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Community Background Report

Rockdale

County

Miami-Dade

Boundaries

North: Southwest 151 Street (Coral Reef Drive)

East: South Dixie Highway

South: Southwest 168 Street (Richmond Drive)

West: Southwest 107 Avenue

Community Type

Neighborhood

History

Rockdale is a neighborhood of just over one mile in size located entirely in the unincorporated area of Miami Dade County. It lies just west of Palmetto Bay which was incorporated in 2002. This neighborhood was established and recognized in the 1960s but since its status has diminished in comparison with surrounding neighborhoods, many of which have incorporated as municipalities. Rockdale's boundaries have changed reflecting its fading importance. The Rockdale Pineland Preserve lies just north of Rockdale's boundaries and there are no public schools located in the neighborhood. The Census Bureau, working with Miami-Dade County, has designated this neighborhood part of the Palmetto Estates Census Designated Place (CDP) in 2010. Census Designated Places always correspond with the boundaries of census tracts and will change as census tracts also change.

Community Dynamics

The Palmetto Golf Course, a public golf course, lies in Rockdale and is one of six that are County owned and operated. The 121 acre golf course was built in 1959, before many homes in the area. The Jackson South Community Hospital is located adjacent from the golf course. Rockdale also has one public park, Fairwood Park, which is located at the neighborhood's

southwest corner. The South Dade Busway provides access to fairly frequent express bus service, which travels to and from the Dadeland South Metrorail Station. The South Dade Greenway runs parallel to the Busway and provides for non-motorized travel from downtown to Homestead. Rockdale is fairly representative of other neighborhoods in south Miami-Dade County. It first developed as farmland along a railroad where a major roadway (South Dixie Highway) is now located. Later Rockdale was developed as a residential suburban area in the 1950's and 1960's. The average sales value for homes in Rockdale in 2011 is \$111,400.

Business Landscape

This neighborhood has few businesses, almost all of them located on Colonial Drive (SW 160 Street) near South Dixie Highway. Businesses in the area are supermarkets, convenience stores and restaurants, real estate offices and physician offices and other businesses providing neighborhood services.

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