

SOUTHWEST RANCHER

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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

SUNDAY, JUNE 19TH

... Thank you for all you do...





Mayor
Jeff Nelson

Good Day
Neighbor,

We are quickly approaching Hurricane Season and this edition of the newsletter is intended to help you prepare your family and your home in the event that our community is impacted by a storm. The 2016 Atlantic hurricane season forecast issued by Colorado State University expects 12 named storms, with at least two becoming major storms. While this is in line with the hurricane season average, and we have been very fortunate in recent years to avoid any impacts, it only takes one hurricane to have a devastating effect on our community. As such, I urge you all to be vigilant in your preparations this year.

To better prepare your family and homes for hurricane season consider creating an emergency kit and a family communications plan. The emergency kit is a basic kit of items your household may need in the event of an emergency. This would include having enough food, water, and other supplies to last for at least 72 hours. Don't forget your pets in these calculations - they'll need plenty of water and food during this period as well. Remember it could take days for rescue workers to reach everyone. Another important aspect of your hurricane preparedness efforts should be the development of a family communications plan. When a hurricane strikes your entire family may not be together. How will you contact each other? Pre-plan how you will contact each other under different situations. I urge all of my neighbors to visit FEMA's sponsored website (www.ready.gov) to learn more about preparing emergency kits and making a family

communications plan.

Consider preparing yourself to help our community in the event of a major storm impact. This can be accomplished by attending Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training offered by Davie Fire Rescue. The CERT program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training taught in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when public safety personnel are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to take a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community. By getting trained in CERT, you will have the skills to help emergency responders save lives and protect property. To learn more about the CERT program please contact Davie Fire Rescue at (954) 797-1213.

It is an honor and pleasure to serve you!

Jeff



Council Member
Steve Breitkreuz

I have had countless conversations with many residents regarding why

they first choose to make Southwest Ranches their home. While every story is unique, many of the stories have the same base motivation. That being to live a simpler quieter, rural life, more freedom without the restrictions of government or HOAs, in an environment that builds a strong community. That to a large degree is what makes this rural lifestyle so unique in South Florida. We are unique and independent, a great place to raise a family.

However, every once in a while there is a conflict between those elements of independence. Specifically, I am referring to noise. Recently there has been a rash of incidents where there have been multiple complaints about noise. On one side there is the resident that is looking to celebrate an event without interference. On the other side is a resident wishing to enjoy the peace and quiet of that generally comes with life in the Ranches.

This is why we have an ordinance to cover these events and it tries to find a reasonable balance between these two competing interests. Generally during the week, the nose has to be toned down by 8:00 PM. On the weekends, it has to be toned down by 11:00 PM. This has not always been enforced as strictly as perhaps it should but with the current series of complaints, it will

Town Talk

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

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

be more strictly enforced going forward.

My view is this, the law is there for protection and I believe that it is a reasonable middle ground. However, I also believe that we should be mindful of our neighbors. We live in a very special community. But it is up to each one of us to protect not only our rights but everyone else's right to the enjoyment of their properties as well. This is part of what makes us a special caring community. So, enjoy your celebrations. But as you do, don't lose sight of your neighbors as well.



Council Member Freddy Fisikelli

Just a short note to bring you up to date on a few items of importance in my opinion one is the one cent sales tax which is proposed by Broward County. I do not support it at this time because there too many unanswered questions, such as is it going to be used for Transportation or for infrastructure this has to be decided both are very important but what is first. I am not aware of or if there is any study which will show this information. To my knowledge most of the people use their own cars for transportation with that in mind you would get the opinion infrastructure is more important and they would get more than transportation until these questions are answered we cannot get a good answer.

REMEMBER!

Hurricane season is approaching. Please make sure your horses coggins is up to date!



