

# Barbara Jordan

Miami-Dade County Commissioner

“One District,  
One Community”

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## Commissioner Jordan Initiative Implemented, Students Sworn in to Miami-Dade Youth Commission

Students ranging in age from 15 to 18 years are the new faces at Miami-Dade County Hall. Local leaders officially welcomed the group to the County’s first Youth Commission. The commission, conceived by Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan, was developed to provide young residents an opportunity to learn and participate in County government by articulating the issues and needs of youth in the community.



## District 1 Boundaries Expand to East and West

Recently, the Board of County Commissioners adopted a revised map of the 13 commission districts that make up Miami-Dade County. The 2010 Census figures unveiled a population shift that required that District 1 expand its boundaries to include Country Club of Miami, The Moors and a portion of the California Club area. The Board of County Commissioners, working with a professional planning consultant, helped redraw the boundaries.

District 1 is now bound by Countyline Road to the North, I-95 to the East, N.W. 135 Street to the South, and a portion of NW 78 Avenue to the West. A new map with the exact boundaries is on page two and is also available via my website at [www.miamidade.gov/district01](http://www.miamidade.gov/district01).

Let’s begin this partnership anew. Let’s make District 1 the best in Miami-Dade County. I truly believe that we are “One District, One Community.” (See page 2 for map)



## Hispanic Heritage Festival

The rain didn’t stop residents from celebrating Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan’s 5th Annual Hispanic Heritage Festival on Saturday, October 29 at Acadia Park. The free event featured various activities and presentations highlighting the positive influences of District 1’s growing Hispanic community. Sponsors included HorsePower Electric, MCM, Lehman Dealership Enterprises Inc., Warren Henry Automobiles Inc., Pollo Tropical, and Sedanos.



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## Commissioners Honor Fallen Soldiers

The Medal of Valor Ceremony was initiated by Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan after the death of local resident Louis Maxwell, Jr., who served as a United Nations Close Protection Officer. Maxwell died in 2009 protecting 34 U.N. employees whose hotel was raided by Taliban militants in Kabul, Afghanistan. Commissioner Jordan attended the funeral of Louis Maxwell, a resident of her district, only to discover that there was no formal recognition of his sacrifice by any state or federal agency. As a result, the Medal of Valor Ceremony began as a way to honor residents like Maxwell who died in the line of duty. In November, servicemen and women were acknowledged. The family members of the fallen U.S. soldiers accepted the highest award Miami-Dade

Commissioners can bestow on behalf of their loved one. The master of ceremony was NBC6 Anchor Willard Shepard.



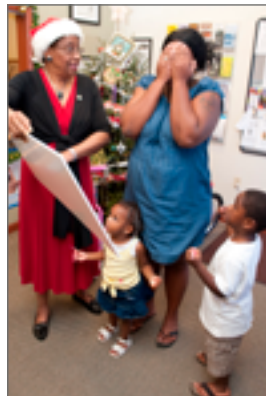
## Organization Applauds Commissioner Jordan for Assisting Small Businesses

CEOs and managers gathered recently to applaud Miami-Dade County Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan for her hard work and dedication on behalf of certified small business enterprises.

“Commissioner Jordan was selected because of her strong support of small businesses,” said Dorothy Brown Alfaro, public relations director of CSBE Association, Inc. “Her door is always open and she is conscience of our needs. She understands that small businesses are the backbone of Miami-Dade County.”

## Toy Drive Fills Void for Head Start Children & Helps Needy Families

Sporting a Santa hat and red jacket, Commissioner Jordan played the role of Saint Nick when she delivered hundreds of toys to children at two Head Start Centers in Miami Gardens. Recently, Commissioner Jordan brought smiles to the faces of 2-5 year olds when she handed out new dolls, cars, educational, and developmental toys. Commissioner Jordan also played Santa when she donated 24 bicycles. Three families also received food baskets and donated gift cards worth \$500 each.



## Movie Night in the Gardens 'Stole' Kids' Hearts

Scores of families turned out for the first Movie Night in the Gardens where the feature film "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," captured kids' hearts. Children, wrapped in blankets and sitting in their parents' laps, sat attentive as the mean Mr. Grinch transformed into a loving and caring creature. The movie, organized to jumpstart the holidays for residents in North Miami-Dade, was sponsored by Commissioner Jordan and City of Miami Gardens Councilman Oliver Gilbert.



