be picked up.

The wetland determination from the County is good for 2 years as I mentioned above. If more fill is desired after a year you may go to Town Hall and re-apply without having to go through the wetlands determination process. Residents are allowed one Level One permit per year free of charge from the Town. If more fill than a Level One is desired (see chart in the guide) then a Level 2 or 3 permit is needed, which has a different set of requirements. The Administrators at Town Hall and I have tried to simplify this process in the hope that more residents will use these guidelines and not bring in illegal fill that will have consequences for them and their neighbors.

On a different note I wish everyone good health and happiness this holiday season. This is a great time of year here in the Ranches. The holidays are right around the corner, the storm season is behind us for another year and we get to enjoy some of the best weather of the year. We have a lot to be thankful for and I urge everyone to use caution when you get together with family and friends. Best wishes for the new year, 2022 is going to be a great year!

It's my honor to serve you, Gary



Council Member Jim Allbritton

One year ago I was honored to be elected as you District 3 Council Member.

I am proud to be a part of this Town Council who has worked diligently this past year to keep Southwest Ranches the best place to live in Broward County.

As I campaigned, I was told by you, the residents, that traffic and safety were a big concern. The purchase of laser and radar hand held units has given the police officers a lot more flexibility in setting up traffic enforcement.

A pilot program was introduced with tag readers being installed at the entrance to Rolling Oaks on 178th Avenue and Griffin Road. The Town recently authorized more cameras be positioned around Town. The cameras will be a valuable tool to the police in tracking stolen vehicles and vehicles that may have been involved in a crime in Southwest Ranches.

There have been a number of car break-ins and car thefts around Town lately. Through the hard work of our officers most of the stolen cars have been recovered. The police are constantly reminding us to not leave the key fob in the car and to lock our car doors at night.

Hence, I am excited to announce the formation of a Public Safety and Traffic Committee. The focus of this committee will be on traffic enforcement, signage, cut-through traffic and raising overall awareness of traffic and safety issues. The committee will review the Towns' community surveys, meet with the police administration, discuss

potential changes and help with messaging and community outreach. This will not be an advisory board. The committee will commence in January and expire at the end of June 2022.

This committee will consist of six residents, preferably one from each district. One appointment will be made by each Council Member and the Mayor.

Appointments will be made in December. I have the honor of serving as Council Liaison, along with Andy Berns, our Town Administrator, as Staff Liaison.

If you would like to serve on this committee and are a resident of the Town, please reach out to Town Hall and ask for an application to serve or go on-line and fill out the application. This form will help the Council Members get a better idea of who is interested in serving.

I am looking forward to working with this committee, and together we can help address the traffic and safety issues in our Town.

Thank you for this past year and I'm looking forward to the next three.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Jim Allbritton, District 3
Council Member 305-903-7043
Town Hall 954-434-0008

A MESSAGE FROM... Cheryl Danner, Police Services Coordinator

Happy Holidays to my favorite residents! While we live and work in one of the safest Towns around, crime still happens. Criminals are very busy at this time of year and often look for "crimes of opportunity," meaning even if they were not planning on committing a criminal act, they seize the easy moment. If we take away their "opportunity" by locking our cars, homes, protecting personal information, and reporting anything suspicious to the police, we will continue to make Southwest Ranches one of the safest places to live and work. Police work 24 hours a day, so they are available anytime they are needed.

Stay Safe, enjoy your family and friends, and have an amazing holiday season. Best always, Cheryl



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Council Member
David S. Kuczenski

Friends, Neighbors,
Ranchers;

