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THE THANKFUL RECEIVER BEARS A PLENTIFUL HARVEST...

William Blake
Dear Residents,

Since Hurricane Irma, I have been diligently working with our Town Staff to find an alternative location to process our vegetative waste debris. The Town met with Waste Management, Waste Pro, and even Bergeron to no avail. Hearing that we were looking for a partner to process our vegetative waste, in October of 2019, the Town received an unsolicited proposal seeking to create a Public Private Partnership (P3) to lease the former CCA Property for a “green” project that offered many benefits to the Town and its residents. The Town Administration and our Town Attorney worked collaboratively to bring forth an agreement for consideration by the Town Council.

At the October 8, 2020 Town Council Regular Meeting, the Town Council unanimously passed the most important agreement to ever come before the Town. Five years ago the Town purchased the property formerly known as the “CCA” site which is just under 25 acres. The property is generally surrounded by the City of Pembroke Pines and the landfill located off of Sheridan Street and SW 202nd Avenue. When we purchased the property, the Town consolidated all its outstanding debt into a single bond in the amount of $7.75 million to acquire the property. Through the agreement reached with Supreme Organics, LLC they will be using that site as a green waste processing center, and as a parking area for vehicles that are not permitted to be parked within the Town. This facility will not only reduce our residents solid waste assessments, but if the venture is successful, this agreement will make the Town debt free, the only municipality in Broward County that would have ZERO debt on its books. I know that I along with the rest of the Town Council remain united in passing these savings on to you the residents. As such, I look forward to more good news next budget cycle.

It has been an honor, and a privilege in serving you. If you have any questions about this important agreement please let me know.

As always, please call me at 954-274-6508 if there is any issue I can help you with.

Your Mayor,
Doug McKay

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Council Member
Bob Hartmann

Personal sacrifices and protecting our families have brought Coronavirus in our small town to a halt - no new cases in the last 30 days – a small victory in a nation that has lost so many souls to the disease. Florida death rates have come down noticeably from a summer spike of 375 per day to under 100 for each of the past few days, which is good news; however, new daily positive tests over the past month has swung widely between 1500 and 3500 frequently with most days over 2000. Positivity rates are still jumping high at times but are trending down too. This snapshot says the doctors seem to be making progress since the hospital ICU’s are no longer exceeding capacity and the death rate is down significantly. With the volume of positive tests flattening to 20% of the summer highs, which exceeded 15 thousand new cases daily in July, Florida had been trending down but flattened in August with about 2-3 thousand new cases daily since. New cases are still rather high, in-classroom school started in early October and many businesses are reopening, so don’t let your guard down — COVID-19 is still here. Until a vaccine is developed, masks, hygiene, and social distancing remain important protections for you and your family against the virus and will do more than anything to restore normalcy.
Please stay safe.

2021 promises to be an interesting year given the November election. Town candidates and incumbents get a lot of feedback from their supporters and residents they meet while campaigning on what aspects of our Town’s operations and policies need to be changed and what needs to be left alone. There has been a lot of discussion during this election cycle on speeding and cut-thru traffic so these issues should be on the Council’s list of priorities.

There is also important news concerning the old-CCA site the town acquired about 5 years ago. A lease, revenue sharing agreement, and public private partnership were approved between the Town and Supreme Organics, LLC on October 8th. The company will develop the property to provide a source for dumping landscape debris by our residents, our bulk hauler, and the local landscape maintenance companies. This material will be composted and mixed with dirt to sell to property owners, landscape nurseries and the public. The additional part of the property will be developed as a self-storage for residents to use for commercial vehicle parking, boats, RVs, and to park the tenant’s vehicle fleet. Rental income from the property will be used to retire the debt on the land and upon payoff of the property’s financing, the rent will be recalculated based on periodic fair market appraisals of the property and a mutually agreed rate. The public private partnership will generate revenue to the Town from the tipping fees for anyone dumping vegetative waste, from composted soil sales, and vehicle parking fees. These revenues will be shared equally through the partnership.

The project benefits to the community are to provide an opportunity to recycle excess landscape debris, purchase soil, and park vehicles and equipment at discounted residential rates. This also puts a unique town industrial asset to work on a long-term basis serving multiple community needs. If you have any questions about this new private partnership or any Council activities, please give me a call. 954-801-1758. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Council Member.

