

“THE SHARIEF TIMES”

A Senator on a Mission



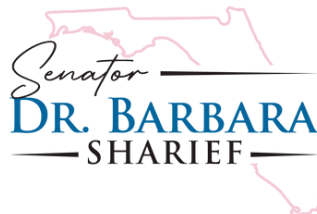
October 2025

Newsletter

As fall begins, the Florida Senate is preparing for interim committee weeks leading up to the 2026 Legislative Session. These meetings allow legislators to review proposals and shape policies that impact our communities. I currently serve on seven committees, where I will continue to advocate for District 35 and all Floridians. Serving in these roles gives me the opportunity to focus on issues that matter most, from protecting our seniors, families, and veterans to ensuring fiscal responsibility and building community resilience. Your needs remain at the center of every decision I make in Tallahassee.

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Committee Assignments



I'm honored to serve on the following Senate committees for the 2026 Legislative Session:

- **Banking and Insurance, Vice Chair**
- **Appropriations**
- **Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government**
- **Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services**
- **Children, Families, and Elder Affairs**
- **Community Affairs**
- **Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security**

You can follow me during Committee by watching on the Florida Channel.

<https://thefloridachannel.org/>

2026 Legislation Introduced

SENATE BILL 30

RATE FILING FOR PROPERTY INSURERS

Expands the powers of the consumer advocate in insurance proceedings and caps property insurance rate increases.

SENATE BILL 32

INJUNCTIONS FOR PROTECTION IN CASES OF REPEAT OR SERIOUS VIOLENCE

Expands protective injunctions to cover single acts of “serious violence,” not just repeat violence.

SENATE BILL 34

HISTORIC CEMETERIES PROGRAM

Strengthens the Historic Cemeteries Program by requiring local governments to approve zoning/land-use changes of excess land sold by historic African American cemeteries for maintenance funding.

SENATE BILL 36

USE OF PROFESSIONAL NURSING TITLES

Clarifies which doctoral titles nurses may use and requires them to specify their profession when using the title “Doctor”.

SENATE BILL 38

PARITY FOR NONNURSING SERVICES UNDER LONG-TERM MANAGED CARE PLANS

Requires AHCA to reimburse licensed non-nursing providers at equal or greater rates than unlicensed providers under Medicaid LTC.

2026 Legislative Bills Introduced Continued

SENATE BILL 40

MEDICAID PROVIDERS

Expands Medicaid managed care contract requirements to improve access and transparency.

SENATE BILL 42

SPECIFIC MEDICAL DIAGNOSES IN CHILD PROTECTIVE INVESTIGATIONS

Balances child-protection investigations with safeguards for families of children with rare/complex diagnoses.

SENATE BILL 46

NONPARTICIPATING AND OUT-OF-NETWORK NURSE REGISTRIES AND HOME HEALTH AGENCIES

Creates broad protections ensuring patients can use out-of-network nurse registries and HHAs, with reimbursement parity.

SENATE BILL 54

USE OF SUBSTANCES AFFECTING COGNITIVE FUNCTIONS

Requires autopsies and toxicology screening for mass shooter suspect (deceased or arrested) and mandates training on psychotropic drug effects for law enforcement and school safety staff.

SENATE BILL 56

RESIDENTIAL IMPACTS FROM MINING ACTIVITIES


Enhances protections for residents near construction materials mining activities.



LOCAL FUNDING INITIATIVE REQUESTS



The Local Funding Initiative Requests (LFIR) are now
available for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year!



The Florida Senate
LocalFundingInitiativeRequest
Fiscal Year 2026-2027

1. Project Title Senate Sponsor

2. Date of Request

3. Project/Program Description

4.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds <Choose Agency>
State Agency contacted? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2026/2027

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	0

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	0	%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	%
Local	0	%
Other	0	%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	0	%

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Appropriations Check Presentation



THIS PAST MONTH, I HAD THE HONOR OF PRESENTING TWO SECURED APPROPRIATION FUNDING'S FROM THIS PAST SESSION.