We are in the 2021 Holiday Season. I do not know about you, but this has been a very tough year for many of our families and friends. Before we can move on to a New 2022, we still need to get through the Holiday Season. With this season comes an increase in crime. A large part of the crime can be prevented by first not letting an overwhelming situation distract you from your surroundings, especially in comfort zones. Always thinking of your surroundings. Look, think and listen. Frequent threats are smash and grab, property thefts, car thefts and mail thefts. It takes less than three seconds for a surreptitious individual to walk by your car, see a wallet or a purse through to the window, smash the window and run off with the prize. Last year, we saw a report where someone parked outside one of the businesses located in Regency Square, just to grab something left behind, only to return to find a broken window and personal effects stolen and sadly no suspect nearby. It only takes a second or two after your park to look around your car and say to yourself, "Out of sight, Out of Mind." If you can see it, so can the bad folks. Moving on, property thefts are also on the rise. Keep your cars locked, and take the key fob with you into your home. Do not leave your vehicles unlocked in your driveway. It takes someone less than 30 seconds to drive by, see the car mirrors extended, run to the car, pull the handle, jump inside, start and drive away. This has happened far too frequently in the past couple of years. It is an easy issue to prevent. Mail thefts also increase, and the holiday season creates incentives for unscrupulous persons. Whether it's an ugly holiday sweater you'll probably never wear (except when Mom's in town) or a precious family heirloom, holiday gifts are always special in their own way. It can be particularly distressing when packages or letters go missing any time of the year. Take the extra time to protect your mail from theft and follow the right procedures if you fall victim to this crime. Here are a few tidbits of ways to prevent mail theft:

Pick up your mail as soon as practicable. The best way to prevent mail theft is for you to pick-up your mail from your mailbox and definitely not leave it overnight. If you are expecting checks, credit cards, or other negotiable items, ask a trusted friend or neighbor to pick up your mail.

Enhance your security. Replace your standard mailbox with one that locks. Install a motion detecting surveillance camera at your front door. Install security lights.

Take your outgoing mail to the in-slots inside post offices, bring it to Town Hall where we have a large blue mailbox just outside the main door or hand it to mail carriers. Do not leave it in your mailbox. The raised red flag tells the bad folks that a possible prize awaits them in your mailbox.

If you go away on vacation, notify the post office to place a hold on your mail delivery by visiting the post office located at 6759 SW 196th Ave. in Pembroke Pines or online at holdmail.usps.com/holdmail. It is not open on weekends. (As a side note Davie Police has Homeowners Vacations Extra Watch.)

Also, sign up for the USPS's Informed Delivery, which the Postal Service rolled out last year. They email residential customers with black-and-white images of letter-sized mail that will be delivered to them that same day. Customers may sign up at www.informedelivery.usps.com.

If you get a picture of a piece of mail that never shows up in your mailbox, you can go to the local post office for assistance. Informed Delivery is designed to provide peace of mind.

Providing the images to customers ensures that everyone in the household can see the mail each day. Someone who spots a check in the informed delivery can make a special trip home to pick it up. If you see a utility bill, you can pay it online.

Keep mind that Informed Delivery was not created to prevent mail theft.

We wish you a very happy holiday season.

Very Truly Yours,
David S Kuczenski, Esq.,
Council Member Dist 4

2022
Photo Contest Calendars are here! Don't miss out we have a limited amount.
\$5.00
Call Town Hall (954) 434-0008

LIVESTOCK AREA

With the upcoming New Year's holiday, please be mindful of our neighbors with livestock. The stress caused by fireworks is harmful to our community. Please do not off shoot off fireworks that would cause undue harm or stress to our friends with animals.
Be a good neighbor!

ATTENTION

SOUTHWEST RANCHES KIDS UNDER 13...

Give us your **BEST SHOT OF NATURE AND WILDLIFE IN SOUTHWEST RANCHES**

The Rural Public Arts and Design Board would like to showcase your photo skills in the Town's newsletter.

We invite children ages 13 and under who live in Southwest Ranches to submit their favorite photo. This is for our young photographers to enter some type of nature or wildlife picture within the Town.

- No adult assistance.
- All photos should be the work of the child photographer.
- One (1) entry per child.
- Photos should be submitted in the highest quality (resolution) possible.
- The Town reserves the right to reject any submittal.

Please email your photo, in JPEG format to: Skutz@southwestranches.org along with your name, age, phone number, and a caption about your photo (about 137 characters with spaces).

Submissions will be accepted until further notice.

Any questions please let me know.
(954) 343-7460



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**DON'T BE AN EASY TARGET.
"LOCK IT OR LOSE IT."**



~ HELLO RESIDENTS! HAPPY FALL! ~

The Davie Police Department has recently handled a run of stolen vehicles. In the past there were 4 high value cars stolen. All vehicles were left unlocked and the key fobs were left in the cars. While our Detectives are diligently working to find the offenders, we would like to ask you all please remember to lock your vehicles and remove your keys/key fobs from the cars. Remember "LOCK IT OR LOSE IT."

