

# SOUTHWEST RANCHER

*The Official Town Newsletter*

*Are you*  
**PREPARED?**

**Hurricane Season**  
June 1st thru November 30th

Hurricane Preparedness Guide  
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**RECYCLE  
RIGHT**  
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**HAPPY  
FATHER'S DAY**

*A father loves completely,  
gives quietly,  
teaches gently,  
and inspires deeply.*

**JUNE 2024**

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LOST AND FOUND ANIMALS	(754) 224-0877	Facebook@SWRLostandFoundAnimals

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EMERGENCY	<b>911</b>	
<i>Non-Emergency</i>	(954) 764-4357 (HELP)	
<i>Davie Police Department</i>	(954) 693-8200	
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Potholes and Signs Down - Public Works		publicworks@southwestranches.org
Illicit Discharge - Environmental Response Line:	(954) 519-1499	online complaint form at: <a href="http://www.broward.org/Environment/Resources/Pages/EnviroComplaint.aspx">http://www.broward.org/Environment/Resources/Pages/EnviroComplaint.aspx</a>

### OTHER

#### **WATER DISTRICTS - CANALS**

Central Broward Water Control District	(954) 432-5110	<a href="http://www.centralbrowardwcd.org">www.centralbrowardwcd.org</a>
<i>East of SW 148 Avenue (Volunteer)</i>		
South Broward Drainage District	(954) 680-3337	<a href="http://www.sbddd.org">www.sbddd.org</a>
<i>West of SW 148 Avenue (Volunteer)</i>		

## Mayor Steve Breitkreuz



### New Activities

As we enter the hurricane season, I just wanted to encourage you to take a close look at the information contained in this month's newsletter. Whether you have been in South Florida for your entire life or are new to the area, or anywhere in between, there is always something new to learn or have reinforced. It is anticipated that this storm season will be more active than we have seen in the recent past, so proper preparation is always the best way to keep our family and loved ones safe and pass through the hurricane season with a minimal amount of inconvenience or loss.

### New Youth Activities

Potential hurricanes aside, we do have something much more enjoyable planned for this summer. For many years our youth have not had as many options for sports activities as many of our neighboring communities. At times our kids had to wait for slots to open up within other communities. So, this summer we are taking the first step towards fixing that. We have two new programs starting this year. One starts over the summer, focusing on children 5 and under and the other starts in the fall, focusing on kids between the ages of 3 and 15. This will be a great opportunity to be with your fellow Ranchers and build a sense of community for our Town. But best of all, it provides activities for our youth that we have been lacking since the Town was formed back in 2000.

The first program starts on June 18th. We are partnering with **SE Florida Skyhawks**, and this program will be focused on our youngest Ranchers, those between the ages of 1.5 and 5. The program called "SuperTots", will be hosted at the Rolling Oaks Barn each week on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. Please keep an eye out for more details, or contact Town Hall. Because of the young ages, this will be patterned after a "Mommy (or Daddy) and me" type of format and parental participation is generally required. Resident discounted pricing for the 7-week program: \$161.

The second 7-week program is scheduled for the Fall. However, this program will be kicked off in October, in coordination with **i9 Sports** and will begin with soccer and flag football programs for boys and girls ages 3 to 15, at the Country Estates Park, each week on Saturday. Once again there will be a discount for Southwest Ranches residents. Depending on whether you sign up early or not, prices will range from \$149 - \$189. And, once again, more details will follow regarding this program as well. Finally, we are also planning on winter and spring 7-week seasons as well, which will take us all the way to June of next year.

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I hope that you and your family will take advantage of these opportunities. As participation grows, we anticipate expanding the age groups. However, for our first year, I am excited about this inaugural opportunity. I would also welcome your feedback on this program. It is new, so I am sure that it will grow and be improved. If you have any thoughts or recommendations, I would very much like to hear from you!

As always, I am sincerely thankful for the opportunity to serve the residents of this Town as your Mayor. It is truly a blessing and an honor.

Mayor Steve Breitkreuz - 954-296-6018;  
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## Vice Mayor David S. Kuczenski, Esq.



Howdy Ranchers,

I wish to welcome everyone to June. Not only is June the beginning of the rainy season, but the month

also begins 2024 Atlantic hurricane season. Forecasters are predicting an above normal hurricane season. The Colorado State hurricane team expects 23 named storms. Of those, 11 could become hurricanes, and at least five could become major hurricanes, with winds of at least 111 miles per hour. We could end up with a very busy year. Please remember, when we receive lots of rain, our drainage is limited by gravity and the Atlantic Ocean's high and low tide schedule. If the tide is high, it is possible that the height of the ocean exceeds the flood waters in the C11 Canal along Griffin Road. If that happens, the process to drain the flood waters becomes naturally delayed. Keep an eye on the sea level in the Atlantic after heavy rains as this contributes to flooding in our Town.

Also, recently two guys were spotted shooting into the canals along Holatee. One of our very caring residents took it upon himself to bravely track down the vehicle in which these guys were travelling, and he got a photo. They submitted that photo to Davie police along with the report. During our conversation with the police officers, they informed us that mail theft is unfortunately increasing. They specifically said homes on Stirling Road. The officers strongly suggested we pass on that a locking mailbox is a strong deterrent to mail theft. Certainly, creative bad guys can find a way to break into a locking mailbox, but the time it would take would be sufficient that any one of our residents would notice the unusual activity and file a report.

As your Vice Mayor, I aim to preserve Southwest Ranches' unique rural lifestyle and minimize any changes to it. Together, let's protect and maintain what makes our community special. I also strive to return all phone calls within 24 to 48 hours. If you have questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me. As always, it has been an honor to serve as your voice on the Council.

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

## Council Member Jim Allbritton



GOOD DAY  
SOUTHWEST  
RANCHES

As I speak with Mayors and Councilmembers from municipalities throughout Broward County, through the different board's that I currently sit on, I cannot say enough about our unique lifestyle, that we enjoy, in the Ranches. I have had fellow Council Members ask to meet and take a tour through town. As we drive through the Ranches most are in awe of how much open space there is between the homes. I explain that our Council has implemented requirements that stop dense development. They ask why there are no sidewalks, and I explain that does not fit into our equestrian community. They ask why there are no streetlights, and I explain that our residents desire dark skies at night. These are but a few of the unique qualities that we enjoy here in Southwest Ranches and many of the other municipalities wish they had.

As we enter Hurricane Season, I would remind you to take a moment and look around your house and start an early cleanup schedule of anything that could be picked up in high wind and become a danger. Visit the Towns' website: [www.southwestranches.org](http://www.southwestranches.org) it provides great information on what you may need to weather the storm.

