

SOUTHWEST RANCHER

The Official Town Newsletter

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Day*

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Car Show
Feb 22, 10-4 PM
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FEBRUARY 2025

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Non-Emergency (954) 764-4357 (HELP)
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TRAFFIC AND ROADWAY SERVICES

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

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

OTHER

WATER DISTRICTS - CANALS

Central Broward Water Control District (954) 432-5110
East of SW 148 Avenue (Volunteer)
South Broward Drainage District (954) 680-3337
West of SW 148 Avenue (Volunteer)

www.centralbrowardwcd.org

www.sbddd.org



A MESSAGE FROM

Mayor
Steve
Breitkreuz

Welcome to South Florida wintertime! No shoveling snow for us! However, seriously, I hope that you are enjoying the cooler weather.

One of the projects that I am working on is related to the relocation of the South Florida Wildlife Center (SFWC) from its current location, near the Hollywood Fort Lauderdale airport, to Southwest Ranches. The specific location is on Sheridan Street

at about S.W. 190th. It is an undeveloped piece of property that is currently owned by the Broward County School Board. However, an educational facility was never actually built on the property.

This relocation will provide countless opportunities for our youth and students to partner with this critical organization, allowing them to grow in knowledge and respect for the wide variety of wildlife that surrounds us here every day. In addition to that, another benefit is to the

health of that wildlife. Since we have embarked on this project, I have had countless individuals come up to me and express to me how much they appreciate the SFWC and all that they do. And how they have encountered a hurt animal and have transported the animal across the County to the Center and how the Center has received it and cared for it, no questions asked. So, this relocation will benefit our residents and our animals.

“ ...This is an exciting time in the Ranches. So many positive projects are moving forward! All going on as we work hard to preserve our Rural Lifestyle - ”



Since I last reported to you about this project, we have taken a big step forward. I had the opportunity to speak in front of the Broward County School Board along with the director of SFWC project, Alessandra Medri. Next, we will be appearing before the Broward County Commission, requesting an extension on their current lease to allow them the time they need to build this new facility. As that is being done, we are also preparing the final contracts to be approved by the School Board, our Town, and the South Florida Wildlife Center, to formalize this joint effort. It is very exciting to see this project, that aligns so perfectly with our community, moving forward. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the project, please do not hesitate to contact me.

As always, thank you for your trust and support in allowing me to serve as your Mayor. It is truly an honor that I never take for granted. Enjoy our blustery South Florida winter!



Mayor Steve Breitkreuz
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A MESSAGE FROM

Council Member
David S. Kuczenski, Esq.

Dear Ranchers, Happy February. In the upcoming months many events are scheduled to provide enjoyment for our families. The Southwest Ranches Parks Foundation's carnival was overall a great success.

On February 15, 2025, the "Love My Pony Horse Show" will take place at the Equestrian Park. This is a fabulous event FREE event for equestrian youth under 18 years of age, and features competition among entrants' equestrian handling skills.

Next, on February 22, the Parks Foundation will additionally host the Classic Car Show and Chili Cook Off competition. This event will take place on the Rolling Oaks Barn park property.

In June, the Town will be holding our 25th year birthday of the creation of our Town. If you wish to enter in the parade, get your entries in soon. Additional details are posted else-where in this issue of the Southwest Rancher. Also, take a look at the article from the Zero Waste Advisory Board. This is the newest advisory board is charged with developing recycling policies for our Town. This board was created in response to the viable threat of Broward County pushing through the construction of a garbage incinerator on Broward County

property along Sheridan.

It is imperative that we take the lead in promoting more recycling and reducing single-use plastics to oppose the proposed incinerator. Every member of the Council opposes the incinerator.

Finally, I suggested creating a Texas-Hold-Em fundraiser for the Town's Scholarship. This event is in the planning stages, and I am hoping it came come to fruition.

As your Council Member for District 4, 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. My cell phone is 305-815-0990. 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



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A MESSAGE FROM

Bob Hartmann
Vice Mayor

Let's take a moment to acknowledge Mayor Steve Breitkreuz for his exceptional contributions to our community. Since his council debut in 2006 and subsequent transition to mayor in 2020, he has been our longest-serving elected official. His unwavering dedication to our community is a source of reassurance and security for us all.

Mayor Breitkreuz's proactive approach has been a driving force in preserving our rural lifestyle. His efforts in implementing laws that protect our way of life and preventing activities that could disrupt it give us all a sense of optimism and hope for the future of our community.

