



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY  
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
JUAN C. ZAPATA, DISTRICT 11



## District 11 July Newsletter

Dear Friends,

Thank you for being part of my mailing list. My staff and I are delighted to represent you every day. I hope you all have a fun and safe Fourth of July. Please do not drink and drive.



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You can also visit my website at [www.miamidade.gov/district11](http://www.miamidade.gov/district11) for any information.

### Your Money at Work

#### SW 152nd Avenue from SW 81st Lane to SW 72nd Street

This sidewalk improvement project consists of, but is not limited to, removal and replacement of damaged existing concrete sidewalk, construction of new concrete sidewalk, modification of existing or construction of new pedestrian access ramps to comply with current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, construction of curb and gutter, construction of connectors and landings at bus stops, and modification/restoration of driveways.

**Construction Schedule:** Construction is scheduled to begin on June 25th, 2013 and anticipated to be completed in July, 2013 (weather permitting).

**Total Cost:** \$16,112.80

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**Miami-Dade  
Commissioner  
Juan C. Zapata  
West Kendall/West Dade**

#### **Downtown Office:**

111 NW 1st Street  
Suite 320  
Miami, Florida 33128

#### **Community Incubator:**

8785 SW 165th Avenue  
Suite 203  
Miami, Florida 33193

**Phone:**

## Event of the Month

### Colombian Independence Celebration Event

**Free Admission**



**When:**

Saturday, July 20th from 1pm-6pm

**Where:**

Westwind Lakes Park  
6805 SW 152nd Avenue

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## Legislative Highlights

On the Agenda for July 2, 2013 Board of County Commissioners Meeting.

- Resolution urging the Florida cabinet sitting as the Electrical Power Plant and the Transmission Line Siting Board to reject all proposals to the East of the Urban Expansion Area for the Florida Power and Light Company's proposed Western Transmission Line Corridor. Transmission line proposals to the east of the Urban Expansion Area could bring the required high voltage transmission lines within a few hundred feet of residential neighborhoods and commercial development. The placement of transmission lines near residential areas may have an adverse aesthetic impact, may detract from the areas' natural beauty, and may affect individuals' enjoyment of parks, outdoor shopping, and other outdoor activities. Accepting a transmission line proposal to the west of the Urban Expansion Area would result in the final transmission line route being farther away from existing residential or commercial development. The final administrative hearing in the Siting Act case is set to begin on July 8, 2013.

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**Committees:**

Chairman of Infrastructure  
and Capital Improvements

Vice-Chairman of Finance

Member of Economic  
Development and Port  
Miami

**Boards:**

The Children's Trust  
Value Adjustment Board  
South Florida Regional  
Planning Council

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### Congratulations

To the class of 2013!!!

**"All our dreams can  
come true - if we have  
the courage to pursue  
them."**

**- Walt Disney**



- Ordinance mandating that taxicabs that transport persons and their baggage from Miami International Airport and Port of Miami be equipped with credit card processing systems within specified time period; establishing requirements relating to credit card processing systems and providers; empowering department of regulatory and economic resources to approve credit card processing systems; requiring County Commission to amend taxicab fares to include discount for payment by cash, check or other means not involving the use of a credit card within specified time period; amending Chapter 8CC of the code to provide for penalties; providing severability, inclusion in the code, and an effective date.

- Ordinance establishing the Public Private Partnership Program of Miami-Dade County. Infrastructure is a vital and foundational element in the future of Miami-Dade County and the County's infrastructure including its mass transit facilities, airport and seaport, fuel supply facilities, medical or nursing care facilities, recreational facilities, sporting facilities and water and waste water facilities require significant and on-going improvements and upgrades. With a growing need to replace our community's aging infrastructure, and with diminishing State and Federal grant monies available to fund municipal projects, we need to move forward with public-private partnerships to find innovative ways to finance major capital projects without raising the tax burden on our property owners.

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## Children First Education Initiative



**Stay tuned for our back-to-school event in August.**

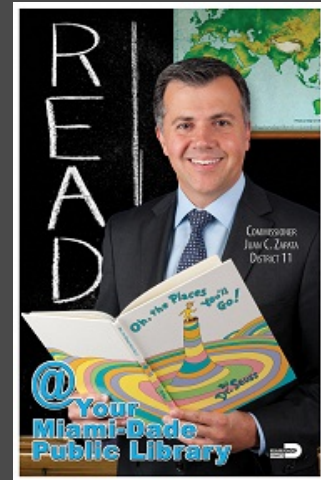
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## Assistance Programs

**Bring the Internet home for just \$9.95 a month.**

This is a federally mandated program.

