



The West End February Newsletter



Dear Friends & Supporters,

February is National Heart Month. Everything that you do affects your heart. Various interdisciplinary studies reveal that diet, exercise, stress and happiness levels can affect your heart's performance. Where you *live* can affect your heart too. Even habits that don't seem related to your heart, like smoking, indirectly affect your heart through numerous connections.

I hope you'll join me and West Kendall Baptist Hospital to raise awareness for heart health-starting in your own homes. Let's work to become the healthiest we can be with increased physical activity and healthier eating habits!



You can also visit my website at www.miamidade.gov/district11 for any information.

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Events

The Collings Foundation Visits Wings



WHEN

Wednesday, February 5 - Friday, February 7

WHERE

Wings Over Miami Museum
14710 SW 178 Street

This is the 25th Anniversary of the Collings Foundation, and to celebrate they will be back at Wings Over Miami with their Wings of Freedom tour. Cost for the museum and aircraft tours is \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children. Flights in the bombers can be arranged through the Collings Foundation.

For more information, call 305-233-5197

Chairman of Infrastructure and
Capital Improvements

Vice-Chairman of Finance

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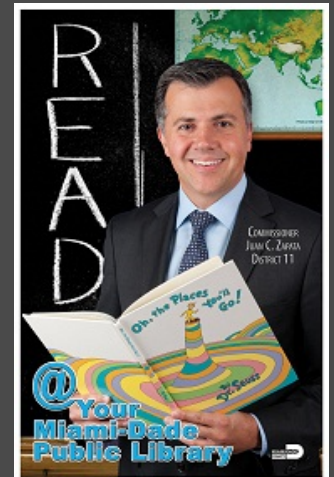
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The Children's Trust

Value Adjustment Board

South Florida Regional
Planning Council

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



2014 Miami National College Fair

Nearly 200 colleges and universities from around the country!

****PRE-REGISTRATION**

Requesting information from multiple colleges/universities at the College Fair just got easier. By pre-registering, students can print a bar-coded confirmation to be used at the fair as an electronic ID. No more filling out information cards! Pre-register at www.gotomyncf.com.

Sunday, February 9, 2014

Noon - 4 p.m.

Doubletree Miami Mart Airport Hotel & Convention Center
777 N.W. 72 Ave., Miami, FL 33126
(just off S.R. 836 and Milam Dairy Road)

FREE Admission and FREE Information Sessions
Parking fee: \$5.00

For more information, call
305-995-1739

Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

or visit www.nacacnet.org

If you have a disability that requires accommodation,
you may call the number listed above
or call the Telecommunications Device for the Deaf
(TDD) at 305-995-2400.



Sponsored by
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NACAC National Association
for College Admission
Counseling

ation from multiple colleges and universities just got easier. Join fellow academics at the 2014 Miami National College Fair where nearly 200 schools will be in attendance to answer questions and provide information.

Free admission and information sessions! (There is a \$5 parking fee.)

Pre-registration is required.

For more information, call 305-995-1739 or sign up [here!](#)

Knight Arts Challenge Q&A

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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/>



Making a Difference
Foundation

Fundraised for:

Walk About 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



Looking for funding for your arts project?

Join us for a Community Q & A on the Knight Arts Challenge, accepting applications Jan. 27 – Feb. 24, 2014 for innovative projects that bring our community together through the arts.

Tuesday, Feb. 11 | 7 p.m.
Frost Art Museum @ FIU

10975 SW 17th St., Miami 33199
Free parking in the Blue Garage

For more information on the challenge,
and to apply, visit KnightArts.org.



@knightfdn, @knightarts

Special thank you to the following for their support in hosting the 2014 Knight Arts Challenge Community Q&A at FIU:
Department of Art + Art History, Creative Writing, the School of Music, and the Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum.



WHEN

Tuesday, February 11
7:00PM

WHERE

Florida International University - Frost Art Museum
10975 SW 17 Street

The Knight Foundation is coming to west Miami-Dade to inform us of the Knight Arts Challenge program. Please share with your friends and contacts as this is a terrific opportunity to hear directly from the Knight Foundation about the Challenge - which is open to anyone. We look forward to seeing you at the Frost Art Museum on the FIU campus February 11 at 7pm.

Villa Lyan -
Summer Program

Walk to End Lupus Now -
Lupus Foundation of America

Walk to End Alzheimer's -
Alzheimer's Association

Give thanks. Walk. -
St. Jude Children's Research
Hospital

Amount Raised:

\$ 32, 626.00

*From January 2013 to Present

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](#).

