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BISCAYNE PARK

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Shelecia Bartley, Parks & Rec Manager



Biscayne Park is moving forward in a positive way under this administration. On the Village Commission side, we are working well together and business is getting done in an efficient manner. The recent adoption of the Village's budget for this fiscal year is a good example of that. That is not to say, however, that we do not have disagreements. Although we ultimately do not concur on every issue, we treat each other with respect and any discord we may have on the dais stays on the dais. Friendships remain friendships. On the Village Administration side, Village Manager Heidi Shafran and her team are working hard on multiple fronts to improve our community. Despite being handed a variety of difficult issues all in the first few months of her employment with the Village, she rose to the occasion and has methodically addressed each issue put on her desk.

The recent additions to the Village team have only improved an already talented and dedicated group of individuals. If you have the chance, I urge you to offer a few positive words of support and encouragement to a team member. Chief McKenna has also brought an unparalleled level of knowledge, experience and leadership to our Police Department, and is working diligently toward accreditation. Our team of officers and reserves, whose dedication and professionalism never wavered during the difficult circumstances surrounding the leadership transition, continue to keep us safe. Having said that, below are just a few highlights of WE have accomplished over the course of the past 10 months:

- Lobbied the State of Florida on behalf of the Village and received an appropriation in the amount of \$1,000,000. The funds will enable the Village to restore our historic log cabin and construct an annex for our administration and police. The plans are well underway for a shovel to hit the ground soon!
- Transitioned from in-house sanitation to having a private provider, Waste Pro, handle our waste collection services and recycling. Without the transition, your fees for waste collection and recycling would have dramatically increased by as much as 40%. With the transition, we are able to lower the cost without compromising the service.
- Adopted a balanced budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 that will allow us to continue to improve the delivery of services without raising the tax rate. We have also continued our annexation efforts and continually search for other revenue sources to improve the long-term financial stability of the Village.
- Enhanced medians and public areas by using grant funds for improved landscaping, including the 6th Avenue bridge project. Pending projects include entry signage at all main entry points and landscaping, as well as a comprehensive plan to repair and improve all roadways and medians within the Village.
- Continued focus on effective code compliance to improve the aesthetics of the Village, which will improve the desirability of the Village and increase our property values.
- Improved transparency and the availability of information with the roll-out of the Village's new website. In the coming months, we will also develop a clear and consistent policy for notifying residents of important community issues and events.

I am proud of the progress that we have made together. Although there is still a great deal of work ahead, I am extremely optimistic about the Village's future.

Mayor David Coviello (dcoviello@biscayneparkfl.gov)



Mayor David Coviello, Chief Cornelius McKenna, Manager Heidi Shafran



From Commissioner Bob Anderson :

In order to get more information out to you - our residents - I am donating my newsletter space to our Code Compliance Board. Thanks to Chair Gary Kuhl and the ENTIRE board for all their efforts!

Commissioner Robert "Bob" Anderson
banderson@biscayneparkfl.gov

Code compliance serves to preserve and improve the character and quality of properties in our Village. The goal of the code compliance process and the Code Compliance Board is to encourage property owners to comply with the standards of our community. **When the codes are followed not only do individual home owners benefit but we all benefit when consistent standards are maintained stabilizing and improving our property values.**

The Village's **Code Compliance Officer** is responsible for enforcing the code. The Officer does not issue fines. **In most cases, property owners are given a courtesy notice and the opportunity to correct a code violation without any penalty.** Only in circumstances such as a serious infraction (life safety), construction without a permit, a repeat infraction, or if a courtesy notice is ignored, is when a Notice of Violation is issued that would result in a fine.

Notices of Violation are brought to the Code Compliance Board. **Property owners are welcomed, in fact, encouraged to attend Board meetings to resolve code violation issues. Or, if they feel the Notice of Violation is undeserved, unclear, or if there are extenuating circumstances.** The Board is composed of five residents of our village - our friends and neighbors - who serve without compensation. It is a quasi judicial body that has the authority to interpret the findings of the Code Compliance Officer as well as impose fines in the interest of ensuring compliance. The Board also considers fine reductions when there is justification. A property owner may seek consideration for a fine reduction by completing a simple form (*processing fees may apply*) that must be completed and submitted ten days before the Board meeting. In order for fine reductions to be considered an authorized representative must attend the meeting, The Board does not have the authority to reduce costs related to services performed by the Village such as unpaid trash bills or the maintenance of derelict properties.