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:

June 23rd - From 9:30 - 2:30

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"

IF WE CAN'T
"HELP YOU"

\$20.00

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



by Russell Muñiz

Brief legislation from the April 14, 2016 Town Council meeting:

- **Adopted Resolution 2016-028** executing three (3) interlocal agreements for the distribution of gas tax proceeds. Brief legislation from the April 28, 2016 Town Council meeting:
- **Adopted Resolution 2016-029** approving a modification to the agreement with Jaffer Well Drilling approving an additional one year term.
- **Adopted Resolution 2016-030** amending Resolution 2012-031 by reducing the Town's Administrative, Training, and Technology Fee.
- **Adopted Resolution 2016-031** approving a site plan modification to the South Broward Drainage District Maintenance Facility.
- **Adopted Ordinance 2016-002** approving a rezoning to the South Broward Drainage District Maintenance Facility.



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.

AROUND THE TOWN

VOLUNTEER FIRE RESCUE HURRICANE SEASON

HURRICANE SEASON is rapidly approaching. Make sure you check all your emergency supplies, flashlights, batteries, generators, water, food, medications, etc. If you have hurricane shutters, do a trial run installing them to assure they are working properly and you have all the hardware needed. Prepare an evacuation plan in advance with all family members. Secure all outside lawn furniture, statues, BBQ grill and plants, etc. that can become a deadly missile in high winds. Please make sure you keep your pets, and livestock safe and secure as you prepare for a storm. Pets should have an up to date identification tag. During a Hurricane remember to stay away from all doors and windows. Establish a safe room that is stocked with supplies, that you can go too quickly. After the storm has passed, always stay away from rising/ standing flooded water areas. Unseen power lines can be down, and can cause electrocution.

Stay Safe,
Chief Lee Bennett
Southwest Ranches Fire Rescue



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: sluongo@southwestranches.org.

Do you know anyone who should be on the list?

WE WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE FOLLOWING PIONEERS...

Lewis Family	Michewicz Family
Lupo Family	Mitchell Family
Mason Family	Nikula Family
Mauriello Family	North Family
McKown Family	Norton 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

LORI PARRISH
BROWARD COUNTY
PROPERTY APPRAISER

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:
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

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

A MESSAGE FROM OUR TOWN ADMINISTRATOR... **Andy Berns**

The information below is reprinted from a previous edition of the Rancher. We are asking once again for residents interested in participating in this program to let us know.

Many residents may remember, or have participated in the "Adopt a Street" program in the past, whereby residents adopt a roadway and perform frequent litter sweeps, helping to keep the Town neat and clean. It was easy to tell if a street had been adopted, as signs indicated who had adopted the roadway.

This program had been administered

by Broward County, and was very successful throughout the County for many years. A few years ago, Broward County changed the rules and the Town no longer is able to participate in the County program.

Recently, some residents have inquired about the program and have shown interest in reviving the Adopt a Street program here in Southwest Ranches. The Town has previously reviewed the idea, and this is something we could bring forward as a Town program, if there is sufficient interest.

If you would be interested in helping

to bring back the Adopt a Street program, please contact my Assistant Danielle. She can be reached at **954 343-7474** or at **DCaban@SouthwestRanches.org**.



UPDATED INFORMATION FROM OUR ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT ROADWAY SAFETY PROJECTS **by: Philip Chorath**

The Town recently installed approximately 4,400 feet of guardrail along Stirling Road between SW 142nd (Hancock) and SW 130th (Melaleuca Road). This project was funded by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). Due to the close proximity of the canal on Stirling Road, the installation of the guardrails have improved safety in the event that a vehicle veers off the road.

An additional \$300,000 was also awarded to the Town of Southwest Ranches from the State of Florida to install guardrails along Stirling Road between the road and the canal bank from SW 142nd Avenue to SW 148th Avenue as well as between SW 136th Avenue to the 12600 block of Stirling Road. This will result in 4,200 feet of additional guardrail along Stirling Road. The grant agreement will be on a future Town Council agenda.