Health News & Information



When you live in fear of
you or your child
accidentally ingesting
peanut crumbs, any hope
of undoing severe food
allergy is welcome.

For more information, [click here!](#)

"Clean Up and Green Up" Poster Competition

*The Community Image Advisory Board (CIAB)
invites you to help our community and win
a great prize!*



Design a poster that explains what we can do to
"Clean Up and Green Up" our community.

NEW THIS YEAR!

A video competition:



High Schools are encouraged to submit a video (a maximum of two minutes long) telling us your school's tips to "Clean Up and Green Up" our community.

Click on www.miamidade.gov/image/ for more details.

Entries will be accepted beginning
Tuesday, January 21, 2014
and must be submitted by
Friday, February 21, 2014

A Wonderful Prize Can Be Yours:

Grades	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Elementary School*	Leap Pad	\$75 ToysRUs Gift Card	\$50 ToysRUs Gift Card
Middle School*	Ipad	\$75 iTunes Gift Card	\$50 AMC Movies Gift Card
High School*	Ipad	\$75 iTunes Gift Card	\$50 AMC Movies Gift Card

High School Video Winner: A Deluxe Video Package for your school.

**Teachers of winning students will also win a prize!*

Submit entries to:

Clean Up and Green Up Poster Contest
c/o The Miami Herald Media Company/NIE
Attn: Karen A. Tynes
3511 NW 91 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33172
ktynes@miamiherald.com

Poster requirements: Include your name, school, grade, home address, phone number or e-mail on the back of the poster or visit www.miamidade.gov/image/ to print submittal form. The submittal form must be taped to the back of the artwork. All artwork must be original. You may use any medium except oil (no photographs or three-dimensional). Only winning posters will be returned. Artwork cannot be larger than 16" X 20". One artwork per student. One artist per submittal. Submissions must be original designs created by student. The contest is open to all students in grades K-12 in any school within Miami-Dade County. All entries become property of the Miami Herald, Community Image Advisory Board and NewsMedia In Education. Video requirements can be found online at www.miamidade.gov/image/



To request material in accessible format, information on access for persons with disabilities, or sign language interpreter services (7 days in advance), call 305-755-7848.

WHEN

Entries due by Friday, February 21

WHERE

Clean Up and Green Up Poster Contest
c/o The Miami Herald Media Company/NIE
Attn: Karen A. Tynes

A large clinical trial published [this week](#) confirms what smaller studies have shown in the past: Oral immunotherapy -- swallowing tiny, increasing amounts of peanut over time -- has the ability to desensitize allergic individuals to peanuts.

To read the full CNN article, [click here!](#)

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3511 NW 91 Avenue
Miami, FL 33172

The Community Image Advisory Board would like to extend a wonderful opportunity for our students. Students are invited to design a poster about how we can "Clean Up and Green Up" the community. There are fantastic prizes for different age groups and schools!

For more information, email Karen Tynes at ktynes@miamiherald.com.

Active Adults 55+ Health & Wellness Fair



WHEN

Friday, February 21
9:00AM - 12:00PM

WHERE

Westwind Lakes Park Community Center
6805 SW 152 Avenue

Join Westwind Lakes Park for a health and wellness fair to learn about all the classes and resources available for seniors looking to keep fit.

For more information, call Mercy at 305-388-4771

Prayer Vigil



WHEN

Saturday, February 22
12:00PM - 6:00PM

WHERE

Tamiami Park
11201 SW 24 Street

Prayer vigil for area youths, police and fire personnel being held at Tamiami Park.

For more information, call Caridad Bonet at 786-315-5252.

Military Family Appreciation Dinner



In honor of the sacrifices and successes
of our servicemembers and their families,

West Kendall Baptist Hospital
would like to invite you to a monthly

Military Family Appreciation Dinner

**Beginning on
Wednesday, January 22*
6-8 p.m.**

West Kendall Baptist Hospital Bamboo Café
9555 SW 162 Avenue, Miami

RSVP to AnaDi@BaptistHealth.net or 786-467-3404.
Space is limited.



West Kendall Baptist Hospital

BAPTIST HEALTH SOUTH FLORIDA

An academic affiliate of the **FIU** Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine

*Additional dates on back

WHEN

Wednesday, February 26
6:00PM - 8:00PM

WHERE

West Kendall Baptist - Bamboo Cafe
9555 SW 162 Avenue

West Kendall Baptist Hospital invites military families who live in the district to a monthly appreciation dinner. Space is limited, please RSVP.