EVERY MOTHER'S ADVOCATE:

- **\$300,000** TO LAUNCH A CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION PILOT. THE PILOT WILL SUPPORT 400-600 MOTHERS & CHILDREN IN BROWARD COUNTY, KEEP FAMILIES TOGETHER WITH EDUCATION, SUPPORT SERVICES & STRONGER SAFETY NETS.

CHILDREN'S HARBOR INCORPORATED

- **\$300,000** TO REPLACE AGING ROOF FOR A CAMPUS THAT IS HOME TO 30 TEENAGERS. THE HOME PROVIDES A FAMILY LIKE ENVIRONMENT TO TEENAGERS IN FOSTER CARE AND THEIR YOUNGER SIBLINGS, WHO ALSO PROVIDE IN-HOUSE COUNSELING AND SUPPORT TO FAMILIES WHO ARE STRUGGLING IN OUR COMMUNITY,

FLORIDA'S SECOND AMENDMENT SALES TAX HOLIDAY



THE FOLLOWING SUPPLIES ARE TAX FREE:

ELIGIBLE FISHING SUPPLIES:

- BAIT & TACKLE (\$5 INDIVIDUAL ITEMS & \$10 PACKAGED ITEMS)
- UP TO \$30 ON TACKLE BOXES AND BAGS
- RODS & REELS (\$75 INDIVIDUALLY & \$150 FOR A SET)



ELIGIBLE CAMPING SUPPLIES:

- CAMPING LANTERNS & FLASHLIGHTS (\$30 MAX)
- CAMPING STOVES, CHAIRS, HAMMOCKS, AND SLEEPING BAGS (\$50 MAX)
- TENTS (\$200 MAX)



ELIGIBLE HUNTING SUPPLIES:

- BOWS & CROSSBOWS (INCLUDING ACCESSORIES)
- AMMUNITION
- FIREARMS (INCLUDES PISTOLS, RIFLES, & SHOTGUNS)
- FIREARM ACCESSORIES (HOLSTERS, GRIPS, STOCKS, SIGHTS, & CLEANING KITS)



OFFICE OF STATE SENATOR
DR. BARBARA SHARIEF



SEPTEMBER 8TH – DECEMBER 31ST 2025

TRICK-OR-TREAT SMART: SAFETY FIRST!

IF YOU'RE TAGGING ALONG WITH YOUR LITTLE ONES, OR
LETTING THE OLDER KIDS GO WITH FRIENDS. MAKE SURE TO
REMEMBER THESE SAFETY TIPS WHILE COLLECTING TREATS!

- BE VISIBLE
- GO IN GROUPS
- CHECK YOUR TREATS
- RESPECT NEIGHBORHOODS
- STAY ALERT



September Event Recap



Mark Your Calendars



Cooper City

HALLOWEEN HOME DECORATING CONTEST

DATE: OCTOBER 1- OCTOBER 24 TO REGISTER

FEE: THERE IS A \$5 ENTRANCE FEE FOR THE CONTEST.

“FROM CREEPY TO DOWNRIGHT CREATIVE, WE INVITE YOU TO CAST YOUR SPELLS TO TRANSFORM YOUR HOME INTO A "SPOOKTACULAR" SIGHT! HOMES WILL BE JUDGED ON THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES: SCARIEST, MOST CREATIVE, AND OVERALL APPEARANCE. JUDGING WILL TAKE PLACE ON OCTOBER 28 AND 29, FROM 6:45 PM TO 9 PM.”

BOO-PER CITY HALLOWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA

DATE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

TIME: 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

LOCATION:

MEMORIAL PARK

9001 SW 51 STREET

COOPER CITY, FL 33328

“BRING YOUR LITTLE GHOULS AND GOBLINS AND ENJOY COOPER CITY'S HALLOWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA! THIS EVENT WILL FEATURE A FAMILY-FRIENDLY TRUNK-OR-TREAT FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS, ALONG WITH CLASSIC HALLOWEEN MUSIC AND OTHER "FANGTASTIC" ACTIVITIES. THIS EVENT IS FREE TO ATTEND AND OPEN TO ALL AGES.”