I am proud to say that the Town Council, in partnership with Waste Management our trash collection company, made a very informative public service video on the do's and don'ts of recycling, trash collection, bulk trash pickup and household hazardous waste disposal. Visit our Town Website page go to **Garbage and Recycling - Southwest Ranches, Florida**

In closing, I would like to take a moment and remind everyone that Father's Day is June 16th, a time to say we care to all the fathers, grandfathers and great grandfathers.

## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 954-343-7476 or 305-903-7043 or [jallbritton@southwestranches.org](mailto:jallbritton@southwestranches.org)

Jim Allbritton



## HELPFUL INFORMATION TO PLAN YOUR POLLINATOR GARDEN

These are great links to protecting our pollinator friends.

We do hope you enjoy the information and illustrations.

[Brochure link: Selecting Plant to Support Pollinators](#)

<https://www.pollinator.org/pollinator.org/assets/generalFiles/Plants.To.Help.Pollinators.2018.ver8.pdf>



[Brochure link: Inviting Bees to Your Property](#)

<https://www.pollinator.org/pollinator.org/assets/generalFiles/NAPPC.NoFear.broch-FINAL.pdf>



[Brochure link: Butterflies and Moths](#)

<https://www.pollinator.org/pollinator.org/assets/generalFiles/Lepidoptera-Fact-Sheet.pdf>



# TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES



# HURRICANE GUIDE 2024

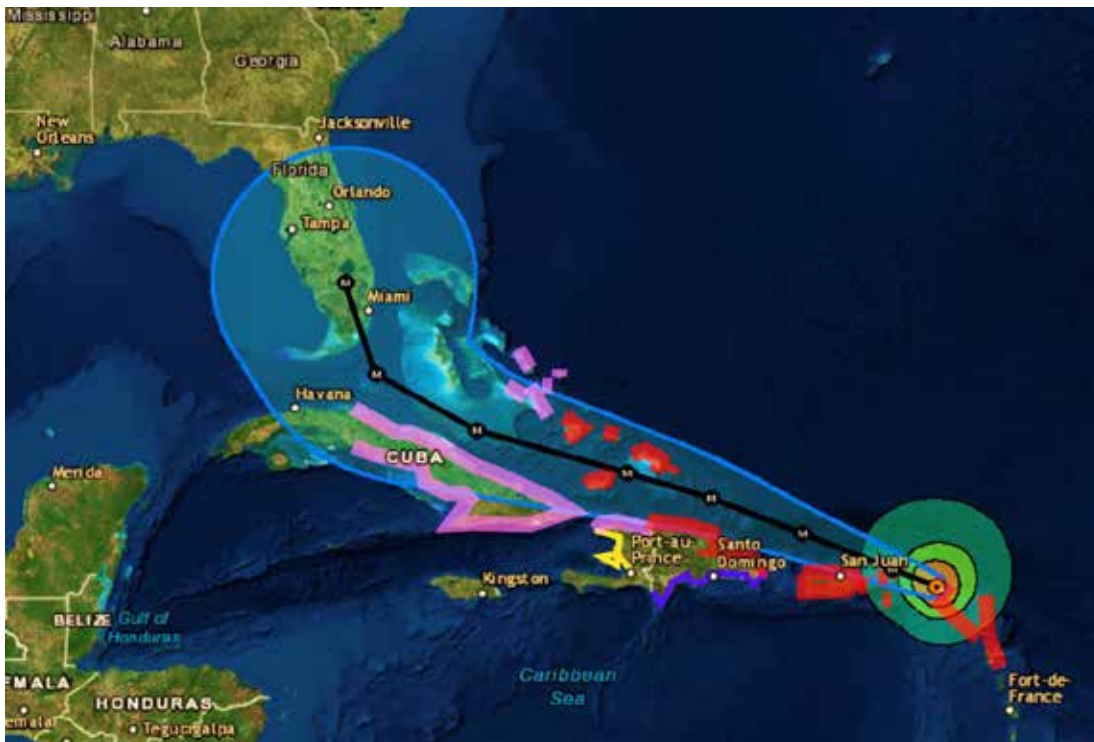
Hurricane Season is June 1 – November 30

**PRE-RECORDED EMERGENCY MESSAGE FOR  
SOUTHWEST RANCHES RESIDENTS: (954) 343-7455  
Southwest Ranches Town Hall General Info. (954) 434-0008**

Before an emergency threatens, all Broward County residents should have a plan in place to help ensure their safety, including those who have disabilities and/or health issues that put them at risk in an emergency. All residents should be prepared with basic needs such as water, food, medicine and gas in case electricity or telephones are cut off for an extended period. If you are unable to prepare an emergency plan for yourself, ask a family member or friend to help you or go to: [Hurricane 10 Steps to Preparedness \(broward.org\)](https://www.broward.org/hurricane). Before a weather emergency or other disaster strikes, you should know what you need to do and where you need to go to be

**“Ready. Set. Safe.”**

[Hurricane Preparedness Guide \(broward.org\)](https://www.broward.org/hurricane)



# HURRICANE TERMINOLOGY



**TROPICAL CYCLONE** - A warm-core non-frontal synoptic-scale cyclone, originating over tropical or subtropical waters, with organized deep convection and a closed surface wind circulation about a well-defined center. Once formed, it is maintained by the extraction of heat energy from the ocean at high temperature and heat export at the low temperatures of the upper troposphere. They differ from extratropical cyclones, which derive their energy from horizontal temperature contrasts in the atmosphere (baroclinic effects).

**TROPICAL DEPRESSION** - A tropical cyclone with maximum sustained surface winds (one-minute average) of 38 mph (33 knots) or less.

**TROPICAL STORM** - A tropical cyclone with maximum sustained surface winds ranging from 39-73 mph (34 to 63 knots).

**HURRICANE** - A tropical cyclone with maximum sustained winds of 74 mph (64 knots) or higher.

**MAJOR HURRICANE** - A tropical cyclone with maximum sustained winds of 111 mph (96 knots) or higher, corresponding to Category 3, 4 or 5 on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale.

**EYE WALL** - An organized band of cumulonimbus clouds immediately surrounding the center of the tropical cyclone.

**STORM SURGE** - Is a rise in sea level that occurs during tropical cyclones, intense storms also known as typhoons or hurricanes. The storms produce strong winds that push the water into shore, which can lead to flooding. This makes storm surges very dangerous for coastal regions.

**EXTREME WIND** - An Extreme Wind Warning will be issued if sustained winds of 115 mph or greater are expected to begin in a specific area within the hour.

**TROPICAL STORM WATCH** - Is issued when Tropical Storm conditions, including winds of 39-73 mph, pose a POSSIBLE threat to a specified coastal area within 48 hours.

**TROPICAL STORM WARNING** - A tropical cyclone containing sustained winds of 39-73 mph is expected in the next 36 hours or less.

