



Village of Biscayne Park Commission Agenda Report

Village Commission Meeting Date: February 3, 2015

Subject: Resolution 2015-04 15 Days of
Neighborly Love

Prepared By: Commissioner Roxanna Ross

Sponsored By: Commission

Background

Miami Dade County District 12 County Commissioner Jose “Pepe” Diaz inspired me in 2013 to bring this initiative to the Village. Commissioner Diaz, whose District includes parts of Doral, Hialeah, Hialeah Gardens, Medley, Sweetwater and Virginia Gardens teams up with area businesses to provide discounts and donate their time and services to residents as a way of showing love for their neighbors and community.

Although we are a residential community, we have plenty of opportunity to show kindness and neighborly love in the Village this February. Through this initiative we can encourage residents to participate in “15 Days of Neighborly Love” from February 14 - 28. Working in concert or individually we can all contribute by reaching out to a few people in our community (neighbors or others who regularly care for and service our Village), ease someone’s burden

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or just brighten their day with an unexpected act of kindness, a small gift, a pat on the back or just a big smile.

Fiscal / Budget Impact

By presenting this resolution, I am not looking for any monetary contribution from the Village Budget, but a little bit of intention, focus and sweat-equity from our leadership in the Commission on down to our youngest Villager, engaging in spontaneous acts of Neighborly Love.

Recommendation

Approval of Resolution 2015-04

Attachments

- Resolution 2015-04

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3 **RESOLUTION NO. 2015-04**
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5 **A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE**
6 **COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF**
7 **BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING**
8 **“15 DAYS OF NEIGHBORLY LOVE” A**
9 **VALENTINE’S DAY GOODWILL**
10 **INITIATIVE; PROVIDING FOR AN**
11 **EFFECTIVE DATE**
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15 WHEREAS, we take pride in sharing the Village of Biscayne Park, a unique
16 community, enjoying diversity in our architecture, our trees and landscaping, and our people
17 and cultures; and,
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19 WHEREAS, this year February’s Valentine tradition of love can be more than an
20 expensive dinner, flowers and chocolate, with a pivot toward community involvement.
21 With each of us giving of ourselves in celebration that can have a far reaching and long
22 lasting impact; and,
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24 WHEREAS, the Village Commission sets a goal to inspire random acts of neighborly
25 kindness. Performing good deeds for others, which is rewarding of itself, but also
26 reinforces our commitment to each other and to the community that is the Village of Biscayne
27 Park; and,
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29 WHEREAS, Village activities throughout the year are supported by a number of
30 volunteers, particularly those residents who have served or currently serve on Boards
31 and Committees, and many others who contribute to benefit community in less formal
32 settings.
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35 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COMMISSION OF
36 THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA:
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39 **Section 1.** The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as
40 being true and correct and hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.
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42 **Section 2.** This initiative during February 4th through 18th – “15 Days of
43 Neighborly Love” – involves donating of our time and services to our neighbors as a way of
44 showing love for our community.
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46 **Section 3.** Suggested activities include, but are not limited to:
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- 48 a) Delivering a note or homemade card to a sick, elderly or caregiver neighbor;
49 b) Offering to help a neighbor with gardening or a small home project;

- 1 c) Carpooling to and from work for a few days, allows time to catch up with a
- 2 neighbor, relieves the stress of driving and reduces our carbon emissions;
- 3 d) Consolidating trips to the store by offering to pick up items, or drop off laundry.
- 4 e) Taking the time to greet and speak with other pedestrians as we walk our pets or
- 5 exercise throughout the Village;
- 6 f) Sharing with others our special crafts, disciplines or skill-sets;
- 7 g) Encouraging neighbors to come out for Movie Night at the Ed Burke Recreation
- 8 Center on February 21st;
- 9 h) Donating household goods and other items to the Village for sale at the
- 10 Community Garage Sale to be held in April;
- 11 i) Being a positive influence for the betterment of our community.

12 **Section 4.** This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

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16 PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2015.

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19 **The foregoing resolution upon being**

20 **put to a vote, the vote was as follows:**

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23 David Coviello, Mayor

24 Mayor Coviello: ____
25 Vice Mayor Jonas: ____
26 Commissioner Anderson: ____
27 Commissioner Ross: ____
28 Commissioner Watts: ____

29 Attest:

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31 Maria C. Camara, Village Clerk

32 Approved as to form:

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37 John J. Hearn, Village Attorney