Council Member
Bob Hartmann
954-801-1758

Brief legislation from the September 24, 2020 Town Council Budget Hearing:

• Adopted Resolution 2020-056 approving the final millage rate resolution.
• Adopted Ordinance 2020-007 adopting the Town’s final budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Brief legislation from the September 24, 2020 Town Council Regular Meeting:

• Adopted Resolution 2020-057 approving the issuance of a purchase order to All Florida Contracting Services for the Town Hall Generator Retrofit project.

Brief legislation from the September 29, 2020 Town Council Budget Hearing:

• Re-Adopted Resolution 2020-056 approving the final millage rate resolution.
• Re-Adopted Ordinance 2020-007 adopting the Town’s final budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

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.
Around the Town

November 2020
Broward County School Calendar

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For updated school information call: Broward County Public Schools
(754) 321-0000 or www.browardschools.com

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

~Talkin’ Trash~

1 home = 12 cubic yards of bulk.

ONE PILE PLEASE: Co-piling bulk debris with your neighbor is NOT ALLOWED unless pre-approved by the Town. Co-piling will only be allowed if a resident has no other option to pile their debris on their property.

REMEMBER... each bulk debris pile should not exceed 12 cubic yards. Piles over 12 cubic yards are subject to a charge of $17.50 per cubic yard and will be billed by Waste Pro for the overage.

Acceptable Items: Aerosol Cans Antifreeze/Coolant, Batteries & Auto Batteries, BBQ & Camp Size Propane, Cleaners, Pesticides, Fluorescent Tubes/Bulbs, Garden Chemicals, Latex/Oil-Based Pint, Pool Chlorine, Tires (Up to 4 - no rims), Used Oil & Filters

Electronic Recycling: Computers, Cables, DVD Players, Key Boards, Mice, 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 all service issues call Waste Pro: (954) 967-4200
You will receive CodeRED alerts for emergency updates such as evacuation notices, weather warnings, hazardous traffic or road conditions, and other Town events.

You can self-register on the Town’s website: www.southwestranches.org to receive notifications by either phone call, text or email.

Name: _____________________________
Address: ___________________________
Choice #1 - Phone: ___________________
Choice #2 - Cell: _____________________
Choice #3 - Email: ____________________
Or all the above.
Any questions contact Town Hall: (954) 434-0008.

Have your name engraved on one of the leaves of the “THE DONOR TREE” in Council Chambers for $100.00.

Not pictured at this time are acorns, rocks and branches with limited availability:
Acorns $500 • Rocks $1000 • Branches $750

For more information contact December: (954) 343-7452 or email: Dlauretano@southwestranches.org

“On this Veterans Day, let us remember the service of our veterans, and let us renew our national promise to fulfill our sacred obligations to our veterans and their families who have sacrificed so much so that we can live free.”

During this time of COVID-19, we are a group of concerned Southwest Ranches residents who would like to get in touch and stay in touch with our neighbors who are senior citizens, live alone, or have special needs.

If you would like a regular check in phone call, please leave a message at (954) 546-2599, and one of our volunteers will get in touch with you.
Key FY 2020—2021 Program Modifications

During the upcoming Fiscal Year (2020—2021), the Town is pleased to present the Adopted Budget.

The Town continues to show its commitment to the residents with the following Public Safety & Quality of Life / Service Improvement Program Modifications, which will maintain high levels of service and governmental responsiveness.

- Website Redesign & ADA Compliance ($20,500)
- Council Chambers Camera ($20,000)
- Townwide Vehicle Replacement ($17,500)
- Town Hall Exterior Re-Painting ($17,000)
- Town of Southwest Ranches – 20th Anniversary Celebration ($15,000)
- Townwide Parks Maintenance & Exterior Building Painting ($14,670)
- Comprehensive Plan Update: Data, Inventory & Analysis ($10,000)
- School Zone Flashing Beacon
- Volunteer Fire Department Safety Equipment Programs: (all no millage impact)
  - Fire Apparatus Replacement ($39,000)
  - Fire AED Replacement ($12,000)
  - Fire Hose Replacement ($5,400)
  - Bunker Gear Replacement ($2,808)

This budget-in-brief is made possible by the continuing efforts of:

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Vice Mayor DENISE SCHROEDER

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DELSA AMUNDSON

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Town Auditors
KEEFE MCCULLOUGH, CPA'S
A Round the Town

Town Talk
Want to stay in touch and receive information on TOWN EVENTS?
Send your email address to:
druesga@southwestranches.org.