**HURRICANE WATCH** – A hurricane may pass near or through the area within 48 hours.

**HURRICANE WARNING** – A hurricane is expected in 36 hours or less; all precautions should be taken immediately. [Hurricane Preparedness Guide \(broward.org\)](http://www.broward.org/hurricane-preparedness-guide)

Category	Wind Speed (mph)	Damage
1	74 - 95	Very dangerous winds will produce some damage
2	96 - 110	Extremely dangerous winds will cause extensive damage
3	111 - 129	Devastating damage will occur
4	130 - 156	Catastrophic damage will occur
5	> 156	Catastrophic damage will occur

A detailed description of the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale is available at <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/aboutsshws.php>.



# THE STORM

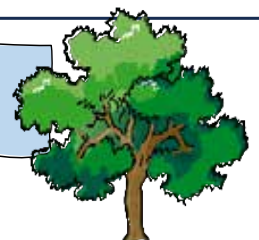


- Before the storm develop a hurricane plan.
  - Charge all cell phones.
- Fill all vehicles with gasoline.
- Store all important documents in sealed plastic containers.
- For insurance purposes, create visual and written records of all assets.
- Take current photos of the interior and exterior of your home and other outdoor assets.
- Have a plan in place for all family pets and livestock.
- Know in advance where you and your family will go if an evacuation order is issued.
- Have all family medications and medical supplies on hand including:
  - Prescriptions and over-the-counter medications
  - Oxygen
  - Insulin
  - Any other medical supplies that may be required by a member of the household.

## PREPARE NOW

- ***Do not place bulk out when a storm is imminent as bulk items may become projectiles causing damage to property and possibly animals and humans.***
- ***Know your area's risk of hurricanes. Sign up for the Town's warning system: HQE Emergency Alert System – [SWRanches.sircom.org/public](http://SWRanches.sircom.org/public).***
- ***If you are at risk of flash flooding, watch for signs such as heavy rain.***
- ***Practice going to a safe shelter for high winds, such as a FEMA safe room. The next best protection is a small, interior, windowless room in a sturdy building on the lowest level that is not subject to flooding. Based on your location and community plans, make your own plans for evacuation or sheltering in place.***
- ***Become familiar with your evacuation zone, the evacuation route, and shelter locations. Gather needed supplies for at least three days. Keep in mind each person's specific needs, including medication. Don't forget the needs of pets.***
- ***Plan well in advance if you will need help leaving or need public transportation.***
- ***Keep important documents in a safe place or create password-protected digital copies.***
- ***Protect your property. Declutter drains and gutters. Install check valves in plumbing to prevent backups. Consider hurricane shutters. Review insurance policies.***
- ***Check batteries and stock up on canned food, first aid supplies, drinking water and medications.***
- ***Have on hand an extra supply of cash.***
- ***Fuel and service family vehicles.***
- ***Be ready to live without power, water, gas, phone, and Internet for a long time.***

***Trim all trees and vegetation at the beginning of hurricane season. Do not trim trees when a storm is imminent. They can become missiles during a storm, which cause severe damage.***





# DURING THE STORM



## Stay Safe

- 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 windowsills 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 tabletops or higher places if flooding occurs.
- Be aware that tornados can appear anytime during a hurricane. Monitor your local

radio stations and if a warning is issued, take cover in an interior hallway or “safe room.”

- Stay indoors until the storm has passed. A calm period during 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.
- Limit telephone use to urgent calls only.

# AFTER THE STORM



- Assume that all downed power lines are energized. Stay away and call 911.
- Avoid standing water. It may be hiding downed power lines, hazardous objects, and wildlife.
- Do not venture out at night.
- Traffic lights and signs may be down. Drive only in case of emergency. Treat each intersection as a four-way stop.
- Separate vegetation debris from structural debris.
- Place all hurricane debris away from mailboxes, power poles or utility boxes.
- Do not obstruct fire wells or hydrants.
- Trash must be in front of your residence to be removed.
- Trash left in the street is a safety hazard.
- Refer to the Town of Southwest Ranches

website, social media, emergency notification, message boards and pre-recorded emergency messages for debris pick up scheduling updates.

- **NOTE: commercial property, plant nurseries and vacant lots will not be cleared by government-funded pickup services.**
- Take photos of all damaged areas and possessions. Make temporary repairs to protect your property from further damage. Cover damaged roofs and windows with plastic. Keep records of all bills and payments for insurance estimators. It is the responsibility of residents to remove any downed trees not blocking roadways or power lines.



## A WORD ABOUT FLOOD INSURANCE

The Town of Southwest Ranches participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). To ascertain your flood risk, go to [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov) to find out if your property is at risk of flooding.

**THE FEDERAL NFIP DOES NOT COVER HOMEOWNERS OR RENTERS! YOU MUST HAVE YOUR OWN INDIVIDUAL FLOOD INSURANCE POLICY. Standard homeowner's insurance policies do not cover losses due to floods.**



## PROTECT YOUR POOL

- Keep water in the pool as it will protect the pool's finish from sand and flying debris. You may lower the water level, but no more than one to two feet. Otherwise, hydrostatic pressure could cause the pool to pop out of the ground.
- Add extra chlorine to the water to prevent contamination.
- Turn off the power to the pool equipment.
- Remove the pool pump motor and store it indoors in a dry place or wrap the motor in a plastic material such as a garment bag and secure it tightly with tape or rope.
- Remove all loose items from the pool area (furniture, pool cleaning equipment, and potted plants)
- After the storm, reinstall the pump, return the water level to normal; clean pool thoroughly; balance the pH, super-chlorinate, and run the filter until the water is clean.

[Hurricane Preparedness Guide \(broward.org\)](http://broward.org)



## Shelter INFORMATION

**PLEASE NOTE:** not all shelters may be open during a state of emergency. In the event of an evacuation order, monitor Broward County's website, [www.broward.org/hurricane](http://www.broward.org/hurricane), news reports or call the Broward County Emergency Hotline—311 or (954) 831-4000 for specific shelter openings. Emergency shelters are a service of the Broward County Commission, American Red Cross, Broward County School Board and Florida Department of Health. **Please visit:** [www.broward.org/hurricane/pages/shelter.aspx](http://www.broward.org/hurricane/pages/shelter.aspx) for shelters that are open.



