

“THE SHARIEF TIMES”

A Senator on a Mission



December 2025 Edition

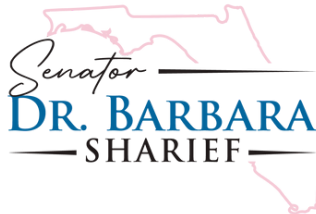


December offers us a moment to reflect on what we've accomplished and look ahead to the opportunities before us. Throughout 2025, I have advanced legislation to improve healthcare access, addressing property insurance challenges, and strengthening resources for families, seniors, and small businesses.

As we prepare for the upcoming legislative session, I remain committed to building on this progress and ensuring that the voices of our community continue to guide the work ahead. May this season bring you peace, connection, and a hopeful start to the New Year.

Senator Dr. Barbara Sharief

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SENATOR DR. BARBARA SHARIEF

LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2026 UPDATE

SB 30 — Rate Filings for Property Insurers

Limits excessive property-insurance rate increases and boosts consumer protections.

SB 32 — Injunctions for Protection

Strengthens injunction options and protections for victims of serious or repeated violence.

SB 34 — Historic Cemeteries Program

Creates a statewide program to identify, preserve, and protect historic cemeteries.

SB 36 — Use of Professional Nursing Titles

Ensures proper use of protected nursing titles and professional credentials.

SB 38 — Parity for Nonnursing Services Under Long-Term Managed Care Plans

Provides equal treatment and funding for non-nursing long-term care services.

SB 40 — Medicaid Providers

Ensures Medicaid enrollees have evening/weekend access and strengthens provider availability standards.

SB 42 — Specific Medical Diagnoses in Child Protective Investigations

Requires DCF to consider medical diagnoses to prevent wrongful family separations.

SB 54 — Use of Substances Affecting Cognitive Function

Regulates substances that significantly impair cognitive function and may impact public safety.

SB 56 — Residential Impacts from Mining Activities

Addresses mining-related property damage and strengthens protections for nearby residents.

SB 94 — Suicide Prevention for Active & Former Military Members

Expands suicide-prevention programs for active-duty service members, Guard/Reserve, and veterans.

SB 96 — Veterans Dental Care Grant Program

Creates a statewide grant program to provide dental care for veterans.

SB 190 — Impact of Perimenopause & Menopause on Women's Health

Improves research, education, and policy regarding menopause and perimenopause.

SB 196 — Uterine Fibroid Research Database

Creates a statewide database to improve research, data collection, and treatment policy for uterine fibroids.

SB 210 — Public Records / Protection Petitions for Serious Violence

Protects sensitive personal information in petitions for serious-violence protection orders.



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Upcoming Committee Meetings

Weeks Five & Six



Tuesday, December 2th, 2025

10 am-12 pm: Military and Veteran Affairs,
Space, and Domestic Security

3:30-5:30pm: Community Affairs

Tuesday, December 9th, 2025

10 am-12 pm: Military and Veteran Affairs,
Space, and Domestic Security

10 am-12 pm: Children, Families, and Elder Affairs

3:30-5:30pm: Community Affairs

Wednesday, December 10th, 2025

9:00-11:00am: Appropriations

You can follow me during Committee by watching on the Florida Channel. <https://thefloridachannel.org/>

Capitol Connection

11/04/25-

Presenting SB 96 was especially meaningful. This bill expands dental care access for Florida veterans by updating program eligibility and providing recurring funding to support essential oral health services. Ensuring our veterans receive the care they deserve is a priority, and I'm grateful that SB 96 passed its first committee.



11/18/25-

I was proud to present SB 32, a bill that improves transparency and strengthens oversight in property insurance rate filings. It ensures insurers use clear, reviewable data and enhances consumer protections. I'm grateful it passed its first committee and look forward to advancing this important work for Florida homeowners.

11/18/25-

With SB 210, my focus was on strengthening safety and protecting privacy. This bill shields sensitive information in certain injunction petitions until the respondent is served. I appreciate the thoughtful discussion from my colleagues, and I'm glad to report the bill advanced through its first committee.