TRICK OR TREAT SHOP TO SHOP

DATE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

LOCATION:

COUNTRYSIDE SHOPS

5524 S. FLAMINGO ROAD

COOPER CITY, FL 33330

STROLL THROUGH A SHOPPING CENTER FOR TRICKS AND TREATS, AND MAKE SURE TO DRESS THE PART FOR AN EXCITING COSTUME CONTEST!

COSTUME CONTEST TIMES & INFORMATION:

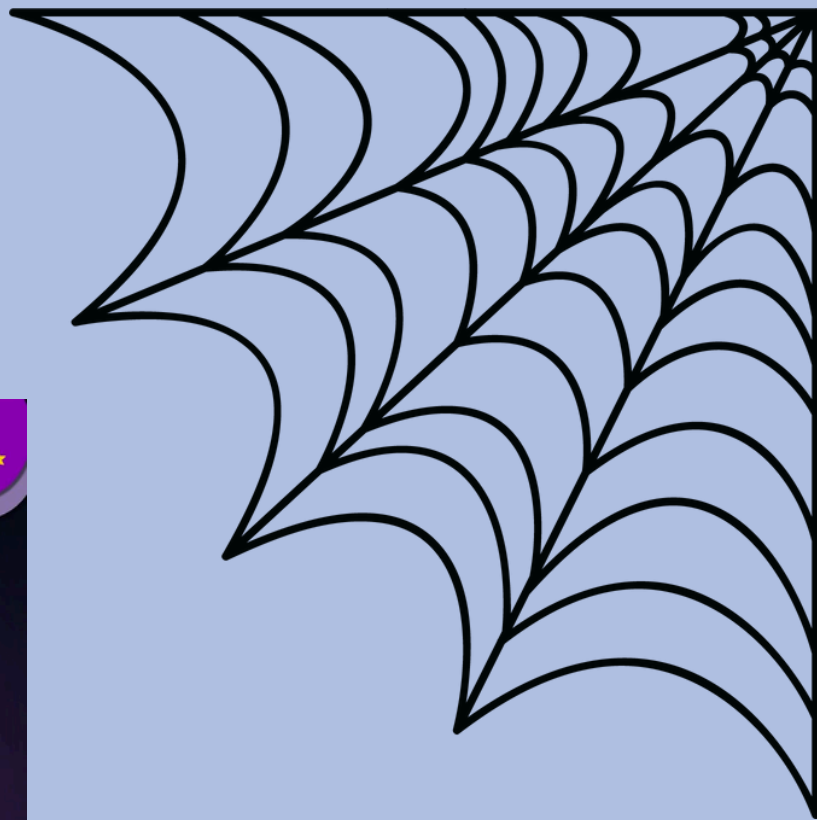
10:30 AM

11:00 AM

11:30 AM

COSTUME CONTEST PARTICIPANTS SHOULD ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 10 MINUTES PRIOR TO THE CONTEST START TIME AND CAN ONLY PARTAKE IN ONE OF THE THREE CONTESTS. EACH CONTEST IS FOR ALL AGE GROUPS. THERE IS NO PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