Please contact the Code Compliance Officer if you have any questions at (305) 899 8000, or code@biscayneparkfl.gov.



There's Nothing New Under the Sun

Commissioner Fred Jonas
(fjonas@biscayneparkfl.gov)

On September 19, the County held its annual Crime Watch gala. Awards were given, and two of our residents were nominated. We were very proud of them and their contributions to Crime Watch.

The keynote speaker talked about Crime Watch: what it's about, what it's for, and how it works. It's all about community residents, non professionals in policing, being the auxiliary eyes and ears of the professional law enforcers. And it's about learning to address the route causes of crime, instead of trying to intervene only after a crime has been committed.

It's frankly amazing how you hear the same caveats over and over again. The approach is so simple and so elementary. Know your community, know your block, know your neighbors. If something doesn't look right, call it in.

And the most mind-numbing advice of all: **LOCK YOUR DOORS!** Lock your car. Lock your house. It seems as if it just couldn't be that simple. But it is. The Crime Watch people say it, and each of our BP Chiefs have said it. If you want a burglar alarm, or a dog, by all means, get one. But **LOCK YOUR DOORS.** It *shouldn't* be that simple. But it is.

We seem to have had a bit of a spike in burglaries lately. Miami Shores is experiencing the same thing. If it's not a car with the door left unlocked, it's a house with the door left unlocked. So **LOCK YOUR DOORS!** It's not an unfriendly thing to do. It's a prudent thing to do. Don't you want your stuff? Do you want someone invading your private space? You know what to do.





What the heck is so great about Biscayne Park anyway?

...Village People, Trade Fair

So many ways to answer that question, each response as valid, and likely, as proud as the next. Could be our proximity to metropolitan business centers, shopping and entertainment. Other answers could include that wide medians and trees distinguish the Village, varied architecture, large properties at reasonable values relative to neighboring areas, 25-mph streets welcome dog walkers, birdwatchers and pedestrians, a budding public art collection, community events and festivals (soon, Halloween Fun House and Winterfest), a sense of security, and so many other “hecks” make the Village of Biscayne Park an inviting place to live, work and visit. But, the one answer that resonates for me today is the VILLAGE PEOPLE – collectively, WE are what is so great about Biscayne Park.

VILLAGE PEOPLE are the police officers, public works, recreation, administration and other service partners, who regularly volunteer beyond the workday. VILLAGE PEOPLE are residents, committed to boards and committees to address municipal functions (Planning, Code), or in advisory capacities (Ecology, Park/Parkways, Recreation). VILLAGE PEOPLE network through Crime Watch, alerting police to irregular or suspicious activities. And, VILLAGE PEOPLE enrich our community in less formal, but very meaningful neighborly ways, regularly looking after one another.

This is an invitation to strengthen our network of VILLAGE PEOPLE, share resources and promote economic growth by being part of the Village Trade Fair / Business Expo coming soon. We are interested in learning about your business, whether based outside of the Village or home-based. Let’s help each other grow stronger and GO LOCAL. To register your interest and participate in the Trade Fair / Business Expo, contact Village Hall or drop an email to rross@biscayneparkfl.gov. And, thank you for making the Village of Biscayne Park a Better Place to Be. Rox



Vice Mayor Roxanna Ross
rross@biscayneparkfl.gov

Truly, Biscayne Park is in Transition

Some “changes” are very welcome, among others: the coming restoration of our Village Hall/Log Cabin and the construction of an administrative annex; numerous initiatives of the vitalized Biscayne Park Foundation, including plans for a farmer’s market; the Commission’s unanimous decision that full-time employees should earn not less than the “Miami-Dade Living Wage” rate; the Village’s participation in the “Green Corridor Initiative” which offers valuable incentives for residents to “go green” with home improvements (www.cleanenergygreencorridor.com).

9/11 Commemoration - Thanks are due to Dan Samaria and the other members of the Recreation Advisory Board for organizing a commemoration of the September 11, 2001 tragedy. It was a moving tribute to the heroes who perished that day. Thanks also should be extended to Father Fred Fletcher, Associate Pastor of the Church of the Resurrection, who commenced the event and to audience members who did the readings. I hope that this commemoration becomes an annual one in our community.

