

SOUTHWEST RANCHER

The Official Town Newsletter

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DECEMBER 2024

IN TOUCH

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LOST AND FOUND ANIMALS	(754) 224-0877

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EMERGENCY	911
<i>Non-Emergency</i>	(954) 764-4357 (HELP)
<i>Davie Police Department</i>	(954) 693-8200
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<i>Volunteer Fire Rescue - Chief Bennett</i>	(954) 868-2057

TRAFFIC AND ROADWAY SERVICES

Potholes and Signs Down - Public Works	
Illicit Discharge - Environmental Response Line:	(954) 519-1499

OTHER

WATER DISTRICTS - CANALS

Central Broward Water Control District	(954) 432-5110
<i>East of SW 148 Avenue (Volunteer)</i>	
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<i>West of SW 148 Avenue (Volunteer)</i>	

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www.sbddd.org



A MESSAGE FROM

Mayor
Steve
Breitkreuz

I have found that this truly is the most wonderful time of the year! As we enjoy the final month of 2024, we still have a number of activities under way. So, I encourage you and your family to come out and enjoy those activities.

Just to name a few, our Rural Public Arts and Design Board sponsors the December Holiday Lights contest each year. Please take some time to take in some of the lights that are presented here in the Ranches. I am amazed every year by just how beautiful the displays are and how incredibly creative our Ranchers are!

Also, this time of year is an awesome time to come out and enjoy our Farmers' Market, held at the Southwest Meadows Sanctuary Park at the corner of Dykes and Griffin Road. It is always great to have the opportunity to meet your neighbors and each of the booths are unique and special. And for the fresh produce, is awesome! So, please come out and enjoy! It is every Saturday, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

“If you have an interest in serving on any of our boards, please feel free to contact me or Town Hall directly. It would be wonderful to have you get more involved...”

Also, just an early plug for our annual carnival held the long weekend of January 18th. It is a super fun time for the family and the proceeds go to a great cause, The Aster Knight Parks Foundation, helping to preserve and enhance our parks for future generations.

Finally, with all this fun, I want to slip in a bit of business. Each year, our Town Boards need volunteers. Members of the community rotate off boards for one reason or another. Plus, it is awesome to get new ideas and new energy. If you have an interest in serving on any of our boards, please feel free to contact me or Town Hall directly. It would be wonderful to have you get more involved.



My wish for you and your family is that it is a very special holiday season for all!

SOUTHWEST RANCHES
COMMUNITY
Farmer's Market

OPEN

EVERY SATURDAY
10AM TO 3PM

OUTDOOR COUNTRY MARKET featuring 50+
UNIQUE & QUALITY VENDORS

16290 Griffin Rd., SW Ranches, FL

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;
sbreitkreuz@southwestranches.org



A MESSAGE FROM

Vice Mayor
David S.
Kuczenski, Esq.

Howdy Ranchers,

I wish to thank you for supporting me with your vote and trusting me with the responsibility of serving for another four years as Council Member from District 4. Considering the margins of victory for re-electing the same Council Members, it is reasonable to discern that our work as a Council, which began in November 2020, has been validated. During the next four years, I will continue to fight to Keep it Rural, and in a general sense fighting to oppose the incinerator, keeping a less intrusive government as long as your neighbors can continue their quiet enjoyment of their property, fighting speeding vehicles, keeping our skies dark at night, and keeping a safe place for our horses, goats, pigs, dogs, cats and other animals and families to enjoy. We all fought to lower our Ad Valorem taxes and

we kept both the solid waste and fire assessments at the same rate. All of us chose to live in Southwest Ranches. I, similar to you, love our Town. There is no place like Southwest Ranches. I love what our Town preserves. We are moving in a positive direction in our next term by making Southwest Ranches, the only municipality in Florida with no debt, building a new public safety building / emergency operations center, building a pavilion at the Southwest Meadows Preserve, improving drainage and resurfacing our roads.

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. My cell phone is 305-815-0990. 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**



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Council Member
Jim Allbritton

Let me start by saying,

“THANK YOU”

for the confidence you have shown in me by Re-Electing me as your Council Member for another term. I am honored to serve this Town That I Love.

We have a lot of projects that will be starting in these next four years.

1. We will be building restroom facilities at the Meadows Sanctuary (no more porta johns)

2. Construction of a new EOC (Emergency Operation Center) that will reduce the response time of our fire dept to the west side of Town and provide a safer place for the Town to operate from during a hurricane and provide a respectable place for the Firefighters to work from.

3. More drainage projects throughout the Town will more efficiently help move water after the 100-year storms that seem to come every three to four years.

