



One District
District One

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Commissioner Jordan leads fundraising effort for breast cancer fundraiser

Commissioner Barbara Jordan is the primary sponsor for the upcoming 2008 Northwest Dade Relay for Life on March 28 to 29 at Miami-Dade College North Campus. Commissioner Jordan has been very active with the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event in northwest Miami-Dade and has been very successful in getting community support for the fundraiser.

NW Dade has received the coveted Pacesetter Award (Tier 1) honor from the American Cancer Society. Of 33 Relay events in Miami-Dade County, N.W. Dade was one of only five to receive such an honor. N.W. Dade is currently applying for the Tier II Award. The deadline for achieving this award is December 14, 2008.

So far 15 teams have signed up and paid a \$100 registration fee to participate in the event. Commissioner Jordan, event chairperson Marie Etienne, and sponsorship chairperson Daisy Tunstall hope to have 35 teams participate in order to raise \$35,000.

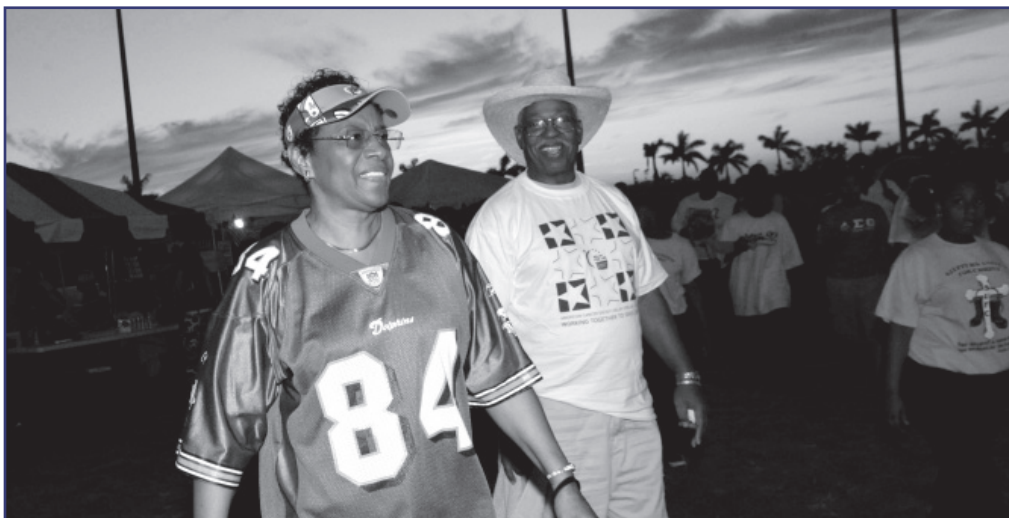
The honorary chairpersons for the 2008 event are Commissioner Jordan, Miami Gardens Mayor Shirley Gibson, Miami-Dade District 2

Commissioner Dorrin Rolle and Miami-Dade College North Campus President Dr. José A. Vicente. New sponsors include Wright & Young Funeral Home, Inc. and Goldie's Conch House Restaurant.

Relay for Life events honor cancer survivors, pay tribute to those who have lost their life to the deadly disease, and raise money for research and treatment. During the event,

teams of eight to 15 friends, family members and co-workers gather around a track and keep at least one member walking throughout the night.

To join the NW Dade Relay For life team, please contact ACS Staff Partner, Mae Whitehead at 305-779-2860 or mae.whitehead@cancer.org. Also, please visit the website at www.events.cancer.org/rflnwdadefl.



Commissioner Jordan walking around the track in the Relay for Life 2006 event.



District 1's diversity on display at Hispanic Heritage event

In celebration of the growing diversity within District 1, Commissioner Barbara Jordan hosted the first District 1 Hispanic Festival to commemorate Hispanic Heritage Month in October. The free event drew a large crowd to Acadia Park despite a rainy day.

Commissioner Jordan wanted the entire community to share the Hispanic community's rich cultural experience and to highlight the accomplishments and positive influences of the Hispanic community in Miami-Dade and throughout the country.

"I was thrilled to see the great turn out from residents. I look forward to making this an annual affair," said Commissioner Jordan.

The crowd at the festival rocked to live performances by Bobby Ramirez and Pan con Bistec and Sazon Fusion Latina; learned about the roots of Puerto Rican music in African drumming; and showed off their salsa moves. Some residents, including Commissioner Jordan, vied for trophies in a spirited domino tournament, while children enjoyed the bounce house, snow cones and face painting.

In addition to all the fun and entertainment, several social agencies and Miami-Dade County departments distributed valuable information about their services, provided basic health services and took children's fingerprints for safety IDs.

Commissioner's Message



The popular saying is "time flies when you're having fun." It seems to fly just as fast though, when you're working hard. So, while we have been toiling to provide for our families and for the betterment of our

community, and have not always had a lot of fun, unbelievably we have begun a new year.

2007 was not without its challenges for all of us. Property tax reform in Tallahassee brought drastic cuts to County budget and a need for a realignment of priorities and services. As gas prices and mortgage costs have leapt up, you have been experiencing the same budget crunch in your own home and in your small business. I will not pretend that there are not challenges ahead for all of us in 2008, but I remain committed to serving you the best way I know how – by fighting to provide the services that my District needs.

During the difficult budget hearings in September, I fought to maintain Head Start and other services of the Community Action Agency, and increase funding to community-based organizations and the Mom & Pop grant program. While I understand the need to be frugal during these hard economic times, I will never sit idly by and let those who have the least in our community bare the brunt of the cut-backs.

We have much more to do in 2008. With your help, I plan to make big strides forward in making every District 1 neighborhood the envy of the County. This edition of the newsletter, not only includes recent activities and events in the District, but also a look at some of the things we accomplished throughout the year. Thank you for your support. I look forward to serving you in this year and for many more.