Thank you and Stay Safe.
Cheryl Danner Police Service Coordinator



The Town of Southwest Ranches Grand Opening of...
DRIVE UP COVID 19 TESTING SITE AT TOWN HALL



COVID TESTING

You may call 954-22 COVID (954-222-6843) to schedule your appointment

The Town Council and representatives from UrgentMed recently celebrated the grand opening of a drive up COVID 19 testing and vaccination site in the parking lot at Town Hall. Testing with quick results, ideal for travelers, is offered as well as all three approved vaccines. Additionally, the Pfizer booster shot is available. Drive up service is available Monday through Saturday from 9 am until 5 pm.

ADVISORY BOARD UPDATES

SCHOOLS & EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD – Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at Town Hall – 7 PM. The Schools and Education Advisory Board met on November 8, 2021 and discussed upcoming fundraising events such as the Cow Pie Festival, Barn Dance, Flamingo Flocking and the SWR Pageant. They also spoke about focusing on the mental health of the students as they transition back into normal school settings.

PARKS, RECREATION, FORESTRY & NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY BOARD – Meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month at Town Hall – 7 PM. The Parks, Recreation, Forestry, and Natural Resources Advisory Board is focusing on review of parks usage policies established in 2005 to identify ways to incorporate recent requests for changes in use.

RURAL PUBLIC ARTS & DESIGN ADVISORY BOARD – Meets the 3rd Monday of the month at Town Hall – 7 PM. Applications for the December Holiday Lights contest have been received. Judging will start Tuesday, December 7th and awards will be presented Friday, December 10th.

The Rural Public Arts and Design Board 2022 Photo Contest calendars are on sale for \$5.00 at Town Hall.

Clerk's Corner by Russell Muñiz



Brief legislation from the October 14, 2021 Town Council Regular Meeting:

- **Adopted Resolution 2022-001** approving an agreement with Huurr Homes LLC for the SW 202nd Avenue and SW 50th Street drainage improvement project.

- **Adopted Ordinance 2022-001** vacating, closing and abandoning a portion of unimproved SW 49 Street Right-Of-Way.

- **Adopted Ordinance 2022-002** vacating, closing and abandoning a portion of unimproved road easement a portion of SW 54th Place between SW 207 Terrace and SW 208 Lane and a portion of SW 207th Terrace.

Brief legislation from the October 28, 2021 Town Council Regular Meeting:

- **Adopted Resolution 2022-002** approving a grant agreement with the State of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to develop a Town-wide Stormwater Master Plan.

- **Adopted Resolution 2022-003** accepting and approving an agreement with Kailas Contractors to complete the Broward County Surtax funded Transportation Surface Drainage and Ongoing Rehabilitation (TSDOR) of SW 106th Lane, SW 199th Avenue, SW 201st Terrace, SW 202nd Avenue, SW 48th Street, SW 48th place, SW 49th Court, SW 50th Place, and SW 50th Manor.

- **Adopted Resolution 2022-004** approving an agreement with Weekley Asphalt Paving, Inc. to complete the Broward County Surtax Funded Transportation Surface Drainage and Ongoing Rehabilitation (TSDOR) of SW 128th Avenue, SW 130th Avenue (Melaleuca Road), SW 133rd Avenue, SW 135th Avenue (Lupo Lane), And SW 136th Avenue (Holatee Trail).

- **Adopted Resolution 2022-005** approving a single source agreement with Vetted Security Solutions, Inc. for the installation of a Town-wide License Plate Reader system.

- **Adopted Ordinance 2022-006** entering into an agreement with Broward County Supervisor of Elections Joe Scott for municipal elections services.

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.



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.