DAVIE



TOWN OF DAVIE

HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025 | 10:00am-1:00pm

BERGERON RODEO GROUNDS-4201 RODEO WAY

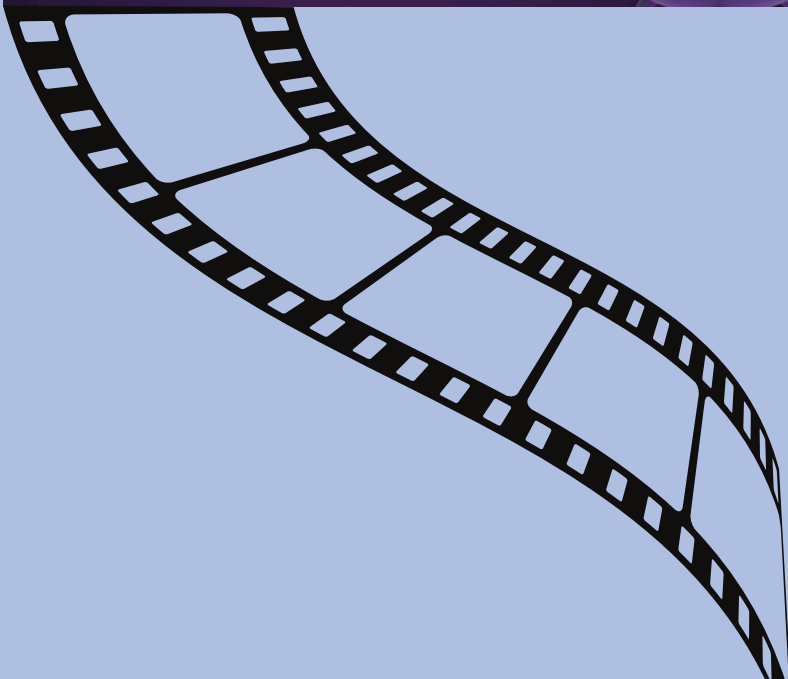
Not So Spooky Activities | Live Entertainment | Horse Costume Contest | Kids/Family Costume Contest

FREE Admission for Davie Residents

FOR INFORMATION
WWW.DAVIE-FL.GOV/HALLOWEEN
954-797-1181

100 YEARS OF TRAILBLAZING

Play Davie



TOWN OF DAVIE PRESENTS

MOVIE IN THE PARK

OCTOBER 17 - 7 P.M.
COCO - PG

NOVEMBER 14 - 7 P.M.
FREEBIRDS - PG

DECEMBER 13 - 7 P.M.
CHRISTMAS CHRONICLES - PG

Bamford Sports Complex
3801 S. Pine Island Rd.

Light refreshments will be available.
Gates open at 6 p.m.
For more information, call 954-797-1181

Play Davie

Hollywood



Boo Bash
Friday, October 24
5 to 10 pm
ArtsPark at Young Circle
in downtown Hollywood
FREE HOWL-OWEEN FUN FOR KIDS

100
CITY OF HOLLYWOOD
CENTENNIAL
1925 - 2025



ART & JAVA
OCTOBER 11
11am to 1pm
Fred Lippman
Multi-Purpose Center
2030 Polk Street

Unlock your passion and awaken your inner artist
**JOIN US FOR A FREE
COLORING EVENT WITH
ART ENTHUSIAST
SONJA IVEY**

**CALL TO REGISTER
CLASS SIZE LIMITED**
954.921.3408
www.hollywoodfl.org

100
CITY OF HOLLYWOOD
CENTENNIAL
1925 - 2025



2025 NATIONAL NIGHT Out
POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

**HOLLYWOOD POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

**Come Meet
K9
Casey!!**

Tuesday October 21, 2025*
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**Arts Park
at Young Circle**

Follow Us on Social Media for More Information

- SWAT
- K9
- McGruff
- Fire Department
- Drones
- CSI
- Honor Guard



MIRAMAR



FIRST FRIDAYS
NETWORK & Chill

Join us for a high-energy networking series curated JUST FOR YOU, ages 21-40 the next generation of entrepreneurs, side-hustlers, and creatives.
REAL TALK. REAL VIBES. REAL BUSINESS.
 Food | Music | Refreshments
October 3, 2025 | 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM
 Location: Miramar Multicultural Center Banquet Hall, 2400 Civic Center Pl., Miramar, FL 33025
 FREE w/ RSVP | Space Limited

GUEST SPEAKER
Spectacular Smith
 CEO - Advisor Inc & Spectacular Academy

Presented by Mayor Wayne M. Messam

REGISTER AT
 MIRAMARFIRSTFRIDAYS.EVENTBRITE.COM

We Listen. We Care. We Serve!