### GENERAL POPULATION SHELTERS:

Fox Trail Elementary School, 1250 Nob Hill Rd., Davie 33324  
West Broward High School, 500 NW 209<sup>th</sup> Ave., Pembroke Pines 33029  
Gator Run Elementary School, 1101 Glades Parkway, Weston 33327  
Panther Run Elementary School, 801 NW 172<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Pembroke Pines 33029



### SHELTER OPTIONS FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS:

If you have a medical condition that requires a greater level of care than provided at a general population shelter, but you do not require hospitalization or a medical institution, a special needs shelter may be appropriate for you. These shelters offer basic medical assistance and monitoring. Pre-registration for the special needs shelter is open throughout the year and requires your physician's involvement. To request or obtain an application for a Special Needs Shelter, call Broward County Emergency Management at (954) 831-3902 (TTY 954-831-3940). Pre-registration is strongly encouraged to ensure the shelter will be adequately prepared to meet your needs.

- Talk to your physician or health care provider about a realistic plan for your safety. Know what you can and can't do and which medicines you need to remain healthy.
- If you undergo routine treatments administered by a physician's office, clinic, or hospital (such as dialysis), are a home healthcare client, or require oxygen supplies, call your service provider to discuss their plans for continuing service to you in an emergency.
- Consider your sheltering options and decide on a sheltering plan that is appropriate for your needs. You should have a plan, even if your plan is to shelter at home. [Hurricane Preparedness Guide \(broward.org\)](http://broward.org)

## **VULNERABLE POPULATION REGISTRY**



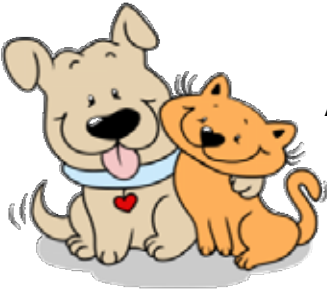
**This Registry is a joint partnership between municipalities and Broward County. All information provided will be held in strict confidence as required by state law.**

**WHAT IS IT?** The Vulnerable Population Registry is a tool that municipalities can use to help evaluate residents' needs in their communities and assist in planning a response in an emergency. While registering in the database is not a guarantee that you will be provided services or placed on a priority list for responders, it will help responders be better prepared to meet your needs in a recovery. You only need to register once.

**PRE-REGISTER:** If you are at risk due to a disability, frailty, or health issue, regardless of age, you elect to stay at home in the event of a hurricane or other emergency. In advance, and before a storm threatens, **online at: [Broward.org/Registry](http://Broward.org/Registry), by calling the Broward County Call Center at 311 or (954) 831-4000 (TTY 954- 831-3940).**

# CARING FOR OUR FOUR-LEGGED FAMILY MEMBERS

## PET-FRIENDLY SHELTERS



A pet-friendly shelter operated by Broward County and the Broward County Humane Society is available to residents with pets on a first-come, first-served basis. Advance, in-person registration is recommended, but not required. For more information call the Humane Society at (954) 989-3977.

**PET-FRIENDLY SHELTER** operated by the American Red Cross and the Broward County Humane Society is also available to residents with pets who either live in an evacuation area or in a mobile home anywhere in Broward County.

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED; CALL 954-989-3977.**

## DESIGNATED PET-FRIENDLY SHELTERS:

**Falcon Cove Middle School, 4251 Bonaventure Blvd., Weston, FL 33332;**  
**Everglades High School, 17100 SW 48<sup>th</sup> Court, Miramar, FL 33027**

## CARING FOR LARGE ANIMALS

- No one can guarantee where your animal 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 or large animal at least 48 hours before the storm.
- Review all tips provided and implement as many as possible.
- Remove or secure 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.
- For horses, attach a fetlock or mare band to your animal with your contact information written in permanent ink on the band. Place the animal'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 animal is tattooed or has a microchip, make sure that the ownership information is current in the registration database.
- Spray paint your area code and telephone number on the side of the animal in a contrasting color. Use acrylic paint because it should wear off in 1-2 weeks.
- 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.
  - **Water:** Have enough water for up to 5 days.
  - **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 removed from all floors. The hay should be at least 2 feet off the floor and covered well, in the event of leaks.

# GENERATOR SAFETY TIPS:

**Generators are useful on a temporary basis, but they can be extremely dangerous. Hazards include carbon monoxide poisoning from toxic engine exhaust, electric shock, electrocution, and fire.**



- Use a licensed electrician to install a permanent generator.
- Obtain the necessary permits  
Use the generator according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Place portable generators outside in a well-ventilated area, NEVER inside a home including garages or crawl spaces.
- Do not connect it directly to your house, as the power generated may flow into power lines causing damage.
- You cannot see or smell carbon monoxide. If you start to feel sick, dizzy, or weak while using a generator, get outside to fresh air immediately.
- Install battery-operated or plug-in carbon monoxide alarms with battery back up in your home.
- Do not refuel a generator while it is running.
- Do not store fuel indoors.



Those affected by a natural disaster can unfortunately become victims of bad-acting businesses and individuals out to profit from the misfortune of others. Florida has a tough price gouging law designed to protect its residents and guests from becoming victims during or after a disaster.

## Q: WHAT IS PRICE GOUGING?

Florida Statute 501.160 states that during a state of emergency, it is unlawful to rent, sell, lease, essential commodities, dwelling units, or self-storage facilities at an unconscionable price. A price is presumed to be unconscionable if: (1) there is a gross disparity between the price charged during the state of emergency and the average price during the 30 days before the state of emergency or (2) the price grossly exceeds the average price the same or similar commodity was available in the trade area during the 30 days before the declaration of the state of emergency unless the seller can justify the price by showing increases in its costs or market trends.

## Q: HOW DO I AVOID BECOMING A VICTIM OF PRICE GOUGING?

**The best method to avoid price gouging is to plan ahead.**

Prepare for a disaster before it happens, so you have the supplies you need on hand. By creating a disaster preparedness kit that contains non-perishable supplies such as batteries, generators, canned goods, bottled water etc. needed for the storm season, not only will you diminish the opportunity to be price gouged on an item, but you may also avoid long lines or shortages that may leave you without a necessary item as a named storm approaches.

[Hurricane Preparedness Guide \(broward.org\)](http://HurricanePreparednessGuide(broward.org))



### WELL CHECK - PRE-REGISTRATION INFORMATION

After a hurricane or other emergency, residents may experience prolonged power and phone outages and may not be able to leave their home or let others know that they are in need. If you feel you are at risk due to a disability, health issue, regardless of age, and would like a "WELLNESS CHECK" from our Southwest Ranches Volunteer

Fire Department please call Town Hall (954) 434-0008 and give us your name, and or loved one's name, address, phone number and email address so we may add you to our list.

While we hope we don't have a disaster, we need to be prepared. If you or a loved one live alone in Southwest Ranches, please consider signing up for this service. If resources are needed, they will be able to refer residents accordingly.