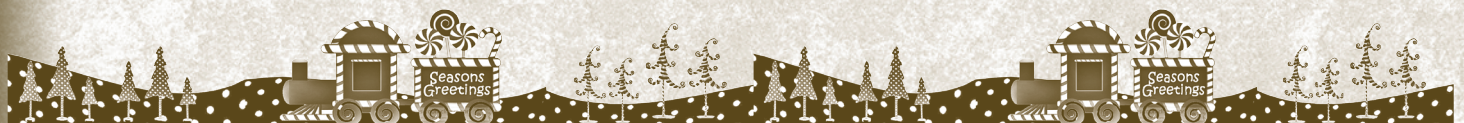
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Representing robin.bartleman@myfloridahouse.gov
House District 104

Please contact my office if you need assistance with:

- Unemployment
- Housing assistance
- Business support
- DMV issues
- Voter registration
- Any local and State issues
- Bill ideas and feedback

Biography:

Robin Bartleman is the Florida State Representative from District 104 serving the areas of Weston, Southwest Ranches, Pembroke Pines, and Davie. After serving as the Broward County School Board At- Large Member for 16 years she was elected to her current position in 2020. She serves on Children, Families, & Seniors, Joint Select Committee for Collective Bargaining, Local Administration & Veterans Affairs, PreK- 12 Appropriations, and State Affairs committees.

Article:

In February, I traveled to Tallahassee for the start of the Legislative session. I successfully navigated three bills and secured over a million dollars in appropriation projects for my constituents. We are keeping our fingers crossed as these bills move to the Governor's desk.

My office successfully pushed our priorities to mitigate flooding, address health disparities, protect children of sexual assault, and improve our local infrastructure. After seeing the impacts of Tropical Storm ETA on District 104, I sponsored HB 901, legislation to deal with the impacts of inland and coastal flooding. HB 901 was absorbed into the Always Ready: Flooding and Sea-Level Rise Package. In a bipartisan effort to protect children from sexual assault, Representative Persons- Mulika (R) and I passed Serena's Law to close a loophole in our justice system. This bill empowers professionals to perform more comprehensive background checks on employees working with our children. Finally, we acquired over \$1 million in appropriation projects. These dollars will enable us to build a storm water pump station in Pembroke Pines, purchase two mobile storm water pumps for the South Broward Drainage District and upgrade the drainage and water quality system in Southwest Ranches.

As a former classroom teacher and Broward School Board Member, ensuring students receive a high-quality education is one of my top priorities. I sponsored HB 359 to pause the school accountability system for this year and ensure that our schools were held harmless from high stakes testing. Nothing was typical about this school year. Children faced housing and food insecurity, lost family members, and faced disruptions in the school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. HB 359 brought media attention to this issue and started an important conversation. Thanks to school advocacy groups lobbying for this bill, an executive order was issued that incorporated language from my bill and provided relief to our schools, teachers, and students!

The Legislature also passed a voucher expansion bill that I fought against and aimed to amend on the House floor. This bill syphons dollars from public schools to unchecked voucher schools. These schools have limited regulation, do not comply with Florida's standards or testing requirements and do not

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

Please drop off your caring donations at
Town Hall Monday - Friday from 8:30 - 12:00 pm.
If it is after 12:00 please call (954) 434-0008 and we
will meet you outside.

HELP US HELP OUR HEROES!

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

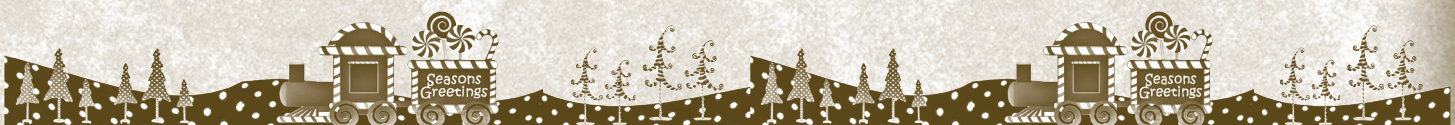
have to employ certified teachers with college degrees. Tax dollars go to these voucher schools with no check and balance system. Education advocates spent most of the session fighting changes to the Bright Futures Scholarship Program. Fortunately, this bill failed; however, the scholarship program will no longer cover textbooks.

On a positive note, the Early Learning and Early Grade Success Act passed to create an accountability system for private VPK providers. The Student Literacy Bill also passed to provide professional development for teachers and intervention for our struggling readers (voucher schools are exempt from this important piece of legislation).

