

"THE SHARIEF TIMES"

A Senator on a Mission

January 2026 Edition

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The new year brings a fresh start and the beginning of Florida's legislative session. January is a time to set priorities, renew our focus, and begin the important work ahead on behalf of the community.

As session gets underway, I am committed to advancing thoughtful policies, listening closely to your concerns, and working collaboratively to deliver meaningful results for our district in the year ahead.

Senator Dr. Barbara Sharief

Florida Senate, District 35

! NEW BILL ALERT !

SB 864- Public Records / Uterine Fibroid Research Database

Companion to SB 196, to protect the privacy of women participating in Florida's uterine fibroid research database by keeping personal health information confidential.

SB 866 - Health Care Practitioner Maternal Mental Health Continuing Education Requirements

Require maternal mental health education for certain health care practitioners, strengthening early screening and care for mothers.



Honoring Joseph Sarkissian

On December 18th, I was honored to present a proclamation recognizing Joseph Sarkissian as he celebrated his 100th birthday and a lifetime of service to our nation and community.

A proud World War II Navy veteran and first-generation American, Mr. Sarkissian's life reflects resilience, faith, and a deep commitment to giving back. It was a privilege to honor his extraordinary legacy and remarkable milestone.

Honoring Sophie Bock

I was honored to present a proclamation recognizing Sophie Bock as she celebrated her 101st birthday and a lifetime of civic engagement and community leadership.

A longtime Pembroke Pines resident, Ms. Bock has devoted decades to public service and voter engagement, helping strengthen civic participation in her community. It was a privilege to recognize her remarkable milestone and lasting impact.



Cooper City

Town Events

Pembroke Pines

FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM GALA

Saturday, January 17, 2026 | 6:30 - 9:00PM
Cooper City High School
9401 Stirling Road
Formal Attire

REGISTRATION INFORMATION
Event is open to Cooper City residents only.
Proof of current residency required with Drivers License or Utility Bill.

Registration Opens: Wednesday, December 17
(Registration open until January 9 or until full)

\$40 for Father & Daughter
\$17 per Additional Daughter
(Age range from kindergarten and up)

Registration can be completed online or at the following locations:
Community Center - 9000SW50th Place
Pool & Tennis Center - 11600 Stonebridge Pkwy

SCAN ME

Cooper City Parks and Recreation

The City of Pembroke Pines Presents the First

MLK 2026

PARADE & CELEBRATION

Join the City of Pembroke Pines in honoring **Martin Luther King Jr.**
Monday, January 19, 2026
9:00AM - 12:30PM
Charles F. Dodge City Center
601 City Center Way

Parade begins at 9 AM
Celebrations begin at 10AM

Follow the City! [@cityofppines](#) [fb.me/cityofpembrokepines](#)

Enjoy a morning of poetry, live music by the Deep Fried Funk Band, a **vibrant 9 AM parade**, food trucks, vendors, interactive arts and crafts, and plenty of family-friendly activities. This special celebration honors the legacy of **Dr. King** while bringing our community together in music, unity, and pride.

Grand Marshalls:
Mayor Angelo Castillo and Shauna Hicks-Lee

For more details contact the Special Events Office at 954-392-2116 or visit [www.ppines.com](#)

SOUTHWEST RANCHES Food Festival

EVERY FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
4pm - 9pm

THE BEST GOURMET FOOD TRUCKS

16290 Griffin Road
Southwest Ranches FL 33331

Proceeds benefit the Aster Knight Southwest Ranches Parks Foundation

The City of Miramar Invites you to Reverend **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION**
MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2026
FREE ADMISSION

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"

PARADE & CELEBRATION

Parade starts at 11AM
Line up around Sherman Circle to watch the parade

Celebration Starts at 12PM - 2PM
(Follows immediately after parade)
Lakeshore Park, 8501 S. Sherman Circle
This is a fun-filled day of food and music

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 954.602.3178

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Celebrating the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

MLK DAY Celebration

FREE

January 16, 2026
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Dr. Martin L. King Jr. Community Center
2400 Charleston Street
Hollywood FL 33020

Food, arts & crafts, dance performances and more!

Live Performance by Valerie Tyson Band

Southwest Ranches

Town of Davie
Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026
1:00PM
PINE ISLAND MULTIPURPOSE CENTER
3801 S. PINE ISLAND RD.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

FOR INFORMATION
954-797-1181
Specialevents@davie-fl.gov

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Write Your Dream

Teen Poetry Workshop

Saturday, January 17 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
Preregistration is required. Call (954) 747-4646 for details.
Lunch and all materials will be provided.

Facilitated in partnership with the Jason Taylor Foundation's blueapple Poetry

FREE

WESTON Winter Safety Expo

Friday, January 23, 2026
6:00 - 8:30 PM
Weston Regional Park
2020 Saddle Club Road

WestonFL.org/Events

NEED ASSISTANCE? MY OFFICE IS HERE TO HELP



The District 35 Office proudly serves Cooper City, Davie, Hollywood, Miramar, Pembroke Pines, Southwest Ranches, Sunrise, and Weston.

My office is ready to assist with :

- Connecting you with local and state resources
- Addressing concerns with state government agencies
- Providing legislative updates and information
- Free Notary Services



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