Broward Takes the “Bite” Out of Mosquito Season

Spring and summer brings frequent heavy rain to Broward County, and rain brings mosquitoes. Mosquitoes are not only annoying, they can be a public health issue. The County Biologist regularly traps mosquitoes, separates them by species and detects any potential viruses. Findings will determine the chemical application to be used and the type of treatment required.

Three Ways to Request Service:
• Use the Mosquito Service Request Form
• Call 311 • 954-831-3940 (TTY for hearing impaired)

Waste Pro
Our Exclusive Solid Waste, Recycling and Bulk Waste Contractor

- Avoid a fine of $500.00 - Bulk cannot be placed out earlier than the Saturday prior to your scheduled bulk pick up date.
- Avoid a fine of $500.00 -- Landscaper or Contractor generated waste on your property must be removed by that vendor for disposal.
- Bulk Piles over-the-limit of 12 Cubic Yards per household will be picked up and the vendor will bill the resident the additional yardage at the rate of $17.50 per cubic yard.

Please remember that 12 cubic yards is equivalent to the size of a Volkswagen Beetle, which is approximately 8 feet wide by 10 feet long and 4 feet tall.

If you have a request or complaint, please click on the Waste Pro button on our website: www.southwestranches.org or call: (954) 967-4200.

Town Talk
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druesga@southwestranches.org.

3rd Annual December Festival of 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 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.

Signature: ___________________________ (Date)
Signature of Guardian for children under 18: ___________________________ (Date)

Happy Thanksgiving
**HOLIDAY FOOD & TOY DRIVE FOR OUR MILITARY HEROES AND THEIR FAMILIES....**

*Please drop off your caring donations to Town Hall Monday - Friday 8:30 - 5:00 pm*

**Help us help our Heroes!**

- Toys
- Beef Jerky, Slim Jims, pepperoni or similar dried meats
- Boxes of Granola Bars or similar
- Individual bags of nuts, dried fruit, trail mix or sunflower seeds
- Boxed and/or individual drink packets (Crystal Light, Walmart or Target brand, Kool-Aid, hot chocolate, etc.)
- Non-perishable food items
- Foil packed tuna and chicken
- Crackers
- Baby wipes (no bigger than 2 1/2” wide packages)

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**COV1D 19—IMPORTANT RESOURCES AND CONTACTS**

**BROWARD COUNTY**
- www.broward.org/coronavirus
- 954-831-3900
- 954-357-9500 (Broward County Call Center)
- 954-743-9779 (Senior Citizen’s Elder Hotline)

**BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**
- www.browardschools.com/coronavirus
- www.browardschools.com
- 754-321-0000 (Main Switchboard)
- 754-321-0911 (Emergency Hotline—Live Person)
- 754-321-0321 (BCPS & Rumor Control Hotline)

**STATE OF FLORIDA**
- FOOD PROGRAMS
  - www.myflorida.com/accessflorida
  - www.feedingsouthflorida.org
  - Text: FLKIDSMEALS to PH# 211-211
- CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL (CDC)
  - https://www.cdc.gov/DCS/ContactUs/Form

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**KIDS’ FUN: FACTS ABOUT SNAKES**

Snakes are poorly misunderstood. For example, the three South Florida natives you see above help to rid our yards of unwanted pests such as rodents and exotic species of amphibians. They truly are beautiful to see, and are harmless to children and pets.

*Here is an activity to do with your children involving snake facts. Good luck, and have fun!*

1) Choose the correct answer.

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2) True or False:

| Snakes have eyelids. |
| Snakes taste with their tongues. |
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3) Fill in the blank:

Snakes are covered in ________

4) Circle the correct answer.

Approximately how many species of snakes are in the world?

| a) 2,000 | b) 3,000 | c) 4,000 |

5) Unscramble the word to complete the sentence.