Thanks to President Biden's American Rescue Plan, Florida passed its largest budget ever at \$101.5 billion. The greatest proportion invests in health care services and education. However, the Legislature once again left hundreds of millions of dollars on the table and 830,000 Floridians without health insurance by refusing to extend Medicaid. In response to this issue, I sponsored HB 201, which would have expanded Kid Care coverage and benefits for our working families. While the bill did not move this year, I will continue to file it each year so that Florida's children will have access to affordable health care. I also passed legislation through the House, which requires Medicaid to collect data based on disability, race, age, primary language, ethnicity, and sex. This data will be used to identify health care disparities so that Florida's health care dollars are spent efficiently.

There were missed opportunities to revamp Florida's failed unemployment system and to address the affordable housing crisis. The Republican Legislature passed bills that created barriers for voting, discriminated against transgender girls and limited our constitutional right to peacefully assemble. My Democratic colleagues and I vigorously questioned, debated, and filed hundreds of amendments to stop these bills. Our efforts and discussion modified these harmful bills. The transgender sports ban now excludes elementary students and the final version of HB 90 removed unnecessary forms that would have been required at the drop box.

I am happy to be home with my daughters and the residents of District 104. I welcome the opportunity to meet with you all to discuss concerns and ideas for future legislation. Please feel free to contact me at **954-668-3662** or at **robin.bartleman@myfloridahouse.gov**.



AROUND THE TOWN



Southwest Ranches FIRE RESCUE

SAVE YOUR DATE SANTA WILL BE VISITING HOMES OUTDOORS.

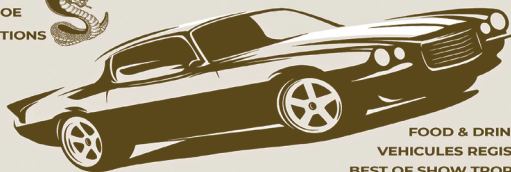
The Southwest Ranches Fire Department will be having the Annual Santa runs in December. Donation checks can be made out to SWRFD or cash in an envelope.

We are excited to visit your home with Santa and the fire truck. **Contact Fire Chief Lee Bennett to save your date (954) 868-2057.**

SOFLO CHILI FEST

SW RANCHES PARKS FOUNDATION
PRESENTS

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FESTIVAL & CAR SHOW
DECEMBER 4TH, 2021
10:00AM-4:00PM

• ROLLING OAKS PARK •
17630 SW 56TH ST, SW RANCHES, FL 33331

WWW.SOFLOCHILIFEST.COM

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.**

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

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>

THE RURAL PUBLIC ARTS AND DESIGN BOARD
PRESENTS...

"4th Annual December Holiday Lights Contest"



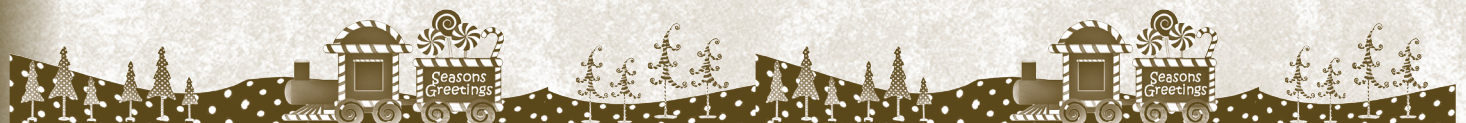
ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAY SEASON A
LITTLE MORE BY PARTICIPATING IN THE
CONTEST. SEND YOUR ENTRY FORM IN
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. YOUR HOUSE
DOES NOT HAVE TO BE DECORATED
TO SEND YOUR ENTRY FORM IN.