4. Repaving our roads, getting rid of those dreaded potholes.

5. Completing all the ARPA projects the Council approved of earlier, over \$3.5 million worth, these will greatly enhance our Town.

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As the year 2024 comes to an end, I wish you all the BEST of Holidays, enjoy your families and friends.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at;

**954-343-7461 or 305-903-7043,
jallbritton@southwestranches.org.**



PESTICIDES, HERBICIDES, AND FERTILIZERS

Pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers are commonly used in agricultural areas. However, we should take care to when using them as they can have adverse consequences. Pesticides and herbicides are typically used in the maintenance of lawns and gardens. Improper use can hurt beneficial insects, animals, as well as the applicant. Additionally, overuse of pesticides and herbicides can cause pests and unwanted vegetation to become resistant against it. Caution must be taken as pesticides and herbicides can seep through soil and contaminate the groundwater.

Fertilizers are often rich with nitrogen and phosphorus, ingredients that are beneficial for plant growth. However, if care is not taken fertilizers can run off into adjacent water bodies such as canals and lakes. This can harm water bodies by altering their composition and causing a rapid growth of algae. The increased algae will in turn reduce oxygen levels which negatively affects fish and other aquatic organisms. In addition to this, the nitrogen in fertilizer can also contaminate groundwater if it seeps through. Pesticides herbicides, and fertilizers should always be used as per their instruction label.

THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES AND I9 SPORTS PRESENTS...
I9 SPORTS FREE MEET & GREET!

SATURDAY DECEMBER 14TH, 2024
COUNTRY ESTATES FISHING HOLE PARK
9AM TILL NOON
18900 GRIFFIN ROAD
SW RANCHES, FL 33332

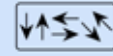
- MEET WITH THE I9 SPORTS TEAM
- GET ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS
- TRYOUT SOCCER AND FLAG FOOTBALL ALONG WITH OUR INSTRUCTORS.
- ALL SOUTHWEST RANCHES RESIDENTS WILL RECEIVE A PROMO CODE TO SAVE \$30
- HOURLY RAFFLES FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A FREE REGISTRATION ALONG WITH I9 SPORTS GIVEAWAYS

FOR MORE INFORMATION
EMAIL:
ARMANDO.DEMOLINA@I9SPORTS.COM
CALL: 954-437-0089

CHRISTMAS

WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

W U E E L M Z G U O Q L N C Y M N S
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 E J F G X R Y T F O M F S E T C T E
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- JOY
- CHRISTMAS
- SANTA
- GARLAND
- REINDEER
- SLEIGH
- TREE
- STAR
- ORNAMENT
- WREATH
- EGGNOG
- HOLLY
- TINSEL
- ELF
- SNOWMAN
- DECEMBER
- PRESENTS
- TOY
- FROSTY
- LIGHTS
- CAROLS
- SNOWFLAKE
- MISTLETOE
- BELLS



PROTOTYPE BARN



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

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

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY...

- Morgan Pijuan ~ December 1st*
- Yanet Capo ~ December 4th*
- Carla Peragallo ~ December 12th*
- Haley Navarro ~ December 29th*



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

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

RECYCLE RIGHT

Recycling is as easy as 1-2-3.

<https://www.wm.com/us/en/recycle-right/recycling-101>



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

FOLLOW US ON THE TOWN'S OFFICIAL

- FACEBOOK**
- YOUTUBE**
- WATCH**
- COMMENT**
- FOLLOW**

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.Youtube @SWRGOV

YouTube

Twitter

Facebook

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

SUPPORT THE BUSINESS DIRECTORY

found on the Town website by visiting the Historical Society page or using this link:

<https://www.southwestranches.org/southwest-ranches-resident-business-directory/>

UPCOMING EVENTS



THE RURAL PUBLIC ARTS AND DESIGN BOARD
PRESENTS...

7th Annual December Holiday Lights Contest



ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAY SEASON A LITTLE
MORE BY PARTICIPATING IN THIS FUN-FILLED
HOLIDAY CONTEST. SEND YOUR ENTRY
FORM IN NO LATER THAN
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, 2024
AND BE ONE OF THE 3 MOST FESTIVE
HOLIDAY DECORATED HOMES IN
SOUTHWEST RANCHES.
(YOUR HOUSE DOES NOT HAVE TO BE
DECORATED TO SEND YOUR ENTRY FORM IN.)

JUDGING WILL START
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

AWARDS WILL BE
PRESENTED
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

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




PLANTING FOR OUR FUTURE
BROWARD COUNTY

WATER MATTERS DAY

SATURDAY MARCH 8, 2025
TREE TOPS PARK, DAVIE

SAVE THE DATE!