Moreover, Mayor Breitkreuz is a paragon of fairness in our council. He ensures that every argument is heard, fostering a constructive environment for discussion. His commitment to giving residents a fair chance to voice their concerns before decisions are made is a testament to his leadership. This open dialogue and collaboration ultimately benefit our community, making us all feel heard and considered.

One aspect of the Mayor's activities that most of our community is unaware of is his effort on the Solid Waste Authority of Broward County (Broward SWA). The authority is responsible for developing a Solid Waste Management and Recycling Master Plan for Broward County. The Broward SWA is a newly created entity, created through an interlocal agreement signed by Broward County and 28 municipalities (and potentially more in the future), to develop a coordinated, regional solid waste

management and recycling master plan ("Master Plan"). The master plan will address expectations and incorporate strategies from each member jurisdiction to create an innovative, environmentally sustainable, and economically efficient regional solid waste management system that meets or exceeds the State of Florida's 75 percent recycling goal. The Broward SWA is working to address these inefficiencies by working across government jurisdictions and with solid waste and resource management experts to develop a Master Plan that meets the region's solid waste management and recycling needs efficiently, effectively, and comprehensively over the next 40 years and beyond.

The Council appointed the mayor as our representative to the Broward SWA, and he was elected to the executive board as a non-voting alternate board member. There never was a more effective "Alternate". While Mayor Breitkreuz cannot vote, he can speak and influence the votes taken. While some serving on the Authority and others supporting it saw incineration as **the** solution to our solid waste issues, our mayor has persuaded the board to examine zero waste solutions as an option. With the support of our community, Mayor Brietkreuz has educated himself on alternative possibilities for burning our garbage. Through his efforts, the county master plan will include zero-waste solutions that will eradicate the need for incineration in Broward County. The mayor also holds the Authority's staff and consultants accountable by frequently following up on their commitments and promised work products to ensure the direction and guidance the Executive Board members provide is carried to fruition.

It's important to recognize Mayor Breitkreuz's exceptional contributions and unwavering commitment. His efforts protect

our rural lifestyle and inspire further engagement and progress within our council. His leadership is invaluable to our community, and it deserves to be recognized and celebrated.

I want to express my gratitude for the community's support and understanding. It's heartening to see how we've come together to appreciate Mayor Steve Breitkreuz's significant role in our lives through his re-election.

"...Your support is integral to our community's progress, and we thank you for being part of this journey ~"

To further the topic of recycling, I want to mention that some have misinterpreted or thought there was a mistake in the January Southwest Rancher concerning recycling glass. In the Recycle Right section on page 5, the article "Do not recycle these items," one of the bullet points said, "No Glass Products: Light bulbs, Mirrors, glass cookware, bakeware or ceramics." This was brought up at HOA meetings, and I got phone calls. The intent was to exclude the items listed above from recycling. Glass jars, bottles, containers, and similar types of glass **should** be included in your recycling.

To finalize the discussion on recycling, we are planning a resident trip to the WM Reuter recycling plant later in the first quarter. We're excited to have you join us on this educational tour. Look for details in next month's Southwest Rancher.

As always, it is my pleasure to serve you. I want to assure you that I am here to listen to your suggestions, answer your questions, and provide more information on anything town-related. Please feel free to call me at 954-801-1758 or send a note to BHartmann@SouthwestRanches.org. Your voice matters to us.

Highest Regards,
Bob

Word Hunt



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Happy Valentine's Day

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



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



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



A MESSAGE FROM

Council Member
Jim Allbritton

GOOD DAY SOUTHWEST RANCHES.

2025 started off in full blast mode, with the Town's Annual Country Fair leading the way. I hope you were able to be a part of this great event. We continue in blast mode towards our Town's 25th Anniversary coming in June. Ms. Susan Kutz is spearheading the organizing of what looks be a celebration that will be remembered for a long time. Stay informed through our Town Newsletter and our Town email (Town Talk). Please sign up for all the latest news about Town.

I am honored to be representing the Town as your Council Member for the next four years and serving on the Board of Directors of the Broward League of Cities, the Broward Water Advisory Board and the South Florida Regional Planning Council. I am also looking forward to all the special projects that will be accomplished in



our Town in the next four years.

I welcome all the newly appointed Town board members and thank all those who served in the past and those who continue to serve. The Safety and Traffic board is being reinstated, and I am looking forward to working with this board again.

As we go through 2025 let's remember, Southwest Ranches is a unique Town in Broward County. A place where you and family can enjoy the open spaces, the dark skies at night, horse trails, and the peace and quiet that we all seek. Let's be friendly to our neighbors, a simple wave or smile or a hello will go a long way.