Calling Historians and Would-be Historians - For years, the Village has stored must-be saved legal records at an off-site facility. Recently, when going through the boxes to determine which documents could be shredded, Maria Camara, our Village Clerk, came upon a trove of Biscayne Park memorabilia from the Civic and Garden Clubs, dating back to an era when “Ladies wear hats.” The cache includes “Log Cabin” luncheon and dinner photographs, programs, menus, and press releases of prize-winning plants grown by Biscayne Park horticulturists and a library of gardening books. These documents constitute an over-the-decades micro-history of middle-class fashion, changing tastes in landscape design and plant specimens, and, as well, visual documentation of Biscayne Park’s appearance, long before the advent of house additions and garage makeovers.

Maria Camara, our Village Clerk, is a closet historian; she loves perusing documents such as these. However, she is not BP’s Village Historian, she is our Village Clerk, with a multitude of time-consuming tasks. She needs help with organizing these papers, digitizing them, making choices as to which should be displayed in the newly restored Log Cabin/Village Hall. If you are interested in preserving, bringing into order the newly-found historical documents regarding Biscayne Park, please contact Maria Camara (villageclerk@biscayneparkfl.gov).

Continually Unfolding: Visual History - We need to document what Biscayne Part looks like today and to compare it with what it has looked like previously. If you have photographs of what your house or block looked like when you moved in, please contact me.

Advisory Boards: Volunteers Needed - The Recreation Advisory Board and the Public Art Advisory Board have vacancies. The application form is simple and is available on the BP website. Please consider applying.

Commissioner Barbara Watts (bwatts@biscayneparkfl.gov)





Heidi Shafran, Village Manager

“Whatever we accomplish belongs to our entire group. A tribute to our combined effort.” -- WALT DISNEY



Over the last several months we have seen many great changes in the Village of Biscayne Park. Our Village Commission came together to unanimously approve a progressive annual budget that focuses on improvements to the Village medians, buildings and programs. We have successfully transitioned our sanitation services to a private provider and modernized our recycling operations furthering our commitment to sustainability. We are now able to refocus our public works staff to put a dedicated effort towards beautification and maintenance of the Village’s common areas. And we have seen the installation of two piece of public art.

We have also welcomed new staff on board that have skill sets and enthusiasm that match the unique nature of Biscayne Park. We are very fortunate that these employees wish to share their education, talent and competency with us.

Chief Cornelius “Rusty” McKenna has joined us as our Police Chief. Chief McKenna brings to the Village a strong background in leadership, mentoring, community-oriented policing and drafting policies and procedures. Chief McKenna has already gotten to work and has shown his ability to interact with the residents openly and warmly while motivating our police force. As a graduate of the FBI National Academy, Chief McKenna brings to the Village of Biscayne Park thirty-seven years of law enforcement experience. Chief McKenna spent 22 years as a supervisor with the Suffolk County Police Department in New York and was responsible for the accreditation of the department. We are very privileged to have a law enforcement professional of his caliber here in Biscayne Park.

Shelecia Bartley brings passion, experience and education to our parks and recreation program. A graduate of the FIU Masters in Recreation program, Shelecia has jumped right into her position and has been making great strides in improving the atmosphere of the Recreation Center and its programs. She will continue to reach out to the community to garner feedback on programs and the interests of our residents.

Our new Public Services Manager, **Krishan Manners**, has a strong background in community development, beautification and public art projects and serving as a liaison between residents, city staff and elected officials. Krishan will use his past experience to coordinate and enhance the building, code compliance and public works functions of the Village. Krishan will work to identify and proactively resolve issues and concerns raised by residents, property owners, contractors and Village staff. He will also provide oversight to the Village’s landscaping enhancements performed by our public works team.

Please stop by Village Hall and the Recreation Center to meet our new employees or stop them as you see them rolling up their sleeves and working around the Village. We welcome **Chief McKenna, Krishan, and Shelecia** to the Village of Biscayne Park and look forward to a productive future with them!

