



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



District 11 June Newsletter

Dear Friends,

Thank you for being part of my mailing list. My staff and I are delighted to represent you every day. In this newsletter we will communicate information from our community. If you have any suggestions on how we can improve this newsletter or have any issues in the West Kendall (WeKe)/West Dade, please do not hesitate to contact us at 305-375-5511 or zapata@miamidade.gov. Also, if you have any events coming up in WeKe/West Dade, please email them to us to include in our newsletter.

Please click below to like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter



Your Money at Work

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

The scope of work for the sidewalk improvement project within the above described limits 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 or connectors at intersections 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

Beautification Project

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

Downtown Office:



Residents of West Kendall (WeKe) may have recently noticed **some aesthetic improvements on Killian**. The bullnoses of the medians along SW 104th Street between SW 137th and 147th Avenue have been **landscaped with pink bougainvillea and low growing shrubbery**. The southern median separating SW 104th Street from the parallel residential road has been landscaped with Verawood trees.

Residents driving along the **Bird Road Corridor** may have noticed some landscape improvements with the **planting of a new Cocoplum hedge along** the canal bank between SW 147th Avenue and SW 162 Avenue.

Our signature project for this Springtime Season will be the **Coral Way Corridor between SW 127th Avenue and 147th Avenue**. This project will incorporate color and design aesthetics through flowering shrubs and plants in the medians, flowering trees along the north and south swales and colored rocks.

We are seeking volunteers in the community to help us paint these cement walls along Coral Way with one uniform color to improve the aesthetics and cohesiveness. We are also working with some of the owners of the commercial shopping centers on Coral Way and SW 137th Avenue so that they can also beautify their property.

Please contact my office at 305-375-5511 to volunteer for our community beautification paint out.

Every year we will identify a major corridor in the district for a major beautification face lift.

"WeKe" Plant a Tree Campaign

111 NW 1st Street
Suite 320
Miami, Florida 33128

Community Incubator:
8785 SW 165th Avenue
Suite 203
Miami, Florida 33193

Phone:
305-375-5511
Fax:
305-375-5883

Website:
www.miamidade.gov/district11/

Email:
zapata@miamidade.gov

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

Congratulations

Claudia Llerena- 5th grade
Student at Greenglade
Elementary



We are partnering with the non-profit organization "Citizens for a Better South Florida" (<http://www.abettersouthflorida.org>) in a **campaign to bring more tree canopy to West Kendall/West Dade (WeKe)**. Our aim is to join the million tree campaign and plant a canopy tree in front of every home in our community willing to accept a free canopy tree in an effort to beautify "WeKe" and to do our part to protect our environment by reforesting "WeKe". If you would like to support this effort through a corporate or personal tax deductible contribution, please make your checks payable to "Citizens for a Better South Florida" and on the memo write: "Trees for WeKe."

You can mail your checks to:
 Commissioner Juan C. Zapata
 8785 SW 165th Avenue
 Suite 203
 Miami, Florida 33193.

Charity of the Month



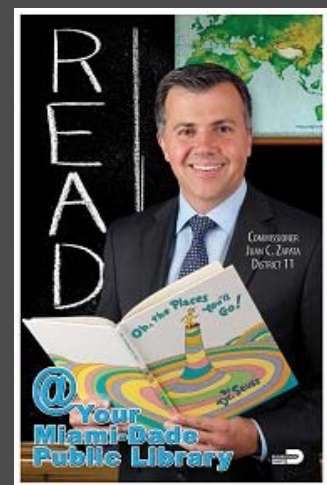
Villa Lyan's mission is to enhance the quality of life of children with special needs and that of their families by using a holistic, team oriented approach to develop programs that encourage children with disabilities to actively explore new interests and broaden their involvement in the community. We strive to advance a life without limits for children with special needs and their families by empowering them to lead lives of meaning and purpose through growth and independence.

Our office will donating \$2,000 to this organization. We ask our community, friends, and family to please match our funds.

She received the Rising Star Award for her school



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.

To donate, please click this [link](#)

Legislative Highlights

On the Agenda for June 4, 2013 Board of County Commissioners Meeting.

