

# SOUTHWEST RANCHER

*The Official Newsletter of Southwest Ranches*

**April 2016**

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*Flowers and trees  
Swaying in the breeze  
Trees and flowers  
Nature's best powers*





Mayor  
Jeff Nelson

Good Day  
Neighbor,

In May of 2015 the Town's contracted building department service supplier C.A.P. Government, Inc. (CAP) moved into office space at Town Hall. The purpose of the move was to consolidate the building department process and minimize the inconvenience to our residents and their contractors. Since that time, Town staff and our partner CAP have continued to work towards improving service delivery. While the service and the convenience to our residents and their contractors has improved, we continue to strive for excellent service delivery and customer satisfaction. In reviewing our building department operations with CAP recently, we identified some options that should improve service delivery even further. Another facet of our building permit application process that we will analyze is our permit fees. While some people have been critical of the Town's permit fees it is important to note that these fees reflect the Town Council's previous policy direction of cost recovery. The policy direction follows that those who are utilizing this service should pay its costs. The costs should not be subsidized by general fund tax dollars supplied by those who may not be using the service. To ensure that development fees are just and reasonable, the Town Council will be holding a workshop in the near future to analyze them. We invite you to attend and take part in this important discussion.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to recognize someone that has dedi-

cated many years of service to the Town. In February, Juanita Romance resigned her position with the Town after almost 9 years of service. Her contributions to the Town are numerous and while she will be missed I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

On another note, the fourth annual Chili Cook Off benefitting the Southwest Ranches Parks Foundation was held at the Sunshine Ranches Equestrian Park on March 5th. A good time was had by all who attended. If you didn't get to attend we hope that you can join us next year. Congratulations to the winners.

As always, it is an honor and pleasure to serve you!

Jeff



Council Member  
Steve Breitkreuz

There are times when there are events that seem to get a little more attention than they deserve. An example of that for me is New Year's. It's fun but somehow it seems like on the first of the year the world is still very similar to the world that I knew the year before. However, other times there are very significant events that seem to get little recognition but truly are of a major significance. One of those significant events recently occurred in our town, without much fanfare.

Back when our town was formed, there was a section of property that was owned by Corrections Corporation of America (CCA) that was included as part of our town. This was done specifically because it was recognized that the make up of our town would be mostly rural residential homes. Most towns require a mixture of residential, retail, and commercial properties for the tax base to be stable and diverse for the long term. Well, Southwest Ranches clearly has the residential. There is a little bit of retail on Dykes road at Griffin and at Sheridan. Then the town founders included the CCA property so that there would be a commercial element as well.

Recently, Pembroke Pines made an offer to CCA to purchase the property. However, with Pines being the owner, it is very possible that Southwest Ranches would not be able to obtain commercial revenue from the

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

If you need to renew or replace your Florida Driver's License, Identification Card or Tag and Registration, then come on down to Town Hall. The Department of Motorist Services Mini-FLOW Florida Licensing on Wheels will be at Town Hall:

**April 28th - From 9:30 - 2:30**

**Town  
Talk**

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

**Send your email address to:  
isolera@southwestranches.org.**



property. Fortunately, in the original contract, Southwest Ranches had the right of first refusal should CCA decide to sell the property.

So, at our February 18 meeting, after much discussion and a tremendous amount of negotiation by our town administrator, town attorney, and town financial administrator, we were able to work out a plan to purchase the property from CCA. I was very pleased with the terms of the purchase and the related loan. With this purchase we can finally move forward with finding the proper use of the property. One that not only will the town residents will be comfortable with but also one that will finally facilitate the generation of commercial taxes which will help ensure that our taxes remain some of the lowest in Broward County.

I wish to send out special thanks for Martin Sherwood, our Financial Administrator, for all of his work in bringing this deal together. Without his constant vigilance and strong negotiation skills, this purchase would not have been possible. Thank-you Marty!



## Council Member Freddy Fisikelli

I believe the most item talked around the town now is the property where the prison was to be built, for some reason the City of Pembroke Pines is interested in buying the property. Why at this time I do not know why. If they do buy the property we lose the ability to receive any money for the taxes that would be levied on that property if they keep it, because Cities do not pay taxes on property they own. Also Pines might then to try to annex the property into their City. At the present time our Financial Administrator Martin Sherwood is in the process of working out a way the Town of Southwest Ranches could purchase the property ourselves to insure we are protected and would give us the ability to sell the property to whomever we feel would benefit the Town of Southwest Ranches the most. On the 15th of March I was able to attend a hearing in West Palm Beach before the Fourth District Court of Appeals in which CCA was appealing the lower court's decision in the CCA versus Pembroke Pines case.