DECEMBER HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST ENTRY FORM



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

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

CELL: _____

EMAIL: _____

I UNDERSTAND, ACKNOWLEDGE, AND AGREE THAT THE SUBMISSION OF THE PHOTOGRAPH OF MY HOME, WHICH I HAVE TAKEN, TO THE TOWN CONSTITUTES A "WORK MADE FOR HIRE," AND I HEREBY WAIVE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS TO THE WORK AND THE WORK PRODUCT, INCLUDING MORAL OR OTHERWISE. THIS STATEMENT SHALL CONTROL OVER THE PROVISIONS OF 17 U.S.C. SECTION 106A(g), 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, IN SO FAR AS SUCH RIGHTS ARE TRANSFERABLE, ARE ASSIGNED TO THE TOWN. MY WORK IS ORIGINAL AND IT COMPLIES WITH ALL APPLICABLE PATENT, TRADEMARK AND COPYRIGHT LAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND CODES. I UNDERSTAND, ACKNOWLEDGE, AND AGREE THAT THROUGH THE CONVEYANCE OF MY SUBMISSION THE WORK WILL REMAIN THE PROPERTY OF THE TOWN AND MAY BE USED, REPRODUCED, SOLD, OR MODIFIED BY THE TOWN IN THE TOWN'S SOLE DISCRETION.

SIGNATURE: _____ (Date)

SIGNATURE OF GUARDIAN FOR CHILDREN UNDER 18: _____ (Date)



WHEN:
JAN 16th-20th

WHERE:
**Southwest Ranches
Sanctuary Park
16290 Griffin Road,
Southwest Ranches**

BENEFITING:
**Southwest Ranches
Parks Foundation**

SOUTHWEST RANCHES COUNTRY FAIR & CARNIVAL

**FOOD & CRAFT
VENDORS WANTED**

**SPONSORSHIPS
AVAILABLE**

CONTACT: SWRCOUNTRYFAIR.COM

TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES FUN HORSE SHOW

RIDERS 18 AND YOUNGER...

GROOM YOUR HORSES AND POLISH
YOUR RIDING HELMETS FOR THE

"FREE HORSE SHOW"
FEBRUARY 15th, 2025

CONTACT: DECEMBER LAURETANO
HAINES FOR COMPLETE DETAILS
AND HOW TO REGISTER

954-343-7452

SAVE THE DATE

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE
THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES
25TH ANNIVERSARY - SATURDAY JUNE 7TH, 2025

THE CELEBRATION WILL BEGIN WITH A PARADE
STARTING 10:00 AM SHARP ON
MATHER BOULEVARD
AND SW 63RD MANOR (AVOCADO MANOR)
IN ROLLING OAKS



FESTIVITIES IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW
FROM 11:00 ~ 3:00 PM - AT ROLLING OAKS PARK
17630 SW 56TH STREET - SOUTHWEST RANCHES



Halloween SPOOKTACULAR 2024 WINNERS



Southwest Ranches Presents Open Play Chess

3rd Saturday of the month

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
(954) 343-7452

PROGRAMS START
November 5th
Rolling Oaks Park

PARKS & RECREATION

PROGRAMS START
October 15th
Country Estates Park



The Town of Southwest Ranches and Southeast Florida Skyhawks (licensed and insured) 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

5 WEEK CLASS
\$115 FOR RESIDENT / \$138 NON-RESIDENT

SoccerTots
 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 **NOVEMBER 5th, 2024**

HoopsterTots
 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 **NOVEMBER 6th, 2024**

HockeyTots
4 WEEK CLASS
\$92 FOR RESIDENT / \$110.40 NON-RESIDENT
 Thursdays 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. 3 to 4 years
 Thursdays 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. 4 to 5 years
 Starting **NOVEMBER 7th, 2024**
NO CLASS NOVEMBER 21st
 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

DISTRIBUTION DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT OR RECOMMENDATION BY BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

register now
<http://register.skyhawks.com>



The Town of Southwest Ranches and Country Estates Park



REGISTER NOW



PROUDLY PRESENT
SPORTS! FUN!
SOCCER & FLAG FOOTBALL
 NEW LOCATION-SOUTHWEST RANCHES COUNTRY ESTATES PARK

\$30 DISCOUNT FOR SOUTHWEST RANCHES RESIDENTS:
 PROMO CODE: SWR

Register Online:
i9sports.com
 954-437-0089

- Organized programs for boys and girls ages 3-15.
- Age appropriate instruction for each division.
- Coaches background checked and certified.
- All skill levels welcome. No tryouts!
- One day per week! Practice held before game.
- Sibling discounts available.
- The earlier you register, the more you save!