JUDGING WILL START
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

AWARDS WILL BE
PRESENTED
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

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



AROUND THE TOWN

Mini-Flow: Florida Licensing on Wheels



Come to Town Hall if you need to renew or replace your Florida Driver's License, Identification Card or Tag and Registration. The

Department of Motorist Services Mini-FLOW Florida Licensing on Wheels will be at Town Hall:

Wednesday, December 22
(tentative)

By Appointment Only - No Walk-Ins
Call Town Hall (954) 434-0008

BROWARD COUNTY SCHOOL CALENDAR

DECEMBER

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

Monday, December 21st and
Tuesday, December 22nd
Schools Closed

Wednesday, December 23rd,
Thursday, December 24th, and
Friday, December 25th
Schools and Administrative Offices Closed

Monday, December 28th and
Tuesday, December 29th
Schools Closed

Wednesday, December 30th and
Thursday, December 31st
Schools and Administrative Offices Closed

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

BROWARD.org

ALERT!BROWARD SIGN UP

EMERGENCY ALERT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

AlertBroward notifications will provide subscribers with important information in critical countywide situations such as hurricanes, evacuations, curfews, and open shelters.

By signing up you'll receive time-sensitive calls to your home, business or mobile phones or emails.

<https://www.broward.org/Emergency/Pages/AlertBroward.aspx>

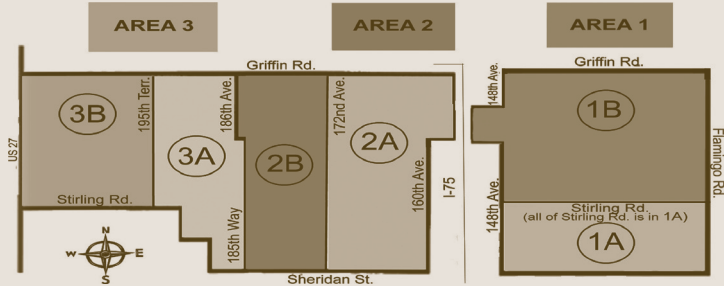
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BROWARD COUNTY
FLORIDA

Waste Collection

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

TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES - Waste Collection Map & Schedule



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

RESIDENTIAL BULK MAY BE PLACED IN THE SWALE THE SATURDAY BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED BULK COLLECTION DAY. (Ord 2008-07) PAGE 6

Weekly **SOLID (GARBAGE)** Waste Days

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

BULK Collection Service Dates by Area

Month	Area	WEDNESDAY Only	Area	TUESDAY Only	Area	MONDAY Only
DECEMBER 2021	3-A	12/01 - 12/15 - 12/29	2-A	12/14 - 12/28	1-A	12/13 - 12/27
	3-B	12/08 - 12/22	2-B	12/07 - 12/21	1-B	12/06 - 12/20
JANUARY 2022	3-A	1/12 - 1/26	2-A	1/11 - 1/25	1-A	1/10 - 1/24
	3-B	1/05 - 1/19	2-B	1/04 - 1/18	1-B	1/03 - 1/17 - 1/31

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

Household HAZARDOUS WASTE Disposal Days

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE, ELECTRONICS &
BULK DROP OFF EVENT

Saturday, January 8th, 2022, 8:00am to 2:00pm
Location: Rolling Oaks Barn - 17630 SW 56th St., Southwest Ranches, 33331
Document shredding from 10-1pm . prescription drug drop off 10-2pm

This service is provided for Town residents only. Proof of residency is required.
NOTE: Event may be cancelled due to rain, excessive winds or other hazardous conditions as determined by the Town.

ACCEPTABLE HHW ITEMS

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

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

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

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

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

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



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



PHOTO BY: Tara Canhos

"Funny Bunnies and the Red Tractor at Mrs. Bass Farm and Intentions Ranch Neighbors in Rolling Oaks."

(From the 2021 Photo Contest Calendar)