# IMPORTANT



## NUMBERS

**Emergency: 911**

**Davie Police Department**

**non-emergency: (954) 693-8200**

Monday-Friday 8:30am–5:00pm

**Pre-recorded emergency number for residents: (954) 343-7455**

**Broward County Non-Emergency:**  
(954) 764-4357

**Broward County Hurricane Hotline & Emergency Shelter:** (954) 831-4000  
or 311 - TTY (954) 831-3940

**Broward County Human Services Department Specials Needs Shelter**  
**Registration:** (954) 831-3902 / TTY (954) 831-3940

**Broward County School District Hotline:**  
(754) 321-0321

**Broward County Animal Care & Regulation:** (954) 359-1313

**Hurricane Helpline:**  
1-800-22-STORM - TTY 711

**American Red Cross, Broward Chapter:**  
(954) 797-3800

**Florida Power and Light (FPL):**  
1-800-468-8243

**CANALS:**  
East of Volunteer Rd: (954) 432-5110  
West of Volunteer Rd: (954) 680-3337  
C11 Canal: (954) 452-4814

**HELPFUL WEBSITES:**  
American Red Cross  
Broward Chapter - [Browardredcross.org](http://Browardredcross.org)

**Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)** [www.fema.org](http://www.fema.org)

**FOLLOW US** ON THE TOWN'S OFFICIAL WEB SITE:

[www.southwestbranches.org](http://www.southwestbranches.org)



Are you getting emergency notifications and other critical information about what is going on in our town?

Sign up for HQE Systems to be certain that you are among the first to know about an: evacuation order, weather warning, hazardous road conditions and other notices requiring your immediate attention and/or action.

Register for HQE Systems online at:  
[swbranches.sircom.org/public](http://swbranches.sircom.org/public)

Get notified immediately via telephone, text message or email.

If you need additional information please call (954) 434-0008 or email:  
[Tholste@southwestbranches.org](mailto:Tholste@southwestbranches.org)





# DISASTER KIT CHECKLIST

- ✓ Water: One gallon of water per day, per person for three to seven days. Non-perishable snacks and canned goods: Enough for at least three to seven days.
- ✓ Manual can opener.
- ✓ Spare clothing, rain gear and sturdy shoes.
- ✓ Bedding: for a small space.
- ✓ Prescription medications.
- ✓ Personal hygiene items: toilet paper, hand sanitizer, toothbrush, wipes, etc.
- ✓ Special items: for infants, elderly, or disabled family members.
- ✓ Electronics: fully charged devices and portable charger.
- ✓ Garbage Bags.
- ✓ Spare cash.
- ✓ Important documents: passports, birth certificates, insurance information, emergency numbers, SSN, etc.
- ✓ First-aid kit: bandages, gauze, scissors, gloves, and more.
- ✓ Quiet games: books, puzzles, toys, etc.
- ✓ Eyeglasses, contact lenses, and hearing aids with extra batteries.
- ✓ Pet care items: food, water, bedding, pet waste bags or litter.
- ✓ Flashlight, battery-powered radio, and batteries.
- ✓ Extra set of keys: for the cars and house.

## KEEP OUR WATERS CLEAN: IT IS ILLEGAL TO DUMP DEBRIS IN WATERWAYS



The Town's Code prohibits any discharge or release of any pollutant, contaminant, chemical, toxic waste, hazardous waste, debris or solid waste into storm drains, canals, streams, or waterways.

Storm drains are used to collect storm water runoff from streets, lawns, rooftops, catch basins, and swales. The water collected does not pass into the water treatment plant to be treated. Instead, it

often flows into the nearby canals and other water bodies. Thus, it is imperative that only rainwater is collected as any contaminants will not be treated for. The pouring or inadvertent flow of chemicals, oils, paints, and any other hazardous materials can result in negative consequences to the surrounding environment as well as poses a health risk. Other hazardous materials include motor oil, anti-freeze, mercury, thermometers, pesticides, and herbicides. Common sources for illicit discharge include leaking containers, vehicle related accidents, improper fueling, illegal disposal, and improper maintenance.

Construction-related activities such as the placement of solid waste in waterways or failure to maintain proper Best Management Practices such as turbidity barriers and silt fences are also considered forms of illicit discharge. Best Management Practices should be maintained throughout the construction process.

In the event you see an illicit discharge please call the Environmental Response Line 954-519-1499 or fill out the online complaint form at <http://www.broward.org/Environment/Resources/Pages/EnviroComplaint.aspx>. This can be reported anonymously as well.

**TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES**  
**12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST ENTRY FORM**  
 Rural Public Arts & Design Advisory Board  
 13400 Griffin Road  
 Southwest Ranches, Florida 33330

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CAPTION FOR PHOTO: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I UNDERSTAND, ACKNOWLEDGE, AND AGREE THAT THE SUBMISSION OF PHOTOGRAPHS TO THE TOWN CONSTITUTES A "WORK MADE FOR HIRE," AND I HEREBY WAIVE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS TO THE WORK AND THE WORK PRODUCT, INCLUDING MORAL OR OTHERWISE. THIS STATEMENT SHALL CONTROL OVER THE PROVISIONS OF 17 U.S.C. SECTION 106(a) AND SHALL CONSTITUTE A WAIVER BY ME OF ANY RIGHTS IN THE WORK SET OUT IN OR OTHERWISE GRANTED BY 17 U.S.C. SECTION 106(A), VISUAL ARTISTS RIGHTS ACT OF 1990. ALL OTHER RIGHTS IN AND TO THE WORK, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ALL RIGHTS IN THE NATURE OF "DROIT MORAL" RELATING TO ANY CONTINUING INTEREST I MAY HAVE IN THE MAINTENANCE OR MODIFICATION OF THE WORK, ARE EXPRESSLY WAIVED AND, INsofar AS SUCH RIGHTS ARE TRANSFERABLE, ARE ASSIGNED TO THE TOWN. MY WORK IS ORIGINAL AND IT COMPLIES WITH ALL APPLICABLE PATENT, TRADEMARK AND COPYRIGHT LAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND CODES. I UNDERSTAND, ACKNOWLEDGE, AND AGREE THAT THROUGH THE CONVEYANCE OF MY SUBMISSION THE WORK WILL REMAIN THE PROPERTY OF THE TOWN AND MAY BE USED, REPRODUCED, SOLD, OR MODIFIED BY THE TOWN IN THE TOWN'S SOLE DISCRETION.



## NEW LAW AIMS TO PROTECT FIRST RESPONDERS

Robin Bartleman

Our first responders put their lives at risk every day to protect and save us and every single one of them deserves to come home safely to their families. For this reason, I sponsored House Bill 463 - Lights Displayed on Fire Department Vehicles which was signed into law by Governor DeSantis. This law aims to keep our brave firefighters and first responders safe when they respond to an emergency scene - especially those on dark highways in hazardous weather conditions.