## Commissioner Jordan Distributes 700 Turkeys to the Needy in District 1

Commissioner Jordan went door-to-door just before Thanksgiving, distributing turkey baskets to needy families in District 1. The veteran Commissioner dropped off turkeys to those who have experienced a financial hardship, unemployed, the elderly, and immobile. The annual event also enabled Commissioner Jordan to give away more than 700 turkeys at the Landmark Auditorium in Miami Gardens.

The turkey distribution effort was made possible by concerned corporate citizens including the Ted Lucas Foundation, World Waste Services, Falcon Air Trust, Landmark Aviation, Contractors Resource Center, and Farm Share.



# How you can help

There are always opportunities for private citizens to serve on committees that make important decisions that affect residents, neighborhoods, projects, and programs throughout Miami-Dade County. Commissioner Jordan is looking for District One residents to sit on the following committees:

- Affordable Housing Advisory Board
- Art in Public Places Trust
- Asian American Advisory Board
- Biscayne Bay Shoreline Development Review Committee
- Black Affairs Advisory Board
- Board of Rules and Appeals
- Citizens' Transportation Advisory Committee
- Climate Change Advisory Task Force
- Commission on Disability Issues
- Community Image Advisory Board
- Construction Trades Qualifying Board
- Enterprise Zone Advisory Council
- Fire Prevention and Safety Appeals Board
- Freight Transportation Advisory Committee
- Hispanic Affairs Advisory Board
- Industrial Development Authority
- Nuisance Abatement Board
- Parks and Recreation Citizens Advisory Committee
- Small Business Advisory Board
- Spay/Neuter Miami Foundation
- Transportation Aesthetics Review Committee
- Unsafe Structures Board

For more information, or to be considered to sit on any of these committees, please call the District One downtown office at (305) 375-5694.

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## Commissioner Jordan Congratulates State Football Champions, Commission Honors Jason Taylor

Victory, it is the heading of distinction, and the indication of success. While many strive for its excellence, few can experience its true glory. On Tuesday, January 24, 2012, Miami-Dade County Commissioner Barbara Jordan congratulated the Miami Norland Vikings varsity football team for winning the Class 5A State Championship. The presentation was held in the Miami-Dade Commission Chambers.

Miami Norland High School was undefeated this season. That perfect season gained the Vikings national recognition by ESPN, which ranked them No. 8 in the country. Winning the championship was redemption for the Vikings, who experienced a difficult loss at last year's state championship game.

"Their hard work and determination has led to an impressive season," said Commissioner Jordan. "They had a goal in mind, they persevered and became the victors. I am proud of their accomplishment. They did a great job of representing District 1, and all of Miami-Dade County."

Another outstanding athlete was recognized by the Miami-Dade Commission. Jason Taylor, a legendary defensive player for the Miami Dolphins, announced his retirement recently. For his untiring service to the community, the Commission honored him with a proclamation and the Mayor presented him with the Key to the County.

## Legislative Matters Important to You

Commissioner Barbara Jordan is committed to serving the residents of District One by sponsoring legislation that positively impacts their lives. Below are several resolutions that have been adopted by the Board of County Commissioners.

**Adopted:** Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to pass HB 375 or similar legislation prohibiting banks and other financial institutions from charging consumers fees on debit cards.

**Adopted:** Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to pass legislation prohibiting employers from using credit history in determin-

ing whether to deny employment to a job applicant, discharge an employee or decide compensation, except where credit history is job-related; further urging Congress to approve H.R. 321, the Equal Employment Act, or similar legislation.

**Adopted:** Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to enact work-

place anti-bullying legislation.

**Adopted:** Resolution authorizing allocation of fees collected for issuing parking permits for persons transporting young children and strollers to Lauren's Kids, Inc. in the amount of \$30,000; The Center for Family and Child Enrichment, Inc., \$35,000; and, the YMCA of Greater Miami, \$35,000.

**Adopted:** Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to adopt legislation mandating the use of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program database by pharmacies, pharmacists and practitioners prior to dispensing controlled substances.



Miami-Dade County Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan participated in the Three Kings Parade, and the parade that honored Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commissioner Jordan, who sported a captain's hat during the events, rode on the Fire Department's boat while waving to residents who lined up along the parade routes.