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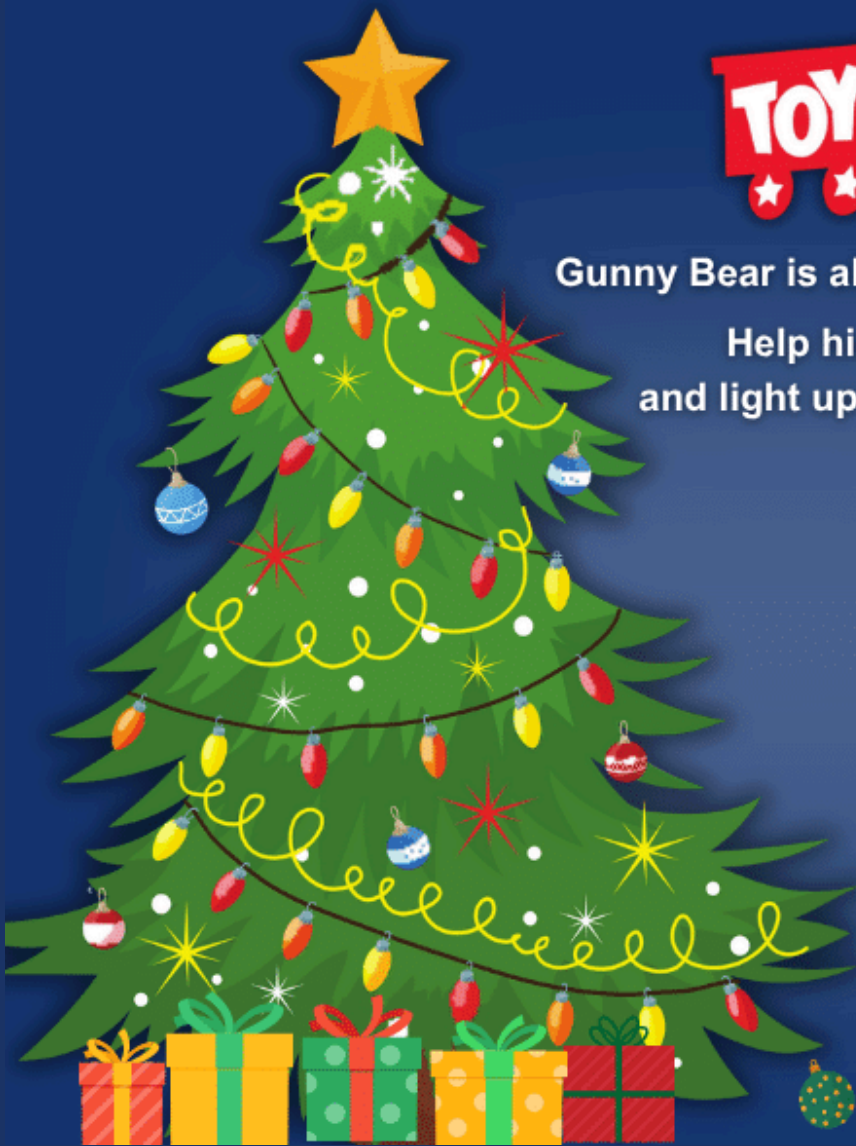
I brought forward SB 40 to make sure Medicaid enrollees can get care when they need it. This bill requires managed care plans to offer more after-hours and weekend appointments and keep their provider directories up to date. By improving access and accountability, SB 40 helps families avoid unnecessary delays. I'm pleased it cleared its first committee with strong support.





Gunny Bear is all “wrapped up” in the holiday spirit!

Help him provide hope and joy —
and light up Christmas for children in need!