-Resolution urging Congress to pass the Water Infrastructure Finance And Innovation Act of 2013, S. 601 or similar legislation; urging congress to enact legislation to make the Water Infrastructure Finance And Innovation Act permanent; urging congress to enact legislation to protect water infrastructure bonds

-Ordinance pertaining to animals; amending regulations regarding vaccination and licensing of dogs and sale of licenses by veterinarians and pet dealers; Amending sections 5-6, 5-7, 5-11, and 8CC-10 of the code of Miami-Dade County, Florida ("code"); providing authority for enforcement by civil penalty; providing severability, inclusion in the code, and an effective date

-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

Event of the Month

Commissioner Juan C. Zapata's Summer Kick-Off

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

<http://www.r2succeed.org/>

Business of the Month

Xtra Mile Service Consultant



A Miami-based family business established in 2006.

Our team is made up of dedicated and certified individuals in the areas of accounting, tax professionals, business consultants, immigration and much more.

Each of our team members specialize in their own area of expertise. However, together we are a one-stop-shop for a wide range of services including, but not limited to, accounting, business consulting, and tax related services most often needed by the small business community.

Address:

14709 SW 42nd Street
Suite 306
Miami, FL 33185

Phone:

786-252-5327

Website:

www.xtramileservicecenter.com/



Commissioner Juan C. Zapata hosted over 600 residents at West Kendall Baptist Hospital for the first annual **Ride-4-Fun Summer Kickoff Event** that took place on Saturday, May 18th.

Children of all ages enjoyed bounce houses, a fun house, an obstacle course, a rock climbing wall, raffles, free food and many giveaways.

The purpose of the Summer Kickoff event was to introduce parents to the different types of sports, recreation, cultural and educational programs and camps that will be available during the summer months and throughout the year for their children to enjoy.



Commissioner Juan C. Zapata visits Pinecrest Academy



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

Amount Raised:

\$ 13,616.00

*From January 2013 to Present

FIU Calendar



Commissioner Juan C. Zapata went to Pinecrest Academy for their career day. The commissioner recognized the students who participated in the Math Bowl Competition. He congratulated their students in their accomplishments and told them he would call them if he needed help with a math problem.

We are all very proud of the Pirates!

Movie Night



Free admission

We will send out a flyer with finalized dates for the summer

Children First Education Initiative

Commissioner Zapata continued his monthly visit to schools in the WeKe. On Thursday, May 30th he went to **Felix Varela Senior High School- Home of the Vipers**. Commissioner Zapata toured the school, met with administrators, faculty and students on-site and also visited Veterinary and IPrep classes.

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

For Arts and Entertainment at FIU, please click [here](#).

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

Quick Links

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"Give yourself entirely to those around you. Be generous with your blessings. A kind gesture can reach a wound that only compassion can heal."

- Steve Maraboli, Life, the Truth, and Being Free



Assistance Programs

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

This is a federally mandated program.

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

While participating in Internet Essentials, customers receive:

AFFORDABLE INTERNET

\$9⁹⁵
a month
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- activation fees
- equipment rental fees

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+ tax

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initial enrollment

FREE

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in print and in person

See if you're eligible!

For more information visit

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-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 or call **786-469-4600**.