MIRAMARFL.gov/Business @CityofMiramar



Presented by Commissioner Maxwell B. Chambers
 954-602-3154 • mchambers@miramarfl.gov

THE AUTISM THEATER PROJECT
 Presents
The Achieve Anyway Show
 DO THE IMPOSSIBLE WITH THE VOICE INSIDE

Sunday, October 19, 2025
Miramar Cultural Center
 2400 Civic Center Pl, Miramar, FL 33025
SHOWTIME: 4PM

GENA SIMS
 786-294-7238

KAYLAH **MICHAEL**

PERFORMERS OF ALL ABILITIES AMAZE & INSPIRE.
 ACROBATICS • MUSIC • MOTIVATION • SCREENING OF THE VOICE INSIDE
 AWARD-WINNING WORK • INCREDIBLE STORIES

PURCHASE TICKETS AT MIRAMARCULTURALCENTER.ORG
 Tickets Pricing \$15, \$20 & \$25 *plus fees
 Proceeds benefits the Autism Theater Project

\$8 Student tickets (plus fees) with the purchase of an adult ticket

MIRAMAR TV
 Comcast 18 & AT&T U-Verse 99

MiramarCulturalCenter.org

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



Presented by Commissioner Avril Cherasard

FREE TO THE PUBLIC
SNEAKERS ON THE GROUND

Join us for a fun day of high-energy aerobics, dance parties, line dancing and candle light march.

With Jammin Jamei

FRIDAY
OCTOBER 17, 2025
6PM - 9PM
 Vernon E. Hargray
 Youth Enrichment Center Gymnasium
 7000 Miramar Pkwy, Miramar, FL 33025

HATS & FANS ARE WELCOME

 Ages 12+

Music by
DJ Gangalee

INSTRUCTOR
Jammin Jamei

wear PINK

Upcoming Dates: 11/07 and 12/19
 RSVP: SneakersOnTheGround.eventbrite.com
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COMMISSIONER CARSON "EDDY" EDWARDS
 PRESENTS
THE CHAMPION DANCE ENSEMBLE
 FROM KINGSTON, JAMAICA

VIBRATIONS
 A JAMAICAN DANCE PRODUCTION

Friday | October 17, 2025 | 8:00pm
 MIRAMAR CULTURAL CENTER • 2400 CIVIC CENTER PLACE, MIRAMAR FL 33025

Feel the energy and passion of Vibrations—an electrifying showcase of powerful performances and unforgettable storytelling.

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW
 and be moved by the experience!

Purchase tickets at: MiramarCulturalCenter.org
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Pembroke Pines



BOW WOW WEEEN

SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday, October 4, 2025
Officer Craig Rupp K-9 Park
9751 Johnson Street
9:00am - 12:30pm

Pet Related Vendor Booths and Sponsorships available.

ACTIVITIES FOR FUR FAMILIES!
COSTUME CONTEST WITH PRIZES!

- 10:00am - Mr. or Miss Bow Wow Ween Contest
- 10:30am - Funniest Costume
- 11:00am - Cutest Costume
- 11:30am - Most Original Costume
- 12:00pm - Best Family Costume

For event details, contact the Special Events office at 954-392-2116 or visit www.ppin.es.com