Licensed and Insured-BRAM Group, LLC (aka i9 Sports)

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The Way Youth Sports Should Be®

SATURDAY PROGRAMS
 THE FUN BEGINS OCTOBER 2024!

Helping Kids Succeed in Life Through Sports®

register online:
i9sports.com
(954) 437-0089



FORESTRY & NATURAL RESOURCES

Frog Fruit: Native Ground Cover

(Adapted from <https://nativebackyards.com/frog-fruit/>)

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF FROG FRUIT?

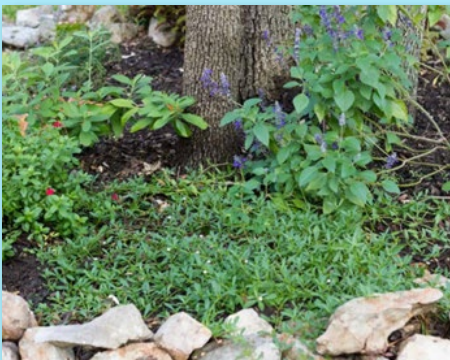


1. IT GROWS QUICKLY

If you are looking for a ground cover that grows quickly, this is the one for you. You can always trim it back. It is easy to remove because it doesn't put out long roots. A ground cover like this does a great job in crowding out weeds so you have to weed less. Many people even use frog fruit as a lawn alternative. It grows well in part sun to full sun conditions. Imagine replacing even a portion of your lawn with this pretty flowering plant. Rather than being an ecological dead zone like most non-native turf, it will bring your yard alive with pollinators.

2. IT IS VERY LOW MAINTENANCE

While frog fruit blooms best in full sun, it can handle some shade too. It can handle some walking on without being damaged. It can also handle very dry, hot conditions.



3. IT HAS A LONG BLOOM PERIOD

The white blooms appear in April and last all the way until October. It is just as visually interesting as other flowering perennials. In addition to a ground cover, it can be used as a trailing flower for pots.

4. IT IS LOVED BY POLLINATORS

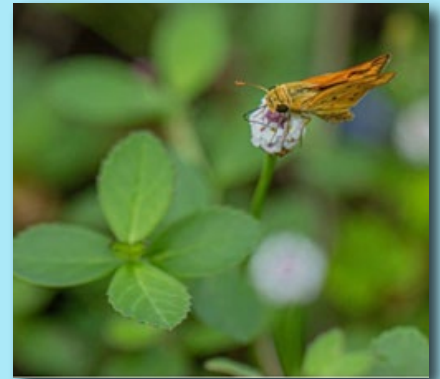
Frog fruit in bloom attracts pollinators of all types from bees to wasps, to butterflies...it is alive with action. It is a fun plant for children and adults to observe alike. It would be a great addition to add to a pollinator garden.

5. IT IS A HOST PLANT FOR SEVERAL BUTTERFLY SPECIES

When looking for new plants for your yard, prioritize host plants. Those plants that are used by butterflies and moths to lay their eggs and feed their caterpillars. This plant checks the box as a host plant for three different butterfly species: Phaon crescent, White peacock, Common buckeye.

FROG FRUIT FLOWER

The frog fruit flower is a dainty white flower that packs a big punch when it comes to attracting pollinators! The white flower is actually several tiny flowers in one, all perched on a brown cone. The flowers are at the end of a skinny stem that sticks out from the ground cover.



HOW TO GROW FROG FRUIT

There is not much involved in growing frog fruit. Water it regularly until it is established, but after that it is very easy going. It can be trimmed back in the winter if it gets too dense or tangled. Frogfruit goes dormant in the winter but can be semi-evergreen in warmer climates.

HOW TO TRANSPLANT FROG FRUIT

To transplant or propagate frog fruit, you can just take one of its runners with roots. Clip it from the main plant and carefully replant in a new area. Take some of the runners from landscaping and transplant them to between steppingstones leading to your wildflower garden.





IT'S ALL ABOUT Halloween at the barn



Trunk - Or - Treat

Saturday, October 26th, 2025 the Rolling Oaks Civic Association hosted a fabulous Monster with music, dance contest, kids and family costume contest, games, crafts, hay rides and lots of FUN! for all..







BRIEF LEGISLATION FROM THE OCTOBER 16, 2024 TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING:

- Adopted Resolution 2025-001 approving a water service agreement with Cooper City for 6541 Melaleuca Road.
- Adopted Resolution 2025-002 approving a water service agreement with Cooper City for 13100 Luray Road.
- Adopted Resolution 2025-003 authorizing the purchase of a new Attack Truck for the Volunteer Fire Department.
- Adopted Resolution 2025-004 approving site plan application SP 86-24, for the parcel generally known as the CCA property.