The Griffin Road Guardrail is being installed by the Broward County Highway and Bridge Maintenance Division with coordination, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Town of Southwest Ranches. This project is a response to the two recent fatalities in the canal and to improve safety of motorists that utilize Griffin Road. The guardrail is being installed from SW 184th Avenue to SW 209th Avenue. There are seven guardrail openings that have been granted at the Town's request for both pedestrian and equestrian access to the multi-purpose trail on the canal bank. The guardrail openings are at the following locations:

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|-----------------|------------------|
| Southwest 184th | Southwest 202nd |
| Southwest 190th | Southwest 205th |
| Southwest 193rd | Southwest 209th. |
| Southwest 198th | |



The installation of guardrail along Griffin Road

While construction is ongoing, lanes may be closed and flaggers will direct traffic through closures. The project began on March 7th and is currently expected to be finished by June 7th.



Town of Davie Infant Safe Sleep & Drowning Prevention Initiative

#SaferBy4 - Safe Sleep

The Town of Davie is participating in the #SaferBy4 campaign in an effort to reduce preventable child deaths. Too many children have died before their fourth birthday due to unsafe sleeping practices or drownings. The #SaferBy4 campaign is designed to help children reach their fourth birthday. There are two components of the #SaferBy4 campaign: water safety (drowning prevention) and safe sleep practices for infants.

Safe Sleep For Your Baby

Here are 10 ways that you can prevent your baby from dying from an accidental sleep related death:

1. Always place your baby on his or her back for each and every sleep.
2. Place your baby to sleep alone in a crib, bassinet or pack-n-play on a firm mattress with a tight fitting crib sheet.
3. No pillows, toys, bumper pads, loose bedding or blankets in the baby's crib.
4. Do not allow smoking around your baby.
5. Do not allow your baby to sleep in bed with you, other adults or children.
6. Your baby should sleep in the same room with you.
7. Do not allow your baby to overheat. Dress them as you would dress for the day.
8. Offer your baby a clean, dry pacifier when placing baby down for sleep.
9. Breastfeeding is best for your baby. It has many health benefits for mother and baby.
10. Make sure anyone caring for your baby knows that your baby only sleeps **Alone** on their **Back** in a **Crib** (**follow the ABCs**).



Help Children Reach Their Fourth Birthday #SaferBy4

For more information:

www.MyFLFamilies/safesleep



CODE ENFORCEMENT AND YOU: BULK DURING HURRICANE SEASON

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

Once again the Hurricane Season is rapidly approaching. This article serves as a refresher to current residents and informational to our new residents in regards to the do's and don'ts that our residents need to know.

"DO's"

1). *The removal of excessive branches and trees limbs which can damage your residence is one of the many precautions that one needs to be aware of and take action prior to the Hurricane Season. After all we are a "Tree City USA" designated municipality which makes us a very unique Town. We are very proud of our trees, but at the same time they can be detrimental to your property and possibly to adjacent properties as well.*



2). *Placement of cuttings under the guidelines of bulk is also encouraged. One must remember that the maximum amount allowed per bulk pickup date is 12 cubic yards. If you are including household items as part of the pickup, they must be counted towards the maximum allowed. In addition, the branches cannot be larger than 4'-0" in length or our contractor will not be able to provide a pickup.*

3). *Adhere to the correct collection date and week. As a reminder, bulk can be placed out for pickup on the Saturday prior to collection week. Any items that are placed before this date may be subjected to warnings and possible fines.*

"DON'TS"

1). *DO NOT wait until we are under a Hurricane Watch or Warning to begin any yard work that would require a bulk pickup. The date may not coincide with the collection date or week and the Town will not provide a special pickup to collect these items. The items will remain in place creating flying debris that will damage your property and others.*

2). *DO NOT KILL THE TREES – many times in an effort to prevent damage to our properties we tend to cut the trees too much during cutting, creating a hatrack scenario. Hat racking occurs when we cut more that 20% of the original tree canopy. This type of action is illegal and you will be cited accordingly. There is even the possibility that you will be required to install a replacement tree or more on the property.*

Code Enforcement works with all residents to make sure that all their needs are met. In addition, let's have a safe, not sorry Hurricane Season, we all depend on your help with this issue, to keep our trees and to protect our neighbor's properties.



HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS GUIDE

NEW

**PRE-RECORDED EMERGENCY MESSAGE FOR
SOUTHWEST RANCHES RESIDENTS 954-343-7455**

KIT CHECKLIST

- Drinking Water:** At least one gallon, per person, per day for five days, preferably for two weeks. Extra water is needed for food preparation and personal hygiene. To store drinking water, use food-grade containers. You can use clean, airtight containers such as two-liter soda jugs, but no milk containers. If you re-use disposable plastic bottles do not keep them more than a month.
- Food:** At least enough for five days, including nonperishable packaged or canned food, canned or shelf milk, cereal, etc.; and snack foods
- A family preparedness kit is one of the most important tools at your disposal to keep your family safe in a disaster.
- A five-day supply or more of special items for babies such as formula, food, wipes, diapers; and special foods for the elderly; toiletries and extra toilet paper
- Manual can opener/ bottle opener
- Paper goods including plates, bowls, napkins, towels, and plastic eating utensils, extra resealable plastic storage bags, heavy-duty aluminum foil and disposable aluminum pans
- Unscented household bleach and medicine dropper
- Extra bedding such as blankets, pillows, sleeping bag, etc. In case you must evacuate
- Clothing, including rain gear and sturdy shoes
- First aid kit and hand sanitizer
- Medicines/prescription drugs: At least a two week supply
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Battery-operated or hand-crank radio
- Disposable batteries, car chargers or solar charger for your cell phone
- Hardline telephone with jack (not cordless)
- Books and games or toys
- Pet food, cat litter and other pet care items



- Tool kit including cord, rope, hammer, wood nails, saw, hatchet or axe, crowbar, chain saw blades, tarp, duct tapes, plastic trash bags/ties and heavy working gloves
- Extra charcoal or propane gas for outdoor cooking. Sterno can also be used. Never cook with any of these items inside your house. The smoke and fumes are deadly.
- Fire extinguisher (ABC type)
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Mosquito repellent with DEET, and sunscreen
- Any special equipment or items you may need

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

- Emergency **911**
- Davie Police Department **954-693-8352**
Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
- Non-Emergency **954-764-4357**
- Broward County Hurricane Hotline
954-831-4000 or 311
TTY 954-831-3940
- Emergency Management Division
Special Needs Shelter Registration - Must Pre-Register
954-831-3902
TTY 954-831-3940
- Broward County School District Hotline **754-321-0321**
- Broward County Animal Care & Regulation **954-359-1313**
- Insurance - State of Florida Department of Financial Services Hurricane Helpline **1-800-22-STORM (78676)**
(TTY 711)
- American Red Cross, Broward Chapter **954-797-3800**
- Florida Power and Light **1-800-468-8243**
- Southwest Ranches Town Hall General Information
954-434-0008



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OTHER HELPFUL WEB LINKS

Broward County Chapter American Red Cross:
www.browardredcross.org

FEMA: www.fema.org

Broward County Hurricane Preparedness Guide:
www.broward.org/hurricane

CANAL ISSUES

East of Volunteer Road

- Central Broward Water Control District **954-432-5110**

West of Volunteer Road

- South Broward Drainage District **954-680-3337**

C-11 Canal Only South Florida Water Management District
954-452-4814

BEFORE THE STORM

Develop a Hurricane Plan

Follow these steps to create a family hurricane plan.

- Charge your cell phones, ensure you have a car charger
- Fill up your vehicles with gas
- IMPORTANT:** trim your trees and vegetation early in the season.
Do not trim trees when a storm is eminent. These items can be missiles during a storm and can cause severe damage or worse!
- Keep documents in a sealed plastic bag.
- Storm proof your home. Assess your home for vulnerable areas by doing a structure and property evaluation.
- Just as every home should have a smoke alarm, every home should have an emergency supply kit packed and ready. Being prepared doesn't have to cost money.
- Document Assets... Make a visual and written record of your assets for insurance purposes. Also, photograph the interior and exterior of your home.
- Turn off circuit breakers before the power goes. Leave one circuit breaker on with a lamp so you will know when power is restored.
- If possible, purchase a generator and an ample supply of fuel to power the generator in the event of power outages. Safely store your generator outside when running it. Do not run your

generator in an enclosed area.