### Brief legislation from the February 18, 2016 Town Council meeting:

- **Adopted Resolution 2016-019** approving a purchase order for a Flash Cam Digital Camera.
- **Adopted Resolution 2016-020** approving the issuance of bonds for the CCA property acquisition.
- **Adopted Resolution 2016-021** approving the purchase and sale agreement for the CCA property.
- **Adopted Resolution 2016-022** approving a budget amendment to provide funding for the CCA property acquisition.

**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" **\$20.00**

WE CAN'T  
"HELP YOU"

*Make checks payable to:  
Southwest Ranches Fire Rescue  
17220 Griffin Road  
Southwest Ranches, FL 33330*

**For additional information call:  
Chief Lee Bennett: 954-868-2057**

**SWR**  
SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA

**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.

**AARP  
DRIVER  
SAFETY**

**AARP DRIVER  
SAFETY CLASS AT  
SW RANCHES:**

AARP will provide a Driving  
Safety Course for non AARP  
members and active AARP  
members here at Town Hall.

Next Class **Thursday, April 7th**  
from **9:30 am to 3:30 pm.**

*Happy  
Passover!*

# AROUND THE TOWN



Information on the...  
Mosquito-borne Zika virus

The Zika virus, a mosquito-borne virus, has been confirmed in several travelers who recently visited Latin America. At this time there is one suspected case of imported Zika virus in Broward County. The Mosquito Control Section of the Highway and Bridge Maintenance Division is working in conjunction with the Florida Health Department to monitor the suspected case of the virus. The Zika virus is carried by the same species of mosquito that we have been targeting over the years. In order to reduce the spread of the virus and other diseases, we are continuing to limit the mosquito population around Broward County by spraying areas with reported concentrations of mosquitoes, checking known mosquito breeding sites, treating standing water from recent rain events, and spraying in areas requested by residents. To request mosquito spraying, or call 954-765-4062.

The Zika virus is a flavivirus, part of the same family as yellow fever, West Nile, chikungunya and dengue. Symptoms of the virus include fever, rash, and joint pain. Zika virus is spread through the bite of the *Aedes aegypti* species mosquito. This species of mosquito is often found in areas with stagnant water such as of uncovered buckets, flower pots, unused swimming pools and discarded tires. So as to curb the spread of the virus, we urge people to dump or drain any standing water that has collected in their property.



BCPA STAFF WILL BE ASSISTING BROWARD RESIDENTS WITH HOMESTEAD, SENIOR AND OTHER EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS AT:

THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES  
13400 GRIFFIN RD

**2016 SCHEDULE:**

April 18, June 20, Aug 15, Oct 17  
11:30 AM—1:00 PM

TO APPLY FOR A HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION, YOU **MUST HAVE COPIES OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:**

**FOR ALL APPLICANTS:**

- Florida Drivers License OR Florida I.D. Card; AND
- Proof of Broward Voter Registration OR a Declaration of Domicile; AND
- Social Security Number for all owners

**FOR RESIDENT ALIENS:**

- Permanent Resident "Green Card," or proof of asylum, or INS I-485 letter showing that application to convert to permanent resident status is complete.

*The Senior Exemption requires at least one owner be 65 as of January 1, 2016 and the total household adjusted gross income not exceed \$28,448. (call for info on required documents)*

For more information please contact the Outreach Department at 954.357.5579 or at njones@bcpa.net.

Lori Parrish, CFA  
Property Appraiser

## ARE YOU A... TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES PIONEER?

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY is compiling a list of early pioneers of the Town. In the next few months we will list a few of the names. If you know anything about them, know their whereabouts or how we might be able to contact them, please contact Sandy at: 954-343-7476 or send her an email at: sluong@southwestranches.org.  
Do you know anyone who should be on the list?

WE WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE FOLLOWING PIONEERS...