Multiple national studies have looked at the effectiveness of emergency lighting and have found that blue and red emergency lights are rated as the most visible colors. Red lights are most effective during the day and blue lights are most effective at night. The Florida Fire Chiefs Association has requested and advocated for their fire trucks to use blue lights.

Previously, Florida statute only allowed law enforcement vehicles to utilize blue lights, so I reached out to law enforce-



ment agencies to discuss this language and collaborate. This new law received the support of the Florida Sheriffs Association, I.U.P.A Local 6020, as well as other agencies.

This new law allows for the use of blue lights on government-owned fire department vehicles, with a gross vehicle weight exceeding 24,000 pounds, and the lights are restricted to the rear of the vehicle; it excludes vehicles of fire patrols and volunteer fire departments.

This new law goes into effect on July 1, 2024, and marks a significant stride towards bolstering the safety of our dedicated first responders. Personally

thank the For Paul Foundation, firefighters, and fire chiefs who advocated for the passing of this law.

*It is an honor to serve you and we are here to assist with any issues or concerns you may have. I welcome ideas and suggestions. Feel free to contact me anytime at Robin.Bartleman@myfloridahouse.gov or our office at (954) 424-6828. You can also reach me on my personal cell at (954) 668-3662.*

**THIS MONTH WE HAVE THE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS TAX-FREE HOLIDAY BEGINNING JUNE 1 AND ENDING JUNE 14. DURING THIS TIME, YOU CAN PURCHASE HURRICANE SUPPLIES TAX-FREE.**



### Clerk's Corner

by Debra Ruesga

BRIEF LEGISLATION FROM THE APRIL 11, 2024 TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING:

- Adopted Resolution 2024-039 approving an agreement with I9 Sports, LLC. to provide youth sports programming to the Town.
- Adopted Resolution 2023-040 approving an agreement with Southeast Florida Skyhawks to provide youth sports programming to the Town.

BRIEF LEGISLATION FROM THE APRIL 25, 2024 TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING:

- Adopted Ordinance 2024-005 amending the Town Code of Ordinances pertaining to manufactured homes in flood hazard areas.

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.



## CITATION REPORTS

FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2024

**District 1:** yielded 5 citations and 1 hour and 30 mins of traffic enforcement.

**District 2:** yielded 7 citations and 5 hours and 26 mins of traffic enforcement.

**District 3:** yielded 31 citations and 13 hours and 52 mins of traffic enforcement.

**District 4:** yielded 73 citations and 23 hours and 14 mins of traffic enforcement.

Cheryl Danner, Police Services Coordinator SWR  
cdanner@southwestranches.org



# MARTY KIAR

BROWARD COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER

## 2024 Estimate of Taxable Values

The preliminary 2024 property values are now showing on our website at [web.bcpa.net](http://web.bcpa.net). Florida Statutes require our office use January 1 as the date of assessment each year. Our office must consider changes in market conditions – up or down – when developing the Just/Market Values each year. The 2024 Just Values are based on the market data from January 1, 2024 back through January 2, 2023 with January 1, 2024 as the date of assessment. If you purchased your property in 2024, your 2024 purchase price along with comparable market data from 2024 will be used in setting your property's 2025 Just/Market Value. Our office will mail the 2024 TRIM (proposed tax) Notices to all Broward property owners in mid-August. This notice will show your property's 2024 Just Value, Assessed/Save Our Homes Value, all tax-saving exemptions you are receiving, and the proposed tax rates as set by the various taxing authorities listed on the notice.

## Quarterly Tax Payment Installment Plan

While the Property Appraiser's Office does not set or collect taxes, our office receives many calls from residents inquiring about installment tax bills and their recently approved exemptions. Broward County's Records, Taxes & Treasury Division is responsible for the billing and collecting of property taxes.

For property owners on the 2024 installment payment plan, the first two installment payments (June 2024 and September 2024) are based on the previous (2023) tax year. This means residents who have been approved for 2024 Homestead Exemption or other exemptions will not see these 2024 exemptions on either the June or September installment bills. The final two installment bills (December 2024 and March 2025) will be adjusted to include any 2024 exemptions or changes to the property's taxable value. The deadline to apply for Broward County's Installment Payment Plan was May 1, 2024. Should you have any questions regarding the payment of property taxes, the Tax Collector's Office can be reached at 954.357.4829 or by email to [revenue@broward.org](mailto:revenue@broward.org).

If my office can ever be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at [martykiar@bcpa.net](mailto:martykiar@bcpa.net).

Take care,

Marty Kiar, JD, CFA  
Broward County Property Appraiser



MartyKiarBCPA  
@MartyKiarBCPA

# HALLOWEEN SPOOOOOOOOKTACULAR

**"DOUBLE, DOUBLE TOIL AND TROUBLE:  
FIRE BURN AND COULDRON BUBBLE" ~ WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TOWN'S FIRST  
HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR YARD DECORATING CONTEST.**

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER YOUR HOME:  
~ OCTOBER 18TH. ~**

**JUDGING:  
~ OCTOBER 21ST. ~**

**AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN TO 1ST, 2ND & 3RD PLACE WINNERS:  
~ OCTOBER 25TH. ~**

**EMAIL YOUR ENTRY FORM TO :[SKUTZ@SOUTHWESTRANCHES.ORG](mailto:SKUTZ@SOUTHWESTRANCHES.ORG)**

## The Town of Southwest Ranches and



# REGISTER NOW

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NEW LOCATION-SOUTHWEST RANCHES  
COUNTRY ESTATES PARK



**\$30 DISCOUNT FOR  
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954-437-0089**

- Organized programs for boys and girls ages 3-13.
- Age appropriate instruction for each division.
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It takes two to recycle right. Consider having two distinct containers for sorting trash and recycling before putting them in your curbside carts.





June 1st thru November 30th

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AND RECYCLABLE MATERIALS PROCESSING AUTHORITY OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA AND SCS ENGINEERS FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR THE PREPARATION OF A 40 YEAR REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING MASTER PLAN**

The Authority is a newly constituted independent and separate legal entity created through the Interlocal Agreement (“**ILA**”) for Solid Waste Disposal and Recyclable Materials Processing Authority of Broward County, Florida and numerous municipalities (“cities”) in Broward County, Florida (“**Authority**”). There are thirty-one (31) cities in Broward County and twenty-eight (28) cities signed onto the ILA. The cities of Pembroke Pines, Hallandale, and Pompano Beach are not participating in the ILA.

The Authority is a product of the county’s Solid Waste Working Group (“**SWWG**”), a handful of locally elected officials and county staff formed in 2019 to collaboratively address solid waste and recycling issues in Broward County. The SWWG determined that the ILA was best for governing a solid waste disposal and facilities plan. Each participating city to the ILA must pay for the cost of operations; up to \$2 million per year until a Master Plan is developed. The ILA calls for the county to pay half and the participating cities to pay the other half based on population size. Cities must be incorporated in Broward County to participate.