“ The Town will be placing more of the permanent solar powered traffic signs throughout the four districts. *Remember, we have a mobile speed trailer that can be placed anywhere you feel is needed to remind drivers to slow down.* Contact Tom Holste at Town Hall (954) 343-7476 or at his email: Tholste@southwestranches.org ”

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at; 954-343-7461 or 305-903-7043, allbritton@southwestranches.org

RECYCLE RIGHT

We purchase about one billion take out pizzas each year. That is a lot of pizza boxes. Clean empty boxes go in the recycle bin.

Liners go in the trash.

To learn more on how to RECYCLE RIGHT go to: <https://www.wm.com/us/en/recycle-right>

THANK YOU

The Rural Public Arts and Design Board would like to give a heartfelt thank you to Chief Bennett and his team for supporting the December Holiday Lights Contest every year for their unwavering commitment to making the holiday lights contest a truly exciting event. The success and spirit of the contest brings joy and happiness to all ages.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Southwest Ranches Presents

Love My Pony Fun Horse Show



Saturday, February 15, 2025

FREE Horse Show for youth up to Age 18

Sunshine Ranches Equestrian Park

5840 SW 148 Avenue Southwest Ranches

8:00 am Registration - Classes Begin at 9:00 am
English, Hunter, Cross Rails, Short Stirrups, Western
Speed and Fun Classes (limit 15 entries per class)

All levels welcome!

Neat schooling attire or show clothes acceptable,
Safety helmets required, registration required at Show

Contact - December Lauretano-Haines (954) 343-7452

Dlauretano@southwestranches.org

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UPCOMING EVENTS



SAVE THE DATE



**UNITY IN DIVERSITY
5K RUN/WALK**

SATURDAY, 5TH APR, 2025

Mark your calendars and be part of this unforgettable event. Whether you're running, walking, cheering, or sponsoring, your presence makes a difference. Let's show the world that diversity is our strength and unity is our mission.



Scan to Signup



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

IF YOU WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ABOUT
SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS
EVENT PLEASE CONTACT SUSAN:
SKUTZ@SOUTHWESTRANCHES.ORG



23rd Annual Southeast Florida NIGP Reverse Trade Show

**Thursday April 10th, 2025
Coral Springs Gymnasium
2501 Coral Springs Drive
Coral Springs, Florida 33065**

THE PREMIER SOUTH FLORIDA EVENT FOR GOVERNMENT SUPPLIERS

This is your chance to attend the 23rd Annual Southeast Florida NIGP Chapter Reverse Trade Show and meet face to face with local government purchasing professionals all in one location!

The Reverse Trade Show is locally known as the best South Florida event for government contractors and potential vendors to market their products and services to public sector clients. With more than 40 city governments, agencies, counties and school districts all in one room at one time, this is a unique opportunity that local businesses of all sizes just cannot miss!

For more information or to register as a vendor or sponsor for the Reverse Trade Show go to <https://www.nigpsefl.org/> and select the 23rd Annual SEFL NIGP Reverse Trade Show in the Upcoming Events section.

PARKS & RECREATION

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Country Estates Park



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Tuesdays 4:00 to 4:45 p.m. 4 to 5 years
From February 4th to March 25th 2025



Wednesdays 3:00 to 3:45 p.m. 1.5 to 3 years
Wednesdays 4:00 to 4:45 p.m. 4 to 5 years
From February 5th to March 26th 2025

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 or call Owner & Manager: Farid Issoulaimani (954)955-2573

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FORESTRY & NATURAL RESOURCES

What is the Name of that Bird?

This time of year is great for birdwatching. Along with native species, many migratory birds are visiting South Florida for the seeds, berries, fruits, and insects provided in our habitats. Here are a few:

Gray Cat Bird



Cardinal



Florida Grackle



Spot-breasted Oriole



Blue Jay



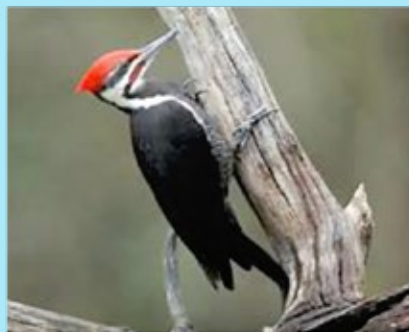
Mourning Dove



Cooper's Hawk



Pileated Woodpecker



American Redstart



DECEMBER HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST 2024

1ST PLACE

2ND PLACE

3RD PLACE

Thank you to all residents for your time, effort, and love in decorating your homes for this magical time of the year. Your creativity and enthusiasm truly brought our community to life and made the contest an amazing experience for everyone involved. We appreciate each and every one of you for your participation and the joy you spread. We look forward to seeing your wonderful decorations again next year! Until then, take care and enjoy the festive season. See you next year!