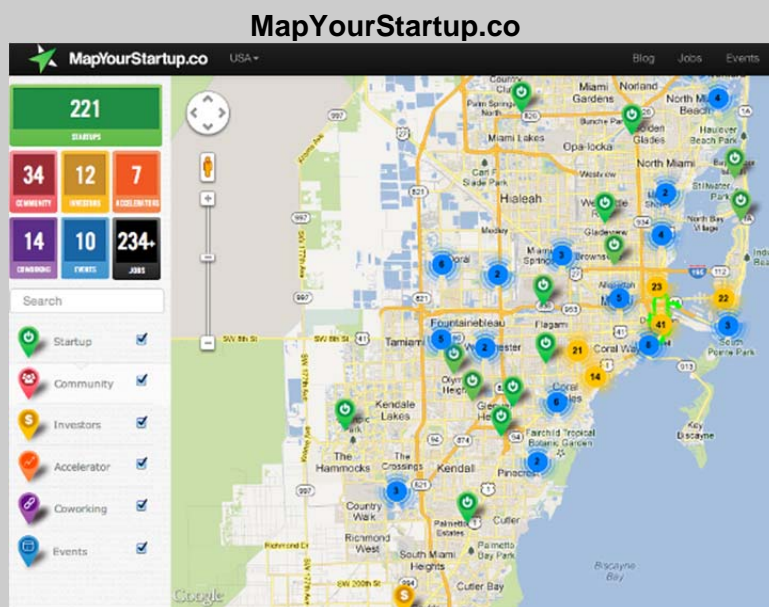
Tech Calendar



MiamiTech.org is a helpful resource for South Florida's burgeoning tech community created by David Notik.

Below is a link to upcoming events in the tech community throughout South Florida:

<http://www.miamitech.org/>



MapYourStartup.co is dedicated to connecting and promoting entrepreneurial ecosystems by mapping business resources on its site. In just a few clicks, you can get a snapshot of the entrepreneurial activity occurring in Miami: from how many startups exist, to how many companies are looking to hire, to what investors are in our backyard, and what events are occurring.

So register your events, startups, meet-ups, incubators, co-working spaces, etc....and help put Miami "on the map"!

For more information, please email info@mapyourstartup.com.

Volunteer Opportunities



VOLUNTEER...The Best Things in Life are Free!

Click below for more information on volunteering at...

- » [Zoo Miami](#)
- » [Our Golf Courses](#)
- » [Our Marinas](#)
- » [Our Arts & Culture division](#)
- » [Our Programs for Children & Adults with Disabilities](#)
- » [Natural Areas Management](#)

For more information on volunteering, please contact Angie Gomez at 305-961-2781 or click this [link](#).

Library Museum Pass Program

FREE entry to art, culture, entertainment and so much more!



Your FREE entry to art, culture, entertainment and so much more!

Just visit your nearest branch library, see staff for availability and use your library card to check out a museum pass. The Museum Pass offers patrons FREE admission for a family of four to the Deering Estate at Cutler, Fruit & Spice Park, HistoryMiami, Miami Art Museum, Miami Art Museum, Miami Children's Museum, Miami Science Museum, and Vizcaya Museum.

For more information, please visit this [LINK](#).

[Jungle Island](#)

Buy a day and get this year **FREE**



For more information please click this [link](#). You can buy a 1-day General Admission Ticket and receive an upgrade to an Annual Pass valid through 12/31/13.

[Culture Shock Miami](#)



Only \$5

For more information please click this [link](#). Students ages 13-22 can get **\$5** tickets to the best cultural arts events in Miami-Dade County.

Here's how it works:

1. Go on Culture Shock Miami Website
2. Buy your tickets online and print your confirmation
3. Bring your student ID and confirmation to the box office on the day of the show to pick-up your tickets.
4. Enjoy the show! It's that easy!

[Wings Over Miami Museum](#)



Hours:

Wednesday through Saturday: 10am to 5pm

Sunday: Noon to 5pm

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Where:

14710 South West 128 Street

Miami, FL 33196

(305) 233-5197

For more information, please visit the Wings Over Miami [website](#).

Upcoming Events

Free Adrienne Arsht Center Tours

When:

Every Monday and Saturday at NOON

Where:

Adrienne Arsht Center

1300 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, FL 33132

Tours depart from the lobby of the Sanford and Dolores Ziff Ballet Opera House.

The **Adrienne Arsht Center**, the largest performing arts center built in the United States in the last three decades, now offers free Behind-the-ScenesTours twice a week.



* Reservations are highly encouraged, and can be made by phone at: (786) 468-2326 or via email at: tours@arshtcenter.org.

For **Spring and Summer 2013** Events, please click their brochure below

**DOWNLOAD OUR
SPRING BROCHURE!**



For events with the **Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau**, please
visit their events page at

<http://www.miamiandbeaches.com/events>

Light up, Green up!



Green Tip:

Reduce Paper Use -

*Over time, more opportunities have become available to reduce our use - and waste -
of paper*

Pay your bills online, as opposed to receiving monthly statements- even for your

Miami-Dade County Bills

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