*Snakes are found on every continent except C T A A R I C N A T.*

Answers on Page 9
**Waste Collection**

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

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

**Weekly SOLID (GARBAGE) Waste Days**

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**BULK Collection Service Dates by Area**

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**RECYCLE collection occurs once per week:**
- Area 1 every Monday
- Area 2 every Tuesday
- Area 3 every Wednesday

**COVID-19 has made us all much more aware of our surroundings and sanitary habits. Stay diligent during the winter months. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have:**
- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Muscle or body aches
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Loss of appetite
- Congestion or runny nose
- New loss of taste or smell
- Nausea or vomiting

The Southwest Ranches Firefighters, Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics...
- Lead and coordinate the team responding to an emergency
- Evaluate the patient’s condition on the scene and perform preliminary diagnosis
- Attend to injuries or sudden illnesses by applying a variety of pre-hospital simple and advanced treatments (first aid, CPR, administering injections and oxygen etc.)
- Use tech equipment and tools to stabilize patients or provide immediate treatment
- Monitor patient’s condition en route to the hospital
- Collaborate with interested parties (police, firefighting unit, doctors etc.)
- Write and submit concrete and accurate reports on incidents
- Adhere to established medical protocols and procedures as well as legal guidelines and health and safety standards
- Keep abreast with new treatment and medical procedures through continuous training.

**May you have a safe Thanksgiving.**

Fire Chief Lee Bennett

**Answer Key:**
1) A
2) b)
3) C
4) b)
5) Antarctica

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**FOLLOW US ON THE TOWN’S OFFICIAL SOCIAL MEDIA**
- Facebook page: @SWRGOV
- Twitter account: @SWR_gov
- YouTube: Town of Southwest Ranches Official Channel

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**The Town of Southwest Ranches Rural Public Arts and Design Board presents...**

**CALLING ALL ARTISTS!**

Have you ever dreamed of painting a large-scale mural? The Town of Southwest Ranches has a wall that is waiting for your creativity! The wall is located in Founders Park, located behind CVS on the southwest corner of Griffin and Flamingo Road.

The mural should reflect the rural lifestyle, wildlife, or natural beauty of Southwest Ranches.

For information email Susan at: Skutz@southwestranches.org or call 954-434-0008.

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**Southwest Ranches FIRE RESCUE**

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**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

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Due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) we reserve the right to cancel or postpone meetings in order to protect the safety of our residents and staff. Updates will be posted on our website www.southwestranches.org and all Town social media, or call Town Hall (954) 434-0008 for updates. Thank you.
TOWN HALL: 13400 Griffin Road / Southwest Ranches, FL 33330 • PHONE: (954) 434-0008 • FAX: (954) 434-1490
TOWN HALL OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday / 8:30 am - 5:00 pm • TOWN WEBSITE: www.southwestranches.org
TOWN HALL TWITTER ACCOUNT: @SWR_Gov • YOUTUBE: Town of Southwest Ranches Official Channel • FACEBOOK: facebook@SWRGOV

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Melinda Stringer, Administrative Assistant (954) 343-7454 mstringer@southwestranches.org

TOWN SERVICES
BUILDING DEPARTMENT PERMITTING – (CAP GOVERNMENT) M-F 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
Lisa Reices Nicasio, Broward Operations Office Manager (954) 655-3721 lreices@capfla.com
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WASTE/BULK/RECYCLING SERVICES (Residential & Commercial)
Waste Pro (954) 967-4200

REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKERS – Chief Bennett

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OTHER
WATER DISTRICTS – CANALS
Central Broward Water Control District (954) 432-5110 www.centralbrowardwcd.org
East of SW 148 Avenue (Volunteer)
South Broward Drainage District (954) 680-3337 www_sbdd.org
West of SW 148 Avenue (Volunteer)
The Rural Public Arts and Design Board Presents...

3rd Annual
December Holiday Lights Contest

Get your entry form in by Monday, December 7th.
(Homes do not have to be completed to send entry form in)
Judging will be Tuesday, December 8th and Wednesday, December 9th from 6:30pm to 9:30pm
Awards will be given Monday, December 14th

The 3 most festive holiday decorated homes in Southwest Ranches will be the winners of this contest.

Call Susan: 954-439-0008 or email: SKutz@southwestranches.org

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