Congratulations



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2024
Town Hall - 7 pm

THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES
SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

FOR
Mayor Steve Breitkreuz
Council Member Jim Allbritton
Council Member David S. Kuczenski, Esq.



Mayor Breitkreuz and
Town Clerk Debra Ruesga



Mayor Breitkreuz
and Family



Council Member Allbritton and
Town Clerk Debra Ruesga



CM Allbritton
and Rose Allbritton



Council Member Kuczenski and
Town Clerk Debra Ruesga



CM Kuczenski,
Chris Brownlow,
DaNell Alfonso and
Vilma Lopez



BRIEF LEGISLATION FROM THE DECEMBER 12, 2024 TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING:

- Adopted Ordinance 2025-004 adopting the Five-Year Capital Improvements for Fiscal Years 2025-2029.
 - Adopted Resolution 2025-026 approving the agreement with Julio Medina LLC for Code Compliance Services.
 - Adopted Resolution 2025-027 approving a purchase order with HUURR Homes for the SW 49 CT and SW 202 Ave Drainage Rehabilitation Project.
 - Adopted Resolution 2025-028 approving the water services agreement with the City of Sunrise for 14741 Sunset Lane.
 - Adopted Resolution 2025-029 renewal of the Comprehensive Plan Board.
 - Adopted Resolution 2025-030 renewal of the Drainage and Infrastructure Board.
 - Adopted Resolution 2025-031 renewal of the Fire Advisory Board.
 - Adopted Resolution 2025-032 renewal of the Parks, recreation, Forestry, and Natural Resources Advisory Board.
 - Adopted Resolution 2025-033 renewal of the Rural Public Arts and Design Advisory Board.
 - Adopted Resolution 2025-034 renewal of the Schools and Education Advisory Board.
 - Adopted Resolution 2025-035 renewal of the Zero Waste Advisory Board.
- 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.**



AUTOMATIC RENEWAL FOR THE LIMITED-INCOME SENIOR EXEMPTION

The Limited-Income Senior Exemption renewal process no longer requires seniors to sign and return a renewal card. After the initial Senior Exemption application approval, this exemption automatically renews each year unless the senior notifies our office that they have exceeded the current year's income requirement for this exemption. People who received the Senior Exemption in 2024, whose income does not exceed the limit and are still living at the same address do not need to send in a signed renewal card to continue receiving this exemption.

My office will mail the 2025 Senior Exemption income limit to all exemption recipients later this month.

- **If your 2024 adjusted household gross income does not exceed the amount stated on the renewal card**, you DO NOT need to do anything to continue receiving this valuable exemption for 2025. Your exemption will automatically be renewed provided you are still living at the same address and are still receiving Homestead Exemption.
- **If your 2024 adjusted household gross income did exceed the income limitation**, you must sign and return the renewal card to notify our office that you no longer qualify for this tax year when you receive the annual income notification from our office.

If you did not receive the Senior Exemption for 2024 at the same address and you believe you may qualify, please visit our website. You can apply for the Senior Exemption and all other tax-saving exemptions online by visiting our website at web.bcpa.net and click on "Exemptions & Classifications."

The deadline to apply for any 2025 exemption is September 17, 2025.

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

Take care,

Marty Kiar, JD, CFA



TRASH TALK: ZERO WASTE ADVISORY BOARD EDITION

- The Town formed the Zero Waste Advisory Board to assist in developing programs to help our residents in keeping the rural lifestyle of our community and advise the town council on how we can implement positive ideas in regard to sustainability.
- The board is reviewing policies and ordinances from other municipalities.
- The board is looking at creative and engaging ways to educate the residents about Zero Waste practices.
- Zero Waste initiatives focus on ways to divert solid waste from landfills, incineration, and waste-to-energy
- We welcome participation from all Town residents. We meet monthly and is included on the Town Calendar