- Please remember to prepare ahead for your medical needs such as dialysis, insulin, oxygen, and any prescription drugs.
- The emergency refill law now allows you to obtain a 30-day supply of medications when an emergency is announced. Pregnant women who are two weeks from their due date, at high risk, or otherwise concerned should contact their physician.
- Make a plan for your pets and animals.

DURING THE STORM

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

- Remain calm
- Stay indoors in a secure location, or your "safe room". The strongest part of a house is usually away from windows and exterior doors.
- Place towels along window sills and at the bottom of the door heading outside to keep water from coming in.
- Use flashlights, not candles or kerosene lamps, during the storm.
- Elevate valuables to table tops or higher places if flooding occurs.
- Be aware that tornados can appear anytime during a hurricane. Monitor your local radio stations and if a tornado warning is issued, take cover in an interior hallway or "safe room."
- Stay indoors till the storm has passed. A calm period at the eye of the storm may cause some people to think the storm has passed. Remain indoors until the news stations say it is safe to move about the area.
- If your house starts to break apart, cover yourself with a mattress. If your **safe room** is a bathroom with a bathtub, get in the tub under a mattress.
- Use the phone for urgent calls only. Don't use your phone if you hear thunder.

AFTER THE STORM

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



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

- ☑ Spray paint your area code and telephone number on the side of the animal in a contrasting color. Use acrylic paint because it should wear off in 1-2 weeks.
- ☑ Shut off electricity to the barn before the storm. Unplug any appliances inside the barn so that they will not become energized by an electrical surge due to a lightning strike. This minimizes the chances of a fire.

...As pet owners we need to make preparations for our four-legged family members.

HORSE SUPPLIES:

Water: 12 gallons of water per horse per day.

Food: Be sure you have adequate supplies of hay and grain prior to the storm. You may not be able to get out for several days or longer. Grain should be stored in water proof containers, and if possible be up off the floor. Hay should be at least 2 feet off the floor and covered well, in the event of leaks.

TIPS FOR LARGE ANIMALS

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

- ☑ Review all tips provided and implement as many as possible.
- ☑ Remove tools and loose objects.
- ☑ Board up barn windows
- ☑ Whether you decide to keep your animals in the barn, the pasture, or trailer them out of the area, it is very important that you have them haltered, preferably with a leather halter, and have them well identified.
- ☑ Attach a fetlock or mare band to your horse with your contact information written in permanent ink on the band.
- ☑ Place the horse's identification and contact information on a waterproof luggage tag and braid it close to the base of the horse's tail.
- ☑ Attach identification and contact information to the halter. Secure it tightly in a plastic bag and affix it to the halter with packing tape.
- ☑ If your horse is tattooed or has a microchip, make sure that the ownership information is current in the registration database.



PET SUPPLIES

- ☑ **Large dogs need ½ gallon of water per day**
- ☑ **Treats**
- ☑ **Kitty litter**
- ☑ **Current photo of your pet for identification**
- ☑ **Tattoo number or microchip**
- ☑ **Make sure your pet is wearing its animal license tag with identification**
- ☑ **Medical records**
- ☑ **Rabies certification with tag**

PERSONAL PROPERTY

It is important to take photos of damaged areas and possessions. Make temporary repairs to protect your home or property from further damage. Cover holes in the roof or walls with plywood and use heavy-duty plastic to cover broken windows. Keep records, bills and paid invoices until your insurance representative visits. Notify your insurance agent as soon as possible. If you have a downed tree in your yard and it is not blocking a road and has not downed a power line, it is your responsibility to remove the tree. Downed trees on private properties are the responsibility of the homeowner. Clean up the premises and remove debris within the time limits imposed by the Town and FEMA if applicable.



