



District 11 May 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/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 West Kendall/West Dade, please email them to us to include in our following newsletter.

Your Money at Work

SW 147th Avenue from SW 26th Street to SW 10th Street; Project No. 20110191: This roadway improvement project includes roadway widening, milling and resurfacing, construction of curb and gutter, sidewalk, curb ramps, drainage system, installation of detectable warnings, roadway lighting system, guardrail, fences, and signage along with the construction of a water main from SW 22 Street to SW 18 Street. Construction is anticipated to be completed by December 31, 2013.

Mainline Closure: Motorists are advised to expect delays, seek alternate routes or follow maintenance of traffic (MOT) signs or detour route.

Total Cost: Over \$4 Million

Legislative Highlights

On the Agenda for May 7, 2013 Board of County Commissioners Meeting.

-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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-Ordinance to require any taxicab that picks up passengers at Miami International Airport or the Port of Miami to be equipped with an operable back of seat credit card processing system. The credit card processing system shall allow the passenger (customer) to utilize his or her credit card as a mode of payment. Other major cities throughout the United States and internationally are tourist and visitor friendly, allowing customers to use credit card to pay for taxi cab services.

Event of the Month

Commissioner Juan C. Zapata's Summer Kick-Off



Ride-4-Fun & Family Event

When: Saturday, May 18th

Where: West Kendall Baptist Hospital
16508 SW 88th Street

Registration begins at 9am
Family Bike Ride starts at 10am

Family fun and food area for all to enjoy
Games, raffles and giveaway

Familia and Hogar Expo

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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

Pincrest Academy South
Charter School
for being 1st place in
the county in the
19th Annual Mathematics
Bowl, Math and



Familia & Hogar Expo is a high-energy, entertaining, fun-filled two day event offering consumers the opportunity to interact with products and services. Going on it's fourteenth year...this event is the Largest South Florida expo targeting Hispanic women and their Families.

Exhibition and sampling booths are part of this exclusive production that also features well-known speakers and celebrities and high-profile interactive demonstrations from a variety of fields.

When:

Saturday, May 4th and Sunday, May 5th
from 10am-6pm

Where:

Miami-Dade Fair and Expo Center
10901 SW 24th Street

Admission and Parking:

Free

Movie Night



When:

May 17 - 7-9pm

Where:

Science Competitions

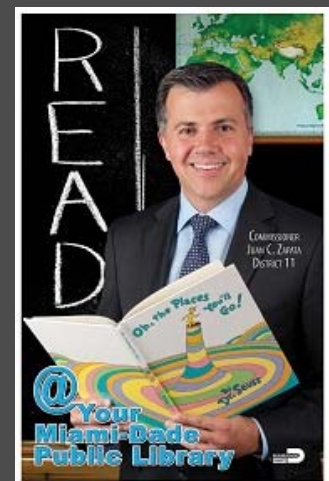
math + science = success™

Congratulations

John A. Ferguson Sr. High School for being 8th in the nation for Advanced Placement scores



Read Campaign



Let's encourage our children to read.

Miami Dade Public Library

System offers free literacy programs, tutoring, library materials - as well as

Westwind Lakes Park
6805 SW 152 Avenue
Miami, Florida

Free admission

Wellness Challenge



Attention Businesses in West Kendall

We invite you and your employees in this fitness challenge. Healthy employees are more productive and have less absences from work. Challenge kicks-off with health screenings and challenge registration.

Host: West Kendall Baptist Hospital

Purpose: Making the West Kendall workforce healthy by promoting fitness, wellness, and healthier lifestyles

When: Wednesday, May 1 from 1pm-4pm

For more information, please contact Karen Vassel at 786-467-3405 or email her at KarenVa@baptisthealth.net

Children First Education Initiative

Commissioner Zapata began his monthly visit to schools in the District. Today, he went to **John A. Ferguson Senior High School- Home of the Falcons**. Commissioner Zapata toured the school, met with administrators, faculty and students on-site and also visited government and economics classes.