NEW, UNWRAPPED TOYS WELCOME



NOW – DECEMBER 16TH



MONDAY – FRIDAY | 9 AM – 5 PM



3351 N. UNIVERSITY DRIVE, SUITE A
DAVIE, FL 33024

HONORING HAROLD L. SMITH



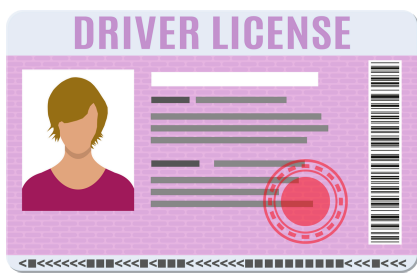
This month, I was proud to present a proclamation recognizing Harold L. Smith, a remarkable 102 year old World War II veteran whose life stands as a testament to service, resilience, and joy.

Mr. Smith's legacy reaches far beyond his military heroism. He has spent a lifetime uplifting others as a volunteer, educator, dancer, singer, gardener, and tireless community servant. Guided by faith and fueled by purpose, he continues to inspire everyone around him with his generosity, wisdom, and unwavering commitment to giving back.

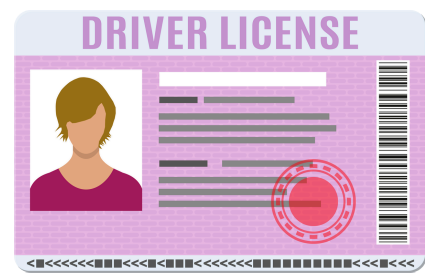
His century of life reflects the very best of our nation's values: courage, compassion, dedication, and the belief that service to others is the highest calling. It is an honor to celebrate Harold L. Smith and to recognize the incredible impact he has made on the lives of so many.

✦ Proclamation in Honor of Harold L. Smith

A tribute to his lifetime of service, leadership, and extraordinary spirit.



DMV ON



WHEELS



ON NOVEMBER 10TH, MY OFFICE PARTNERED WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES TO HOST A DMV FLOW EVENT, AND I'M PROUD TO SHARE IT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS. RESIDENTS WERE ABLE TO RENEW LICENSES, UPDATE IDS, AND ACCESS ESSENTIAL DMV SERVICES RIGHT IN THEIR OWN COMMUNITY.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED AND TO THE DEDICATED DMV TEAM FOR HELPING US PROVIDE CONVENIENT, ACCESSIBLE SUPPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF DISTRICT 35.

NOVEMBER RECAP



HAPPY HOLIDAYS



As we close out the year, I want to extend my warmest wishes to everyone celebrating throughout this holiday season. December brings a number of meaningful traditions observed by communities of many faiths and backgrounds, each reminding us of the importance of family, reflection, generosity, and hope.

No matter how you celebrate, may this season fill your home with peace and your heart with joy. Let us continue to uplift one another, honor our diverse traditions, and move into the new year with unity and gratitude – here in District 35, throughout Florida, and across our nation.

Wishing you and your loved ones a safe, joyful, and restorative holiday season.

📌 Happy Holidays from District 35

December



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

COOPER CITY



PARKS and RECREATION
COOPER CITY

LIGHT UP COOPER CITY

DECEMBER 5
FROM 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

MEMORIAL PARK
9001 SW 51ST STREET,
COOPER CITY, FL 33328

Celebrate the most wonderful time of the year with us, as we light up Memorial Park with holiday cheer! This annual celebration features community performances, a holiday bazaar, food vendors, sounds of the season and the arrival of Santa Claus!

WANT TO TAKE PART AS A VENDOR?
Scan the QR code to download the application.

954.434.4300
WWW.COOPERCITY.GOV

SCAN ME



CITY OF COOPER CITY

JOIN US FOR

COOKIES & Cocoa with Santa

Enjoy an evening of delicious cookies and cocoa, crafts, pictures with Santa, and much more!

FRIDAY DECEMBER 12 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
COMMUNITY CENTER
9000 SW 50TH PLACE

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Event is open to Cooper City residents only. Proof of residency is required. Limited space. No on-site registration.
Registration opens Wednesday, November 12
Deadline to register is Monday, December 8 or until full

\$15.00 per child | \$20.00 per adult
Registration available online, at the Community Center, and at the Pool & Tennis Center

Recommended for children in third grade and below.