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GARBAGE AND STORM DEBRIS PICK UP

Once winds exceed 40 mph, garbage trucks are taken off the regular collection routes to protect the drivers. After the storm, as soon as roads are accessible, a first priority is to collect raw garbage. The Town's contracted hauler will collect garbage on the regular scheduled days. Raw garbage poses a public health threat because bacteria and odor can attract scavenging animals. Do not place your raw garbage with hurricane generated debris.



Program, go to www.floodsmart.gov. There you can find out the flood risk where you live by simply typing in your address. A wealth of flood facts and protection tips are available at the easy-to-navigate flood smart website.

More information is also available at www.fema.gov.

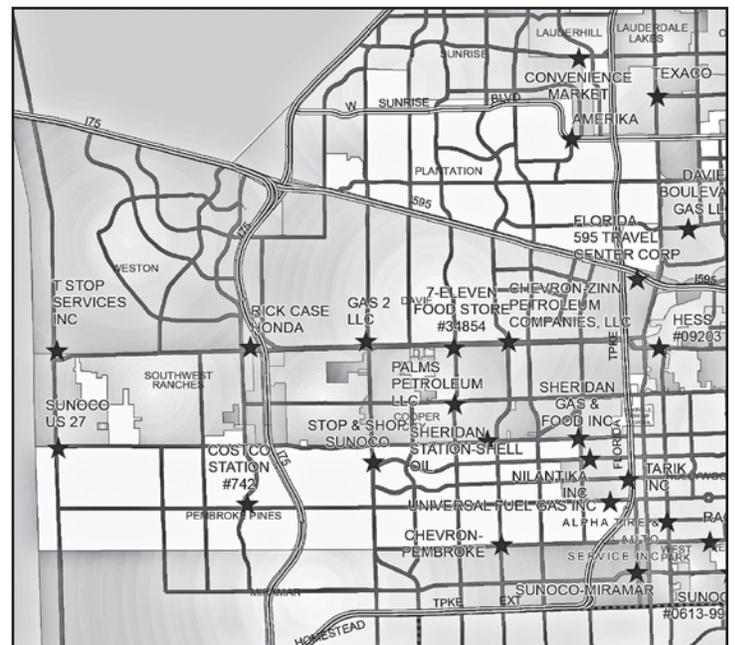
1. Emergency Preparedness Is a Matter of Priorities;
2. Hurricane Season: June 1 – November 30
3. Hurricane WATCH – A hurricane may pass near or through the area within 48 hours
4. Hurricane WARNING – A hurricane is expected in 36 hours or less; all precautions should be taken immediately.
5. Special Needs Registry. Who should register?

* If you have a special medical need, you are strongly encouraged to register for Broward County's Special Needs Shelter. Registration should be in advance, before a storm threatens. To register for a Special Needs Shelter and/or transportation to the shelter, call Broward County Human Services Department at **954-357-6385 (TTY 954-357-5608)**. There are some limitations, so be sure to inquire about your specific situation when you call to register.

STORM DEBRIS GUIDE

1. Separate hurricane vegetative and structural debris items.
2. Debris must be in front of your residence or it will not be removed.
3. Do not place debris near power poles.
4. Do not obstruct fire wells and hydrants with debris.
5. Do not place debris on utility boxes and place debris away from mailboxes.
6. Do not place debris in the street, causing a public safety hazard.
It is illegal to place debris from your property in front of other property. Do not place debris after hurricane watch, as no pick up will be done and it will turn the debris into projectile that will damage your home and surrounding properties.

GAS STATIONS WITH GENERATORS



* STARS ON MAP REPRESENT LOCATIONS OF GAS STATIONS WITH GENERATORS

A MESSAGE FROM FEMA

The federally backed National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) does cover flood damage for homeowners, renters and business owners. This protection is available to anyone in a community that participates in the NFIP.

Southwest Ranches participates in the National Flood Insurance

AROUND THE TOWN



SOUTHWEST RANCHES GARDENS FOR MONARCHS



The Weary Traveler

In the butterfly world, Monarchs are arguably one of our most recognizable species. Found throughout the United States and Canada, these colorful navigators complete an astonishing annual migration—on the east coast travelling over 3,000 miles from Canada to wintering grounds in Mexico and are the only butterfly species known to travel back again.