PHOTO BY: Susan Moyer
 "Keep it Rural"
 from the 2025-26
 town photo contest



February 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					31	1 • Farmers' Market 16290 Griffin Rd. 10am - 3:00pm BULK ZONE 12
2 • Farmers' Market 16290 Griffin Rd. 10am - 3:00pm	3 • Country Estates HOA Meeting - Grace Baptist Church 19200 Griffin Rd. 7pm • SWR Parks Foundation Meeting Town Hall 7pm	4 • CODE Hearing Town Hall 9am • Broward County Property Appraiser Office - Town Hall 10:30 - 12:30pm • Zero Waste Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7pm	5	6	7	8 • Farmers' Market 16290 Griffin Rd. 10am - 3:00pm BULK ZONE 6
9 • Farmers' Market 16290 Griffin Rd. 10am - 3:00pm	10 • Schools and Education Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7 pm BULK ZONE 7	11 • Parks, Recreation Forestry & Natural Resources Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7pm BULK ZONE 8	12 BULK ZONE 3	13 • TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - Town Hall 7pm BULK ZONE 4	14 BULK ZONE 5	15 Love My Pony Horse Show - 8am Equestrian Park • Farmers' Market 16290 Griffin Rd. 10am - 3:00pm OPEN PLAY CHESS 10am-2pm Town Hall BULK ZONE 6
16 • Farmers' Market 16290 Griffin Rd. 10am - 3:00pm	17 PRESIDENT'S DAY - Town Hall Closed BULK ZONE 1	18 • Drainage & Infrastructure Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7pm BULK ZONE 2	19 • Fire Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7pm BULK ZONE 3	20 • Comprehensive Plan Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall 7pm BULK ZONE 4	21 BULK ZONE 5	22 Chili Cookoff & Car Show - Rolling Oaks Park 10-4 pm • Farmers' Market 16290 Griffin Rd. 10am - 3:00pm BULK ZONE 6
23 • Farmers' Market 16290 Griffin Rd. 10am - 3:00pm BULK ZONE 7	24 BULK ZONE 7	25 • Rolling Oaks Civic Association Meeting - Rolling Oaks Barn 17630 SW 56th St. 7pm BULK ZONE 8	26 • Sunshine Ranches HOA Meeting - ZOOM 7 - 9pm BULK ZONE 9	27 • TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - Town Hall 7pm BULK ZONE 10	28 BULK ZONE 11	1 • Farmers' Market 16290 Griffin Rd. 10am - 3:00pm BULK ZONE 12

Broward County School Calendar
2025

FEBRUARY				
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

-Tuesday, February 11th -
Interim Reports Issued

-Friday, February 14th -
Early Release Day

-Monday, February 17th -
Schools and Administrative Offices Closed

COMEDY CORNER

What do you get when you cross a sheepdog with a rose?

A collie-flower!

TOWN TALK

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

Send your email address to:
druesga@southwestranches.org



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The Town's 25th Birthday...

If you would like to participate in the parade email:

Lauriemorse63@gmail.com

We're
having
a parade!



Line -up for the parade starts at 9:00 am on Mather Blvd. and SW 63rd Manor, to Rolling Oaks Park. Festivities begin at 11:00 am.
Please be environmentally conscience when decorating your cart, vehicle, or float and refrain from using balloons or other materials that could harm our animals and environment.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE, ELECTRONICS & BULK DROP OFF EVENT

Saturday, April 12th, 2025. 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

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

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

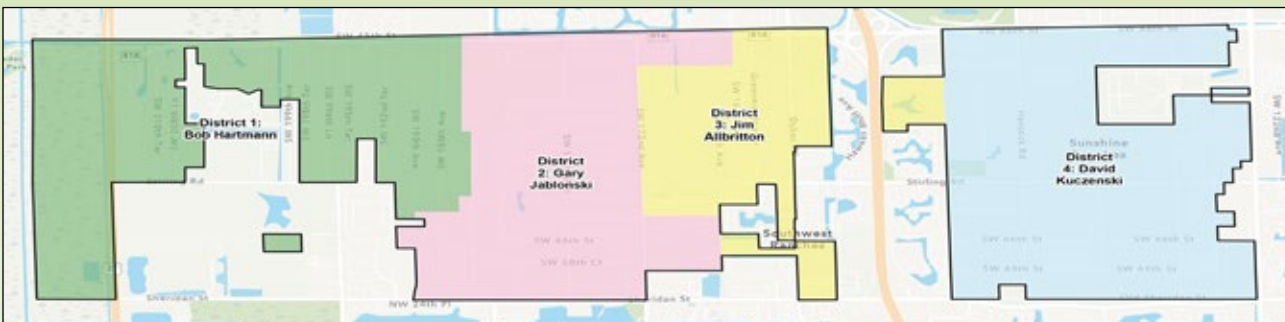
ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

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

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

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

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



Town Council

Legend

- Council Districts
- District 1
- District 2
- District 3
- District 4
- Town Boundary



VICE MAYOR
BOB HARTMANN
District 1



Council Member
GARY JABLONSKI
District 2



MAYOR
STEVE BREITKREUZ



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JIM ALLBRITTON
District 3



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District 4



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