For more information or to RSVP, email Ana at anadi@baptisthealth.net or 786-467-3404.

Tech Corner

Girls Who Code Comes to Miami



We have a lot of talent in our district, and it is my hope that our community becomes known as being a center for innovation and technological advances. That said, I'm excited to learn that the non-profit Girls Who Code is coming to Miami!

With a grant from the Knight Foundation, Girls Who Code will be able to bring their programming to South Florida. They're accepting applications for their [2014 Summer Immersion Program](#).

Read the full article [here](#).

Our Community

Coral Way Beautification Update



I'm extremely excited that work has already begun on tackling the eyesore that was the multi-colored walls along Coral Way. The walls have already been pressure-cleaned and primed, and painting is scheduled to commence early next week. Stay tuned for some photos on the project!

For more information, call Ingrid Gonzalez at 305-375-5511

Tree Island Park Development Update



The park will be developed in phases. Phase 1 has been designed and development and will include the ± 5 acres in the NE corner of the park consisting of a children's playground, rain shelters, fitness stations, walking path, restroom and parking area. Phase 1 development bidding is anticipated to be completed February 2015, and Phase 1 substantial completion is expected for February 2016.

For more information, call George Navarrete at 305-755-7877.

In the Know

Traffic Advisory



The traffic signal controlling the **intersection of SW 107 Avenue and SW 8 Street** will be disabled in order for Public Works and Waste Management (PWWM) maintenance crews to make necessary repairs to the signal's electrical wiring. The signal will be **out of service on Saturday, February 8, 2014 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

While the signal is being repaired, Miami-Dade police officers will be present at the intersection to direct and control traffic. To avoid traffic delays associated with the signal outage, motorists are encouraged to travel on the following alternate roadways:

- SW 87 Avenue
- SW 97 Avenue
- SW 109 Avenue
- Homestead Extension of the Florida Turnpike
- Coral Way (SW 24 St)
- Flagler Street

If motorists must travel through the intersection during the outage, they are asked to factor in additional travel time to reach their destination.

Traffic Changes on Major Roadways



Things are about to change on the Palmetto (State Road 826) and Dolphin (SR 836) expressways once again. New bridge construction that began two years ago is nearing completion. Once implemented, drivers on westbound SR 836 will have to stay in the right three lanes after Northwest 57th Avenue instead of the left three lanes, as currently configured. Drivers traveling north or south on SR 826 will have to exit using the left two lanes. **The changes are expected to take effect Feb. 15.**

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Job Opportunity



American Guard Services, Inc. is hiring Security Officers for the Port of Miami and/or Port Everglades.

For more information, and how to apply, call 305-373-7111.

Legislative Highlights

Resolution Banning Electronic Cigarettes in County-Owned Properties Passed

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Due to the raised concerns about the safety, health and environmental effects of Electronic Cigarettes, also known as E-Cigarettes, I sponsored a resolution prohibiting the use of electronic cigarettes and other nicotine dispensing devices in County-owned or -operated indoor workplaces.

The electronic cigarette's popularity has steadily grown since 2008 with consumers led to believe that E-cigarettes are a safe alternative to traditional cigarettes, despite the fact that most devices contain nicotine and have the potential to be addictive. In addition, there is no regulatory oversight ensuring the safety of the ingredients in electronic cigarettes.

For the full article, [click here!](#)

Commission Overrides Mayor's Veto



I voted with the majority of my colleagues on the Commission to override the Mayor's veto on the 5% employee contribution to healthcare. This was not because I agree with the unions, but rather it was due to the administration's failure to offer any sustainable solutions.

It is paramount that we set the County on a fiscally responsible course, and I look forward to working with the Mayor and his administration towards that end.

Read the full article, [here!](#)



Red Light Cameras Making Some South Florida Intersections Dangerous

In case you missed it, Local 10 News ran a story about a study on how red light cameras are actually making some Florida intersections dangerous.

Read the full article [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 • 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, [click here](#) or call 1-855-846-8376



University Credit Union is actively searching for new Commercial Members that are interested in doing commercial business, especially commercial loans, with the credit union. The credit union is also a member of the Small Business Administration (SBA) and is available to prospective members that have ongoing commercial concerns and are desirous of SBA assistance. The credit union is not interested in new business start-ups.

You will find "World Class Member Service" from Your Hometown Credit Union with financial products and services that carry competitive rates, fees, and terms.