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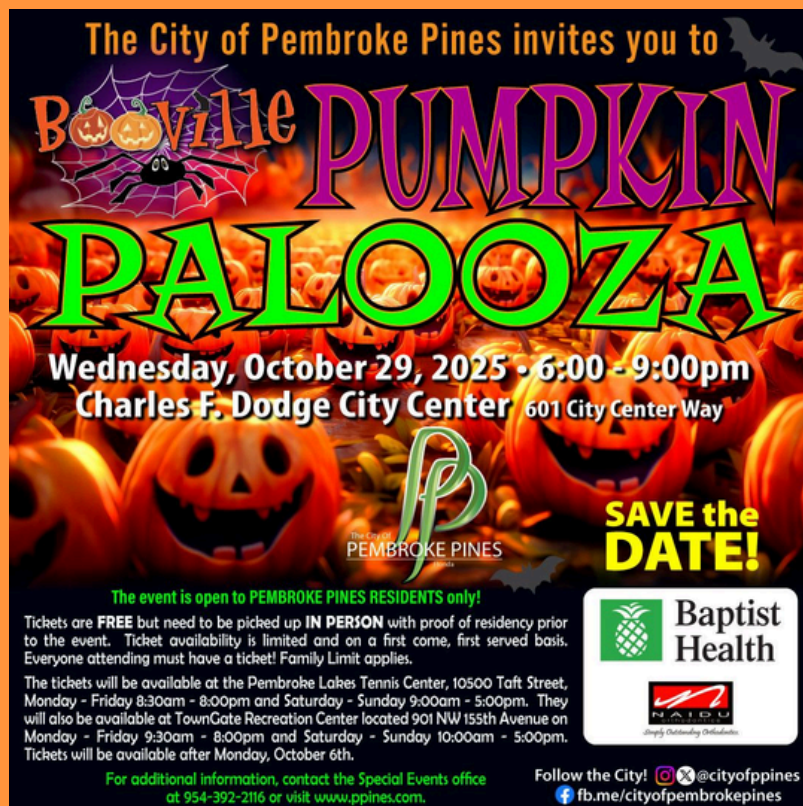
Beats & Bites
Where Music Meets Flavor

Throwback Thursdays:
October 23, 2025
November 20, 2025
December 18, 2025
7PM-9 PM
Charles F. Dodge City Center
601 City Center Way

NEW CONCERT SERIES BROUGHT TO YOU BY:

For more information call 954-392-2116 or visit www.ppin.es.com/specialevents



The City of Pembroke Pines invites you to

BooVille PUMPKIN PALOOZA

Wednesday, October 29, 2025 - 6:00 - 9:00pm
Charles F. Dodge City Center 601 City Center Way


SAVE the DATE!

The event is open to PEMBROKE PINES RESIDENTS only!

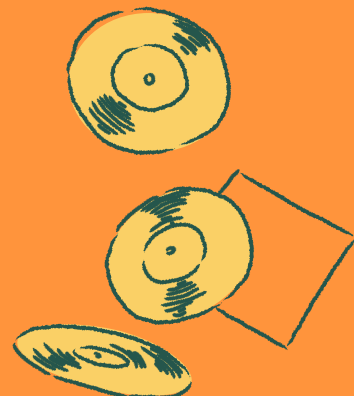
Tickets are **FREE** but need to be picked up **IN PERSON** with proof of residency prior to the event. Ticket availability is limited and on a first come, first served basis. Everyone attending must have a ticket! Family Limit applies.

The tickets will be available at the Pembroke Lakes Tennis Center, 10500 Taft Street, Monday - Friday 8:30am - 8:00pm and Saturday - Sunday 9:00am - 5:00pm. They will also be available at TownGate Recreation Center located 901 NW 155th Avenue on Monday - Friday 9:30am - 8:00pm and Saturday - Sunday 10:00am - 5:00pm. Tickets will be available after Monday, October 6th.

For additional information, contact the Special Events office at 954-392-2116 or visit www.ppin.es.com.