The term of the ILA is 40 years with up to two (2) 10-year extensions. The Authority has since hired an Executive Director for the Authority; his name is Todd Storti; and Todd hails from California where he had extensive experience in progressive state of the art waste diversion strategies; zero waste education programs, policies, initiatives, robust recycling and infrastructure that make zero waste goals possible to achieve. The Executive Committee made a very good decision in hiring Todd as Executive Director for the Broward County Solid Waste Authority for the reasons mentioned above.

Todd has experience with implementing recycling and large scaled composting programs in California. Take San Francisco, CA for instance; the city has mandatory community, businesses, and institutions food scrap composting by Recology [www.recology.com](http://www.recology.com); The city has achieved 80 percent recycling without industrial trash burning incinerators aka waste-to-energy plants (“**WTE**”).

Note: Covanta, a privately owned company headquartered in Morristown, New Jersey, operates the last standing WTE plant in Stanislaus County, CA; which is on the verge of closing down completely as a result of Valley Improvement Project (“**VIP**”) grassroots community opposition; and their co-spon-

sored Bill that the State Legislature passed to eliminate renewable energy credits (“**REC**”) in California. RECs have been sold in the past by Covanta to raise millions of dollars to subsidize their dirty energy plant operations. The latest report is that Covanta is reviewing options and everyone is waiting for follow-up.

Here in Broward County, the Authority must adopt a Master Plan in accordance with the requirements of Article 7 of the ILA (“**the Master Plan**”), and the Authority on January 30, 2024, issued its Request for Proposals for Consulting Services for the Preparation of a Regional Solid Waste and Recycling Master Plan (“**RFP**”), and on March 1, 2024, the Authority received only one proposal from a vendor that can do the scope of services as outlined in the RFP.

The Executive Committee (“**the Executive Committee**”) reviewed SCS Engineers proposal. The Executive Committee has met the requirements of Section 287.055, Florida Statutes, the Consultants’ Competitive Negotiation Act, and has selected SCS Engineers (“**Consultant**”) to prepare the Master Plan in accordance with the RFP and the Agreement.

The Authority will assist the Consultant by providing all information that the Authority has available pertinent to the Project, including previous reports commissioned by the SWWG, and any other data relative to the Project. This Agreement begins on the date executed by both parties and ends on the date that is 240 days after the date of the Notice to Proceed, unless extended by the Authority. The Consultant will perform the Services within the time periods specified in the Scope of Work. Todd Storti, Executive Director of the Authority will oversee the work of the Consultant and he will manage the Master Plan Project implementation.

You should write to Todd Storti and express your support for implementing a Circular Economy systems approach to municipal solid waste management (“**MSW**”) in Broward County by way of Zero Waste education, strategies, programs, policies, recycling initiatives, existing and new infrastructure. Also, let him know that you are opposed to the Authority building new trash burning incinerators anywhere in Broward County; near-to or adjacent to the Town of Southwest Ranches and the Florida Everglades; an environmentally sensitive wetland ecosystem that provides wildlife habitat for endan-



gered animals, reptiles, fish, birds, insects species, and water for over 9 million people in Florida.

Todd Storti’s email: [tstorti@broward.org](mailto:tstorti@broward.org)

Please carbon copy (cc):

Town of Southwest Ranches  
Mayor Steve Breittkreuz at:  
[sbreittkreuz@southwestranchesfl.org](mailto:sbreittkreuz@southwestranchesfl.org)

Town Administrator Russel Muniz’s at:  
[rmuniz@southwestranchesfl.org](mailto:rmuniz@southwestranchesfl.org)

State Representative (District 103)  
Robin Bartleman at:  
[robin.bartleman@myfloridahouse.gov](mailto:robin.bartleman@myfloridahouse.gov)

Zero Waste Broward Task Force at:  
[zerowastebrowardtf@gmail.com](mailto:zerowastebrowardtf@gmail.com)

and Broward Clean Air at:  
[contactus@browardcleanair.org](mailto:contactus@browardcleanair.org)

**Credit to: Richard Ramcharitar, Founder and Director of Broward Clean Air**

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Make Checks payable to:  
Southwest Ranches Fire Rescue - 17220 Griffin Road - Southwest Ranches, FL 33331  
For additional information contact Chief Bennett at 954.868.2057

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## CURRENT BOARDS AND WHAT THEY DO.

### Parks, recreation, forestry, and natural resources advisory board.



**Parks, Recreation, Forestry and Natural Resources Advisory Board's purpose and objectives are as follows:**

- To provide input into coordinating plans for the acquisition, funding, design, development, operation, maintenance, and regulation of parks within the Town.
- To provide input into those multipurpose trails within the Town.
- To provide input into forestry and natural resources, including but not limited to tree canopy maintenance, management, and protection; water conservation; preservation and protection of the environment; and wildlife protection.

- To solicit input from Town residents concerning recreational spaces, forestry, and natural resources.

### Southwest Ranches bids the fondest farewell to one of our own, Melinda Stringer.



Melinda, a retired AT&T worker, became a vital part of the Town's Parks Department staff in 2016.

Melinda and her husband, Don, moved to SW Ranches in 1997 and made their home here for the past 27 years. Don recently retired after years as a Fire Inspector for Miami Dade County.

Don and Melinda will make their new home in central Florida. We will miss them and we wish them the very best!

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE, ELECTRONICS & BULK DROP OFF EVENT

**Saturday, July 27th, 2024 . 8:00am to 2:00pm**

Location: Rolling Oaks Barn - 17630 SW 56th St., Southwest Ranches, 33331  
Document shredding from 8-2pm . 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	ELECTRONICS RECYCLING	UNACCEPTABLE 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	Computers, Cables DVD Players, Key Boards, Mice, Adapters, Monitors, Printers/Scanners, Radios, Stereo Components, TVs, Tape Players, VCRs	Appliances Asbestos Explosives or Ammunition Medical/Infectious Waste Non-Residential Waste

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

## NEW DOCUMENT SHREDDING HOURS

8:00AM to 2:00PM

(4 BOXES – PER HOUSEHOLD)

**The Town of Southwest Ranches and Southeast Florida Skyhawks are proud to present**

*SuperTots Sports Academy provides sport-based development programs where children discover and develop athletic, motor, and social skills. SuperTots' curriculum is specifically designed to promote development alongside a healthy, active lifestyle.*

### PROGRAMS AT SOUTHWEST RANCHES

7 WEEK CLASS  
\$161 FOR RESIDENT / \$194 NON-RESIDENT

Tuesdays 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. 1.5 to 3 years  
Tuesdays 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. 4 to 5 years  
Starting June 18th 2024