954-434-4300
WWW.COOPERCITY.GOV

DAVIE



10 YEARS OF TRAILBLAZING

THE TOWN OF DAVIE'S HOLIDAY

Lighting of THE GREENS

DEC 6 6-9 P.M.

LIGHT UP THE PARK WITH TOWN DIGNITARIES ★ LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
JINGLE BELL HORSE PARADE ★ VISITS WITH SANTA ★ KIDS ACTIVITIES

BAMFORD SPORTS COMPLEX
3801 S. PINE ISLAND ROAD

For more information, contact speialevents@davie-fl.gov or 954-797-1181

Play Davie



10 YEARS OF TRAILBLAZING

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

Presented by the City of Hollywood
Department of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts

69th Annual
**Candy Cane
PARADE
& CONCERT**

Saturday, December 6th at 7pm
Hollywood Beach Broadwalk
Broadcast live on WPLG Channel 10

Join us for a *Journey Through the Decades* on Hollywood Beach for a holiday parade featuring high school marching bands, festive floats, Santa, and a **concert by Making Faces** after the parade.
www.HollywoodFL.org • 954.921.3404

Drop off an unwrapped toy donation at the Johnson Street Bandshell

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MOSS MARGARITAVILLE Beach Resort
HONU HONOLULU
KEYES KEYES
PORT EVERGLADES PORT EVERGLADES
Local 10 WPLG Local 10 WPLG
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BE ON THE GREEN.

GREATER HOLLYWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & CITY OF HOLLYWOOD HOST

GOLF CLASSIC

A CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION ON THE COURSE.

DECEMBER 12, 2025
SHOTGUN 11:30AM

ORANGEBROOK GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
400 ENTRADA DR, HOLLYWOOD, FL 33021

SPONSORED BY

NIV5 **WASTE PRO** **PARKER DENTISTRY** **KM HOLLYWOOD KIA**

RSVP HOLLYWOODCHAMBER.ORG | ADMISSION / \$950 FOURSOME / \$250 INDIVIDUAL | SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

MIRAMAR

The City of Miramar Invites You to the

**Holiday
TREE LIGHTING**

Tuesday, December 2, 2025 | 6PM - 8PM
Miramar Town Center Plaza
2300 Civic Center Place, Miramar, FL 33025
Live Holiday Performances | Special Visitor from the North Pole!

Register at: [HolidayTreeLighting2025.Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/holiday-tree-lighting-2025-tickets-754444444444)

We Listen. We Care. We Serve!

For more information, call 954-602-3178

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@CityofMiramar

The City of Miramar INVITES YOU TO

**Miramar's
VERY MERRY
CELEBRATION**

SHIRLEY BRANCA PARK
6900 Miramar Pkwy
Miramar, FL 33023

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2025 | 6PM - 8PM

FEATURING
Live Entertainment and Tree Lighting.
Food & Beverages available for purchase.
Bring your own Chairs and Blankets!

REGISTER AT: [VERYMERRYMIRAMAR2025.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/very-merry-miramar-2025-tickets-754444444444)

For more information, call 954-602-3178.

Mayor Wayne H. Messian
Vice Mayor Yvette Colbourne
Commissioner Marshall B. Chambers
Commissioner Ariel Charnaud
Commissioner Caron "Toby" Edwards

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Pembroke Pines

City of Pembroke Pines Recreation and Cultural Arts Department presents

SNOWFEST & LIGHTING CEREMONY

FREE for Pembroke Pines Residents ONLY!

Saturday, December 6, 2025 | 4-8PM
Charles F. Dodge City Center
601 City Center Way

TONS of SNOW!
 Ugly Sweater Contest
 5:00-6:00PM

Visits With Santa
 4:30 - 7:30 PM

Lighting Ceremony
 6:30PM

The event is open to PEMBROKE PINES RESIDENTS only. Tickets are FREE but need to be picked up IN PERSON with proof of residency (Driver's License & Pembroke Pines Utility Bill) 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.