Soccer with Coach Joe

Location: Field at Ed Burke Rec. Center
Dates: Oct 13th –Jan. 17th
(No Practices Nov. 27th and Dec. 22nd- Jan. 4th)
Mon & Wed- 4pm-5:30pm Ages 7-12
Tues & Thurs- 4pm-5pm (Ages 4-6)
Cost- \$100 (residents) \$125 (non-residents)
For information Contact Coach Joe (786)416-7119 or ajdmd1@gmail.com



Yoga with Drishti

Location: Ed Burke Recreation Center
Mondays - Gentle yoga 11:30am -12:30pm
Wednesdays-Exercise and Light Yoga 11:30am-12:30pm
Saturdays-Yoga 9am-10:15am
Cost- Yoga \$30 a month , Gentle yoga and Exercise/light yoga- \$7 per class or \$20 per month
For more information Contact Drishti at (305)335-7618 or yogawithdrishti.com



Kid’s Kickboxing & Krav Maga with Modern Martial Arts and Fitness

Location: Ed Burke Recreation Center
Kid’s Kickboxing Thursdays 6pm and Saturdays 10:30am
Teen/ Adult Krav Maga Thursdays 7pm and Saturdays 11:30am
Cost- \$95 a month (no contract) \$90 a month (3 month contract) \$85 a month (6 month contract) *Discount applies to residents.*
For more information contact Master Joe Chao at modernmartial@gmail.com



Here’s what’s happening at the Ed Burke Recreation Center! Please visit and find out about these classes and what else is being offered!

See you at the “Park”!

Our SENIOR PROGRAMS continue to be a success! Come and join us!

**Senior Trips Every First Monday
9:30am to 12:30pm**

Monday, November 3rd – Spanish Monastery
(Cost is \$5.00 for residents / \$10.00 for non-residents)
(Minimum of five participants required.)



**Health & Wellness Seminars
Every Second Friday
12:00pm to 2:00pm**

Attendance is free, light refreshments served.
Brought to you in partnership with the North Miami
Foundation for Senior Citizen's Services

Coming soon, AARP Senior Safety Driving Classes in
January 2015. Stay tuned for more information.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE FUN FILLED FAMILY EVENTS AT THE ED BURKE RECREATION CENTER!

Halloween Fun House

Friday, October 31st from 4pm-7pm

There will be Bounce Houses, Costume
Contest, Candy and Games!
Scavenger Hunt will be at 5:30pm,
Toddler Halloween Egg hunt at 5:30
pm, Costume Contest will be at
6:30pm

Resident children enter free; non-resident
children enter for \$3.00.
Proof of residency
required.



You will have a
"Spook-tacular"
time!

Movie Night

Saturday, November 15th

Seating at 6:00pm Showtime 6:30pm

Join us for a movie under the stars!
Grab the family and a blanket for this
wonderful community event!



There will be food
trucks and a
concession
stand.

Winter Fest

**Saturday December 20th
11am-2pm**

**FOOD TRUCKS - GAMES - RIDES
BOUNCE HOUSES - MUSIC and
ARTS & CRAFTS!**

Santa arrives by Police escort at
noon for pictures and last minute
gift requests!



We will also be
collecting new
and unwrapped
gifts for
TOYS FOR TOTS!

Village residents and employees gathered to bid farewell to the departing Sanitation employees, Antoine Alphonse, Tim Chestnut, Ronald Escarment, and Jean Pierre. The Village Commission and Staff join our residents in wishing them the best of luck and to thank them for their dedicated service to the Village of Biscayne Park.



Pictured far right, Antoine Alphonse and Jean Pierre. (Not pictured, Ron Escarment and Tim Chestnut)



PLEASE FOLLOW THE ARROWS ON THE LID OF THE RECYCLING CART WHEN PLACING ON THE CURB!

YES → RECYCLING ONLY

Deposit Only These Clean Items:



Clean paper, Milk Cartons, Juice Boxes, Cardboard (limit 18 x 24), Junk Mail, Paper Egg Cartons, Cereal Boxes
 Newspapers, Magazines, Catalogs, Phone Books, Copier Paper
 Plastic Bottles and Jugs (no caps), Plastic Dairy Tubs (yogurt, margarine, etc.) no lids
 Aluminum Cans, Steel or Tin Cans
 Loose Glass Bottles and Jugs

NO →



No Pizza Boxes
 No Aerosol Cans
 No Hoses
 No Plants
 No Toys
 No Dishes/Paper Plates
 No Juice Pouches (Capri-Sun)
 No Tires
 No Clothes Textiles/Carpet
 No Batteries
 No Plastic Bags
 No Electronics

Thank you for your patience and cooperation during the sanitation collection transition. Remember, the new schedule is:

TUESDAY – Garbage and Trash
FRIDAY – Garbage and Recycling

Be sure to follow the instructions provided on the lid of your recycling cart on what materials can and cannot be recycled, and how to properly place the cart on the curb.