CALENDAR

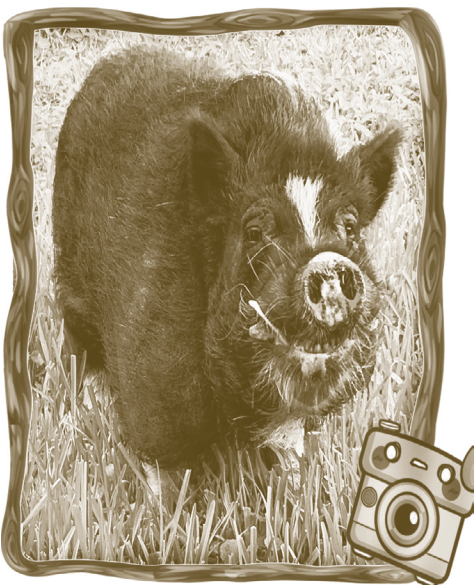
S	M	T	W	T	F	S							
December				1	2	3	4						
	5	Hanukkah Ends • SWB Parks Foundation Meeting Town Hall - 7 pm • Country Estates Grace Baptist Church - 19200 Griffin Road - 7 pm AREA 1B BULK	★★★★★ PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY • Code Hearing Town Hall 9 am AREA 2B BULK	8	9	10	11						
	12	• Sunshine Ranches HOA Get-together at Equestrian Park 5840 Volunteer Road 1-3:00pm AREA 1A BULK	• Broward County Property Appraiser Office - Town Hall 10:30 - 12:30 pm • Schools & Education Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 1A BULK	13	• Parks, Recreation, Forestry & Natural Resources Advisory Board - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 2A BULK	14	• Fire Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 3A BULK	15	16	17	18		
	19	AREA 1B BULK	20	• Drainage & Infrastructure Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall - 7 pm AREA 2B BULK	21	• Flow Mobile DMV Service 10 am - 2 pm Town Hall - by appt only (tentative) AREA 3B BULK	22	23	• TOWN HALL CLOSURES AT 1:00 PM NEW YEAR'S EVE • TOWN HALL CLOSURES AT 1:00 PM	24	Christmas Eve • TOWN HALL CLOSED	25	MERRY CHRISTMAS • NO SOLID WASTE SERVICE
	26	AREA 1A BULK	27	AREA 2A BULK	28	29	30	31					

All Town Council Meetings and Advisory Board meetings will be held in person at Town Hall unless explicitly stated otherwise.

KIDS UNDER 13 BEST SHOT CONTEST.

PHOTO TAKEN BY:

MADISON (AGE 6) & EDDY COZAR - (AGE 11)
 "HUGS AND KISSES FROM THE COZAR FARM"



HAPPY BIRTHDAY...

Todd Easley - December 1st
 Yanet Capó - December 4th
 Carolyn Ditzian - December 7th
 Steven Swait - December 28th
 Haley Navarro - December 29th



We hope your special day is filled with happiness and that all your wishes come true.

Have a birthday you would like to share with us in a future Town newsletter? Send your name and birthday to: Skutz@southwestranches.org

TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES PUBLIC WORKS AND



NO service for SOLID WASTE on Saturday, December 25, 2021. Collection will occur on your next scheduled collection day. Please make sure your SOLID WASTE, RECYCLE AND BULK are out on your swale no later than 7:00AM on your service days.

Christmas trees longer than 6 feet in length will need to be cut



IN TOUCH

TOWN HALL: 13400 Griffin Road / Southwest Ranches, FL 33330 • **PHONE:** (954) 434-0008 • **FAX:** (954) 434-1490
TOWN HALL OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday / 8:30 am - 5:00 pm • **TOWN WEBSITE:** www.southwestranches.org
TOWN HALL TWITTER ACCOUNT: @SWR_Gov • **YOUTUBE:** Town of Southwest Ranches Official Channel • **FACEBOOK:** facebook@SWRGOV

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Steve Breitreuz	(954) 343-7462	sbreitreuz@southwestranches.org
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Council Member Jim Allbritton	(954) 343-7461	jallbritton@southwestranches.org
Council Member David S. Kuczenski	(954) 343-7472	dkuczenski@southwestranches.org

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Philip Chorath, <i>Engineer I</i>	(954) 343-7441	pchorath@southwestranches.org
Emily McCord Aceti, <i>Community Services Manager</i>	(954) 343-7453	eaceti@southwestranches.org
December Lauretano-Haines, <i>Parks, Recreation & Open Space Manager</i>	(954) 343-7452	dlauretano@southwestranches.org
Melinda Stringer, <i>Administrative Assistant</i>	(954) 343-7454	mstringer@southwestranches.org

TOWN SERVICES

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

Brian Dillon, <i>Building Official</i>	(954) 343-7446	bdillon@capfla.com
Joyce Marques, <i>Permit Technician</i>	(954) 343-7446	jmarques@capfla.com
Derlin Guevara, <i>Permit Technician</i>	(954) 343-7445	dguevara@capfla.com
PLANNING – (MELGREN PLANNING GROUP)	(954) 475-3070	michele@tmpgplanning.com
Jeff Katims	(954) 475-3070	jkatims@sepiinc.com