Habitat loss, increased pesticide use, and changing weather patterns have affected the Monarch in devastating ways—resulting in a steady decline in the Monarch population researchers have tracked over the past 20 years. Because of our warm climate, many South Florida Monarchs stay year-round, breeding continuously. For those travelling on, Florida also provides a final layover on the Monarchs' migratory route to Mexico.

Invited Guests

As the Town of Southwest Ranches continues on our path towards community habitat certification with the National Wildlife Federation, let's focus on how our backyard wildlife habitats can serve as monarch refuges, both for our "permanent snowbirds" and for those who are only passing through.

Playing "Host"

A butterfly's range depends upon the availability of host plants for larvae and nectar plants for adults. For monarchs, milkweed plants can per-

form as both host and nectar sources.

Many species of milkweed exist in North America, including several native and nonnative species in South Florida. Milkweed cultivars that thrive in our subtropical climate fulfill the all-important role as a host plant grow and bloom year-round, surviving to regrow after being fed-upon by caterpillars, and reseed readily. How wonderfully easy! These important host species provide not only nutrition for all stages of the monarch life cycle, but also perform another very important role: helping the delicate creatures avoid being prey. All milkweed species contain toxins, which the monarch larvae are able to digest but are distasteful to birds and other predators.

Islands of Nectar

As we plan to provide habitat for wildlife and support the Monarch, Southwest Ranches residents need look no further than our own backyards, where many species of nectar plants grow as wildflower "weeds." Adult monarchs feed on nectar from a wide

variety of these plants, including Spanish needles, golden rod, mist-flower and many others. An abundance of food sources is particularly important for monarchs completing the full cycle of migration.

By allowing wildflowers and other species space to grow in our yards, Southwest Ranches make a significant contribution of habitat, providing much-needed stopping points for the migrating butterflies to refuel before continuing their travel across the burgeoning urban sprawl that surrounds us.

Con artists don't care how hard you worked.

They steal billions from Americans like you every year. We're fighting back with the AARP Fraud Watch Network. Join us for a discussion about how to spot and avoid identity theft and fraud so you can protect yourself and your family. It's free of charge for everyone — members, non-members and people of all ages. Because for over fifty years AARP has been committed to safeguarding Americans' financial futures.

AARP Fraud Watch Seminar
June 9, 2016 at 10 a.m.

Town of Southwest Ranches Town Hall
13400 Griffin Road

Email Hanna Fink to RSVP: hfink@aarp.org

aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork
Watchdog Alerts / Tips & Resources / Free for Everyone

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*



JUNE				
M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

THURSDAY, JUNE 9th - EARLY RELEASE DAY
FRIDAY, JUNE 10th - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29th - REPORT CARDS

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

RAPIDNotify

Mass Emergency Notification System

BE DISASTER AWARE

SIGN UP NOW

The Rapid Notify System can be used to warn you of possible hazards that could affect your health and safety. An alert could be sent in the event of a major emergency such as:

- Severe Weather Conditions
- Large Fire
- Missing Person Alert
- Chemical Spill
- Contaminated Water
- Evacuation Notice
- Police Activity

For **FAQ's** and to **SIGN UP** go to the towns web site: www.southwestranches.org.

For additional information contact: Sandy Luongo at 954-343-7476 or email:

Sluongo@southwestranches.org

TAKE ACTION TO PREPARE

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., JULY 9TH AND OCT. 8TH (LIMIT 4 TIRES PER HOUSEHOLD)

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)
June 16	6/8/16 – 6/22/16	6/7/16 – 6/21/16	6/6/16 – 6/20/16
July 16	7/6/16 – 7/20/16	7/5/16 – 7/19/16	7/4/16 – 7/18/16