Wednesdays 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. 1.5 to 3 years  
Wednesdays 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. 4 to 5 years  
Starting June 19th 2024

Thursdays 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. 3 to 5 years  
Thursdays 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. 3 to 5 years  
Starting June 20th 2024

Parental participation between age 1.5 to 3

Register at: <http://register.skyhawks.com>  
LIMITED SPACE

LOCATION DETAIL:  
Rolling Oaks Park Barn (indoor space)  
17630 SW 56th Street  
Southwest Ranches, FL 33331

Any questions? Email : [broward@skyhawks.com](mailto:broward@skyhawks.com)

# Weather

## Word Search Puzzle

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DROUGHT	LIGHTNING	STORM
FLOOD	MIST	SUNSHINE
FORECAST	OVERCAST	THUNDER
FROST	RAIN	TORNADO
HAIL	SHOWER	WIND

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Wowwww. What a beautiful joy.  
(From the 2024 Photo Contest  
Calendar)



# JUNE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 • Farmers' Market 16290 Griffin Rd. 10am - 3:00pm <b>BULK ZONE 6</b>
2 • Country Estates HOA Meeting - Grace Baptist Church 19200 Griffin Rd. 7pm SWR Parks Foundation Meeting - Town Hall 7pm <b>BULK ZONE 7</b>	3 • BCPA Office -Town Hall 10:30am - 12:30pm • Zero Waste Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7pm <b>BULK ZONE 8</b>	4 • CODE Hearing -Town Hall 9am <b>BULK ZONE 9</b>	5 • Public Safety & Traffic Committee -Town Hall 7pm <b>BULK ZONE 10</b>	6 <b>BULK ZONE 11</b>	7 <b>BULK ZONE 12</b>	8 • Farmers' Market 16290 Griffin Rd. 10am - 3:00pm <b>BULK ZONE 12</b>
9 <b>BULK ZONE 1</b>	10 • Schools & Education Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7pm <b>BULK ZONE 1</b>	11 • Parks, Recreation, Forestry & Natural Resources Advisory Board Meeting -Town Hall 7pm <b>BULK ZONE 2</b>	12 • Zero Waste Broward Task Force Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm <b>BULK ZONE 3</b>	13 • TOWN COUNCIL MEETING -Town Hall 7pm <b>BULK ZONE 4</b>	14 <b>BULK ZONE 5</b>	15 Open Play Chess 10am-2pm Town Hall • Farmers' Market 16290 Griffin Rd. 10am - 3:00pm <b>BULK ZONE 6</b>
16 	17 <b>BULK ZONE 7</b>	18 • Drainage & Infrastructure Advisory Board Meeting -Town Hall 7pm <b>BULK ZONE 8</b>	19  TOWN HALL CLOSED <b>BULK ZONE 9</b>	20 • Comprehensive Plan Advisory Board Meeting -Town Hall 7pm <b>BULK ZONE 10</b>	21 <b>BULK ZONE 11</b>	22 • Farmers' Market 16290 Griffin Rd. 10am - 3:00pm <b>BULK ZONE 12</b>
23 <b>BULK ZONE 1</b>	24 • Mid-Town Civic Association Meeting 7pm ZOOM <b>BULK ZONE 1</b>	25 • Rolling Oaks Civic Association Meeting - Rolling Oaks Barn 17630 SW 56th St. 7pm <b>BULK ZONE 2</b>	26 • Sunshine Ranches HOA Meeting -Town Hall 7pm <b>BULK ZONE 3</b>	27 • TOWN COUNCIL MEETING -Town Hall 7pm <b>BULK ZONE 4</b>	28 <b>BULK ZONE 5</b>	29 • Farmers' Market 16290 Griffin Rd. 10am - 3:00pm <b>BULK ZONE 6</b>
30	1	2	3	4	5	6

BROWARD COUNTY SCHOOL CALENDAR  
JUNE 2024

M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

- MONDAY, JUNE 10th - Early Release Day (last day of school)
- TUESDAY, JUNE 11th - Employee Planning (no school for students)
- FRIDAY, JUNE 28th - Report Cards Issued

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY...**

Lucas Capo - June 4th  
Leah Capo - June 8th  
Taylynn Knight - June 17th



*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](mailto:Skutz@southwestranches.org)

**lights**  
camera...  
action!

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

**12th Annual Photo Contest**

The theme this year is...  
**"PROUD OF OUR TOWN"**

Living in Southwest Ranches, beauty surrounds us with vibrant sunsets, majestic animals, beautiful trees, abundant gardens, lavish flowers, a variety of family friendly town events and enjoyable parks. Submit your favorite photo by September 9th and be in the 2025 town calendar.

- Photos must be at least 300 DPI - resolution.
- One photo per person in household.
- Provide a caption for your photo (limit 74 characters).
- Photos must be at least 8 x 10 (landscape).
- To be considered, all entries must be submitted with Town Entry Form.
- No previous photos will be accepted.

Email your photo to: [Skutz@southwestranches.org](mailto:Skutz@southwestranches.org)  
on the subject line please say Photo Contest.



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**"FINANCE ACADEMY"**  
*by Emil Lopez*

Truth in Millage (TRIM) establishes the statutory requirements that all taxing authorities levying millage must follow, including all notices and budget hearing requirements.

The millage rate is one-tenth of a percent, which equates to \$1 in taxes for every \$1,000 in home value.

The Town's TRIM notice associated to your property, can be viewed at Broward County Property Appraiser's website ([www.bcpa.net](http://www.bcpa.net)). Click "property search" feature and enter your home information (e.g., name, address, etc.).

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**"HOW TO DO BUSINESS WITH THE TOWN"**

The Town welcomes participation from all vendors qualified to do business with the Town. Please visit the Procurement page on the Town's website and complete the Vendor Application.

**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: [jmarques@southwestranches.org](mailto:jmarques@southwestranches.org)**

**Southwest Ranches Presents  
 Open Play Chess  
 Saturday, June 15th  
 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**

**FREE meet up  
 for players of all ages and skill levels  
 beginners welcome**

**Southwest Ranches Town Hall  
 13400 Griffin Road, Southwest Ranches  
 Contact: December Lauretano-Haines  
[dlauretano@southwestranches.org](mailto:dlauretano@southwestranches.org)  
 (954) 343-7452**

**Town Council**

**Legend**  
 Council Districts  
 District 1  
 District 2  
 District 3  
 District 4  
 Town Boundary

**Council Member Bob Hartmann District 1**

**Council Member Gary Jablonski District 2**

**Steve Breitkreuz Mayor**

**Council Member Jim Allbritton District 3**

**Council Member David Kuczenski District 4**

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