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.org/>

Business of the Month

**FirstBank Florida
West Kendall Branch**



FirstBank Florida combines an award-winning, highly personalized community banking experience with "big bank" products and services. Our robust portfolio covers the full spectrum of consumer, corporate, governmental and institutional deposit and lending services.

FirstBank Florida is committed to our local



communities through our client relationships, our branch locations and our team of professionals who live, work and raise their families here, too. So has Frank Irizarry, our West Kendall Branch Manager and twenty year West Kendall resident and community leader.



Together we are one

Address:
15780 SW 72nd Street
Miami, FL 33193

Phone:
305-388-4044

Website:

www.firstbankfla.com



Making a Difference
Foundation

Fundraised for:
WalkAbout Autism - Dan Marino
Foundation

Miami Kidney Walk - National
Kidney Foundation

Elections

Important:

If you vote absentee, make sure you renew your request for a ballot!

Renewal notices have already been sent out and if voters don't renew ASAP, you will not be receiving a ballot.

To request online, please click [here](#).

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 + tax no <ul style="list-style-type: none">• price increases• activation fees• equipment rental fees	A LOW-COST COMPUTER \$149⁹⁹ + tax Available at initial enrollment	FREE 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

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.

Rockin' On The Greens -
Children's Bereavement Center

MS Walk - Multiple Sclerosis
Foundation

West Kendall Relay for Life -
American Cancer Society

Amount Fundraised:

\$ 9,666.00

FIU Calendar

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](#).

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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

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/>

The Kids Corner

Volunteer Opportunities



VOLUNTEER...The Best Things in Life are Free! Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department encourages individuals, companies, civic groups, and neighborhood associations to volunteer their time at the park of their choice by building a playground, beautifying parks, maintaining natural areas, playing basketball with children in an inclusive setting, coordinating activities for seniors programs, completing a scouting merit badge program, providing golf ranger/starter duties, cleaning and maintaining a park or fulfilling community service hours just to name a few.

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!

Use the Library Museum Pass Program

Miami-Dade Public Library System proudly presents the Museum Pass!! 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 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.

[Register your kids in Miami-Dade Parks' Fit2Play Spring Break Camps Today](#)



Fun fitness and outdoor adventures abound during our affordable and exciting Spring Break Camps held
March 25-29 from 9am-5pm

Choose from General Camps, Zoo Miami's Zoofari Spring Camp, EcoAdventure Camps, County Club of Miami's Junior Gold Camp, Camp for kids with disabilities, and more.

Registration began Monday, March 1st

To register for an activity, please click [HERE](#).

Heat Nation

**HEAT NATION
WATCH PARTY**

Brought to you by
Commissioner Juan C. Zapata
Miami Dade County, District 11
and
Co-Sponsored by
**Miami-Dade County Parks Department
&
Food Truck Invasion**

FREE ADMISSION

at
Westwind Lakes Park
6805 SW 152 Avenue
Miami, FL 33193

TEAM ZAPATA **MIAMI-DADE COUNTY**

To request material in accessible format, information on access for persons with disabilities, or sign language interpreter services (7 days in advance), call 305-795-7948

Family Event NO Alcohol Allowed by county code

When:

Please be sure to look out for our
E-mails and Facebook posts on game days

Where:

Westwind Lakes Park
6805 SW 152 Avenue
Miami, Florida

Free admission

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



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!

Million Tree Miami:



Million TREES Miami Campaign is a Community-wide effort to plant 1 million trees by 2020 in order to achieve a 30% tree canopy cover for Miami-Dade County.

Our campaign was developed by the Miami-Dade Community Image Advisory Board and was born of the idea that a healthy and sustainable urban forest provides significant social, economic, and environmental benefits that fosters a high quality, livable, vibrant, and beautiful community.

In order to reach our urban tree canopy goal of 30% EVERYONE needs to participate.

To join the effort, please click [HERE](#).



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