- |                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Fyffe Family    | Griffith Family  |
| Gillette Family | Guice Family     |
| Glickman Family | Hamilton Family  |
| Green Family    | Hancock Family   |
| Greene Family   | Handelman Family |

The Committee is setting up interviews with our Pioneers and ultimately will be writing a book about Southwest Ranches. Contact Sandy if you are interested in helping with interviews.



www.southwestranches.org

The Southwest Ranches Historical Society would like to offer you the opportunity to connect with your neighbors and grow your business.

We are in the planning stages of creating our FIRST EVER "Town Phone Book". The book will be designed in three (3) sections; 1) Resident name, address (if desired), telephone numbers and email addresses; 2) Listing of businesses by trade type; 3) Business advertisements.

Section 1 is free to residents.  
Section 2 is \$5.00 to list your business by Trade Type.  
Section 3 offers another way you can promote your business by placing ads as follows:

- Business Card size ad is \$ 25.00
- Half page Business ad is \$ 50.00
- Full page Business ad is \$ 100.00

This opportunity is presented exclusively to our Town residents. Your business can be located outside the Town; however, you must be a Town resident for your business information to be published in the Town Phone Book. Please provide the requested information below to Danielle Caban. It can be dropped off at Town Hall, sent by U.S. Mail or emailed to: dcaban@southwestranches.org.

Name:	Business Name:
Address:	Business Address:
Telephone Numbers (home/cell):	Trade Type:
Email:	Telephone Number:
	Web Site:
	Email:

*All proceeds will go to the Town of Southwest Ranches Historical Society.*



# TOWN HALL NEWS

## PROPER OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A SEPTIC TANK SYSTEM

The proper operation and maintenance of septic tank systems is critical to minimizing the impact on our health and water resources. Our sole source of drinking water, the Biscayne Aquifer, is just a few feet beneath the surface of the land. All that separates us from this underground water supply is a thin layer of sand. Consequently, our water supply is extremely vulnerable to contamination.

A major advantage of the septic tank is that it has no moving parts and needs very little routine maintenance. If properly operated and maintained the system should work for 10 to 20 years. But there are problems that may show up in the house plumbing, the septic tank, distribution pipes, and the soil absorption drainfield over time or if the system is improperly operated or maintained.

### Signs to look for include:

1. Low spots in the area above or near the drainfield.
2. Obnoxious odors ranging from a musty odor to a rotten egg odor to raw sewage odor.
3. The grass is much greener and lush above or near the drainfield.
4. Soggy grass in the area

above or near the drainfield during dry periods.

5. Gurgling sounds in the plumbing.
6. Sluggish flow when flushing the toilet.
7. Backup of sewage in house plumbing.

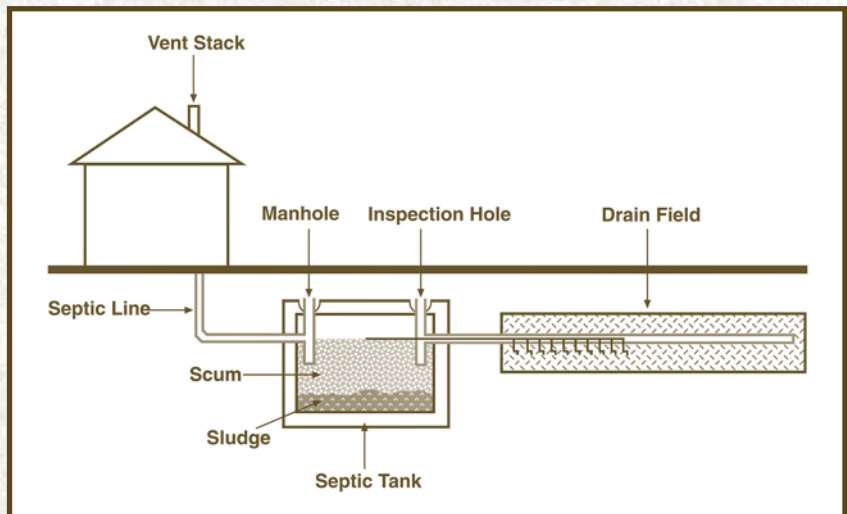
Over time all drainfields will fail because the capacity of the soil to absorb effluent has been exceeded. The soil becomes clogged and the effluent will rise to the surface of the ground. However, premature failure most often results from failure of the homeowner to periodically pump out the sludge from the tank.

If you need an inspection or repairs to an existing septic tank system, a state registered septic tank contractor or a state certified plumber should be called.

