#### "THE SHARIEF TIMES"

#### A Senator on a Mission



#### September 2025 Newsletter

As your State Senator, it is my honor to represent the residents of District 35 and continue advocating for the issues that matter most to our community.

From hurricane preparedness to youth empowerment, women's leadership, behavioral health, and support for our veterans, I remain committed to ensuring that every voice is heard and every need is addressed. Together, we can build a stronger, safer, and more united community.

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#### Remembering September 11, 2001

As we enter September, we take time to pause and reflect on one of the most solemn days in our nation's history. September 11th will forever remain a day of remembrance for the nearly 3,000 innocent lives lost, the brave first responders who sacrificed everything, and the families who continue to carry the weight of that loss.

Though more than two decades have passed, the memory of that day reminds us of the strength, courage, and unity that define the American spirit. In the face of tragedy, we came together as one nation, determined to support one another and to never forget.

On this anniversary, let us honor the fallen, uplift the survivors, and recommit ourselves to building stronger, safer, and more compassionate communities here in District 35, across the State of Florida, and throughout our entire nation.

May we always remember.

#### 📌 September 11th Remembrance

Please join in a moment of silence at 8:46 AM to honor the lives lost and the heroes who gave everything.  $_{\mbox{\scriptsize Q}}$ 



#### Mental Health Matters

I recently toured the Broward Behavioral Health Coalition-Smith Community Mental Health Center, where I witnessed their Care Coordination for Children with Juvenile Justice Involvement program in action. Judges and community leaders praised its innovative approach to helping our youth find stability and brighter futures.

This September, let's continue the conversation on mental health and support those who may be struggling. Remembe, you are never alone.









### Town of Davie Veteran's Breakfast

As a member of the Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security Committee, I am committed to protecting veterans' benefits, supporting local initiatives that uplift them, and ensuring no policy negatively impacts their well-being.

Florida is home to one of the largest veteran populations in the country, and it's essential that our heroes and their families know where to turn for support. Below are some valuable resources available to veterans in our community:

- ₱ Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs (FDVA)

  Connects veterans with earned benefits, education, healthcare, and housing assistance.
- Broward County Veterans Services
  Provides guidance on VA benefits, claims, and local programs.
- ⊗ Broward Veterans Services | 954-357-6622
- 📌 Veterans Crisis Line
- 24/7 confidential support for veterans and their loved ones. Dial 988 then Press 1 | Text  $838255\,$





#### ARC Broward

Met with Julie Price, President & CEO of ARC Broward in Sunrise to learn more about their incredible programs, from early childhood services to opportunities for young adults. Their amazing culinary program, with a fully equipped kitchen, inspires creativity and skill building. ARC Broward is truly making a difference in our community!

For more information on ARC Broward and their Programs visit: www.arcbroward.com



#### 2025 Legislative Session Appropriations



Boys & Girls Club of Broward County Florence A. De George Center

Presented a \$400,000 ceremonial check to the Boys and Girls Club of Broward County Florence A. De George Center! This funding, secured in the past legislative session, will strengthen youth programs and community services. Touring the facility and hearing from the kids about their dreams for the future was truly inspiring.

For more information on the Boys & Girls Club of Broward County Florence A De George Center visit: www.bgcbc.org/florence-de-george-club/



#### **Panel Discusions**



#### Miramar Pembroke Pines Chamber of Commerce Eggs & Issues Legislative Breakfast

As a panelist in celebration of Women's Day, I shared stories from my entrepreneurial and political journeys and joined a discussion on the importance of uplifting one another. Every step forward for one woman is a step forward for us all. Let's continue to support, respect, and celebrate each other as we work toward equality in the workplace and beyond.

#### Women's Equality Day Kendra Scott Pembroke Pines

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## Out & About



# Mark Your Calendar!

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#### Labor Day – September 1

Honoring the hardworking men and women who keep our country strong.

#### Patriot Day – September 11 🤾

We pause to honor the lives lost, the heroes who responded, and the resilience of our nation.

#### Rosh Hashanah – September 22–24 🔯

Wishing a sweet and meaningful New Year to all who celebrate.

#### Constitution Day – September 17 🧵

Recognizing the signing of our nation's founding document in 1787.