BRIEF LEGISLATION FROM THE OCTOBER 24, 2024 TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING:

- Adopted Ordinance 2025-001 creating the new section of Town Code for Meritless Code Compliance Calls.
- Adopted Resolution 2025-005 approving an agreement with Chen Moore and Associates in the amount of \$200,000 to prepare a Comprehensive Vulnerability Assessment.
- Adopted Resolution 2025-006 authorizing the first



2025 Homestead Exemption

All qualified Florida residents are eligible to receive a Homestead Exemption on their homes, condominiums, co-op apartments, and certain mobile home lots. To qualify for Homestead Exemption, you must own and make the property your permanent residence on January 1 of the year for which you are applying for this valuable exemption. Pursuant to Florida law, all assessments and exemptions are based upon the status of the property on January 1. If you acquired the property as your permanent residence in 2024 and have not applied for Homestead Exemption, you can apply for 2025 exemptions at any time – there is no need to wait until 2025 to file your exemption application. You can easily apply online at <https://web.bcpa.net/bcpaclient/#/HomesteadExemption>

The timely deadline to file for all 2025 exemptions is March 3, 2025. You must make the property your permanent residence by January 1, 2025 to qualify; however, you have until March 3 to timely file your application with the our office. The late filing deadline for all 2025 exemptions is September 17, 2025.

Once approved, your Homestead Exemption automatically renews each year provided there is no change in the ownership or use of the property. **If you have already applied and been approved for Homestead Exemption at your current property, you do not need to reapply for this exemption.** You will receive a Homestead Exemption Renewal card next month to keep for your records.

While Homestead Exemption is the most common exemption, there are other exemptions available to qualified applicants. Here is the link the all the additional exemptions for your review: <https://web.bcpa.net/bcpaclient/#/Homestead>

If you have any questions about Homestead Exemption or any other exemptions, please call 954.357.6830 or email me at martykiar@bcpa.net.

Take care,

 Marty Kiar, JD, CFA



Town Hall closed
 • Rolling Oaks Civic Association Meeting
 Rolling Oaks Barn
 17630 SW 56th St. 7pm

Amendment to the Agreement with Citrin Cooperman & Company, LLP, for financial auditing services.

- Adopted Resolution 2025-007 authorizing the purchase of a new Fire Rescue Unit for the Town of Davie.
- Adopted Resolution 2025-008 approving the purchase and installation of two LED monument signs from i2 Visual.
- Adopted Resolution 2025-009 approving an agreement with East Coast Builders for the Southwest Meadows Sanctuary

Park Improvements Project.

- Adopted Resolution 2025-010 establishing the Town of Southwest Ranches perpetual maintenance responsibility for the frontier trails conservation easement.

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.

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Ready To Respond
with Santa



December 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 • Farmers' Market 16290 Griffin Rd. 10am - 3:00pm	2 • Country Estates HOA Meeting - Grace Baptist Church 19200 Griffin Rd. 7pm • SWR Parks Foundation Meeting Town Hall 7pm	3 • CODE Hearing - Town Hall 9am • Broward County Property Appraiser Office - Town Hall 10:30 - 12:30pm • Zero Waste Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7pm	4	5	6	7 • Farmers' Market 16290 Griffin Rd. 10am - 3:00pm
	BULK ZONE 7	BULK ZONE 8	BULK ZONE 9	BULK ZONE 10	BULK ZONE 11	BULK ZONE 12
8 • Farmers' Market 16290 Griffin Rd. 10am - 3:00pm	9 • Schools and Education Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm	10 • Parks, Recreation Forestry & Natural Resources Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7pm	11	12 • TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - Town Hall 7pm	13	14 • Farmers' Market 16290 Griffin Rd. 10am - 3:00pm
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15 • Farmers' Market 16290 Griffin Rd. 10am - 3:00pm	16	17	18 • Fire Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7pm	19	20	21 MONTHLY OPEN PLAY CHESS 10am-2pm Town Hall • Farmers' Market 16290 Griffin Rd. 10am - 3:00pm
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BROWARD COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOL CALENDAR
2024

DECEMBER

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 23RD THRU 27TH
SCHOOLS AND ADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICES CLOSED

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30TH
SCHOOLS CLOSED

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST
SCHOOLS AND ADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICES CLOSED

Smile Day



Why shouldn't you tell
a taco a secret?

They tend to spill the beans.

HA HA
HA!

**TOWN
TALK**

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

Send your email address to:
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