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	
			1	2	3	4	
June			• Drainage and Infrastructure Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm				
	5	6 • SWR Parks Foundation Town Hall - 7 pm • Country Estates - HOA Grace Baptist Church 19200 Griffin Rd. - 7 pm AREA 1 BULK	7  • Code Hearing Town Hall 9 am AREA 2 BULK	8 AREA 3 BULK	9 • AARP Identity Theft Fraud Seminar Town Hall - 10 am • TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 7 pm	10	11
	12	13 • Schools & Education Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm	14 • Parks Recreation and Opens Space Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm	15 • Tentative Fire Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm	16 • Comprehensive Planning Advisory Board Meeting Town Hall 7 pm	17	18
	19 Happy Father's Day	20  • Broward County Property Appraiser Town Hall 11:30 - 1 pm AREA 1 BULK	21 • Rural Public Arts & Design Advisory Meeting Town Hall 7 pm AREA 2 BULK	22 AREA 3 BULK	23 • Flow Mobile DMV Services Town Hall 9:30 am - 2:30 pm • TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 7 pm	24	25
	26	27	28 • Rolling Oaks Civic Assn. Rolling Oaks Barn 17630 SW 56 St - 7 pm	29 • Sunshine Ranches Homeowner Assn. Town Hall 7:30	30		
July					1	2	
	3	4 Independence Town Hall Closed • SWR Parks Foundation Town Hall - 7 pm AREA 1 BULK	5 • Code Hearing Town Hall Cancelled AREA 2 BULK	6 • Drainage: Infrastructure Advisory Board - Town Hall 7 pm AREA 3 BULK	7	8	9 • Household Hazardous Waste, Electronic Bulk Drop Off Event & Shred-A-Thon Rolling Oaks - 10 - 1
	10	11 • Schools & Education Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm	12 • Parks Recreation and Opens Space Advisory Board Town Hall 7 pm	13	14	15 • Town Council Meeting - 7 pm	16
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	24/31	25	26 • Rolling Oaks Civic Assn. Rolling Oaks Barn 17630 SW 56 St - 7 pm	27 • Sunshine Ranches Homeowner Assn. Town Hall 7:30	28 • Flow Mobile DMV Services Town Hall 9:30 am - 2:30 pm • TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 7 pm	29	30

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

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Parks, Recreation, Open Space Coordinator, December Lauretano-Haines, CPRP	(954) 343-7452	dlauretano@swranches.org
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Lisa Reices Nicasio	(954) 655-3721	

Planning

The Mellgren Planning Group
M-F 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
(954) 475-3070, ext 803

Zoning, Permitting & Certificate of Use 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

Public Safety

Emergency	911	
CSA Bill Gallagher at Town Hall 8:30 am - 5 pm	(954) 693-8352	william_gallagher@davie-fl.gov
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) 434-8232	

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

Potholes and Signs: Philip Chorath (954) 343-7441 pchorath@southwestranches.org

Waste/Bulk/Recycling Services (Residential & Commercial)

Southern Waste Systems, (SWS) LLC (888) 800-7732

Water Districts - Canals (Permits)

Central Broward Water Control District East of SW 148 Avenue (Volunteer)	(954) 432-5110	www.centralbrowardwcd.org
South Broward Drainage District West of SW 148 Avenue (Volunteer)	(954) 680-3337	www.sbddd.org
Mosquito Control	(954) 765-4062	



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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

STARS AND CONSTELLATIONS WORD SEARCH

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ALPHA CENTAURI	CAPELLA	HYDRA	SAGITTARIUS
ALTAIR	CAPRICORNUS	LALANDE	SCORPIUS
ANDROMEDA	CASSIOPEIA	LEO	SIRIUS
ANTARES	CEPHEUS	LIBRA	SPICA
AQUARIUS	CORONA BOREALIS	ORION	TAURUS
ARCTURUS	CYGNUS	PERSEUS	URSA MAJOR
ARIES	EPSILON ERIDANI	PISCES	URSA MINOR
BARNARDS STAR	EPSILON INDI	POLLUX	VEGA
BETELGEUSE	GEMINI	PROCYON	VIRGO