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
Concepcion Campos, <i>Code Enforcement Officer</i>	(954) 343-7458	ccampos@southwestranches.org
Marlon Gonzalez, <i>Code Enforcement Officer</i>	(954) 343-7457	mgonzalez@swranches.org
Jenna Anderson, <i>Administrative Coordinator</i>	(954) 343-7440	janderson@southwestranches.org
	(954) 343-7459	

WASTE/BULK/RECYCLING SERVICES (Residential & Commercial)

Waste Pro (954) 967-4200

REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKERS – Chief Bennett

MOSQUITO CONTROL	(954) 868-2057	lbennett@southwestranches.org
LOST AND FOUND ANIMALS	(954) 765-4062	
	(754) 224-0877	Facebook@SWRLostandFoundAnimals

PUBLIC SAFETY

EMERGENCY

Non-Emergency

Davie Police Department

Jeff Hobales, *Detective*

Cheryl Danner, *Police Services Coordinator*

Davie Fire Rescue Station 112

Volunteer Fire Rescue - Chief Bennett

TRAFFIC AND ROADWAY SERVICES

Potholes and Signs Down - Philip Chorath

Illicit Discharge - Environmental Response Line:

911

(954) 764-4357 (HELP)

(954) 693-8200

(954) 693-8293

(954) 693-8352

(954) 680-0020

(954) 868-2057

pchorath@southwestranches.org
online complaint form at <http://www.broward.org/Environment/Resources/Pages/EnviroComplaint.aspx>

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)

John De los Santos, *Newsletter Layout and Design*

(954) 432-5110

(954) 680-3337

(954) 292-8850

www.centralbrowardwcd.org

www.sbdd.org

johndelossantos@rocketmail.com



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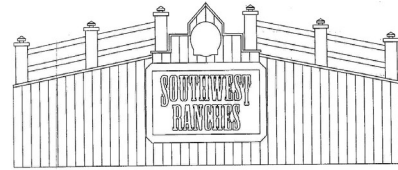
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Seasons Greetings
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STOCKING	O E A U N T S I V E I S A S R
CARD	P D C L A D M A E I A G R E T
RUDOLPH	Z J H E F N L T E N N Y B V H
SANTA	R H R O E W I E T S L G E L P
CANDY CANE	U W I Y L N O A S L V K L E H
SEASON	D T S S G L G N O C C T E F G
CHRISTMAS	O C T S E J Y J S T A R C N I
SLEIGH	L A M O B E O T E L T S I M E
TREE	P R A R E I N D E E R K B L L
WREATH	H D S Y A D I L O H C C E E S
ELVES	Y D N A C E E R T O A O L G B
FROSTY	F R O S T Y T U T N N R L N R
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HOLIDAY	
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REINDEER	
MERRY	
NORTH POLE	
MISTLETOE	
NOEL	
ANGEL	
SNOWFLAKE	
GIVING	
STAR	
HOLLY	
CELEBRATE	

MEET YOU ^{at} the PARK...



~CALL FOR ENTRIES~ COUNTRY ESTATES PARK ENTRANCE DESIGN CONTEST

Do you have what it takes to design and create a large scale, functional artwork?



The Town of Southwest Ranches is seeking designs for an artistic entrance feature for Country Estates Fishing Hole Park. Our current chain link fence and gates are not beautiful! So, put on your thinking cap and get inventive!

The entrance feature should reflect the Town's rural lifestyle, recreational fishing and/or equestrian activities, wildlife, or natural beauty of Southwest Ranches. The entrance feature should include gates spanning the park's vehicular entrance and exit lanes as well as equestrian and pedestrian access. The feature should contain elements of the Town's Rural Identification Program standards for any signage to be included.

Country Estates Park Fishing Hole Park is located 18900 Griffin Road. The entrance is on the West side of the property, accessed via SW 190th Ave.

Everyone is encouraged to get creative. For further information and to submit entries: email clauretano@southwestranches.org