The West End Newsletter

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Your local library has a jam-packed summer of fun for you!

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A LOOK BACK

Our Back-to-School giveaway was a hit! A big thanks to School Member Carlos Curbelo, Representative Jeanette Núñez, and Senator Anitere Flores for helping us distribute over 500 backpacks to students in our community! We wish everyone a safe and productive school year!

Now that your child is heading back to school, make sure that you talk about safety and follow tips like teaching them important phone numbers and how to correctly ride the school bus. To read the full article on back to school safety tips, click here.

ELECTION SEASON 2014

Are You Election Ready? https://ui.constantcontact.com/visualeditor/visual_editor_preview...
Election season is upon us, and we want you to be well-in and ready! Early voting begins Monday, August 11 and go August 24. Election day is August 26.

1. Check your voter registration status [here!](#)
2. Know where to vote by clicking [here!](#)
3. Request & track your absentee ballot [here!](#)
4. Review the contents of the 2014 Primary Election ballot

**For more information, be sure to go to the County Elections Department website by clicking [here!](#)**

**EXCITING NEWS!**

Excited to announce that I've been able to secure $12,000 for each of the three senior centers in the district. With these we will be able to provide more nutritious meals and servi our senior neighbors.

Look out for our newest residents, the butterflies! Our Kendale Lakes Library
door-to-door advertising to East and West Kendall, Tamiami, Westchester, The Falls, and Country Walk. Butterfly Garden is almost complete and the furry creatures have already started moving in. Stop by and enjoy a little piece of paradise from the fresh flowers to the scenic landscape, and most of all the charming wildlife that is soon to come.

**HELP US CREATE OUR FIRST DISTRICT 11 APF**

We are working on a new mobile app to make services amenities in the West End more accessible to you. Please vote [here](#) and let us know what functions you would like to see in the app!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Mobile Pet Adoption**

Miami-Dade County Animal Services’ HOPE Express mobile pet adoption unit will offer residents the opportunity to connect with, adopt and fall in love with a shelter pet.

**Back to School Immunization**

Please bring your child’s immunization records and a parent or guardian. First come first serve. There is a fee of $5.00.

**Yard & Garden Workshop Series - Butterfly Gardening**

An in-depth series that turns the novice into a well-versed gardener.

- **Saturday, August 16**

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**Zoorun5k & Zookids Dash**

This November, participants in the ZooRun 5K and ZooKids Dash will not only get to take part in an amazing race, they will get
free entry to Zoo Miami for the rest of the day and 50% off admission to Zoo Miami for friends and family joining you on race day. Sign up [here](#) before tickets run out!

**YOUR DOLLARS AT WORK**

1. Sidewalk improvements began on August 4, from SW 72 Street and SW 128.

2. Work began on August 5 to relocate the bus bench on SW 127 Avenue and Kendall Drive, thereby easing traffic conditions to allow the buses to stop in the fourth lane instead of blocking traffic.

**WEST END TREASURES**

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**ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

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Low-cost Immigration services are now available at my office to assist with such issues as asylum, citizenship, and residence petitions or if you are a Cuban native in need of permanent residence.

Appointments are required.

**EVERY** Wednesday
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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Call 305-416-7902 or 786-346-3828 to schedule an appointment.

Citizenship Drive & Legal Clinic

Your Commissioner Juan C. Zapata proudly announces the monthly Citizenship Drive and Legal Clinics for free help on filling out immigration paperwork and free assistance with legal issues.

1st Saturday of **EVERY** month
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**NEXT EVENT:**
September 6

Kendale Lakes Branch
Library
15205 SW 88th Street

For more information, call 305-375-5511

Free Enhance Fitness for 55+

Get fit with Enhance Fitness®, a feature of the Miami-Dade Parks Adults 55+ program.

Classes are three times a week. Times vary.

West Wind Lakes Park
6805 SW 152

Call 305-388-4771 for more information.
Want to get involved?

Have more of a say in your community, join one of our committees!
- Parks & Beautification
- Bikes
- Education
- Economic Impact
- Social Services

Or are you in need of volunteer hours?

Email Ingrid at ingridg@miamidade.gov for more information!

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

Honored to Serve,

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Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners
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PUBLIC ADVISORY

Please be advised that construction will be occurring on SW 137th Avenue from Kendall Drive to Killian Drive in order to replace the wooden poles with the aim of fortifying these against hurricanes. The work will go on until December between the hours of 9:30 AM - 4:30PM.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL

Don't forget to download our school calendar for the 2014-2015 school year! It has important dates, contact information and links to keep you informed on all the happenings this year.

Download the calendar here!

Miami-Dade County Public Schools keep you in the know, on the go! Download the app for iPhone or Android devices, and get class schedules and bus

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West Kendall Regional
10201 Hammocks Boulevard

See upcoming events at the West Kendall Regional branch here!

Tamiami
13250 SW 8 Street

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Business of the Month

The 2014 After-School guides are available now at your neighborhood Winn Dixie Supermarket.

In addition to listings of programs and sites, the trilingual guides provide several articles of interest for families including tips for choosing the best programs or enrichment activities for your child!

For more information, click here!

WEST END 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

We have been hard at work tackling many initiatives and projects to make the West End, the best community in all of Miami-Dade County. Learn more about what we are doing, and how you can get involved by downloading our annual report.

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Budget Q & A with Mayor Gimenez

Mayor Gimenez is hosting a public meeting to discuss the proposed County Budget for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015. Make your voice heard and attend the upcoming meeting where you will be able to address Mayor and his staff.

Thursday, August 28 @ 6:00PM
West Dade Regional Library, 9445 Coral Way

EXCITING NEWS!

Our butterfly and wildlife garden at Kendale Lakes Branch is open for you and your family to explore. Be very careful as you walk through the garden as several caterpillars may be preparing to make their glorious debut soon!

Also, keep an eye out for wild birds and other insects who share the beautiful new space, and be sure to let us know what you think of the garden.

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on, but we still need your input! If you haven't submitted your suggestions, there is still time!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

State Road 836/Dolphin Expressway Southwest Extension Study

The PD&E Study will evaluate the feasibility of a southwest extension of SR 836/Dolphin Expressway from its current terminus at NW 137th Avenue in the vicinity of NW 12th Street to SW 136th Street or to the north of 136th Street. Your participation and input is appreciated.

For more information, contact Tere Garcia, Public Information Officer at (786) 277-9292

Thursday, Sept. 4
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Miami Baptist

CPR Day @ Ferguson Senior High School

The importance of knowing how to perform CPR made international headlines in February 2014 when then 5-month-old Sebastian de la Cruz stopped breathing in the backseat of his aunt's car. His aunt, Pamela Rauseo, performed lifesaving CPR on Sebastian on the side of a busy Miami expressway - as a Miami Herald photographer captured dramatic images of the harrowing ordeal.

Attend this countywide CPR training event for participants 11 and older and be ready to save a life!

Online registration is required. Sign up here!

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