The Broward County Public Health Unit maintains lists of State registered contractors and requires permits for all repairs and installations.

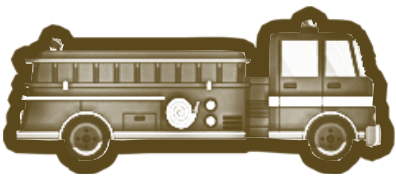
Septic system owners must ensure that their systems are maintained properly. Even a well-designed and properly operating septic tank system will eventually fail if it is not also maintained. Regular maintenance can prevent failures such as clogging of the soil absorption drainfield and sewage backup into the home.

For additional information, please contact the Department of Planning and Environmental Protection, at (954) 519-1400 or the Environmental Engineering Division of the Broward County Public Health Unit at (954) 467-4920.



# AROUND THE TOWN

## Southwest Ranches FIRE RESCUE



The Southwest Ranches Fire Rescue Training Division has done a fabulous

job making a mock wooden maze (for trapped or lost firefighters) for our fire fighters to go through. When the fire fighters are going through the maze they get trapped in wire and other debris simulating a ceiling/roof collapse. The 6 Southwest Fire Training Officers have a tremendous amount of experience in the fire service and with different departments, the training team works very hard to make sure our personnel are ready for all emergency calls. All of our Fire Instructors are State Certified Fire Instructors and have a ton of other certifications.

I also wanted to thank Dee Schroeder for donating wheel chairs and other equipment for our town people in the time of need.

Stay Safe,  
Chief Lee Bennett



# AROUND THE TOWN



## WANTED

THE BEST CHILI IN TOWN

SOUTHWEST RANCHES PARKS FOUNDATION  
Benefiting the Parks in Southwest Ranches

## 4th ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF

The Winners are...

1st place: DARREN RUSH  
2nd place: JOSH DYKES  
3rd Place: GARY JABLONSKI



All photos courtesy  
of BOB HARTMANN

# AROUND THE TOWN

## “ONE” PILE DOES IT ALL!



No need to separate  
vegetation material from  
other bulk...  
Separation will be  
conducted at the plant.

## 2016 School Calendar Broward County Public Schools\*



APRIL				
M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

THURSDAY, APRIL 14th - REPORT CARDS  
THURSDAY, APRIL 28th - INTERIM REPORTS ISSUED

Hurricane make-up days in order of preference: 2/26/15, 3/19/15 \*Year-Round Schools Follow Different Calendar.

## DAVIE POLICE DEPARTMENT

### PRESCRIPTOIN DRUG DROP OFF AT TOWN HALL...

**SATURDAY APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> 2016  
FROM 10AM TO 2PM**

On Saturday, April 30, 2016 from 10:00am – 2:00pm, Officer Tara Bradley, Community Policing Unit Special Operations Division of the Davie Police Department, will be utilizing Town Hall as a drop off location for old drugs.

**The Davie Police Department** is partnering with *the Drug Enforcement Administration* on their *11th National Prescription Drug Take Back Initiative*. It is a one-day collaborative effort with the DEA and local law enforcement to remove potentially dangerous prescription drugs from our nation's homes. This initiative will provide an opportunity for the public to voluntarily surrender expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutically controlled substances and other medications to law enforcement officers for destruction.

If any resident has any questions about possible drug drop off locations, Davie Police Department has a drop off box in the lobby of the police department (1230 S Nob Hill Rd. Davie, FL 33324). You can drop off meds any time in their lobby, Monday-Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm excluding holidays. They do not accept sharps/needles, lotions, gels, liquids or aerosols. If someone requires needles to be dropped off, you may contact Officer Tara Bradley at (954) 693-8269 and she will arrange to meet me you at the police department so that the needles may be disposed of safely (not in the drop box!). If anyone has any questions about the drug box, you may contact Officer Tara Bradley on Tuesday through Friday from 7:00am -5:00pm or email her at tara\_bradley@davie-fl.gov.