For more information, [click here!](#)

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

Honored to Serve,



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

"I attribute my success to this: I never gave or took any excuse."
-Florence Nightingale



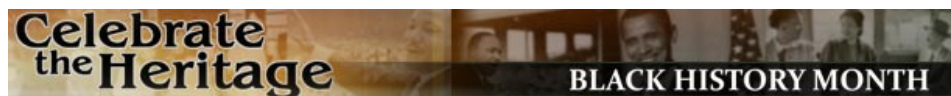
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

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JUAN C. ZAPATA, DISTRICT 11



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Dear Friends & Supporters,

In recognition of Black History Month, I thought it a fitting moment to share a wonderful quote by Dr. Charles R. Drew, a pioneering African-American medical researcher who made some groundbreaking discoveries in the storage and processing of blood for transfusions. Dr. Drew said,

"Excellence of performance will transcend artificial barriers created by man."

Let us remember that we are empowered individuals who are equipped to tear down barriers-both real and imaginary-and use the examples of such pioneers as Dr. Charles R. Drew as examples.

Let me know which African-American pioneer inspires you; we just may feature you in our next newsletter!

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Events

Town Hall Meeting with Senator Flores



WHEN:

Thursday, February 20
7:00 PM

WHERE:

Kendall Village Civic Center Pavilion
8625 SW 124 Avenue

For more information, call 305-270-6550

Phone:

305-375-5511

Fax:

305-375-5883

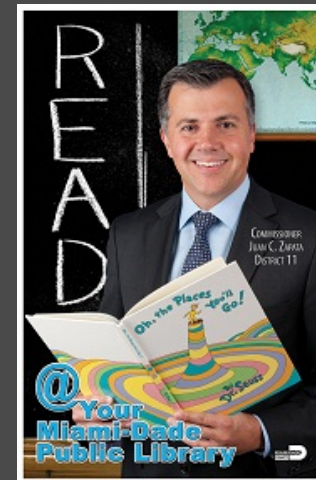
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Email:

zapata@miamidade.gov

Read Campaign



Let's encourage our

Health & Wellness Fair for Active Adults 55+



WHEN:

Friday, February 21
9:00 AM

WHERE:

Westwind Lakes Park
6805 SW 152 Avenue

For more information, contact Allan at 786-372-9701

Family Movie Night

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:

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TD Bank Grand Opening on Kendall Drive



Making a Difference
Foundation

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Health & Fitness



WHEN:

Saturday, February 22
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

WHERE:

150th Street & Kendall Drive (SW 88 Street)
Next to Target

For more information, call 1-888-751-9000

Sealing/Expungement & Child Support Outreach Event



**5 Everyday Fitness
Lessons from a Winter
Olympian**

Quick Links

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WHEN:

Wednesday, February 26
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

WHERE:

St. John Bosco Catholic Church
1358 NW 1 Avenue

For more information, call 305-547-0724

Kendall Drive Corridor Charrette

Commissioner Juan C. Zapata
invites you to help plan our future!



Kendall Drive Corridor

Together we can create a vibrant downtown West Kendall

WHEN:

Saturday, March 1
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

WHERE:

Felix Varela High School
15255 SW 96 Street

[For more information, click here!](#)

Free Citizenship Drive

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Facebook 

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twitter



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



WHEN:

Saturday, March 1
10:00 AM - 3:00PM

WHERE:

King Jesus Ministry
14100 SW 144 Avenue

For more information, and to register, call Yussi at 786-317-3967

Jazz at the Wertheim: LATIN JAZZ EMSEMBLE



WHEN:

Wednesday, March 5
7:30 PM - 9:00PM

WHERE:

FIU - Wertheim Concert Hall

10910 SW 17th Street

[For tickets or more information, click here!](#)

Community Update



A couple of weeks ago we pressure-cleaned and primed the walls along Coral Way. This week, painting finally got underway with the color most residents of the West End chose. Stay tuned for the "before" and "after" photos in the next newsletter!

National News

SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR



A most sincere congratulations to our very own Miami-Dade County Public Schools Superintendent, Alberto Carvalho, for being named the country's Superintendent of the Year!

[Read the full Miami Herald article here!](#)

Assistance Programs

QUEST

WORKSPACES

FREEDOM TO WORK THE WAY YOU WANT.

Quest Workspaces, in Doral, is donating free office space to local charities and non-profits in need.

[For more information, click here!](#)

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"In recognizing the humanity of our fellow beings, we pay ourselves the highest tribute." **-Thurgood Marshall**