## Read Campaign



**Let's encourage our children to read.**

### Miami Dade Public Library

System offers free literacy programs, tutoring, library materials - as well as special services so all residents can enjoy full access to books, music and more!

Please click

**HERE**

to learn more about their programs.

For programs designed to improve your children's academic performance, please visit Read2Succeed:

**<http://www.r2succeed.or>**

**NEW!** Families with a child who receives reduced price school lunches may eligible, too – and we've increased Internet speeds!

While participating in Internet Essentials, customers receive

<b>AFFORDABLE INTERNET</b> <b>\$9<sup>95</sup></b> a month + tax <b>no</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• price increases</li><li>• activation fees</li><li>• equipment rental fees</li></ul>	<b>A LOW-COST COMPUTER</b> <b>\$149<sup>99</sup></b> +tax Available at initial enrollment	<b>FREE</b> INTERNET TRAINING Available online, in print and in person
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See if you're eligible!

For more information visit

[www.InternetEssentials.com](http://www.InternetEssentials.com)

or call

1-855-8-INTERNET

(1-855-846-8376)

### 2013-14 Grants Programs & Technical Assistance Brochure is Now Available

The Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs announces the release of the 2013-14 Grants Brochure. The Department's annual edition of the trilingual guide, printed in [English](#), [Spanish](#) and Haitian [Creole](#), continues to help connect Miami-Dade's artists and cultural organizations with some of its most competitive grants programs. Each of these programs is designed to address specific areas of cultural development ranging from the renovation of neighborhood cultural facilities to the support of exemplary programs by the community's largest non-profit cultural organizations. Click [here](#) for more information.

### Home Energy Assistance Program Now Available to Assist Low Income Residents

Low-income individuals can receive assistance with their utility costs through the Community Action and Human Services Department Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) beginning on Monday, April 1, 2013. To qualify, applicants must not exceed 150% of the U.S. Poverty Income Guidelines. Qualified applicants facing a crisis situation may be eligible to receive up to a \$600 payment toward their outstanding electric or gas bills. Regular energy applications may receive between \$150-\$300 dollar payment applied to their utility bill.

LIHEAP applications are available at Community Service Centers, Monday through Friday 8 AM-5 PM. Applications and a listing of Community Service Centers are available online at <http://www.miamidade.gov/socialservices/housing-assistance->

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### Business of the Month

#### Amici's Trattoria Italiana



Since 1995, Amici's has been serving their customers and watching generations passing by, enjoying and savouring A Timeless Taste of Italy. The owners are enthusiastic, ambitious and willing to serve from celebrities to the local neighboring families and friends of all walks of life. Amici's serves from pizza by the slice, for those on the go, to a gourmet meal for those that enjoy fine casual dining.

#### **Address:**

Hammock's Town Center  
10201 Hammock's  
Boulevard Suite: 138  
Miami, FL 33196

#### **Phone:**

305-388-3787

#### **Website:**

<http://www.amicismiami.com>

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[energy.asp](#) . For additional information call (786) 469-4600.

### Caring for the Elderly: Home Care Program

The Home Care Program provides options for seniors and persons with disabilities who want to remain in their homes.

The Home Care Program is available to qualified residents of Miami-Dade County and provides light cleaning, shopping, meals preparation, washing dishes, laundry, and personal care which includes assistance with bathing, grooming, dressing and feeding as needed.

For more information about the Home Care Program and other services available for seniors visit [www.miamidade.gov/socialservices](http://www.miamidade.gov/socialservices) or call **786-469-4600**.

### Light up, Green up!



#### Green Tip:

Miami-Dade County is pleased to announce the availability of a **FREE** online energy and utility tracking tool. The free personal energy dashboard, powered by GreenQuest, enables community members to track and analyze the energy and water use for their home or place of business.

Click here to track your energy consumption:  
<http://miamidade.mygreenquest.com/app.php>

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or my staff at 305-375-5511.

Honored to Serve,



Juan C. Zapata  
Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners  
District 11



Making a Difference  
Foundation

#### Fundraised for:

WalkAbout Autism - Dan  
Marino Foundation

Miami Kidney Walk - National  
Kidney Foundation

Rockin' On The Greens -  
Children's Bereavement  
Center

MS Walk - Multiple Sclerosis  
Foundation

West Kendall Relay for Life -  
American Cancer Society

Villa Lyan-  
Summer Program

#### Amount Raised:

**\$ 13,616.00**

\*From January 2013 to Present

#### FIU Calendar

For Alumni and Community  
Events, please click [here](#).

For Arts and Entertainment at

**"One is not born into the world to do everything but to do something."**

**- Henry David Thoreau**

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FIU, please click [here](#).

For FIU's Athletic Events,  
please click [here](#).

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