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 the TownGate Recreation Center, 901 NW 155th Ave, Monday - Friday 9:30AM-8:00PM and Saturday - Sunday 10:00AM - 5:00PM.
 Tickets will be available on Monday, November 3rd.
 Note: Maximum of 6 tickets per household.

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

Follow the City! [@cityofpines](https://www.facebook.com/cityofpembrokepines) [fb.me/cityofpembrokepines](https://www.instagram.com/cityofpines)



STUDIO 18 ART COMPLEX

HOLIDAY Market

13TH DECEMBER | 11 AM - 3 PM

SHOP ORIGINAL ART, HANDMADE GIFTS, AND CREATIVE TREASURES – ALL \$20 & UNDER!

FREE ADMISSION | HOLIDAY VIBES | LOCAL ARTISTS

STUDIO 18 ART COMPLEX
 CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES
 1101 POINCIANA DRIVE
 PEMBROKE PINES, FL 33025
 954-961-6067 | STUDIO18@PPINES.COM

SOUTHWEST RANCHES

THE SOUTHWEST RANCHES COMMUNITY

Farmer's Market

NEW SEASON begins **Sept 20**
 Open every **Saturday AND Sunday**

SATURDAY: 10AM - 3PM
SUNDAY: 11AM - 4PM

FRESH LOCAL PRODUCE

16290 Griffin Rd., SW Ranches, FL

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

Sunrise



The Fort Lauderdale Youth Ballet presents
The Nutcracker

SUNRISE CIVIC CENTER THEATRE

Friday, December 12 at 7:00 pm
Saturday, December 13 at 7:00 pm
Sunday, December 14 at 4:00 pm

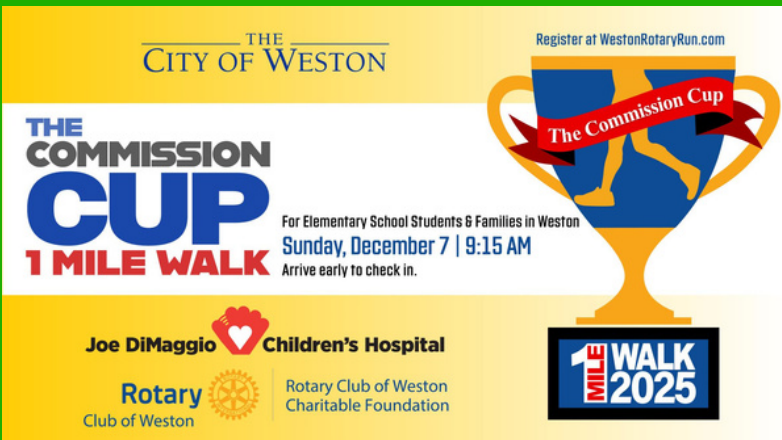
Reserved Seats \$35

For more upcoming shows, please visit www.sunrisefl.gov/theatre

Light Up THE Holidays

 SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH
 5:00PM - 9:00PM
 SUNRISE AMPHITHEATER
10770 WEST OAKLAND PARK
BOULEVARD
SUNRISE FL, 33051

Weston



THE CITY OF WESTON

THE COMMISSION CUP 1 MILE WALK

For Elementary School Students & Families in Weston
Sunday, December 7 | 9:15 AM
Arrive early to check in.

Register at WestonRotaryRun.com

The Commission Cup

1 MILE WALK 2025

Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital
Rotary Club of Weston
Rotary Club of Weston Charitable Foundation



THE CITY OF WESTON

SYMPHONY IN THE PARK

Holiday Favorites

Saturday
December 13, 2025
5 PM

Town Center Park
Amphitheater
1900 Bell Tower Lane

FREE ADMISSION

WestonFL.org/Events

ARTS COUNCIL OF GREATER 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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