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BISCAYNE PARK MARKET UPDATE



FEATURED PROPERTY

12015 NE 11 COURT, BISCAYNE PARK

Spectacular rare opportunity in Biscayne Park. Duplex. 3bd/2ba with two car garage, updated with marble floors, beautiful kitchen with custom cabinets, granite countertops and updated baths with nearly 2,000 sq ft. Plus a separate 2bd/1ba. Completely updated kitchen and bath with beautiful Venetian plaster walls. All with central a/c, separate electric meters and individual washer & dryer. Situated on an oversized 13,000 sq ft lot with mature fruit trees.

Offered at \$490,000

Active and Sold Listing data was accessed through the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) and information is deemed accurate, but not guaranteed.

BISCAYNE PARK ACTIVE LISTINGS

ADDRESS	BD/BA	LA SF	LIST PRICE	ADDRESS	BD/BA	LA SF	LIST PRICE
11060 GRIFFING BL	3BD/3BA	LA SF 2,075	\$649,000	1009 NE 117 ST	5BD/3BA	LA SF 2,338	\$389,000
11802 NE 8 AV	5BD/3BA	LA SF 2,543	\$589,000	11704 NE 11 AV	3BD/1BA	LA SF 1,300	\$375,000
11143 GRIFFING BL	3BD/2BA	LA SF 2,500	\$580,000	831 NE 109 ST	5BD/3BA	LA SF 3,092	\$369,900
600 NE 119 ST	4BD/3BA	LA SF 1,945	\$550,000	11401 NE 10 AV	3BD/2BA	LA SF 1,681	\$356,000
1004 NE 119 ST	6BD/3BA	LA SF 3,490	\$549,900	674 NE 117 ST	2BD/1BA	LA SF 897	\$349,000
12015 NE 11 CT	5BD/3BA	LA SF 2,812	\$490,000	10733 NE 9 AV	4BD/2BA	LA SF 1,337	\$345,000
750 NE 115 ST	3BD/2BA	LA SF 2,306	\$489,000	12015 NE 11 PL	3BD/2BA	LA SF 1,650	\$340,000
11660 NE 8 AV	2BD/2BA	LA SF 1,778	\$449,999	11111 NE 9 CT	4BD/2BA	LA SF 2,031	\$339,750
590 NE 121 ST	4BD/2BA	LA SF 2,239	\$449,000	910 NE 119 ST	2BD/1BA	LA SF 1,245	\$338,000
11805 NE 11 AV	4BD/2BA	LA SF 2,056	\$437,900	11215 NE 8 AV	3BD/2BA	LA SF 1,528	\$257,000
11709 NE 11 AV	3BD/2BA	LA SF 1,925	\$399,000				

BISCAYNE PARK CLOSED SALES (LAST 6 MONTHS)

ADDRESS	BD/BA	LA SF	LIST \$	SALE \$	ADDRESS	BD/BA	LA SF	LIST \$	SALE \$
675 NE 113 ST	3BD/2BA	LA SF 2,007	\$449,000	\$410,000	11120 NE 9 AV	3BD/2BA	LA SF 1,400	\$325,500	\$315,000
10910 NE 10 AV	3BD/3BA	LA SF 2,312	\$439,000	\$400,000	11930 NE 11 CT	2BD/1BA	LA SF 1,282	\$299,000	\$290,000
11211 NE 8 CT	3BD/3BA	LA SF 1,928	\$394,900	\$325,000	1025 NE 119 ST	3BD/1BA	LA SF 1,113	\$289,500	\$289,500
769 NE 113 ST	3BD/1BA	LA SF 1,712	\$382,000	\$372,600	666 NE 115 ST	2BD/1BA	LA SF 1,708	\$267,900	\$265,000
717 NE 119 ST	3BD/2BA	LA SF 1,529	\$375,000	\$350,000	12125 NE 11 PL	3BD/2BA	LA SF 1,526	\$247,600	\$205,000
644 NE 121 ST	3BD/2BA	LA SF 1,456	\$360,000	\$360,000	845 NE 119 ST	3BD/2BA	LA SF 1,128	\$229,900	\$229,900
11802 NE 8 AV	5BD/3BA	LA SF 2,543	\$350,000	\$350,000	11328 NE 7 AV	2BD/1BA	LA SF 1,519	\$223,900	\$202,000
11041 NE 10 AV	5BD/2BA	LA SF 2,022	\$349,000	\$320,000					

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