



## The West End January Newsletter



Dear Friends & Supporters,

We've kicked off this new year, and like many of you, our office has set some clear goals about how we can continue the work in the area, and your feedback was so appreciated. Thank you to those who completed our short survey!

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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:**

As we move forward, we want you to really connect with us. If you have a business you'd like to promote, an event you want to see happen, have a question on legislation, want to hold a meeting and need a conference space, let us know! Put us to work!



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

## Events

### Family Movie Night

8785 SW 165th Avenue  
Suite 203  
Miami, Florida 33193

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305-375-5511

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South Florida Regional  
Planning Council

Commissioner Juan C. Zapata  
presents

## MONSTERS UNIVERSITY

Westwind Lakes Park, 6805 SW 152 Avenue  
Friday, January 17 @ 6PM- 9PM



co-sponsored by: **LENNAR**

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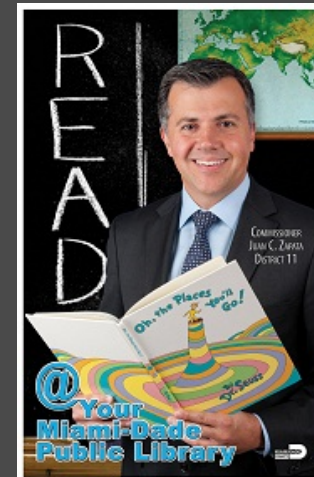
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6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

### 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

**WHERE:**

Westwind Lakes Park  
6805 SW 152 Avenue

Come for the bounce houses and Food Truck Invasion food trucks, stay for the great movie. Bring your loved ones to enjoy the hilarious Monster's University under the stars!

**For more information, call our office at 305-375-5511**

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**Our Neighbors & Friends**

**Ferguson High School Math Teacher Gets National Recognition**

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



Teresita Lemus, a John A. Ferguson Senior High School math teacher was recently named one of 10 Claes Nobel Educators of the Year by the National Society of High School Scholars. She was also named one of MIT Alumni Association's most inspirational teachers of 2013.

Congratulations, Ms. Lemus!

Read more here: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2013/12/29/3836362/ferguson-high-math-teacher-gets.html#storylink=cpy>

[Read her full story here!](#)

Health & Fitness

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

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:*

**\$ 27,626.00**

\*From January 2013 to Present

FIU Calendar

For Alumni and Community

## A New Year, A New You!



### Fitness Zones at Miami-Dade Parks

If you're one of the hundreds of folks who has made a new year's resolution to make healthier choices and exercise more, we want to help you achieve your goals! Below you'll find some information on some great parks and the wonderful programs they offer, like swimming, tennis and skateboarding!

**Hammocks Community Park**

**Tamiami Park Pool**

**Westwind Lakes Park Skate Park**

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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Don't forget to check out the great new County website on health, fitness & nutrition: **305 Fit**

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If you need help signing up for health insurance, we are here to assist Miami-Dade County residents who may not know which health program or service best fits their needs.

You can also find information about health care reform and how health insurance in Florida works.

**For more information: [Click Here!](#)**

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**In the News, In the Know**





Commissioner Juan C. Zapata Skeptical of Traffic Cameras

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

Commissioner Zapata Finds Over \$100 Million in Infrastructure Needs  
in District 11

**[Read the entire Kendall Gazette article here!](#)**

Miami Today Interviews Commissioner Zapata at West Kendall Baptist  
Hospital

**[See the full interview here!](#)**

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**West End Holiday Magic**



We hope you made some great memories at the West End Holiday Magic events, but we'd love for you to share them with us! Send us your favorite photos from your visit so we can highlight them with our community!

Please email Ingrid Gonzalez at [ingridg@miamidade.gov](mailto:ingridg@miamidade.gov).

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**Special Advertising**



The Girl Scout Cookie Program empowers a girl with the skills and experiences to create and grow businesses, give back to her community and make the world a better place.

Help local Girl Service Unit 12 reach their goal!

**Support our girls 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

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"There are a thousand excuses for failure, but never a good reason."  
- Mark Twain

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**Subject: Newsletter from Commissioner Juan C. Zapata**



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



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(A photo of the walls as they look now. These will be repainted with the color

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A big thank you to everyone who drove by the walls and helped us choose a color. It is my goal, as well as that of my office, to ensure that this community continue towards a path of transformation and renewal.

Beautification projects like repainting the multi-colored walls are just one facet of the overall aesthetic improvements planned for the area.

If you'd like to sign up for our volunteer list to assist us in future beautification projects/events, please email the Community Engagement aide in my office at [ingridg@miamidade.gov](mailto:ingridg@miamidade.gov).



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# Join Us

For a meet and greet with your  
School Board Member,

## Carlos Curbelo

**What:** 2014 Miami-Dade County Public Schools  
Town Hall for District 7

**Date:** January 23, 2014

**Location:** Winston Park Club House  
8100 SW 132 Avenue  
Miami, FL 33183

**Time:** 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

**Hope to see you there!**

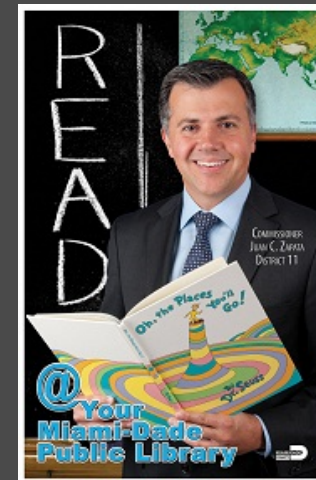


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