### Got Drugs?





# AROUND THE TOWN

## Household Hazardous Waste, Electronics & Bulk Drop Off Event & Shred-A-Thon



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

**A new service provided for Town Residents only!**

**Location: Rolling Oaks Park, 17630 SW 56th St., SW Ranches.**

**Proof of Residency is required**

**SAT., APRIL 9TH, 8 AM - 2 PM**

**SAT., JULY 9TH**

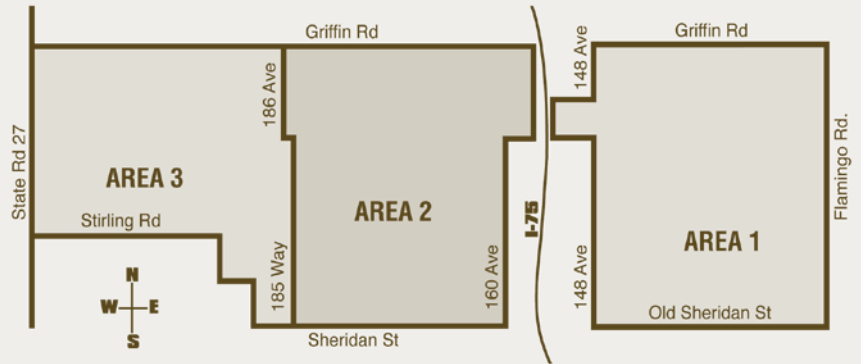
**SHRED-A-THON 10 AM - 2 PM (LIMIT 4 BOXES)**

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

## Waste Collection

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

### TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES - Waste Collection Map & Schedule



#### Weekly **SOLID (GARBAGE)** Waste Days

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

#### **BULK** Collection Service Dates by Area

Month	Area 3 (Wednesday Only)	Area 2 (Tuesday Only)	Area 1 (Monday Only)
Apr 16	4/3/16 - 4/27/16	4/12/16 - 4/26/16	4/11/16 - 4/25/16
May 16	5/11/16 - 5/25/16	5/10/16 - 5/24/16	5/9/16 - 5/23/16

**RECYCLE** collection occurs once per week:

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

**LET'S NOT FORGET OUR MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES...**

The Town of Southwest Ranches will continue to collect donations for our **TROOPS** and their **FAMILIES** throughout the year.

**THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS ARE 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 or sunflower seeds
- Boxed and /or individual drink packets (Crystal Light, Walmart or Target brand, Kool-Aid, hot chocolate, etc.)
- Foil packed tuna and chicken
- Crackers
- Baby wipes (no bigger than 2 1/2" wide packages)

Please drop off your contributions to Town Hall between the hours of 8:30 am - 5:00 pm or call (954)434-0008.

**HELP SUPPORT WOMEN IN DISTRESS DONATE YOUR CELL PHONES AT TOWN HALL**

## HELP KEEP FAMILIES SAFE

Cell phones play an integral role in safety by allowing to dial 911 in case of emergencies. In addition, they can be recycled and turned into a donation to help fund programs and services. Please drop off your old cell phones at Town Hall: 13400 Griffin Road, Southwest Ranches.

**PLEASE REMOVE YOUR SIM AND SD CARD FROM YOU CELL PHONE**



**WOMEN IN DISTRESS**

OF BROWARD COUNTY, INC.

JIM & JAN MORAN FAMILY CENTER





**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN SAVING LIVES!**

\* 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
<b>April</b>						
					<b>1</b> APRIL FOOL'S DAY	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SWR Parks Foundation - Town Hall - 7 pm</li> <li>• Country Estates - HOA Grace Baptist Church - 19200 Griffin Rd. - 7 pm</li> </ul>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drainage: Infrastructure Advisory Board - Town Hall 7 pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AARP Class 9:30 am - 3:30 pm - Council Chambers Town Hall</li> </ul>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schools &amp; Ed. Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm</li> </ul> <b>AREA 1 BULK</b>	<b>11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parks Recreation and Opens Space Advisory Board - Town Hall 7 pm</li> </ul> <b>AREA 2 BULK</b>	<b>13</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 7 pm</li> </ul>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Broward County Property Appraiser Town Hall 11:30 - 1:00 pm</li> </ul>	<b>18</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rural Public Arts &amp; Design Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm</li> </ul>	<b>20</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comprehensive Planning Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm</li> </ul>	<b>22</b> HAPPY PASSOVER PASSOVER Begins sundown
<b>24</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rolling Oaks Civic Assn. - Rolling Oaks Barn 17630 SW 56 St - 7 pm</li> </ul> <b>AREA 1 BULK</b>	<b>25</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rolling Oaks Civic Assn. - Rolling Oaks Barn 17630 SW 56 St - 7 pm</li> </ul> <b>AREA 2 BULK</b>	<b>27</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunshine Ranches Homeowner Assn. - Town Hall 7:30</li> </ul> <b>AREA 3 BULK</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>31</b>					<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> PASSOVER Ends at sundown • Prscription Drug Drop Off - Town Hall - 10-2 pm
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<b>8</b> HAPPY Mother's DAY 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schools &amp; Ed. Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm</li> </ul> <b>AREA 1 BULK</b>	<b>9</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parks Recreation and Opens Space Advisory Board - Town Hall 7 pm</li> </ul> <b>AREA 2 BULK</b>	<b>11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 7 pm</li> </ul>	<b>14</b>
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<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> MEMORIAL DAY 	<b>31</b>				
	• Town Hall CLOSED					