#### National Voter Registration Day – September 23 🏯

A reminder to check your voter registration status and encourage others to do the same.

#### Hispanic Heritage Month Begins – September 15 🎉

Celebrating the culture, history, and contributions of Hispanic and Latino communities.

#### Gold Star Mother's & Family Day – September 28 🌟

Honoring the families of fallen service members who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

# SENATOR DR. SHARIEF JOIN US FOR ELDER LAW ADVICE

AT CENTURY VILLAGE DEMOCRATIC CLUB

"Because understanding your rights means protecting your future."

#### **Topics to discuss:**

- Financial Exploitation
- Gain knowledge on legal tools
- Combat Exploitation
- Learn the risk factors



1200 SW 136th Ave, Pembroke Pines, FL 33027

THURSDAY, SEPT 4<sup>TH</sup> AT 1:30PM

Law office of Stephanie L. Schneider, P.A. Board Certified Elder Law Attorney



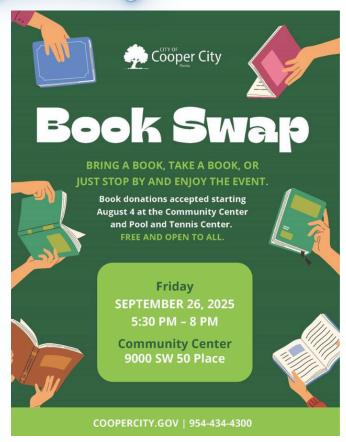


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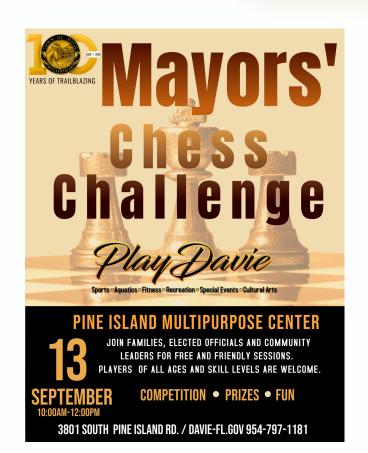
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### City of Hollywood





The City of Hollywood's centennial celebration continues! Events and activities have been happening all year, leading up to the big celebration November 20th - 22nd! As a Hollywood resident who is about to reach, has reached, or surpassed your 100th birthday milestone, Mayor Josh Levy, City Commissioners, and the Executive team would like to take some time to celebrate you!

The first step is to register yourself, or a Hollywood resident that you know is turning 100 this year, or is already 100 years old or older.

Once the form has been filled out, Nancy Weisberg-Caruso from the Office of the Mayor and Commission will reach out to you with more information about the recognition options.

All City of Hollywood centenarians must be registered by November 1, 2025 for recognition.

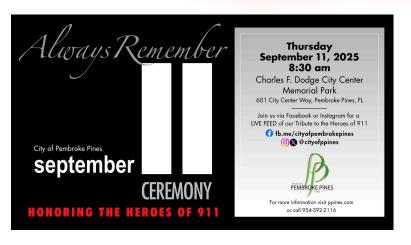
REGISTER: https://www.hollywoodfl.org/.../City-of-Hollywood

### City of Miramar





### City of Pembroke Pines



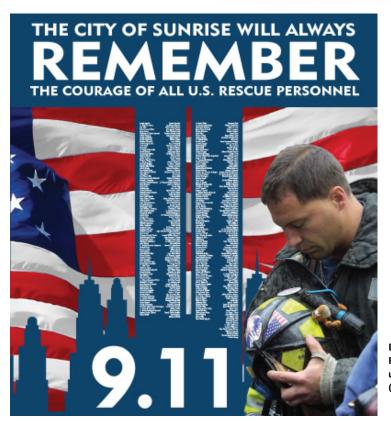


### Town of Southwest Ranches





### City of Sunrise





Saturday, September 27, 2025 10 am to 1 pm Welleby Park, 11100 NW 44th Street, Sunrise 33351

Enjoy a petting zoo, games, rides and more! Food and retail vendors will also be on-site. Admission is \$5 per child age 12 and under. For more information, contact the Sunrise Leisure Services Department: (954) 747-4600.

### City of Weston



### 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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