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Southwest Ranches



FREE PARKING

BUY TICKETS

**SOUTHWEST RANCHES
PUMPKIN
PATCH
Festival**

**CARVE OUT SOME FUN
AT THE PATCH!**

PUMPKIN PATCH

CARNIVAL RIDES

INFLATABLE ZONE

FALL FOOD COURT

MIDWAY TRAILERS

VARIETY SHOWS

OCTOBER 16, 17, 18, 19

OCT 16-17 THURS & FRI 5-9PM • OCT 18 SAT 10AM-9PM • OCT 19 SUN 10AM-5PM

SOUTHWEST RANCHES SANCTUARY PARK

SWRanchesPumpkinPatch

TICKETS: SWRANCHESPUMPKINPATCH.COM

Sponsored by Aster Knight Foundation



**SOUTHWEST RANCHES
Food Festival**

**EVERY FIRST
TUESDAY OF
THE MONTH**
4pm - 9pm

- September 2, 2025
- October 7, 2025
- November 4, 2025
- December 2, 2025

**THE BEST GOURMET
FOOD TRUCKS**

**16290 Griffin Road
Southwest Ranches FL 33331**

**Proceeds benefit the Aster Knight
Southwest Ranches Parks Foundation**



**Southwest Ranches Presents
Mayors' Chess Challenge**

**Saturday, October 18, 2024
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, FL 33330**

**Contact: December Lauretano-Haines
954-343-7452
dlauretano@southwestranches.org**



Sunrise



SUNRISE
AMPHITHEATER

GRAND RE-OPENING

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY
Starts at 6 pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4
5:30 pm to 9:30 pm
10770 W OAKLAND PARK BLVD.

NIGHTTIME DRONE SHOW

GYPSY LANE BAND

FREE Popcorn,
Snow Cones and Giveaways
(while supplies last)

@cityofsunrise
sunrisefl.gov/events

CITY OF SUNRISE
FLORIDA

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FLORIDA

WRITING WORKSHOP &
TEEN OPEN MIC NIGHT

PRESENTED IN
COLLABORATION WITH:

Jason Taylor Foundation
BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE

blurple
POETRY NETWORK

LYRICAL LOUNGE

FRIDAY
OCTOBER 17, 2025

WRITING WORKSHOP BEGINS AT 6 PM, ART GALLERY
OPEN MIC BEGINS AT 7 PM, ART GALLERY

Sunrise Civic Center

Free Admission | Light Refreshments

SUNRISEFL.GOV/LYRICAL #LYRICALLOUNGE

A photograph of a young Black woman with long braids, wearing a plaid shirt, speaking into a vintage-style microphone. She is holding a book or paper.

Weston



THE CITY OF WESTON
Disney
Lilo & Stitch
Saturday, October 11
8:00 PM

FREE MOONLIGHT MOVIES
in the PARK
Fall 2025

Weston Regional Park (Event Stage)
20200 Saddle Club Road

For more information, please call 954-389-4321 or visit
WestonFL.org/Events



THE CITY OF WESTON
ARTS COUNCIL OF GREATER WESTON

CHALK PARK
IN THE
INTO THE JUNGLE

Saturday
October 18, 2025
11 AM

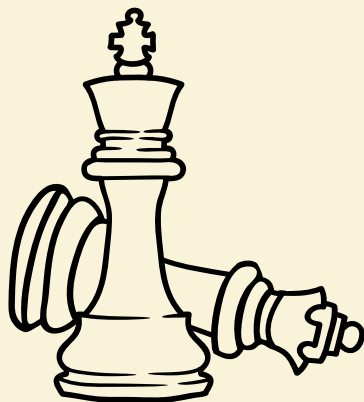
Check-in begins at 10:15 AM
Designs must be completed by 1 PM

Library Park
4255 Bonaventure Boulevard

- All ages/artistic levels welcome
- Participation is first-come, first served
- Limited supplies available
- DJ and giveaways
- Photo opportunities
- Prizes will be awarded

3-D Chalk Artist On-Site!

WestonFL.org/Events




11TH ANNUAL
MAYORS' CHALLENGE

WESTON CHESS CHALLENGE
Saturday, October 11, 2025
10 AM – 12 PM
Weston Community Center
20200 Saddle Club Road
ALL AGES AND SKILL LEVELS WELCOME!

JOIN MAYOR BROWN,
CITY COMMISSIONERS AND LEADERS
THROUGHOUT BROWARD COUNTY

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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