Barbara J. Jordan

Vice Chairwoman, Miami-Dade County Commission
District One

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 all across Miami-Dade County. Commissioner Jordan is looking for District One residents to sit on the following committees:

- Biscayne Bay Shoreline Development Review Committee
- Construction Trades Qualifying Board
- Industrial Development Authority
- Park and Recreation Citizens Advisory Committee
- Planning Advisory Board
- Safe Neighborhood Parks Citizens Oversight Committee
- Transportation Aesthetics Review Committee

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.

District 1 Infrastructure Projects completed in 2007

These are a few of the many projects that were completed in District 1 in 2007.

- Traffic circle at N.W. 32nd Avenue and N.W. 207th Street
- Repaved street after completed drainage construction project at South River Drive and N.W. 143rd Street in Biscayne Gardens
- Quality Neighborhoods Improvement Program (QNIP) sidewalk construction at N.W. 10th Avenue and N.W. 139th Street
- Resurfacing on N.W. 52nd Avenue, from N.W. 199th Street to N.W. 183rd Street
- Repaved street after completed drainage construction project at 3800 – 3852 N.W. 213th Street in Vista Verde



Five hundred families set their Thanksgiving table with a turkey thanks to Commissioner Jordan

Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan facilitated the distribution of more than 500 turkeys just in time for Thanksgiving Day. The residents, who had been selected by various community-based organizations, churches and charitable groups, gathered at the Landmark Community Center to receive the center-piece of their holiday dinner from District 1 staffers.

"This is one of the best privileges of my job," said Commissioner Jordan. "Being able to give a family the means to celebrate over a family meal gives me a wonderful feeling and reinforces my commitment to service."



Commissioner Jordan gives a turkey to District 1 resident, name, at a previous year's distribution event.



Commissioner Jordan, reflects the season in a red ensemble and Santa hat as she hands out gifts to a group of little girls at the Colonel Harry Zubkoff Head Start. Commissioner Jordan distributed toys to more than 200 children before Christmas.

Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan brings holiday cheer to kids in District One

Commissioner was the embodiment of Santa Claus during the holiday season as she handed out toys at various locations in District 1.

Legislative Matters Important to You

Commissioner Barbara Jordan is committed to serving the residents of District 1 by sponsoring legislation that is in their best interest. Here are some of the items being sponsored by Commissioner Jordan and being considered by the Board of County Commissioners:

- Resolution urging the United States Congress to reinstate the federal assault weapons ban; urging the Florida Legislature to impose a state assault weapons ban; and alternatively urging the Florida Legislature to lift the preemption on local governments regulating assault weapons in Florida and allow local governments to impose an assault weapons ban.
- Ordinance creating the Aircraft Noise Abatement Task Force in Opa-locka to discuss, evaluate and recommend to the Miami-Dade Aviation Department alternatives to reduce or mitigate aircraft noise impact on the areas surrounding Opa-locka Executive Airport.
- Resolution urging the United States Congress and the Florida Legislature to strengthen hate crime laws to provide that intentionally exposing a person to hanging nooses or other objects or symbols evidencing prejudice creates a presumption of a hate crime, in light of recent events in Jena, Louisiana.



Marlene Arribas and Rachel Rao of the Hispanic Coalition accept boxes and boxes of bicycles from Commissioner Jordan for District 1's most underprivileged children.



Free vaccinations help keep seniors safe during the dangerous flu season

Commissioner Jordan goes through an exercise routine with seniors during an influenza vaccination event at the Robert Sharp Towers. The event was one of two hosted by Commissioner Jordan in partnership with the Miami-Dade Health Department to provide free flu shots to residents who are vulnerable during the flu season.

2007 in pictures



Commissioner Jordan welcomed Super Bowl XLI head coaches, Indianapolis Colts Coach Tony Dungy and Chicago Bears Coach Lovie Smith to South Florida during the official kick-off ceremony for the Super Bowl, played at the Dolphin Stadium in Miami Gardens in February.



Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan (fourth from right) joined Commissioner Dennis C. Moss (sixth from left) and other municipal officials to cut a ribbon on the median at N.W. 27th Avenue and N.W. 151st Street during a special event on December 19.



Seniors at the Twin Lakes Apartments show off their new Golden Passports delivered in person by Commissioner Jordan.



Commissioner Jordan and District 1 resident Frank Adams dance up a storm during the Valentine's Day Hop for seniors sponsored by the commissioner in February.



The ribbon-cutting to officially open the Opa-locka Library.



History-making pilot Barrington Irving presents the Commissioner Jordan with the flag that was attached to his single-engine plane for his trip around the world. Irving became the youngest and first black person to fly solo around the world.



Emil Jackson's house before and after participating in the Opa-locka Beautification Program.



Commissioner Jordan talks to residents about plans for the Landmark property at the corner of N.W. 47th Avenue and N.W. 199 Street during a community meeting on in July. The preliminary plans for the compound include recreational facilities, a retail complex and various residential units.

Upcoming BCC Events and Meetings

February

- 5** • Board of County Commissioners, 9:30 a.m.
- 7** • Board of County Commissioners and Zoning, 9:30 a.m.
- 11** • Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee, 2:00 p.m.
- 12** • Governmental Operations and Environment Committee, 9:30 a.m.
• Budget and Finance Committee, 2:00 p.m.
- 13** • Economic Development and Human Services Committee, 9:30 a.m.
• Transit Committee, 2:00 p.m.
- 14** • Airport and Tourism Committee, 9:30 a.m.
• Health and Public Safety Committee, 2:00 p.m.
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• Metropolitan Planning Organization, 2:00 p.m.

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