**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

**Phone / E-Mail List:** Doug McKay

## Elected Officials

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

## Town Staff

Town Administrator, Andy Berns	(954) 434-0008	aberns@swranches.org
Administrative Coordinator to the Town Administrator, Danielle Caban	(954) 434-0008	dcaban@southwestranches.org
Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk, Russell Muñiz, MMC	(954) 434-0008	rmuniz@southwestranches.org
Records Coordinator, Ivette Solera	(954) 434-0008	isolera@southwestranches.org
Administrative Coordinator, Susan Kutz	(954) 434-0008	skutz@southwestranches.org
General Services Manager, Sandy Luongo	(954) 434-0008	sluongo@southwestranches.org
Town Financial Administrator, Martin Sherwood, CPA, CGMA, CGFO	(954) 434-0008	msherwood@southwestranches.org
Town Controller, Rich Strum	(954) 434-0008	rstrum@southwestranches.org
Town Attorney, Keith Poliakoff	(954) 434-0008	
Engineer I, Philip Chorath, E.I.	(954) 434-0008	pchorath@southwestranches.org
Community Services Coordinator, Emily McCord	(954) 343-7453	emccord@swranches.org
Parks, Recreation, Open Space Coordinator, December Lauretano-Haines, CPRP	(954) 343-7452	dlaretano@swranches.org
Accounting Clerk, Mara Semper	(954) 434-0008	msemper@southwestranches.org

## Planning, Zoning, Permitting & Certificate of Use

Building Department/Permitting	M-F 9:00 am - 4:00 pm	
Digna Regus	(954) 343-7445/Fax: (954) 434-1490	dregus@capfla.net
Dave Tringo, Building Director	(954) 888-9882/Cell: (954) 605-0127	dtringo@swranches.org
Planning	M-F 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	
The Mellgren Planning Group	(954) 475-3070, ext 803	
Zoning & Permitting	(954) 434-0008	zoninginfo@swranches.org

## Code Services, Inc.

### Code Compliance:

Enforcement Director, Robert Solera	(954) 343-7440	rsolera@swranches.org
Code Enforcement Officer, Julio Medina	(954) 343-7458	jmedina@swranches.org
Administrative Coordinator, Yanni Marin	(954) 343-7459	ymarin@swranches.org

## Police/Fire/Rescue Services

<b>Emergency</b>	<b>911</b>	
CSA Bill Gallagher at Town Hall	8:30 am - 5 pm	(954) 693-8352
Non-Emergency		(954) 764-4357 (HELP)
Davie Police Department		(954) 693-8200
Davie Fire Rescue Station 112		(954) 680-0020
Southwest Ranches Volunteer Fire Rescue		(954) 343-7466

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

Potholes and Signs: Philip Chorath	(954) 343-7441	pchorath@southwestranches.org
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## 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	
Environmental Complaint Hotline, Broward County	(954) 831-1499	





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The Town of Southwest Ranches Rural Public Arts & Design Advisory Board presents...  
**4th Annual Photo Contest**

**"ANYTHING IN OUR TOWN"**  
(excluding people)... is once again the theme for the 2016 Photo Contest  
**Pictures must be submitted by AUGUST 15th, 2016.**

Photos must be landscape, 8 1/2 x 11, and 300 DPI.  
For each photo caption please send a word count (with characters) of 74.  
No previous photos will be accepted.

*this could be your picture*

For additional information please call Susan: (954) 434-0008 or email: [Skutz@southwestranches.org](mailto:Skutz@southwestranches.org)

**Earth Day**

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CLIMATE	GLOBAL	PLANET	TRASH
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ENERGY	NATURE	REDUCE	WATER
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